

Franklin County Quilters Guild

SUGARHOUSE GAZETTE

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President's Piece

Hello Everyone,

Our September meeting was inspiring. The energy in the room was amazing. We had over 60 members present for the launching of our 25th Anniversary year. Rose and Sharon did an amazing job over the summer planning our programs, confirming speakers and securing donations for door prizes. You may increase your chances of winning one of the big February prizes by attending meetings, recruiting new members, signing up to work at the quilt show and donating charity quilts. Nineteen people signed up for the Dan Perkins workshops in November! It was gratifying to see the amount of interest members had in his program and workshops.

At our October meeting we will have the tablecloth Denise made set up for members to sign a block. The tablecloth is a work of art. Thank you Denise for constructing it for us. The October program is "Christmas in October." Guild members will be demonstrating items you can make for Christmas presents. The program will give me a month's head start on Christmas gifts. I traditionally get going in late November and find myself in a time crunch as the 25th of December approaches.

Christy has engaging projects planned. The first one is making our own name tags. She will offer more information about this at the next meeting. There is some Spoonflower fabric with our sugar house logo on it that some members might like to use. Others may want to paper piece their name tags.

Kay is again offering a chance to win fabric by getting your quilts registered early for our Quilt Show the first weekend in April. Early registration makes planning the layout of the show easier. The drawing for the prize will be at our October meeting so get your forms and pictures to Kay before or at the meeting. Judging by the number of members that picked up the silver fabric, it looks like there will be a lot of challenge quilts this year.

As we are a generous group, we ask that members plan to bring food that will not spoil or money to our December potluck. The donated items will be sent to area food shelves and Martha's Kitchen.

Sincerely,

Helen Short, 2015-2016 President

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Helen Short

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Charity Quilt Coordinators

Kris Bachand

Jennifer Burt

Alyce Bushey

Denise Chase

Elaine Magnan

Helen Short

Gerda Thibault

2015 – 2016 Guild Calendar

September 16th Ice Cream Social

October 21st Christmas in October
(6:30 pm start!!!)

November 20th Trunk Show
with Dan Perkins

November 21st Workshop
with Dan Perkins at NMC

November 22nd Workshop
with Dan Perkins at NMC

December 16th Holiday Potluck
(6:00 pm start!!!)

2015 – 2016 Guild Calendar

January 20th Trunk Show
with Nancy LaPointe

February 17th S-U-R-P-R-I-S-E!!!

March 16th Civil War Quilts
with Pam Clarke
Quilt Show Prep

April 1st Quilt Show Set-Up

April 2nd Quilt Show

April 3rd Quilt Show

2015 – 2016 Guild Calendar

April 29th Trunk Show
with Pat Pauly

April 30th Workshop
with Pat Pauly

May 1st Possible Workshop
with Pat Pauly

May 18th Members' Garage Sale

June 15th Potluck &
Teacup Auction **(6:00 pm start!!!)**

FRANKLIN COUNTY QUILTERS GUILD

Minutes of September 16, 2015

Present: Total attended 66. Three returning members: Sally McIntyre; Marilyn Jessiman; Beth Jessiman. Five new members: Kathy Thibault; Meg Dempsey; Penny LaRoche; Linda Mahoney; and Chris Jessiman.

Business meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Helen Short, President, after an ice cream social at 6:30 p.m.

Secretary's Report for June meeting: Motion to accept by Dale McFeeters, seconded by Jean Anne Branch. Approved.

Secretary's Report for Executive Board Meeting: Motion to accept by Char Mulyca, seconded by Sharon Perry. Approved.

Treasurer's Report for September: Corrected to indicate no rental fee to Church of the Rock. Motion to accept by Mary King, seconded by Sharon Perry. Approved.

Introduction of Officers for 2015-2016**Old Business**

501c3 status - Advantages include:

- No rental fee to Church of the Rock for our monthly meetings; saves us \$440 for the year.
- Ice cream for September meeting donated
- Donation quilt receipts for cost of fabric and quilting, not labor

Committee Reports

Programs - Sharon Perry and Rose Rixon

- Proposed lectures and workshops by guest speakers Dan Perkins, Pam Weeks, and Pat Pauly were discussed. A motion to approve all of them was made by Christy Mulyca, seconded by Rita Dean. Approved.
- Rose began taking registrations for the Dan Perkins workshops on November 21 and 22 at NMC. \$30 for each workshop; participants must pay to be registered.
- All guild members present at the meetings will receive a "birthday gift" each month. The September gift was a wallet handmade by Rose. Kay Benedict's wallet had a lucky penny inside; she won a pot of mums.
- Every month there will be a drawing for members with birthdays that month. The winner for September was Dale McFeeters.
- There will be a number of surprises at the February meeting, including 3-5 big prizes. Sharon handed out a list of ways to be entered in the drawings.
- As a thank-you to Bonnie Hunter for blogging about our Bridges patterns (which led to our earning more money for programs and prizes), Sharon suggested that members might like to make "H blocks" for her. Paper piecing patterns were made available; Tuesday, October 13 is the deadline for finished blocks (with paper left on). Cowles Quilting is the collection point.

Quilt Show - Diane Kane and Nancy LaPointe

- City Hall and the poles are reserved. Nancy and Diane will check if 501c3 status will benefit us.

- Quilt appraiser Sandra Palmer needs ten sign-ups to make it worth her while. Show of hands indicated nine already probable, so it was agreed that we'll book her again for our next show.
- Entry forms are on the website and facebook, and a few hard copies are available. One quilt has been registered so far. Deadline for entries is Wednesday, February 17.
- Early Entry Challenge: There will be a drawing at the October meeting for anyone who has registered a quilt by then. The prize is a Moda Jolly Bar (5" x 10" precuts) with pattern, and Margaret Miller will quilt the finished product for you.
- Challenge Quilts: Must be 25" x 25" and use a recognizable portion of silver fabric provided by the guild at \$1.00/fat eighth. Additional details on entry form.

Projects - Christy Mulyca

- Make your own name tag with your first and last name. Deadline is the November meeting.
- Nine-patch scrap swap - Christy will bring samples to the October meeting and give details then. Deadline is the December meeting.
- Quick and easy mystery quilt in the Spring.

Charity Quilts

- Purple Heart - Jen Burt. Fortunately, we haven't needed to give any in the past few years.
- Home Health - Alyce Bushey and Elaine Magnan. Lap size preferred (approx. 36-42" x 48-54"). Quilted or tied. Kits are available.
- Laurie's House - Denise Chase. Twin size preferred (approx. 60" x 80"). Quilted, not tied. Kits are available.
- Breast Cancer - Gerda Thibault. Has fabric for the top; quilt maker provides batting and backing.
- Fires & other disasters - Kris Bachand and Helen Short. Twin to queen size.

Raffle and Charity Quilt 2016/17 -

- 2016 Raffle Quilt - Denise Chase and Connie Lane. Quilted by Bev Cook. The quilt is finished, and it was shown at the meeting.
- 2016 Charity Quilt - Summer Ladd and Roberta Gilmour. Still in progress.
- 2017 Raffle Quilt - Rita Dean, Helen Short, and Elaine Magnan. Will be Disappearing Hourglass design.
- 2017 Charity Quilt - Nanc Ekiert, Gerda Thibault, and Linda Nadeau. Haven't started yet.

Membership - Char Mulyca

- As of this meeting, there are 71 current members.
- Char had a prize for the first 15 members to register for the year.
- Sign in at each meeting this year.

Library - Pam Salazar

If you need to contact Pam, please call her (285-6198), instead of using email.

Newsletter and Website - Sharon Perry

- Reimbursement forms for purchases will be on the website to print as needed.

- Donation receipts (for cost of fabric and for quilting if you paid for it, not for your labor) will also be on the website to print as needed.

Sunshine - Carolyn Kittell

- Let Carolyn know if someone needs a card.

UFO Challenge - Kris Bachand

- Forms to print, fill out, and turn in, as well as details about the challenge, are in the September newsletter.

New Business

- Denise Chase made a tablecloth and donated it to the guild as a birthday gift. It will be at the meetings for members to sign.
- Thank you notes from Martha's Kitchen and Home Health were read.
- April Walker is selling raffle tickets for Home Health. They are raffling off a quilt made by guild members.

Monthly Drawings

- Door Prize: Carol Mahoney
- Charity Quilts: Maggie Stockwell
- Birthday Celebration: Dale McFeeters

Show and Tell included 14 charity quilts

Next meeting - Wednesday, October 21st, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. Program: Christmas in October (demos by guild members)

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Kay Benedict, Secretary



October 1 st	Cindy	Metayer
October 3 rd	Mary Jane	Marchelewicz
October 4 th	Char	Mulyca
October 19 th	Sandra	Maynard
October 23 rd	Kay	Benedict

...and many more!!!

25th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

February 2016 marks the 25th anniversary of the establishment of the Franklin County Quilters Guild and that milestone calls for a party! Rose Rixon and Sharon Perry have been busy planning lots of fun activities for the 25th membership year. They've also received lots of donations of fabulous prizes for the year-long celebration.

As part of the celebration, there will be a small "birthday" gift for everyone at each monthly meeting. For the "birthday" gift in September, each guild member received a fabric wallet (which Rose Rixon personally and lovingly made over the summer). Look for your very own "birthday" gifts at each future guild meeting this membership year.

Sharon and Rose have added an additional monthly drawing which they're calling the "Monthly Birthday Celebration" drawing. Each month all of the members, present at the meeting, with birthdays in that month will be entered into a drawing. One lucky "birthday" member will win a special prize. In September, birthday girl Dale McFeeters won a wide (110" x 110") quilt backing. You can expect to see equally impressive gifts throughout the year. For those members with birthdays in July and August, we've got you covered too. The "Birthday Celebration" drawing for July birthday babies will be held in December while the drawing for August will be held in January.

And finally in February, there's a big S-U-R-P-R-I-S-E celebration planned with drawings and prizes galore!!! Find out how to increase your chances of winning a prize on page 5.



TREASURER'S REPORT FOR OCTOBER 2015**FRANKLIN COUNTY QUILTER'S GUILD**

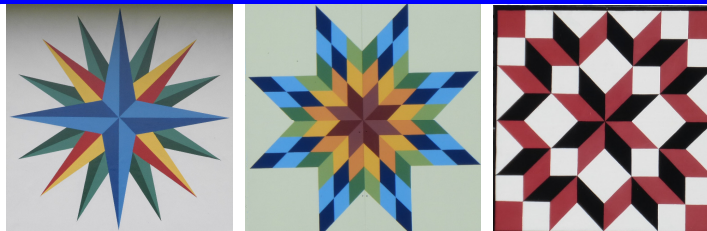
Treasurer's Report -- October 21, 2015

Opening Balance		\$3,408.45
Funds collected		
Bridge Pattern sales	\$75.00	
Membership Dues	\$555.00	
November Workshop	\$570.00	
	<i>Total Funds Collected</i>	\$1,200.00
		<i>Sub-Total</i> \$4,608.45
Funds paid out		
Gerald Perry, Room set-up for Oct	\$35.00	
Kay Benedict, Challenge Quilts fabric	\$51.75	
Bonnie Evans, Ice cream social supplies, Plant	\$70.19	
Sharon Perry, Postage, Teacup Auction tickets, Program prizes	\$192.86	
Beverly Cook, QS Raffle quilt custom quilting	\$318.85	
Denise Chase, Charity quilts batting/backing	\$40.31	
Char Mulyca, Membership printing	\$11.26	
	<i>Total Funds Paid Out</i>	\$720.22
	Grand Total	\$3,888.23

2015 YTD Collections: \$4,333.55

Respectfully submitted,
Deborah L. Dusablon, Treasurer
October 21, 2015

VISIT THE FRANKLIN COUNTY BARN QUILT TRAIL ON THE GUILD'S WEBSITE AT
<http://www.franklincountyquilters.org/fcbqt/index.html>



Deadline for articles for next newsletter:

Wednesday, October 28th, 2015

Please email articles to Sharon Perry, vtquilter@gmail.com, or mail to PO Box 517, Montgomery Center VT 05471

**ENTRY INTO 25TH BIRTHDAY
CELEBRATION DRAWINGS FOR
FEBRUARY S-U-R-P-R-I-S-E!!!**

At the September meeting, Sharon Perry revealed some of the plans for the February 2016 meeting while most of the details will remain a S-U-R-P-R-I-S-E!!! As part of the teaser, Sharon displayed and/or discussed three of the large prizes which some lucky guild members will win at the February meeting. Those prizes include: a sewing machine complete with a rolling carrying case; a Reliable Iron Station donated by the Reliable Corporation in Canada; and a sewing machine cleaning and servicing donated by Smitty's Sewing Machine Services in Essex Junction.

While each guild member will have at least one entry into the February drawings, members can increase their chances of winning in a few other ways. Here are the ways members' names will be entered into the drawings:

- 1 entry for each paid member
- 1 entry for each monthly meeting attended
- 3 entries for each charity quilt made/donated***

- 2 entries for guest you bring who becomes a member (To qualify for 2 entries, new member cannot have been a guild member in previous 10 years)
- 1 entry for every volunteer position at the quilt show you sign up for at the January guild meeting

In brief, you can increase your chances of winning in February by attending monthly meetings, making charity quilts, recruiting new members, and volunteering early for the quilt show.

***A question came up about "making" a charity quilt and whether or not only making a quilt top or only quilting an already-made quilt top qualifies for 3 entries. After much thought and some suggestions, a guild member can enter her/his name 3 times for every 2 quilt tops where she/he has only made the quilt top or 3 times for every 2 already-made quilts which she/he only quilts.



2015 - 2016 UFO (UNFINISHED OBJECT) CHALLENGE

Fill out the attached list (on next page) and return to Kris Bachand at the September meeting, the earliest meeting you can, or e-mail her one at bachandkris@yahoo.com.

Here are the rules:

- 1) It must have been started at least a year ago this coming September. If you have been working on it on a regular basis, at least once a month, it's a Work In Progress – not a UFO.
- 2) If you started it a year ago this last November put it on the November line or after. Just to be clear, these are guidelines, I really don't care, and I don't think anyone else will check.
- 3) If you don't know where it is, found it at the bottom of a pile, or you started it more than a year ago I think we can agree it's a UFO. If you started it more than 20 years ago, congratulations, YOU are my favorite!!
- 4) You must show and tell, provide a picture of, or a witness to the completion of the quilt.
- 5) Points will be awarded as follows:
 - a. ONE point to the first person to give me a completed UFO list.
 - b. ONE point for each finished UFO.
 - c. ONE additional point for any UFO shown in the month it is listed.
 - d. ONE additional point if you donate it to one of the charities.
 - e. TWO points for each additional UFO finished in a month.
 - f. FIVE points for anyone who completes every quilt on their list. This could involve some serious strategy on your list making plans.

The participant with the most points after the June 2016 meeting can let me know the name of their favorite quilt shop and I will get you a \$25 gift certificate.

No matter what, the less UFOs there are in the world, the warmer and more beautiful a world it will be. So let's sew!

2015-2016 UFO Challenge

Name _____

September _____

February _____

October _____

March _____

November _____

April _____

December _____

May _____

January _____

June _____





A HARVEST OF QUILTS



The Common Threads Quilt Guild of Lamoille County is holding its seventh quilt show, “A Harvest of Quilts,” on October 10th & 11th, 2015, at the Peoples Academy Gym in Morrisville. The show is put on in the odd numbered years as a fund-raiser and an opportunity for guild members to showcase their work. The funds raised support the activities of the guild, both in the promotion of quilting and the provision of Sunshine Quilts to shut-ins, nursing homes, and fire victims in the local area and beyond. The guild now has over 60 members who share a love of quilting and service to the community.

The 2015 show will include one hundred quilts, all made by guild members. Every show has included a challenge for the guild members. This year Ginny Moody & Mary Dick have challenged guild members to make a quilt of a single color. Visitors to the show also can purchase chances in the Teacup Auction and shop quilt vendors and a boutique of items created by guild members.

The guild also creates a set of raffle quilts for each show, one queen size quilt, one lap quilt, and one table runner. Tickets will be available at the show with the winners drawn on Sunday afternoon. The show is October 10th & 11th, from 10 AM to 4 PM on Saturday and 10 AM to 3 PM on Sunday. It will be in the gym at Peoples Academy in Morrisville. Admission is \$2. Come and enjoy the creativity of our members! (Quilters may even get ideas for their next project!)

HOME HEALTH & MORE CHARITY QUILTS AT THE OCTOBER MEETING

Nancy Dulude, from Home Health, will be speaking at the October meeting. She’ll be sharing how and where the Home Health charity quilts are distributed. As part of this discussion, we will have our “show and tell” of the charity quilts right after Nancy finishes talking. We plan to give her any Home Health quilts which members are returning in October. We’d also like to invite any member who might want to bring a charity quilt to do so. You don’t have to have a kit; you can make one from your own fabric stash.

Here are the suggested quilt sizes for Home Health quilts:

“For those who wish to make their own quilts to donate to Home Health (HH), HH prefers lap sizes for adults. Guild pattern sizes range from 36 to 42 inches wide and 48 to 56 inches long. The infant quilt pattern is 34 by 40 inches, can be backed with flannel or use flannel as the batting. Children’s quilts range from 34 to 40 inches wide and 40 to 48 inches long. Donated quilts are not limited to these sizes, but should not be as large as bed sizes.”

As an added incentive, Sharon and Rose will add your name 5 times to the Birthday Celebration drawing for any one charity quilt returned at the October meeting. (So if you brought 2 charity quilts to the October meeting, your name would go into the drawing 10 times.) The quilts do not have to be destined to Home Health. We just want to “WOW” Nancy with all the quilts we make and donate. Home Health only sees a portion of those charity quilts.

One final note, if you are in fact returning a quilt for Home Health, please make sure the label is attached and it is dated “October 2015.” This is the only time we want you to date the quilts. For all other times we ask that the date remains blank until the quilt is actually delivered to the supported organization.



HAPPY HALLOWEEN



2015-2016 MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE NOW DUE

If you haven't renewed your membership yet, you'll find a membership form on the guild website at <http://www.franklincountyquilters.org/fcqgmembershipform.pdf>.

Fill out the form and either bring it to the October meeting or mail the completed membership form below, along with a check for \$15 payable to FCQG, to Char Mulyca, 1382 Pleasant View Road, Richford, VT 05476. If you have any questions for Char you can email her at ctcquilts@yahoo.com or call her at 848-9072.

CHRISTMAS IN OCTOBER

When we meet in October, there will only be 64 days left before Christmas arrives. And if you're planning to make a few of your gifts, you might want to come and learn how to make some quick and easy gifts for Christmas.

Since there were lots of "oohs" and "aahs" when Denise Chase showed the apron she made Kay Benedict, we're going to have her do a demo. Bonnie Evans will be showing us how to make a "quilt-as-you-go" placemat. Diane Forey will

demonstrate how to make a cute wool pincushion while Alice Rouleau will be making paper-pieced Christmas ornaments. Helen Short will be demoing how to make a "Hot Diggity Dog" pillowcase with 3 seams AND no raw edges when you're finished sewing.

We'll have 5 different stations for the demos. Members will rotate through each of the demos for about 15 minutes picking up gift ideas, with helpful tips, along the way.

Come ready to learn at the October meeting! Rose Rixon and Sharon Perry will also have a surprise or two at the meeting!



UPCOMING EVENTS

A Harvest of Quilts, October 10th – 11th, 2015: Sponsored by the Common Threads Quilt Guild at the People's Academy, Morrisville. Show hours: Saturday, 10 am – 4pm; Sunday, 10 am – 3 pm. Features 100 quilts by guild members, vendors, Teacup Auction, guild Boutique, Raffle Quilt & Drawing, demonstration, and door prizes awarded all day. For further information, call Cindy Smorgans at 802-644-5880.

Threads Through our Lakes and Mountains, October 10th – 11th, 2015: Sponsored by the Champlain Valley Quilters' Guild of New York at the SUNY Plattsburgh Fieldhouse, 167 Rugar Street, Plattsburgh, NY. Show hours: Saturday, 10 am – 5 pm; Sunday, 10 am – 4 pm. Admission \$8; children under 12 \$5. Features over 300 Quilts, vendors, gift shop of handmade items, and more!

A Quilters Gathering, November 5th – 8th, 2015: Sponsored by the Eastcoast Quilters Alliance 3 at the Radisson Hotel, Downtown Manchester, NH. Show hours: Thursday through Saturday, 10 am - 6 pm; Sunday, 10 am - 3 pm. Admission: One-day pass, \$10; Multi-day pass, \$12.

35th Annual Essex Fall Craft Show, October 23rd – 25th, 2015: At the Champlain Valley Expo, Essex Junction. Show hours: Friday, Noon – 6 pm; Saturday, 9 am – 6 pm; Sunday, 10 am – 4 pm. Price of admission includes entry into the Vermont Antique Expo and Sale on the same weekend.

Craft Vermont, November 20th – 22nd, 2015: Annual fine craft and art show at the Sheraton Conference Center in Burlington. Show hours: Friday, 10 am – 8 pm; Saturday, 10 am – 6 pm; Sunday, 10 am – 5 pm.

DON'T FORGET for the next meeting...

1. Completed membership form and \$15 cash or check, payable to FCQG, if you haven't renewed your membership yet
2. Registration Fee for November workshop(s) with Dan Perkins if interested (Fee is \$30 for each workshop)
3. Completed UFOs for UFO Challenge
4. Completed Charity Quilts
5. Items for Show and Tell