

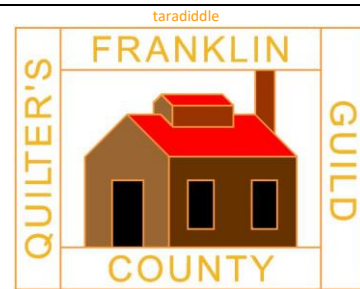
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2021 Charity Quilt

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President's Piece

What is happening in my yard on 9/26/2020. This morning, as the first birds began fluttering around the fly-through feeders on the back porch, a few copper-colored cherry leaves did some fluttering of their own, as they fell to the ground. Their fall initiates my sense of the beginning of Fall. Right on time.

This week I dug up and stored the gladiolus and amaryllis bulbs. I began pruning the grapes that now stretch from one corner at the front of the house around to the back porch. It was a very productive year for the grapes, and the birds and animals got every one.

This afternoon I took a ride to Stowe, traveling along the Winooski River and then up into the mountains. It is a trip that Alice and I took each year at this time. We went to check out the books in the Bear Pond Book Store and to buy quilting fabric at a little shop nearby. If you have any picture books of Vermont in the Fall, now is a good time to get them out. The foliage, the farms, the mountains all look just like the photos in the books. Beautiful.

But some things have changed since you last leafed through your Vermont memory book. When you look at the foliage in real life you can see the evidence of the drought that climate change is bringing to our state. Along Route 100, in Granville Gulf, the streams that used to race along on either side of the road are now occasional puddles. The Falls of Lana might well be renamed to something like the Trickle of Lana. A little further south, at Texas Falls, the stream that danced over the falls and made a woodland symphony of deep and treble gurgling is now pale and peaked. I know that here in Vermont we are not being slammed with hurricanes and forest fires as other states are, but still, the flora and fauna die-off is in full swing here and I mourn my memories of the richer natural world of my childhood.

On my drive I did also notice a distinct change in the carefully preserved country stores. Now, near the top of their leader board, along with Maple Syrup, fresh eggs and local produce is CBD Oil and related products. At The Chittenden Cider Mill they still brag about their cider and their oh-so-tasty-fresh doughnuts, but they also advertise *Real Vermonters* as part of the draw.

Well, as it turns out, I did not go into the book store. Very crowded and the gathering piles of unread books that stare at me from every horizontal surface in my house (sometimes balefully) need no reinforcements brought in. I did buy some quilting fabric, in Alice's memory, though at this time, between Alice's stash and mine, if I could find the proper glue, I could make enough bricks to build and addition onto the house. Then I would have a place for the books.

My very best wishes to all of you and I look forward to our next (Zoom) meeting.

John Rouleau, 2020-2021 President



2020 – 2021 Guild Calendar

**ALL MEETINGS CONDUCTED ON
ZOOM STARTING AT 6:30 PM**

September 16th Ice Cream Social

**October 21st Christmas in October
with Sharon Perry**

November 18th Flying Colors
Trunk Show with Timna Tarr

November 21st Zoom Workshop
with Timna Tarr (sign up with Timna)

December 16th Holiday Meeting

2020 – 2021 Guild Calendar

**ALL MEETINGS CONDUCTED ON
ZOOM STARTING AT 6:30 PM**

January 20th Batik with Amanda Bates

February 17th Trunk Show
with Diane Comeau & Cathy Rayes

February 20th Zoom Workshop
with Diane Comeau & Cathy Rayes

March 17th Trunk Show with
Michelle Renee Hiatt, Studio 180

2020 – 2021 Guild Calendar

**ALL MEETINGS CONDUCTED ON
ZOOM STARTING AT 6:30 PM**

March 20th Zoom Workshop with
Michelle Renee Hiatt, Studio 180

April Quilt Show Cancelled

April 21st TBD

May 19th Quilt Restoration
Trunk Show with Stephanie McCall

June 16th 30th Anniversary Celebration
2021 Raffle Quilt Drawing

Franklin County Quilters Guild Executive Board Meeting Minutes September 16, 2020 via Zoom

A Zoom meeting was held with about 25 members present eating frozen treats. The September Treasurers report was added to the Consent Agenda. Sharon Perry moved, 2nd by Denise Chase, to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion passed.

President John Rouleau read a Thank You note from a grateful recipient of a Comfort Quilt.

Membership: Penny LaRochelle reported there are about 20 paid members. This year dues are \$10. Please mail your checks and forms if they need updating to Penny.

Programs: Natalie Good announced that we need a Program apprentice to assist her this year and take over the Chair for 2021-2022. The October program will be *Christmas in October* by Sharon Perry with demonstrations on how to make Christmas Ornaments for your tree or as gifts. In November **Timna Tarr** will give a virtual trunk show. Members may sign up for the workshop of their choice at <http://www.timnatarr.com/online-workshop>. As a note, members will make arrangements to attend the workshop with Timna and pay the fee directly to her as well.

Comfort Quilts: Denise Chase reported that Joanne Champagne has been a trooper making Comfort Quilts. Denise has kits and you may call her to make arrangements for pick up. **There is a need for lap-sized Comfort Quilts.**

Projects: Helen Bicknell and Lucie Fortin stated that the Brown Bag Challenge was very successful. Instead of the Block of the Month this year, there will be a Round Robin. Directions for each month will be in the Newsletter.

Jessica VanDenburgh of Sew Many Creations, whose favorite color is purple, *Zoom-bombed* into the meeting. She took time out from getting ready for a Girls Sewing Weekend to join us. Jessica stated that she just released a new pattern, Lola, a couple of weeks ago. To date she has published 60-70 patterns. She is live every Friday on Facebook at 11:00 am performing demos on new products. She has virtual classes on YouTube. There is a link on her website and Facebook page to Jessica's YouTube channel.

Show and Tell was held with pictures of the Brown Bag Challenges and other items members have

made. Pictures were shown of the Charity Quilt which included the quilt being presented to the Franklin County Area Cancer Network. The shoes and socks that Carol Stanley wore for the presentation caught members' eyes.

Denise Chase moved that the meeting be adjourned, 2nd by Teri Brunelle. Motion passed.

Submitted by Helen Short, Secretary



October is
Breast Cancer
Awareness
Month

Happy



Halloween

QUILT TIPS

- Remember the value of any print can change depending upon the colors that are positioned immediately next to it.
- To easily organize patchwork sets or appliqué pieces, especially for travel or classes, try layering them between paper plates. Special notes or instructions can be written directly on each plate, and the plates can be stacked together to keep your work neat, compact, and easily portable.
- Chocolate is an essential quilting tool!

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR OCTOBER 2020**FRANKLIN COUNTY QUILTERS GUILD****Treasurer's Report -- October 21, 2020**

Opening Balance \$8,724.86

Funds collected

Total Funds Collected \$0.00

Sub-Total \$8,724.86

Funds paid out

Sharon Perry, Zoom gift certificate \$25.00

Returned check fee for QS raffle ticket \$10.00

Total Funds Paid Out \$35.00

Grand Total \$8,689.86

	<u>\$50.89</u>	<i>Comfort Quilt / Supplies Donations</i>
<i>Guild funds available</i>	<u>\$8,638.97</u>	

2020 YTD Collections: \$2,335.00

Respectfully submitted,
Deborah L. Dusablon, Treasurer



That is **20 Finishes in 2020!** **We are still moving forward with 20 Finishes in 2020**

The rules have been changed, and you will need to send a picture(s) of your completed project(s) to Sharon Perry at vtquilter@gmail.com. Those pictures will be put into a slideshow for a virtual show & tell at each monthly guild meeting. If you complete 20 projects and send a picture of each project to be included in show & tell by the December meeting, your name will be entered into a special drawing in December.

If you'd like to participate, you can find the 20 Finishes in 2020 form [here](#) on page 4 of the June newsletter. Fill in your name and 20 projects you'd like to finish this year on the list. This is your list...you just have to have **20 Finishes in 2020!** If you hadn't previously turned in your list, please mail it to Sharon Perry at PO Box 517, Montgomery Center, VT 05471.

RECIPE CORNER:**PUMPKIN BARS****WITH CREAM CHEESE FROSTING****1 can (15-oz.) pumpkin****2 eggs****2 cups flour****1 cup sugar****½ cup oil****¼ teaspoon ground ginger****⅛ teaspoon ground cloves****1 teaspoon cinnamon****1 teaspoon vanilla****½ teaspoon salt****1 teaspoon baking powder****½ teaspoon baking soda****FROSTING:****4 oz. cream cheese****3 tablespoons butter****1 teaspoon milk****1 teaspoon vanilla****1 cup powdered sugar**

Preheat oven to 350°F. Line a 9×9 inch pan with parchment paper and spray lightly with nonstick cooking spray. Set aside.

In a large bowl whisk together flour, sugar, ground ginger, baking soda, baking powder, salt, ground cloves and cinnamon. Create a well in the center of the dry ingredients.

In the bowl of a stand mixer combine the eggs, vanilla, oil and pumpkin on medium speed until light and fluffy. Stir gently, just until combined.

Pour into a pan and bake for 30-35 minutes or until a toothpick inserted comes out clean. Transfer to a wire rack and allow to cool completely.

For the frosting, combine the cream cheese and butter in a medium bowl with an electric mixer until smooth. Add the powdered sugar and mix at low speed until combined. Stir in the vanilla and mix again.

You may need to add a little milk to make it spreadable if your butter wasn't soft enough. Spread frosting evenly on top of completely-cooled cake. Cut the cake into any size bar you like.

RECIPE CORNER:**PECAN PUMPKIN CHEESECAKE****3 cup graham cracker crumbs****3 tablespoons sugar****2 tablespoons butter, melted****FILLING:****3 packages (8 oz. each) cream cheese, softened****½ cup packed brown sugar****⅓ cup sugar****¼ cup maple syrup****3 large eggs, room temperature****1 can (15 oz.) pumpkin****2 tablespoons cornstarch****3 teaspoons vanilla extract****1½ teaspoons pumpkin pie spice****TOPPING:****1 cup heavy whipping cream****¾ cup maple syrup****½ cup chopped pecans, toasted**

Preheat oven to 325°. Wrap a double thickness of heavy-duty foil (about 18 in. square) around a greased 9-inch spring-form pan. Mix cracker crumbs and granulated sugar; stir in butter. Press onto bottom of prepared pan.

Beat cream cheese, sugars and maple syrup until smooth. Add eggs; beat on low just until blended. Whisk in pumpkin, vanilla, cornstarch and pumpkin pie spice; pour over crust. Place spring-form pan in a larger baking pan; add 1 inch of hot water to larger pan.

Bake until center is just set and top appears dull, 70-80 minutes. Remove spring-form pan from water bath. Cool cheesecake on a wire rack 10 minutes. Loosen sides from pan with a knife; remove foil. Cool 1 hour longer. Refrigerate overnight, covering when completely cooled.

For topping, combine whipping cream and maple syrup in a small saucepan over medium heat; bring to a boil. Continue boiling, stirring occasionally, until slightly thickened (about 15-20 minutes). Stir in toasted pecans. Refrigerate until cold.

Remove rim from pan. Stir topping; spoon over chilled cheesecake.

Recipe Note: To toast nuts, bake in a shallow pan in a 350° oven for 5-10 minutes or cook in a skillet over low heat until lightly browned, stirring occasionally.



*October 21st is
National Pumpkin
Cheesecake Day*

THE NEED IS REAL...GUILD IN NEED OF 2022 QUILT SHOW CHAIR(S)

The Executive Board voted to cancel the 2021 quilt show at its August board meeting. As a result of the board's vote, the guild will not be sponsoring a quilt show again until April 2022.

With over 18 months before the guild's next quilt show, this might be a good time to reflect on what format guild members envision for future quilt shows. Should the guild continue to have an annual quilt show? Or should the guild have a quilt show every other year similar to other guilds in Vermont? Should the quilt remain a 2-day show or should the show be limited to 1 day?

No matter what format future quilt shows take, the guild is still in need of 1 or 2 members to step up to chair the 2022 Quilt Show. Additionally, the guild also needs someone to take over the quilt registration and layout for the show. Kay Benedict has been filling that position for many years and has the process down to an art and a science. Kay is willing to help whoever volunteers to take over those duties. While Kay has singlehandedly done the job alone, 2 members could easily work together on quilt registration and quilt layout.

**CHRISTMAS IN OCTOBER RAPID FIRE
(PLUS ANOTHER ZOOM BOMBER)**

With Christmas just 80 days away (it will be here before you know it), come to the October Zoom meeting and be inspired!

Sharon Perry has been searching the web for some quick and fun ideas for your Christmas giving, wrapping and decorating. She will be sharing what she found at the October meeting.

Sharon has over 30 ideas to show during the October Zoom meeting. Plus, she will send out an information sheet (listing all the items) via email prior to the meeting with space to write notes on each item. After the meeting, Sharon will have our webmaster, Ali Boren, post another document on the guild's website with links to videos and/or picture tutorials showing how to make each item.

Also as promised, another quilting maven will be Zoom-bombing the October meeting. October's guest will also be drawing a winner for a \$25 gift certificate to spend at the guest's business.





2021 Raffle Quilt

(Organized by Denise Chase and Sharon Perry and quilted by Bev Cook)

WE WANT YOUR RAFFLE TICKETS

Penny LaRochelle has agreed to coordinate the raffle ticket sales for the 2020 – 2021 membership year. Members can send the tickets and money (check(s) payable to FCQG) to Penny LaRochelle, 40 Meade Road, Fairfax, VT 05454. Be sure to include your return address on the envelope so Penny can properly credit the ticket sales to your name.

2022 RAFFLE QUILT



Organized by Denise Chase and Sharon Perry

QUILT TIPS

- When you are signing quilt labels or signature blocks, first iron a piece of freezer paper to the wrong side of the fabric to stabilize it. Remove the paper after you complete the writing.
- For quick cleanup after sewing, wrap masking tape around your fingers, adhesive side out, and use it to retrieve fallen threads and fabric scraps from your carpeting and clothing.

FCQG COMFORT QUILTS

The COVID-19 virus has not closed down the guild's Comfort Quilt Program under Denise Chase's leadership. Denise Chase has been delivering quilts, and guild members have been stopping by her home to pick up kits and to bring them back completed.

Denise also has kits on hand to include lap/throws, twins, and queens. There are some completed tops which only need quilting. If you're looking for a project to do, please feel free to stop at Denise's and pick up a kit. Denise does ask members to call first, 527-0940, to make sure she's home.



Cindy	Metayer	October	1 st
Claudia	Moeykens	October	3 rd
Kay	Benedict	October	23 rd
Natalie	Good	October	26 th

...and many more!!!

NOVEMBER MEETING FEATURES TIMNA TARR

On **Wednesday, November 18th**, Timna Tarr will join our Zoom for a trunk show called Flying Colors. She is also offering an online workshop of your choice which you will sign up for individually with Timna. (Or you and a friend can get together and do a workshop.)

Check out Timna's website [here](#). The workshops are made up of pre-recorded videos, text, and photos. You can view them as many times as you like. There are four choices: Appliquéd Circles; Mapmaking with Fabric; Stitched Mosaics; and String Quilting. Each workshop costs \$35 per person; workshop fee is paid to Timna.



**October is
Cookie Month!**



IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN...MEMBERSHIP DUES!

October Instructions

- Create a border that is cut 2-3/4 inches wide and place it around your piece. This border does not have to be a solid color as shown below. Your piece will now measure 18-1/2 x 23 inches.
- Border samples are shown in the pictures below and to the side. See you next month!



September marks the start of a new membership year for the guild. In a normal year, many of us would be paying our membership dues at one of the guild meetings. But with COVID-19 and its restrictions, this membership year is anything but normal.

Here are the details for this year's membership dues:

- The Executive Board voted to reduce the dues for the 2020-2021 membership year only to \$10.
- The FCQG 2020-2021 membership form can be found [here](#).

Your completed membership form and your \$10 check, payable to FCQG, should be sent to Penny LaRochelle. Penny's address is included on the membership form.

October 21st
is
Count Your Buttons Day



SHOW & TELL ON ZOOM

Let's Zoom!



We'll still be enjoying the monthly show & tell during the guild's Zoom meetings. However, it will require some advance planning and actions.

If you want to display your completed projects during show & tell, please email a photo of each project to Sharon Perry, vtquilter@gmail.com, by the Sunday prior to the guild meeting. **For the October meeting, photos should be sent to Sharon no later than Sunday, October 18th.**

For each month's show & tell Sharon will create a slideshow with all the photos sent to her for that month. She will "share" the slideshow during the Zoom meeting. Members will be asked to briefly describe their projects as those projects appear on the screen.

ZOOM PLATFORM BRINGS CHANGES TO GUILD MONTHLY MEETINGS

- Guild meetings will be conducted on the Zoom platform in a virtual format; in-person meetings are cancelled for the 2020-2021 membership year. The executive board will re-evaluate when to restart in-person meetings next year.
- Guest speakers will present virtual lectures and workshops also using the Zoom platform.
- Guild members will need to send pictures to participate in the monthly show & tell; see the "SHOW & TELL ON ZOOM" discussion above for all the details.
- Guild members will need to join the guild meeting by clicking a link or launching the Zoom app on their computer/device/smartphone. Sharon Perry will send all the particulars for joining one week before the meeting via the FCQG email account. **The invite for the October 21st meeting will be sent out on Wednesday, October 14th.**

ZOOM BEST PRACTICES

- Make sure your camera is connected and available to the Zoom app.
- Check your microphone and speaker settings before joining the Zoom session.
- Close all apps except for Zoom on your smartphone/device/computer.
- Plug your computer/device/smartphone into a power source.
- If using wi-fi, make sure your wi-fi is not overloaded (think multiple phones, devices, cameras, etc.).
- If you have a limited/unreliable internet connection, try directly plugging into your internet router.
- If you are hard of hearing or in a crowded/public space, use a headset for better sound.
- **Mute your microphone** when not actively speaking.
- Be aware of your surroundings and behavior (**We can see you!**).
- Add questions/comments in "Chat" section to be addressed by Zoom moderator.
- "Raise hand" if you would like to address the group.
- Make comments short and succinct; mute for responses.

LINK TO FRANKLIN COUNTY BARN QUILT TRAIL

The Franklin County Barn Quilt Trail, previously found on the FCQG website, can now be accessed at <http://www.barnquiltsfornorthernvermont.org/>.

IDEAS FOR GUILD MEMBERS WITH UNRELIABLE INTERNET CONNECTIONS

When the executive board met last month, there was much discussion about the inability of members with unreliable internet service to join the guild's Zoom meetings. One attendee to that meeting actually had a limited internet connection and could participate with audio only.

Here are some ways to join the Zoom meetings if you have a limited connection:

- Plug directly into your internet router.
- Disconnect all other devices using wi-fi during the Zoom meeting. You'd be surprised how many devices are connected to your wi-fi (think printers, smartphones, cameras, appliances, lights, etc.).
- Try using the internet connection at your local library from your car.
- Join a fellow guild member at their home as long as everyone is observing COVID-19 guidelines and have not been exposed to COVID-19.

FRANKLIN COUNTY BARN QUILT TRAIL NOW BOASTS OVER 340 BARN QUILTS

Fern Mercure, of Sheldon, and Sharon Perry went out on a hunt for barn quilts in Franklin County VT on October 6th. Fern is the woman who organized the Franklin County Barn Quilt Trail starting with the original 12 barn quilts made by and displayed by the members of the Sheldon Raiders Home Dem group. They added 24 more barn quilts on their adventure yesterday. The list is probably already out of date as more barn quilts are discovered in Franklin County all the time.

The Home Dem group put up the original 12 barn quilts on Mother's Day in 2010. In 10 years, the trail has grown to over 340 barn quilts at 288 locations throughout Franklin and Grand Isle Counties. Taking a drive in search of those barn quilts would make for a fun adventure for you and your family or quilting buddies. You can find information about the trail [here](#).

If you have a barn quilt displayed in Franklin or Grand Isle County and it is NOT shown at the link provided, please send your address to barnquiltsfnvt@gmail.com and it will be added to the list to capture for the next update to the website. As a note, barn quilts are added to the map if they are visible from the road or right of way. We don't want to create any awkward situations with people driving up to someone's home/farm uninvited to find that elusive barn quilt.

QUILT TIPS

- To easily protect your ironing board surface and keep it in "like-new" condition for longer, try ironing a sheet of freezer paper onto the cloth pad before you begin pressing your appliqué. The paper will protect the surface from any fabric adhesives, and once your pressing is complete it can be peeled away and discarded.
- For wall hangings that lie smooth and flat, place a second hanging sleeve at the bottom edge of the quilt and insert a small dowel or flat strip of wood that has been cut slightly narrower than the width of the quilt. The added weight will eliminate any ripples and your piece will hang beautifully.

Deadline for articles for next newsletter:

Wednesday, October 28th, 2020

Please email articles to Sharon Perry, vtquilter@gmail.com,

or mail to PO Box 517, Montgomery Center VT 05471

Double, double, toil and trouble, fire burn and caldron bubble...