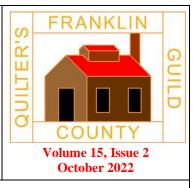
Franklin County Quilters Guild SUGARHOUSE GAZETTE Saint Albans, Vermont



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> > <u>Website</u> Ali Boren

Comfort Quilts Coordinator Denise Chase

> 2023 Raffle Quilt Penny LaRochelle

2023 Charity Quilt Helen Short & JeanAnne Branch

<u> 2022 – 2023 Guild Calendar</u>

September 21st Ice Cream Social Potholder Exchange & Bingo (Doors open at 5:30 pm; food at 6 pm)

October 19th Christmas in October with Member Demos

November 16th Patriotic-Themed Quilters' 2½" Strip Poker

December 14th White Elephant Gift Exchange

January 11th Trunk Show on Zoom with Emily Taylor, Collage Quilter

Challenges and Opportunities. I think this is another way of saying pessimist and optimist. Some days I see more opportunities and other days, more challenges. Or obstacles? Or mountains to be climbed? I just love optimistic people. I wish I was naturally optimistic, but to be honest, I see more challenges. I have to fight with myself to see the positive side of things. For example, I just got out an old project to see what has to be done to get it in the finished pile. Oh boy. I now understand why it was in that box. I messed up on cutting a piece. 32 times. So I have 16 blocks that look one way, and 32 that are going to be different. Challenge or opportunity?? I decided to make it into 2 baby quilts, or maybe a baby quilt and a wall hanging. But those blocks are not going together, so I now have 2 quilt tops. Hmmm. I suppose that's an opportunity, but it sure started out as a challenge.

President's Piece

Do you remember my story from last Christmas and the tree skirt? I made it as a gift, pieced, quilted, bound, gifted. Hold it up for a picture and realize that I had flipped a row. Since I couldn't let it go, I cut it up into 9 Christmas stockings. I always wanted quilted stockings. Lemonade from lemons.

This is a constant struggle for me, and probably for some of you as well. Even guild meetings. Zoom in January and February -- an opportunity coming out of a challenge. An opportunity to participate while out of town. Or on a boat!

I'm going to work on seeing the opportunities in my quilts instead of the challenges. I hope you'll join me.

Piecefully yours, Laurel Schaap, 2022-2023 President



<u> 2022 – 2023 Guild Calendar</u>

February 8th "Confessions of a Fabric Whisperer" Trunk Show on Zoom with Ellen Lindner, Adventure Quilter

February 11th Double Reverse Appliqué Workshop on Zoom with Ellen Lindner, Adventure Quilter

March 15th Tips & Tricks for Quilting Studio Organization

March 31st Quilt Show Set-Up

April $1^{st} - 2^{nd}$ Quilt Show

2022 – 2023 Guild Calendar

April 19th Singer Featherweights and Other Vintage Sewing Machines With Barb & David Morgan

May 12th "My Quilting Journey" Trunk Show with Norma Ippolito

May 13th Workshop, "Introduction to Free-Motion Quilting with Rulers" with Norma Ippolito on Domestic Machine

June 21st Teacup Auction

Franklin County Quilters Guild September 21, 2022

President Laurel Schaap called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and welcomed those who were able to attend.

Sharon Perry moved to accept the Consent Agenda; seconded by MaryJane Marchelewicz. Helen Short offered one clarification. The motion carried.

Programs:

- Gale Weld stated that the October meeting would be Christmas in October. Four guild members will make presentations.
- In November Lynn Carrier will make a presentation surrounding Quilts of Valor. Members are encouraged to bring Quilts of Valor. Lynn suggested that the size be 60" x 80". Members are asked to bring nine 2¹/₂" strips of fabric in the red, white, and blue theme.

Comfort Quilts:

- Denise reported that the quilts donated to Spectrum were very well received.
- Denise has several smaller quilts that she would like to donate to Project Linus. Helen Short moved that Denise donates these quilts to Project Linus. The motion was seconded by Sharon Perry; the motion was carried.
- Denise brought quilt kits to the meeting for members to create. She also indicated that most of the recipients like twin size quilts.

Quilt Show:

- Helen Short stated that City Hall has been rented. The poles are on reserve. The Challenge Quilt is to be a Dresden Plate Challenge—96" parameter
- Quilters' Boutique will be open with 10 percent of the merchandise sold coming back to the Guild. Helen stated she needs volunteers to "man" the Boutique.
- JeanAnne Branch will be looking for volunteers for the Quilt Show.
- Penny LaRochelle has entry forms for the Quilt Show.
- April Walker will be handling publicity for the Quilt Show.

2023 Raffle Quilt:

- Someone is needed to handle the ticket sales. Denise Chase came forward to handle the sales.
- Sharon reported that over \$500 in tickets have already been sold.
- There will be a Quilt Raffle only—no second and third prizes.
- Tickets are already printed. Members are asked to sell at least two books of tickets.
- Members are being asked to donate items to be sold at raffle ticket booths to attract people to the booths. Membership:
- Penny LaRochelle reported that there are currently 40 paid members—three of these members are new.
- 35 members were present

2023 Charity Quilt:

- Helen Short and Jean Anne Branch are preparing the 2023 Charity Quilt.
- Members were each given a bag with materials to make five blocks. Helen and Jean Anne presented the directions
- Members are asked to bring their completed blocks to the December Meeting. It is important to note that each bag MUST BE returned.

<u>Sugarhouse Gazette</u>: The deadline for submissions is Wednesday, September 28.

<u>22 in 2022 Challenge</u>: Members are asked to keep their own records.

<u>Project</u>: Diane Comeau and Lucie Fortin introduced the new mystery quilt project.

We closed at this point to enjoy ice cream treats; play fabric BINGO; followed by Show and Tell.

Cindy Metayer won the door prize. Laurel Schaap won the charity prize.

A member asked if there would be opportunities for those members who are away during the winter months to watch the meetings online. Laurel said this issue would be discussed by the Executive Board.

Sharon moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Mary Jane; motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, Helen Bicknell, Secretary

A SHARED LIFE:

A Lifetime Collection Of Work By Carolyn Hesterberg Babcock And Harold Babcock

Prior to Harold's death in 2019, the couple lived together in Montgomery for over thirty years, painting and quilting tucked up in their amazing late 18th C. farmhouse overflowing with love, art and a lifetime. She, a Quilter, and He, a Painter, their artistry and vision has taken these old-style New England art forms and infused them with design and beauty that bridges the gaps between craft and art.

The work and aversions artifacts from their collection are on view at the Montgomery Center for the Arts (MCA) from October 8 through November 6, 2022. On October 15, the award-winning quilter and artist, Carolyn Hesterberg Babcock, will be at the MCA from 1:30 pm until 4:00 pm to chat about her art and life with Harold Babcock, the painter. Light Refreshments will be served.

Hours: Saturdays and Sundays, Noon -4:00 pm; for more information, visit the Montgomery Center for the Arts website found <u>here</u>.

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TREASURER'S REPORT FOR OCTOBER 2022

FRANKLIN COUNTY QUILTERS GUILD Treasurer's Report -- October 19, 2022

Opening Balance			\$5,170.17
Funds collected			
Membership		\$835.00	
Raffle tickets (2023)		\$20.00	
Total Funds C	ollected	\$855.00	
		Sub-total	\$6,025.17
Funds paid out			
Gerald Perry, Oct room setup		\$35.00	
Penny LaRochelle, Raffle Quilt fabrics		\$146.34	
Helen Short, Ice cream social		\$40.97	
JeanAnne Branch, Comfort quilts muslin backing		\$30.00	
Check reorder		\$25.10	
Total Funds F	Paid Out	\$277.41	
		Grand Total	\$5,747.76

2022 YTD Collections: \$3,773.00

Respectfully submitted, Deborah L. Dusablon, Treasurer

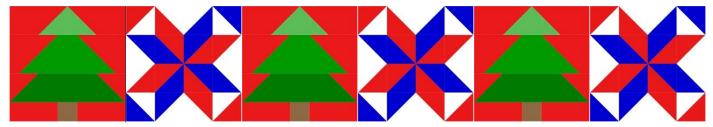
CHRISTMAS IN OCTOBER

The October meeting will feature demos for quick and easy gift ideas or décor for Christmas. Four guild members will be showing how to make those gifts and décor for the Holidays. You'll have to come to the October meeting since it's a surprise what each member will be demonstrating.

GUILD MEMBERS WILL BE STRIPPING IN NOVEMBER

The November will be a patriotic-themed meeting in celebration of Veterans Day. Members are asked to bring $2\frac{1}{2}$ " X WOF strips of patriotic-themed (think red, white and/or blue) fabric. We'll be playing strip poker with those strips.

Additionally, Lynn Carrier, the Vermont Regional Coordinator for "Quilts of Valor," will be traveling from Jacksonville, VT, to tell guild members all about the "Quilts of Valor" program in Vermont. She'll also discuss how our guild members might be able to contribute quilts, and sizes needed, to this program which honors and recognizes all veterans.





RECIPE CORNER

PUMPKIN RUM CAKE

Cake:

Nonstick cooking spray, for the pan 3 cups all-purpose flour, plus more for the pan 2 cups sugar 1/4 teaspoon kosher salt ¹/₂ cup buttermilk 2 teaspoons baking soda 2 teaspoons vanilla extract 1/2 teaspoon maple extract 2 large eggs $2\ {\rm sticks}\ (1\ {\rm cup})\ {\rm salted}\ {\rm butter}$ 2 cups pumpkin puree 2 teaspoons pumpkin pie spice, plus more for serving ³⁄₄ cup boiling water Rum Syrup: 2 sticks (1 cup) salted butter 1 cup sugar 1 cup spiced rum 1 teaspoon vanilla extract **Maple Whipped Cream:** 1 cup heavy cream

1 teaspoon maple syrup <u>For the cake</u>: Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F. Grease and flour a 10-cup bundt pan, shaking out the

excess flour. Stir together the flour, sugar and salt in a large bowl; set aside. Whisk together the buttermilk, baking soda,

vanilla and maple extracts and eggs in a separate bowl. Set aside.

In a medium saucepan over medium heat, melt the butter. Stir in the pumpkin puree and pumpkin pie spice until well combined. Next, add the boiling water and whisk until the mixture is smooth.

Pour the pumpkin mixture into the dry ingredients and whisk together until the flour is just mixed in. Slowly add the wet ingredients and stir until just combined. Pour the cake batter into the prepared bundt pan. Bake until a cake tester inserted into the center of the cake comes out clean, about 45 minutes.

<u>For the rum syrup</u>: Meanwhile, in a large saucepan over medium heat, combine the butter, sugar and 2 tablespoons water and bring to a boil; cook for 3 to 4 minutes. Turn off the heat. Slowly and carefully, pour in the rum while stirring. Then stir in the vanilla. Set aside. Remove the cake from the oven and allow it to cool in the pan for 10 to 12 minutes. Carefully, invert the cake onto a rack over a baking sheet. Poke the top and sides of the cake all over with a wooden skewer.

Pour half of the syrup into the base of the bundt pan. Gently return the cake to the pan. Using the same skewer, poke the bottom of the cake. Pour the remaining syrup over the cake and around the edges of the pan. Allow the cake to cool completely and soak up the syrup in the bundt pan, about 1 hour.

<u>For the maple whipped cream</u>: Add maple syrup and cream to a stand-mixer bowl fitted with a whisk attachment. Whip on medium-high speed until soft peaks form, 2 to 3 minutes. Refrigerate until ready to use.

Once the cake is cooled, invert onto a serving platter. Slice and serve each piece with a dollop of Maple Whipped Cream and a sprinkle of pumpkin pie spice.

PUMPKIN DIP

can pumpkin puree (15 oz.)
 oz. cream cheese or coconut cream
 tsp cinnamon
 tsp pumpkin pie spice (or extra cinnamon)
 1½ tsp pure vanilla extract
 ½ cup powdered sugar or erythritol

If you're using cream cheese, let it come to room temperature. Blend all ingredients until completely smooth. A food processor yields the smoothest results by far, but you can technically stir by hand with a lot of strength and patience if you don't have a blender or food processor. The dip can be left out for hours while consuming (such as at a party) but leftovers should be refrigerated for freshness.

ROASTED PUMPKIN SEEDS

1¹/₂ cups pumpkin seeds

2 teaspoons melted butter or 2 teaspoons melted oil (olive oil or vegetable oil work well)

Salt to taste

Optional seasonings: garlic powder; cayenne pepper; seasoning salt; or Cajun seasoning

Preheat oven to 300 degrees F.

While it's OK to leave some strings and pulp on your seeds (it adds flavor), clean off any major chunks. Toss pumpkin seeds in a bowl with the melted butter or oil and seasonings of your choice.

Spread pumpkin seeds in a single layer on baking sheet. Bake for about 45 minutes, stirring occasionally, until golden brown.









That is **22 Finishes in 2022**!

There's still time to participate!!! Join in the fun and make 22 quilted projects by the end of 2022 and your name will be entered into a special drawing held in December 2022. If you'd like to participate, fill in your name and 22 projects you'd like to finish this year on the list below. This is your list...you can add to it throughout the year if need be to have 22 projects or you can remove a project, or swap out projects, etc...you just have to have **22 Finishes in 2022** AND you must show each project at one of the guild's monthly show and tell. You can show multiple projects in one month. You also don't have to show a project every month, you just have to have **22 Finishes in 2022**. You will maintain your own list, but you must let Sharon Perry know you are participating.

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2023 RAFFLE QUILT



Organized by Penny LaRochelle; Quilted by Diane Comeau, CaDi Corners LLC

RAFFLE COORDINATOR

Denise Chase has agreed to coordinate the raffle ticket sales for the 2022 - 2023 membership year. Denise will be handing out tickets to members to sell starting at the October meeting. As a reminder, to remain a member in good standing and eligible to take guild workshops, each member must sell 2 packets of tickets. The tickets are 1 ticket for \$2 or 3 tickets for \$5.

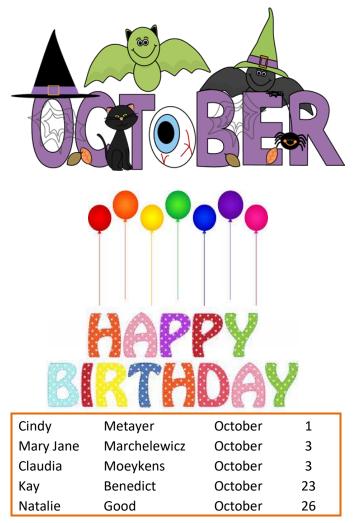
Once sold members can bring their sold tickets and money to a guild meeting \underline{OR} send the tickets and money (check(s) payable to FCQG) to Denise Chase, 55 Barlow Street, St Albans, VT 05478. Be sure to include your return address on the envelope so Denise can properly credit the ticket sales to your name.

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

September marked the start of a new membership year for the guild. The FCQG 2022-2023 membership form can be found <u>here</u>.

Your completed membership form and your 20 check, payable to FCQG, should be brought to a guild meeting <u>**OR**</u> sent to Penny LaRochelle. Penny's address is included on the membership form.





...and many more!!!

DID YOU MAKE THE 2021-2022 SUGARHOUSE SAMPLER MYSTERY QUILT?

Or are you currently working on one? The Quilt Show committee plans to have a <u>special display of</u> <u>members' completed Sugarhouse Sampler Mystery</u> <u>Quilts at the April 2023 quilt show</u>. If you haven't finished yours yet, there's still time to complete your sampler quilt and have it be part of this special display. Don't forget to put a 4" sleeve on the back of your quilt so it can hang at the quilt show.

SUNSHINE CARDS FOR GUILD MEMBERS

If you know of a guild member who is in need of encouragement or comfort due to an illness, bereavement, etc., please contact Diane Comeau, 802-310-1837. She will send out an appropriate card.



Franklin County Quilters Guild



NEW MYSTERY QUILT PROJECT FOR 2022-2023 MEMBERSHIP YEAR

Diane Comeau and Lucie Fortin have been working together over the summer to bring guild members another fun and unique mystery quilt with blocks presented each month during the 2022-2023 membership year. It sounds like another stunning quilt. If you missed out on making the FCQG Sugarhouse Sampler this past year, you can join this year's mystery.

Diane plans to handle the distribution of the instructions for each month's block(s) a little different from last year's mystery quilt. She will still have the current month's BOM in paper version at each guild meeting and any past months where there are extras for those members who would prefer a paper copy.

In addition to the paper copy available at the meeting, Diane will also have a pattern available on her website for each month's instructions. Diane will provide a link each month for that month's

pattern. Here's the link for the September pattern and instructions: <u>https://www.cadicorners.com/shop/CaDis-Quilt-Corner/Books-and-Patterns/Mystery-Block-of-the-Month.htm</u>.

When you click on the link, it will direct you to Diane's business website. Even though there is a "price" for each month's pattern, guild members will have a coupon code to enter which will zero out the "price" for the pattern.

To access the pattern, click on the link in blue above. Once you access Diane's business page, click "Add to Cart." Now go to your cart and under the word Subtotal, click on Enter Coupon. Enter BOM2023 then click Apply as shown in Figure A below. Once you click Apply, the "price" for the pattern will be \$0.00.

You will be required to enter your email address so the system can send you a link to download your file. The file will be available for an unlimited number of downloads.

You may see the screen, shown in Figure B below, next, but if not, you will have an email with the link to download the pattern. Should you have any issues, please don't hesitate to reach out to Diane at 802-310-1837.

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The coupon code (BOM2023) will be valid until July 31, 2023, so Diane encourages all 2022-2023 members to use the code upon the release of the pattern each month. If anyone missed out on a paper copy or would prefer a paper copy, please contact Diane at 802-310-1837.

As a final note, Diane suggests establishing an account at CaDi Corners by registering on her business website. By doing so, there will be a record of all your purchases made at Diane's shop, both in-person and online. If you "purchase" all the 2022-2023 mystery quilt patterns online, those patterns will always be available to you, for unlimited downloads, should you lose or misplace your copy.



LOOKING AHEAD TO PROGRAMS ON ZOOM IN JANUARY AND FEBRUARY

With the success of staying connected with Zoom meetings during the pandemic in 2020 and 2021, the guild's executive board decided to conduct future January and February meetings on Zoom. Part of the reasoning behind that decision was due to the consideration of members' driving safety in light of weather uncertainty in the dead of winter and to the availability of and ease of scheduling many quilt instructors to make presentations on the Zoom platform.

2023 will be the 2nd year the guild will host quilt instructors in January and February presenting trunk shows and workshops on the Zoom platform. In January, Emily Taylor, The Collage Quilter, will be joining us from Sandy, Utah and will be discussing her quilting journey into collage quilting through a trunk show of her quilts. To learn more about Emily visit her website <u>here</u>. Emily's trunk show will be on <u>Wednesday, January 11th</u>. This is the <u>2nd Wednesday in January</u>!

There's another change in the meeting date in February as well. Ellen Lindner, the Adventure Quilter from Melbourne, Florida, will entertain us with her lecture, called *Confessions of a Fabric Whisperer*, on Wednesday, February 8th, the 2^{nd} Wednesday in February. Ellen will also conduct a workshop, Double Reversible Appliqué, on Saturday, February 11th. For more information about Ellen and her workshops and lectures, visit her website here.

So check your calendars and markdown the change in meeting dates so you won't miss the programs with these talented quilters. Also take advantage of Ellen's workshop in February for the opportunity to learn how to do double reversible appliqué.

QUILT TIPS

- If spray starch makes your fabric too stiff, spray several squirts into a spare spray bottle and mix with a little warm water. It makes your work stable but less firm and your spray starch goes much further.
- Plan your pressing so that ALL seams (including diagonal ones) meet others pressed in opposite directions to ensure perfect points
- If you get fusible on your iron, use a acetaminophen/Tylenol tablet to clean it off hot iron, rub with the tablet, and wipe off residue onto kitchen towel. Works like a charm!
- When you press a block, let it cool under the weight of a clapper and it will stay flatter.
- As soon as you feel your rotary cutter blade is getting blunt, change it immediately. Always have a spare blade ready.
- For smooth, curved seams use LOTS of pins with small 'bites' of fabric!
- When stitching a straight edge to a bias edge, stitch with the bias next to the feed dogs so it won't stretch out of shape. Remember BOB...Bias on Bottom.
- Use a sliver of dry soap to mark dark fabric. Scrape it with a scissor blade to sharpen. It virtually disappears as you sew over it, smells nice, does not damage your fabric and washes out well.
- When appliquéing small, narrow strips (such as stems), put washable stick school glue down the center of the underside of the strip. This keeps the small, thin pieces from wandering while stitching them in place.
- Store your various sized cutting mats by hanging them from skirt hangers in the closet of your sewing room. This keeps them flat and out of the way until needed.
- Use a small piece of masking tape to mark your place when you stop quilting. That way, you can pick up your needle and begin again without wasting time looking for where you left off last.

LESS THAN 6 MONTHS AND COUNTING...UNTIL THE 2023 QUILT SHOW

Helen Short and Teri Brunelle, the guild's 2023 Quilt Show Coordinators, are already in the planning mode for the show. Both City Hall and the quilt poles have been reserved. As a note, The 2023 Quilt Show will display the Primary Sampler Quilts made with the blocks patterns released last year. If you haven't finished yours, there's still time. Please sew a 4inch wide sleeve on the top of your quilt in the event your quilt is hung. And a theme for the challenge has been decided.

2023 CHALLENGE QUILT

The 2023 Challenge Quilt will feature the Dresden Plate. An entire plate is not required. However, you must have a minimum of 4 sections of the plate. Those 4 sections do not have to be sewn together into a unit. Your plate sections do not have to be the same size nor made out of the same fabrics. The perimeter of your Challenge Quilt must be no more than 96 inches. A sleeve for hanging is required. Let your imagination run wild!



UPCOMING EVENTS

- Exhibit of the 1863 Jane Stickle Quilt, September 5th through October 10th, at the Bennington Museum, at 75 Main Street, Bennington, VT. For more information, visit the Bennington Museum website found <u>here</u>.
- <u>Stowe Foliage Arts Festiva</u>l, Friday, October 7th through Sunday, October 9th, at Topnotch Field, 3420 Mountain Road, Stowe, VT. For more information, visit the Stowe Arts Festival website found <u>here</u>.
- <u>A Quilt for All Seasons 2022 Fall Festival of Quilts</u>, Saturday, October 8th and Sunday, October 9th at South Meadow School, 108 Hancock Road (Rt. 202 North), Peterborough, NH. For more information, visit the Monadnock Quilters' Guild website found <u>here</u>.
- <u>A SHARED LIFE: A Lifetime Collection of Work by Carolyn Hesterberg Babcock and Harold Babcock</u>, Saturday, October 8th through Sunday, November 6th. Carolyn Hesterberg Babcock will be discussing her art and life with Harold Babcock, the painter, on Saturday, October 15th, from 1:30 pm to 4:00 pm. Gallery Hours: Saturdays and Sundays, Noon to 4:00 pm.
- <u>NH Quilters Harvest Shop Hop</u>, Thursday, October 13th through Saturday, October 15th. Find more information about the shop hop <u>here</u>.
- <u>Champlain Valley Craft Fair & Antique Expo</u>, Friday, October 21st, through Sunday, October 23rd, at The Champlain Valley Expo, 105 Pearl Street, Essex Junction, VT. For more information, visit the Castleberry Fairs & Festivals website found <u>here</u>.

LINK TO BARN QUILT TRAIL OF NORTHERN VERMONT

http://www.barnquiltsofnorthernvermont.org/

NEWSLETTER IDEAS WANTED: Do you have a recipe you'd like to share with guild members? Or maybe you've found a great quilting website or blog you'd like to share. Or you've visited a quilt shop within an easy drive which had bargains or a fabric selection no quilter should miss. If so, send an email to <u>vtquilter@gmail.com</u>, and the newsletter editor will do her best to include it in the next newsletter. Although welcome, your input doesn't have to be a complete article. It could be a few bullets which convey your message. The editor will fill out the article as needed.

