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Denise Chase

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2021 Charity Quilt

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President's Piece

REMINDER: MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE OVERDUE. See article below for more information about where to find the form and where to send it.



The guild's fearless leader, John Rouleau, is still recuperating from his brief hospital stay earlier in October. He's at home doing well and, as he has said, "Taking lots of naps." This newsletter editor hopes John doesn't mind that the President's Piece has been replaced by the 2020 Thanksgiving Turkey, COVID-19 style, for November.

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 13th Zoom Open Sew Day

2020 – 2021 Guild Calendar

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

December 16th Holiday Meeting

January 24th Zoom Open Sew Day

January 20th Batik with Amanda Bates

February 17th Pajama Party
with Helen Short

February 21st Zoom Open Sew Day

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
Monthly Guild Meeting Minutes
October 21, 2020 via Zoom**

A Zoom meeting was held with 31 members at 28 locations and 3 guests. Helen Short presided due to John Rouleau's absence.

The October Treasurer report was added to the Consent Agenda. Sharon Perry moved, 2nd by Penny LaRoche, to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion passed.

Membership: Penny LaRoche reported we have 22 paid members, last year we had 65. If you have not yet paid your dues, please mail your \$10.00 check and form to Penny.

Programs: November 18th meeting with Timna Tarr will be virtual trunk show. You can sign up for her classes at <http://www.timnatarr.com/online-workshop>. Member need to sign up for the workshop with Timna. It cost \$35.00 for the pre-recorded class, and once purchased you can do the workshop at any time.

Projects: Helen Bicknell and Lucie Fortin gave the next directions for the Round Robin. Directions for each month can be found in the newsletter. If anyone has made a quilt with the block of the month from last year's (September 2019 – June 2020) blocks, please contact Helen or Lucie to put your name in the drawing.

Comfort Quilts: Denise Chase needs comfort quilts. Denise has kits available if anyone wants one. She is looking specifically for lap quilts, but she'll accept any size you have. Please drop them off to Denise.

Redwork Bridges of Franklin County 2013

Raffle Quilt: The winner of this quilt is moving into a condo and has donated the quilt back to the guild. Sharon Perry emailed the St. Albans Museum to see if they would be interested in the quilt. Sharon is waiting to hear back from them. UPDATE: The museum has agreed to accept the quilt donation.

Quilt Show: The Guild is looking for 2 members to co-chair the 2022 quilt show.

Kay Courson, owner of Country Thyme in Troy, spoke about the Jay Peak Retreat. The 2020 retreat was cancelled due to COVID-19 restrictions. She

would like to have a retreat in May if possible but is planning on having the retreat in October 2021.

Zoombombers: Sharon announced the December meeting will have three Zoombombers. **Jenny Doan** and her husband, Ron, were October's Zoombombers, and they were very entertaining!

October Program: Sharon Perry showed 31 items guild members could easily make for Christmas. The ideas included gift-wrapping, décor, ornaments, and small gifts. Sharon also published a document listing video and/or picture tutorials for each item. That document can be found on the guild's website: <http://www.franklincountyquilters.org/Projects/2020-10-Program%20Listing-FOR-WEBSITE.pdf>.

Show and Tell: The "as always" amazing monthly show and tell included a slideshow of 38 items made by 14 guild members.

Next Meeting: Guest Speaker, Timna Tarr, via Zoom, Wednesday, November 18, 2020 at 6:30 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Submitted by Teri Brunelle, Vice President, and Helen Short, Secretary



**2019 – 2020 BLOCK OF THE MONTH (BOM)
PROJECT COMPLETION CHALLENGE**

Natalie Good is the only member who sent a photo of a quilt made with a set of BOMs won last year. We don't think she took a photo once it was completed, but she did tell us it was already given to someone. Natalie used the blocks she won from the November Block of the Month (Fall Fancy). Therefore, she is the winner of the quilt package which contains enough fabric to make a small (baby or lap) quilt complete with batting and other little goodies. Thank you, Natalie, for participating in the Block of the Month Challenge. We will contact Natalie to get the package to her as soon as possible.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 2020**FRANKLIN COUNTY QUILTERS GUILD**
Treasurer's Report -- November 18, 2020

Opening Balance \$8,689.86

Funds collected

Membership dues \$200.00

QS Raffle tickets \$262.00

Total Funds Collected \$462.00*Sub-Total* \$9,151.86

Funds paid out

NMC capital campaign, 4th installment, snollygoster \$200.00

Natalie Good, Program gift card, Sew on the Go program deposit \$240.00

Deborah Dusablon, Directnic pmt, "Zoom" gift card \$40.18

Total Funds Paid Out \$480.18**Grand Total \$8,671.68**

		<i>Comfort Quilt/ Supplies Donations</i>
	\$50.89	
<i>Guild funds available</i>	<u>\$8,620.79</u>	

2020 YTD Collections: \$2,797.00

Respectfully submitted,
Deborah L. Dusablon, TreasurerThat 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. 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, the **20 Finishes in 2020** form is [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!** Please mail it to Sharon Perry at PO Box 517, Montgomery Center, VT 05471.



RECIPE CORNER:**CHRISTMAS CRANBERRY POUND CAKE*****For the Cake:***

- 187 grams cake flour-sifted (it's about 1½ cups plus 3 tablespoons cake flour before sifting but you measure it on kitchen scale because the cake could be dense or dry if you overdo it with the flour)
- ½ teaspoon baking powder
- Pinch of salt
- 1 cup cranberries (fresh or thawed)
- 140 grams (5 oz.) white chocolate chunk
- 115 grams (½ cup) unsalted butter-softened at room temperature
- 300 grams sugar (1½ cups)
- ½ cup heavy cream
- ½ cup mascarpone cheese
- 3 eggs
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 2 tablespoons browned butter

Frosting:

- 56 grams (¼ cup) unsalted butter-softened
- 112 grams (4 oz.) cream cheese-softened
- 1½ cups powdered sugar (more to make it thick enough to spread on top of the cake)
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract

Garnish:

- Handful dried cranberries
- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
- ½ cup white chocolate chips
- Preheat the convection air oven to 325 F (if you don't have convection air oven raise the temperature to 350 F and you will have to rotate the pan half way through the baking time)
- Butter and flour 8.5 x 4.5 x 3 (or 9 x 5 x 3) inch loaf pan and line it with parchment paper.
- Combine cake flour, baking powder and salt and sift it three times, set aside.
- In a small sauce pan over medium heat brown 2½ tablespoons butter until a nice amber color, remove the foam and set aside to cool.
- Whisk the egg with vanilla extract and set aside.
- Mix the butter on medium speed until it's creamy, slowly add sugar and continue beating until it's creamy.
- Add heavy cream and mascarpone, and beat on medium speed.
- Turn mixer on low speed and gradually add dry ingredients alternately with eggs.

- Add handful flour in chocolate chunks and toss them to cover evenly. Toss cranberries with a handful flour to cover them completely. Add chocolate chunks in the batter and stir well, then gently stir in cranberries.
- Pour the batter into prepared loaf pan, smooth the top and gently tap the pan on working surface to remove the air bubbles.
- With a butter knife draw a line down the center of the pound cake and pour browned butter into the line.
- Bake until the top of the cake is golden brown and a toothpick inserted comes out clean (about 55 to 65 minutes). If you don't have convection air oven, baking time might be about 10 minutes longer. If the top starts browning too much tent the cake with aluminum foil.
- Cool the cake in pan for 15 minutes, then remove from the pan and cool on the rack.

Glaze:

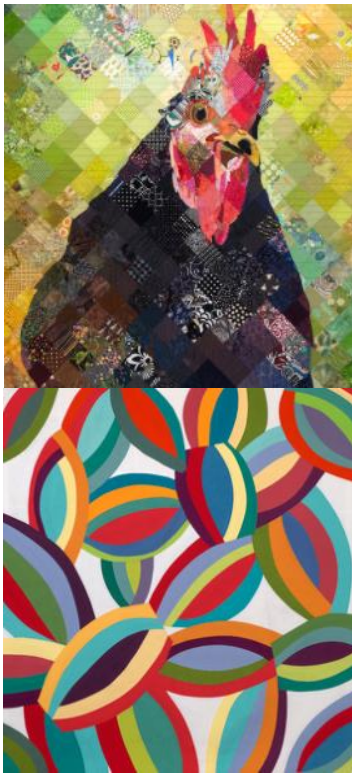
- When the cake is completely cooled, prepare the glaze.
- With a mixer, cream together softened butter and cream cheese until smooth. Slowly add in powdered sugar and beat until smooth, mix in vanilla extract. Spread on top of the cake. Place the cake in the fridge until the frosting is set.

Garnish:

- When the frosting is set melt 1/2 cup white chocolate chips with 1 tablespoon vegetable oil in a small sauce pan over low heat until it is smooth (cool if it's too thin).
- Sprinkle the cake with dried cranberries and drizzle with chocolate. (You can drizzle the chocolate with a spoon. Or transfer it into small zip-lock bag, cut off corner, and pipe the chocolate over the cake.)

Notes: If you are using frozen cranberries, thaw them first. Rinse with cold water until the water is clear. Drain the cranberries and then dry them on paper towel.





NOVEMBER MEETING FEATURES TIMNA TARR

On **Wednesday, November 18th**, Timna Tarr will join the guild's Zoom meeting. She will present a trunk show called *Flying Colors*.

As described on her website, "Timna Tarr comes from a long line of quilters but did not begin quilting until after studying art history in college. She bought her first long-arm in 2001 and began quilting clients' quilts shortly thereafter. Timna's own nationally award-winning quilts are in private and corporate collections. They have also been seen in exhibits, books, and magazines as well as on *The Quilt Show* and *Quilting Arts TV*. Timna is also a fabric designer for Studio E Fabrics and is a quilt teacher and speaker. [Her] work is about color and small com-positions. Each block in a quilt is made as its own element, independent of the other blocks."

Timna is also offering online workshop of your choice which you will sign up for individually with Timna, or you and a friend can do one together. The workshops are made up of pre-recorded videos, text, and photos. You can view them as many times as you like. There are 4 choices: Appliquéd Circles; Stitched Mosaics; Map-making with Fabric; and String Quilting. Each workshop costs \$35, payable directly to Timna. Check out her website, timnatarr.com, for more information.



THE NEED IS REAL...GUILD IN NEED OF 2022 QUILT SHOW CHAIR(S) **UPDATE: QUILT LAYOUT AND REGISTRATION POSITION FILLED**

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 a member or 2 to step up to chair the 2022 Quilt Show. On a very positive note, Kay Benedict has reported Penny LaRochelle has volunteered to take over the quilt registration and layout for the show. Kay will be working with Penny to turn over the materials Kay has used in the past for the job and to make the transition a smooth and seamless one.



2021 Raffle Quilt

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

2022 RAFFLE QUILT



Organized by Denise Chase and Sharon Perry

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.

FCQG COMFORT QUILTS NEEDED

COVID-19 has not closed down the guild's Comfort Quilt Program under Denise Chase's leadership. Denise has reported she is in need of more quilts.

She 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, 370-1104, to make sure she's home.

MEMBERSHIP DUES NOW PAST DUE!

In a normal year, many of us would be paying our membership dues at one of the guild meetings. But this membership year is anything but normal. A H-U-G-E thank you goes out to all those members who have already renewed their membership! Please send in your dues as soon as possible so you don't miss any of the fun this year.

Here are the details for this year's membership:

- 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 on the form.
- The guild asks anyone wishing to remain a member for this year, please print out the membership form and mail it with your check as soon as possible.
- Starting in November, the Zoom link, to join the meeting, will be emailed only to members who are on the 2020-2021 membership list. Last year's email list has already been deleted.



Sharon	Perry	November	2
Mary Ellen	Therrien	November	5
Kris	Bachand	November	8
Bonnie	Evans	November	10
Maggie	Stockwell	November	24
Nanc	Ekiert	November	28

...and many more!!!





November Instructions

- This month you will add 5-inch blocks that finish at 4½ inches. You will need 22 blocks total.
- You will add five to each side and six across the top and bottom of the piece. Your piece will now measure 27½ x 32 inches.
- As we all have so much we are doing to prepare for the holidays, we will skip December. See you in January!



ZOOM BOMBERS A BIG HIT AT MONTHLY GUILD MEETINGS

With guild moving onto the Zoom platform in the era of COVID-19, we're trying to make the monthly meetings fun and entertaining. As such, we've been able to invite quilting mavens to zoom-bomb the meetings and let us know what they're doing to stay busy during this time of staying at home and not traveling.

In September, Jessica VanDenburgh, of Sew Many Creations, joined us. She was in her jammies with her fur babies when she came into the Zoom meeting. Jessica shared with us that her favorite pattern at any given time is the pattern she's working on. She loves all her patterns and loves seeing everyone post what they've been making on her Facebook page. Jessica also told us that she was doing a Facebook live session on Fridays. She also has been hosting a "30 Days of Giveaways" through her website through the end of October. Jessica plans to do another one in the future. Look for the announcement for the next one on her website or on Facebook. In case you're wondering, Jessica's favorite color is purple.

The Zoombombers for October were Jenny and Ron Doan of Missouri Star Quilt Company (MSQC). Many members may remember Jenny and Ron came to Vermont and visited the guild back in April 2013. All the MSQC shops are closed due to the pandemic. Even though the shops are closed, business is still booming at MSQC with online orders and machine quilting orders. Back in 2013, MSQC was the largest employer in Caldwell County with 50 employees. Fast forward 7+ years, MSQC now has 400 employees. Jenny said that despite the pandemic, they did **NOT** have to lay off any employees. They were able to move the shop employees within the company. Unfortunately, the restaurants have not survived, but MSQC is working with a new group of people wanting to open new restaurants in Hamilton. Speaking of new openings, MSQC plans to add a yarn shop to the existing 13 MSQC store fronts in Hamilton once they open back up in 2021. The 13 shops are all fabric specific. Jenny said one of her new favorite MSQC tutorials is Triple Play where Jenny and 2 other pattern designers make three different quilts using the same basic block. And just in case you're wondering, Jenny's favorite color is blue.



LOTS OF FUN PLANNED FOR DECEMBER HOLIDAY MEETING

While Vermont COVID-19 restrictions and cancellation of in-person guild meetings will not allow us to gather together for the December guild meeting, there's lots of planning behind the scenes to make it a fun time for all. And of course, there will be some Zoombombers who will drop into the meeting. One is an artistic quilting maven and the other 2 are a very famous couple. You'll have to join the December Zoom meeting to see who shows up. There will be prizes and a fun challenge contest and some surprises! If your interest is piqued, keep reading to see how you can join in the fun.

First and foremost, since we are not gathering (and not buying ingredients for a dish to share or a gift to exchange), **we'd like to encourage everyone to consider making a donation to your local food shelf.** With the pandemic continuing through the holidays and the possibility businesses may have to shut down again, the need for food assistance is real and greater than in most recent years. If your personal situation allows, we hope you can open your hearts and help others in need in your community by making either a food or monetary donation to the food shelf in your local community. You might want to call and see what type of donation the food shelf prefers.

Second, when we have gathered for the Holiday potluck in the past, we always enjoy a huge variety of delicious food. It's surprising that very rarely are there repeat dishes at our gatherings. The dishes shared are usually your favorite potluck dish or your family's favorite for the holidays. We invite everyone to share the recipe for your favorite potluck dish or your family's favorite dish enjoyed during the holidays. Think about those dishes you always prepare for Thanksgiving or Christmas, and your holiday celebration wouldn't be the same without that dish. For this newsletter editor, Thanksgiving just wouldn't be Thanksgiving without preparing my dear friend's cranberry salad. Send your recipe(s) to Sharon Perry, vtquilter@gmail.com, by Wednesday, December 2nd. Sharon will organize all the recipes received into a booklet. Once she has the booklet finished, we'll get it posted to the guild's website for everyone's use. Email with link to follow.

Third, we're planning a Holiday Challenge to be completed by the beginning of December. If you want to participate, we challenge you to make your best Holiday-themed face mask. This challenge ISN'T about making yet another practical face mask, but it IS about marking the end of this crazy year of masks with something creative, festive, and fun! Since many of us have been busy making masks, most everyone probably has a basic face-mask pattern. We want you to make a mask and jazz it up for the holidays AND the end of 2020 however you wish. Your mask needs to be completed and a picture of only the mask (no faces allowed) sent to Sharon Perry, vtquilter@gmail.com, by Wednesday, December 2nd.

For members who are tired of making masks, we're also challenging members to make their best ornament. It's your choice on the type and size of ornament you make. As with the mask, the same goes for the ornament...your ornament needs to be completed and a picture of the ornament sent to Sharon Perry, vtquilter@gmail.com, by Wednesday, December 2nd. And yes, **you can participate in both challenges** if you want.

Once she has all the pictures, Sharon will post all the photos online and email the link to all guild members. Guild members will be able to vote for their favorite holiday face mask and ornament. The "viewers' choice" winners will be announced at the December guild meeting. AND...there will be prizes for the winners...did someone say prizes!

There are other surprises in the works, but we cannot share any details here. It wouldn't be a surprise if we did! But we will say 'tis the season of giving!

Finally, since most everyone will attend the meeting from the comfort of home, we plan to *spike the punch!* Bring your favorite holiday cocktail (think eggnog, mulled cider, etc.) to the meeting and enjoy your cocktail while we gather together on Zoom. It will definitely be different this year, but we know you'll have fun!

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 November meeting, photos should be sent to Sharon no later than Sunday, November 15th.**

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 Zoom 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 Zoom.
- Guild members will need to send pictures to participate in the monthly show & tell.
- Guild members will 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. **The invite for the November 18th meeting will be sent out on Wednesday, November 11th.**

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.

IDEAS FOR GUILD MEMBERS WITH UNRELIABLE INTERNET CONNECTIONS

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.

NOVEMBER WORD SEARCH

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 DRESSING ELEVEN FEAST FOOTBALL FRIENDS GOBBLE GOURD
 GRATITUDE HARVEST HUNTING PARADE PUMPKIN SCORPIO
 SQUASH VOTE

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/>.

Deadline for articles for next newsletter:

Wednesday, November 25th, 2020

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



*"As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to
 utter words but to live by them." — John F. Kennedy, November 18th, 1963*