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President's Piece

This is the time of year when we traditionally express gratitude. We have so many things to be thankful for. Are there problems? Disagreements? Yes, of course. Life is full of those things. But just for a few moments, let's consider the things we appreciate. These things will be different for each of us, so I hesitate to make lists that may not be applicable to you. But you can think about how these things show up in your life.

If you'll excuse a brief tangent, I was thinking about books and movie plots. Every story has a bad guy. There wouldn't be a story without the tension of good vs. evil, right? Even in children's stories, there is the coyote or the wolf, the witch in the woods or the evil stepmother, because that's what makes the story.

Getting back to the point of gratitude, we are grateful for food because we know there are folks who don't have enough. We are thankful for a country that is not at war like the pictures we see of Ukraine. We are happy for warm clothes and homes in the winter, understanding the opposite is out there.

And of course, we are grateful for friends and family, including our quilting friends. Folks who love the same things we love, appreciate and support us. I'm thrilled to be able to buy lovely fabric that I didn't have to weave myself. My sewing machine runs on electricity, isn't that marvelous?

All in all, I have so much to be grateful for. I'm sure you can make a list of your own. And I'm thankful for all of you, too.

Piecefully yours,

Laurel Schaap, 2022-2023 President



2022 - 2023 Guild Calendar

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

2022 - 2023 Guild Calendar

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 1st – 2nd 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 October 19, 2022

President Laurel Schaap called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and greeted members.

John Rouleau moved to accept the Consent Agenda; motion seconded by Sharon Perry. The motion carried.

Mystery Quilt Project: Diane Comeau and Lucie Fortin demonstrated the steps for the next mystery block. Instructions are available on the CaDi Corners' website. A link will be provided in the newsletter.

Programs: Gale Weld described programs for the year. Information about these programs is available in the newsletter.

Comfort Quilts:

- Denise requested input from members in how to prepare kits. Do members want her to cut kits? Prepare fabric for kits? It was suggested that members could request yardage for their own patterns.
- Denise asked that members using the kits sign them out and sign them back in when they are returned to her.
- Denise stated she had recently counted quilts and had 17 completed with kits and 36 prepared by members with their own fabric.

Ouilt Show:

- Helen Short described the steps the committee has taken to prepare for the Quilt Show.
- Jean Anne Branch had sign-up sheets for members to volunteer for the show.
- At this point members may display one bed quilt only. There is no limit on smaller quilts.

Membership:

- Penny LaRochelle stated there are currently 52 paid members. Thirty members were present at the meeting.
- Badges are available for paid members and new members will receive their badges at the next meeting.

2023 Charity Quilt:

- Jean Anne Branch stressed that blocks need to be returned by the December meeting.
- Several blocks have been returned.

<u>Sugarhouse Gazette</u>: Sharon Perry stated that the deadline for submissions is Wednesday, October 26.

<u>22 in 2022</u>: Laurel Schaap stated that members need to continue keeping track of their projects for this challenge. Let Sharon Perry know if you've completed 22 projects in 2022.

Raffle Tickets and 2023 Raffle Quilt:

- Denise Chase has tickets for members to sell.
- Members are required to sell at least two books of tickets. Tickets are \$5.00 per book (3 tickets) or \$2.00 per ticket.
- The Raffle Quilt was displayed on the stage during the meeting.

New Business:

- Sharon Perry is looking for items (quilted) to sell at the FCQG booth in Montgomery where she and Penny LaRochelle will be selling raffle tickets. Sharon hopes to draw more interest to the booth for ticket sales.
- Diane Comeau will video the in-person meetings on Facebook Live. Only paid members may view the meeting on the guild's Facebook group.

At this point we stopped the meeting to enjoy the Christmas in October projects presented by: Laurel Schaap; Sharon Perry; Cindy Metayer; and Helen Bicknell.

Cathy Carlson won the door prize for Comfort Quilts. Nanc Ekiert won the membership door prize.

Penny LaRochelle won the design board donated by Cindy Metayer. Cindy Metayer won the bag donated by Laurel Schaap. Cathy Carlson won the fabric basket donated by Helen Bicknell.

Jean Anne Branch moved that we adjourn the meeting; Diane Kane seconded the motion; motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, Helen Bicknell, Secretary

Rules of Left Right Center (LRC) Dice Game for Quilters

- At least 3 players should sit around a table. The middle of the table is the center "pot" where fabric strips will be placed during the game. The game is played with a set of 3 dice. One side of each die has an L, one side has a C, one side has an R, and three sides have a single dot.
- Each player will start with 3 fabric strips. Choose a player to be the starting player. This can be the youngest player, or the oldest player, the player who won the previous game, or any other method of your choosing.
- The starting player takes their turn, then players will continue taking turns in clockwise order someone wins.
- On your turn, roll the dice. How many dice you roll depends on how many chips you have.
 - o If you have 3 fabric strips, roll all 3 dice.
 - o If you have 2 fabric strips, roll 2 dice.
 - o If you have 1 fabric strip, roll 1 die.
 - o If you have no fabric strips, don't roll any dice; pass them to the next player. You'll remain in the game as you can receive fabric strips from the players on either side.
 - o After the dice are rolled, you must take actions based on what is showing on the dice.
 - ☐ If you roll an L, you must give one of your strips to the player on your left.
 - ☐ If you roll a C, you must put one of your strips in the "pot" in the center of the table.
 - ☐ If you roll an R, you must give one of your strips to the player on your right.
 - ☐ If you roll a dot, nothing happens.
- After rolling the dice and taking actions, pass the dice to the next player.
- The game winner of all the fabric strips is the person who puts the LAST fabric strip in the "pot."

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 2022

FRANKLIN COUNTY QUILTERS GUILD Treasurer's Report -- November 16, 2022

Opening Balance		\$5,747.76	
Funds collected			
Membership	\$200.00		
Bridges Quilt pattern	\$10.00		
Comfort Quilt donation	\$96.00		
Total Funds Collected	\$306.00		
	Subtotal	\$6,053.76	
Funds paid out			
Gerald Perry, Nov room setup	\$35.00		
Helen Bicknell, Oct presentation	\$25.00		
Cindy Metayer, Oct presentation	\$25.00		
Sharon Perry, Oct presentation	\$25.00		
Laurel Schaap, Oct presentation	\$25.00		
Gale Weld, Sept flowers, LCR game	\$51.07		
Total Funds Paid Out	\$186.07		
	Grand Total	\$5,867.69	
	<u>-</u>	\$96.00	Comfort Quilt/Supplies Donations
Guild Funds Available		\$5,771.69	

2022 YTD Collections: \$4,079.00

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah L. Dusablon, Treasurer

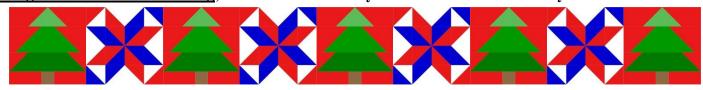
GUILD MEMBERS WILL BE STRIPPING IN NOVEMBER

The November will be a patriotic-themed meeting in celebration of Veterans Day. Members are asked to bring nine (9) 2½" X WOF strips of patriotic-themed (think red, white and/or blue) fabric. We'll be playing strip poker (AKA LRC) with those strips. The <u>rules</u> for the quilters' version of the LRC dice game <u>are on page 2 of this</u> newsletter.

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.

DECEMBER WHITE ELEPHANT GIFT EXCHANGE

The program on <u>Wednesday</u>, <u>December 14th</u>, is a white elephant gift exchange. Bring a small wrapped, quilt-related gift for the exchange. Gifts should have a value about \$15; handmade gifts are welcome. The goal of the gift giving is to entertain party-goers rather than to gain a genuinely valuable or highly sought after gift. Please note the <u>date</u> change for the December meeting; it is the 2nd Wednesday and NOT the 3rd Wednesday.





RECIPE CORNER

UTTERLY DEADLY SOUTHERN PECAN PIE

1 cup sugar

1½ cups corn syrup (use ½ dark and ½ light)

4 eggs

1/4 cup butter

1½ teaspoons vanilla

1½ cups pecans, coarsely broken

1 unbaked deep dish pie shell

In saucepan boil sugar and corn syrup together for 2 to 3 minutes; set aside to cool slightly.

In large bowl beat eggs lightly and very slowly pour the syrup mixture into the eggs, stirring constantly.

Strain the mixture to make sure it's smooth and lump free. Stir in butter (it will melt when stirred into warm mixture), vanilla, and pecans, and pour into crust.

Bake in a 350°F oven for about 45 to 60 minutes or until set.

CANDIED PUMPKIN SPICED PECANS

1 large egg white
½ cup packed light brown sugar
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1 teaspoon kosher salt
¾ teaspoon pumpkin pie spice
6 cups (about 21 oz.) pecan halves

Preheat oven to 250°F.

Whisk egg white in a large bowl until foamy. Whisk in packed light brown sugar, vanilla extract, kosher salt, and pumpkin pie spice. Stir pecan halves into brown sugar mixture until thoroughly coated.

Place pecans in a single layer on a large rimmed baking sheet lined with parchment paper and lightly sprayed with cooking spray. Bake, stirring every 15 minutes, until pecans have browned and coating has set and started to harden, about 45 minutes.

Remove from oven; cool completely on baking sheet, about 30 minutes. Store in an airtight container up to 5 days.

CARAMEL-PECAN APPLE PIE

Dough for single-crust pie
7 cups sliced peeled tart apples (about 6 medium)
1 teaspoon lemon juice
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
3/4 cup chopped pecans

⅓ cup packed brown sugar

3 tablespoons sugar

4 teaspoons ground cinnamon

1 tablespoon cornstarch

½ cup caramel topping, room temperature

3 tablespoons butter, melted

Streusel topping:

3/4 cup all-purpose flour

¼ cup sugar

6 tablespoons cold butter, cubed

²/₃ cup chopped pecans

1/4 cup caramel topping, room temperature

Whipped cream, optional

Preheat oven to 350°. On a lightly floured surface, roll dough to a ½-inch-thick circle; transfer to a 9-in. deep-dish pie plate. Trim crust to ½ inch beyond rim of plate; flute edge. Refrigerate while preparing filling.

In a large bowl, toss apples with lemon juice and vanilla. Mix pecans, sugars, cinnamon and cornstarch; add to apples and toss to combine.

Spread caramel topping onto bottom of crust. Fill with apple mixture. Drizzle with butter.

For streusel topping, mix flour and sugar. Cut in butter until crumbly; stir in pecans. Sprinkle over filling.

Bake on a lower oven rack until filling is bubbly, 65-75 minutes. Drizzle with caramel topping. Cool on a wire rack. If desired, serve with whipped cream and additional caramel topping.

PECAN CARAMEL CLUSTERS

14-oz. pkg individually wrapped caramels, unwrapped

3 tablespoons butter

2 tablespoons water

2 cups chopped pecans

1 pound dark chocolate, broken into small pieces

Place caramels, butter, and water in a microwave-safe bowl. Microwave on high, stirring every 30 seconds until smooth, about 3 minutes. Stir in pecans.

Drop caramel pecan mixture by spoonfuls onto parchment paper. Place in freezer for 15 to 20 minutes.

Place chocolate in a microwave-safe bowl and microwave on high, stirring every 15 seconds, until melted and smooth, 1 to 2 minutes. Dip each caramel cluster into chocolate using a fondue fork until coated; place on parchment paper to dry. Chill until firm, if necessary.





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.

ATTENTION ALL CHALLENGE PARTICIPANTS: When you have shown all your projects, <u>please let Sharon</u>
<u>Perry know you met the challenge</u> so she can enter your name in the special drawing to be held in December.

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22 Finishes in 2022	NAME:	
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8.	19.	
9.	20.	
10.	21.	
11.	22.	



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 **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 here.

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







Sharon	Perry	November	2
Mary Ellen	Therrien	November	5
Kris	Bachand	November	8
Bonnie	Evans	November	10
Pat	Jarvis	November	22
Maggie	Stockwell	November	24
Nanc	Ekiert	November	28

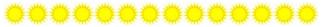
...and many more!!!

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 members' completed Sugarhouse Sampler Mystery 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.





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 is the <u>link for the month 2 pattern and instructions handed out at the October meeting</u>: <u>https://www.cadicorners.com/shop/CaDis-Quilt-Corner/Books-and-Patterns/Mystery-Block-of-the-Month/p/Mystery-Block-of-the-Month---2-x65794682.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.

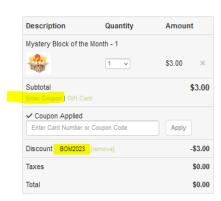


Figure A

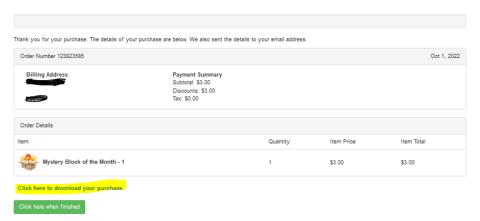


Figure B

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 here. Emily's trunk show will be on Wednesday, January 11th. This is the 2nd Wednesday in January!

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 2nd Wednesday in February. Ellen will also conduct a workshop, <u>Double Reversible Appliqué</u>, 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

- Never lose your scissors or rotary cutter!
- Invest in your scissors, a quality pair is worth every penny!
- Never use your scissors for anything other than fabric!
- Measure twice cut once! Failing this use the smaller piece to start a miniature quilt.
- When you have lots of pieces to cut, always start with the longest/largest pieces.
- Piece together fabric leftovers and use them as quilt backing.
- Always use ruler lines and not cutting mat lines to get the best straight rotary cuts. AND flip the mat over!
- Don't cut apart your pieces before you take them to the ironing board!
- Accuracy is everything! Perfect cutting and an accurate scant 1/4" seam allowance really make all the difference.
- Read the instructions through from start to finish before you start cutting and sewing.
- Iron to the dark side. Check the sharpness of your needle. Relax and enjoy.
- New project....new needle!
- Starch, starch and starch again!
- Cut pieces slightly bigger and trim the block to size.
- Use numbered flat head pins.
- Press to set your seam before you open it up to press to one side or open.
- Use a walking foot to attach binding
- Never sew across a seam you haven't pressed.
- Pack it up! Take your machine out of your house and sew with friends. You will learn, you will teach, you will grow friendships and you will keep the love of quilting having momentum!
- Chocolate is a quilting notion!

5 MONTHS AND COUNTING...UNTIL THE 2023 OUILT SHOW

Helen Short and Teri Brunelle, the guild's 2023 Quilt Show Coordinators, are 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 4-inch wide sleeve on the top of your quilt in the event your quilt is hung. And a theme for the challenge has been decided.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!

Jean Anne Branch is in charge of getting volunteers for the quilt show. She began sign-ups at the October meeting. She will have the list at the November and December meetings as well. As an English proverb says, "Many hands make light work." Be sure to take a look at the volunteer list found here and let Jean Anne know for which job you're willing to sign up.

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!

FEATURED VIDEO TUTORIAL FOR NOVEMBER:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Wy-sFNUwLNM
"Chandelier" Quilt by the Missouri Star Quilt Company

FEATURED PATTERNS

Table Top Turkey Trot: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1St6bQxYdvTXmlr5oxboG953V7YFXwpPl/view

Harvest Pumpkin: https://weefolkart.com/wp-content/uploads/patterns/harvest-pumpkin-appl-BOTHPAGES.PDF

Autumn Time Table Runner:

https://www.henryglassfabrics.net/product_images/Autumn%20Time_Table%20Set_Pattern_11262018_PRELIMINARY%20WEB%20FILE.pdf

Friendship Braid Table Runner: http://commonthreadsyt.org/friendshipbraid.pdf

Floating Autumn Stars Quilt: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1x2i51PV6gybCP4JD 3-Zg3DKQjlE6BMk/view

Autumn Leaf Placemats & Napkins: https://media.rainpos.com/5025/autumnleaftrio instr 20160719162231.pdf

Autumn Abundance Quilt: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1 b63pAL 78IUC80V1EY0rXxZUWb4ln4 /view

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 vtquilter@gmail.com, 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.

Deadline for articles for next newsletter:

Wednesday, November 30th, 2022

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



November is Peanut Butter Lovers Month



"Don't wait until the fourth Thursday in November, to sit with family and friends to give thanks. Make every day a day of Thanksgiving!" ~ Charmaine J. Forde