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President's Piece

Hello Everyone,

Thanksgiving has come and gone; now Christmas is just around the corner!
Are you ready!?!

I wanted to give a tremendous thank you to Bonnie for her wonderful Dear Jane presentation. Everyone was absolutely enthralled by the information she provided and especially by the passages she shared from her Dear Jane diary. Bonnie has inspired us all! If we didn't know it before, we know now that Dear Jane is not just a quilt to be made and it is so much more than the pieces of fabric and thread sewn together, it is a representation of the 'life' that happens during its creation. Thank you Bonnie!



Our December meeting is on the 18th. Carolyn having a fun gift exchange planned for us and it's our annual holiday potluck! The meeting starts at 6:00 and doors open at 5:30. Please bring a salad, main course or desert to share and a wrapped gift (\$10 limit; handmade or quilting related encouraged). The meeting begins @ 6:00, doors open @ 5:30.



You can always tell a quilter by the threads she wears! - unknown



See you all on the 18th, with bells on!

Roseanne Terrill

2013 – 2014 Guild Calendar

September 18th Ice Cream Social
(6:00 pm start!!!)

October 16th Trunk Show
with Alicia Cardoza

November 20th Dear Jane
Trunk Show

December 7th StrataVarious Quilts
Workshop with Kay Benedict

**December 18th Holiday Potluck
& Yankee Swap (6:00 pm start)**

2013 – 2014 Guild Calendar

January 15th Redwork Demo
with Guild Members

February 19th An Evening in Red
Wear Something Red
Show & Tell of Red Quilts

March 19th Quilt Show Prep
Program TBD

April 4th Quilt Show Setup

April 5th & 6th Quilt Show

2013 -2014 Guild Calendar

April 25th Trunk Show
with Kay Berquist,
Vermont Quilt Designs

April 26th Crazy Quilt Runner
Workshop with Kay Berquist

May 21st TBD

June 18th Potluck &
Teacup Auction (6:00 pm start!!!)

FRANKLIN COUNTY QUILTERS GUILD

Minutes of November 20, 2013

Present: Total attended 60+, including new members Shelley Hitchcock, Ilamae Lund, and Carol Mahoney, and guests Lucie Fortin, Helen Bicknell, and Pam Haas.

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Roseanne Terrill, President

Secretary's Report for October meeting: Motion to accept by Sharon Perry, seconded by Joanne Sweet

Treasurer's Report for October: Motion to accept by Sharon Perry, seconded by Linda Nadeau

Old Business

Mini-Retreat and Workshop: Saturday, December 7 from 9:30am to 3 pm at Church of the Rock. Discussed fabric and supplies needed for workshop.

Quilt Show:

- Diane Forey distributed raffle tickets.
- Margaret Miller reported that two vendors have signed up so far.
- Sandra Palmer, the quilt appraiser, is returning for this year's show. She charges \$40 for one quilt, less for additional quilts. Denise Chase and Dale McFeeters will book appointments.
- Items are needed for the Silent Auction.
- Ten quilts have been registered so far for the show.
- A brief quilt show committee meeting is to be held immediately following the guild meeting.

New Business

Block of the Month: For the December block, Color #1 is green, Color 2 is cream and Color 3 is solid black or black print. Instructions from Quilter's Cache were distributed.

Library: Highlighted were five books in the guild library which have a Christmas or winter theme.

T3 (Tips, Tricks and Techniques): Use ice cube trays, Crystal Light containers, and Rx bottles to organize bobbins and thread. Use 6" ruler to roll and fold fabric. Tape pen cap to sewing machine to hold seam ripper. Mark used rotary cutter blades.

Other New Business

- Elaine Magnan showed a quilt top made from first month BOM; would be quick and easy for charity quilts.
- Sharon Perry put a demo on facebook for a friendship braid table runner. She also has

business cards for a sewing machine repairman who will pick up and deliver.

- Gwen Guyette is selling tickets for a quilt she made to raise money for a friend's daughter.
- Pam Salazar will have quilt appraisals in her home. Contact info to appear in newsletter.

Monthly Drawings

- Door Prize: Char Mulyca
- Charity Quilts: Marge Taylor
- Block of the Month: Sue McGregor

Program

Bonnie Evans and her Stitch & Bitch group displayed their Dear Jane quilts in various stages of completion. Bonnie spoke about the original quilt, and its maker, and shared her personal experience making a Dear Jane quilt. There was a drawing for two quilt books autographed by Brenda Papadakis; Elaine Magnan and Ann Jacobs won the books. At the December meeting, there will be a drawing for other Dear Jane goodies.

Show and Tell

Next meeting - Wednesday, December 18, 2013 at 6pm (doors open at 5:30). Program: Pot Luck Supper (Bring a salad, or a main course, or a dessert to share.) and Yankee Swap (Bring a wrapped gift - \$10 limit, handmade and/or quilting-related encouraged.)

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Kay Benedict, Secretary

Ho!!!...Ho!!!...Ho!!!



TREASURER'S REPORT FOR DECEMBER 2013**FRANKLIN COUNTY QUILTER'S GUILD
Treasurer's Report -- December 18, 2013**

Opening Balance		\$5,572.96
Funds Collected		\$0.00
	<i>Funds Collected Total</i>	\$0.00
	<i>Sub-Total</i>	\$5,572.96
Funds paid out		
Church of the Rock, Dec rent		\$35.00
Gerald Perry, Room set-up for Dec		\$25.00
Bonnie Evans, Dear Jane books & goodies		\$71.00
Sharon Perry, Website Hosting Domain renewal		\$62.52
Regal Art, QS Posters		\$175.94
St. Albans City Hall, QS banner		\$40.00
CVQG, QS Quilt poles rental		\$200.00
St. Albans City Hall, QS Hall rental (2 days)		\$300.00
	<i>Funds Paid Out Total</i>	\$909.46
	Grand Total	\$4,663.50

2013 YTD Collections: \$8524.13

Respectfully submitted,
Deborah L. Dusablon, Treasurer
12/18/13

QUILT TIPS

- A three-ring binder with page protectors is perfect to store patterns you'd like to make some day.
- Take care of your tools. This means having your machine serviced, dusting out the bobbin area, and replacing needles frequently (every 5-8 hours of sewing time), keeping a sharp blade in your rotary cutter, using sharp pins (throw away the bent ones), and having a good seam ripper with a small point at the end.
- When starting a cut with your rotary cutter, start 1" in, rock back, and then make the cut away from you. This will prevent those nicks in the blade.
- Press each step as you make a quilt and trim all the threads.

Deadline for articles for the next newsletter:

Thursday, January 2nd, 2014

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

YANKEE**SWAP**

DECEMBER MEETING: HOLIDAY POTLUCK

The December meeting is the guild's annual Holiday Potluck. The meeting, beginning with dinner, will start at 6:00 pm, and doors will open at 5:30 pm.

Members are asked to bring a potluck dish to share. The dish can be a main entrée or a salad/side dish or a dessert. Following dinner, there will be a Yankee Swap. Bring a wrapped gift (\$10 limit) to participate; handmade and/or quilting-related gifts are encouraged.

QUILT CHALLENGE FOR QUILT SHOW

The quilt show committee met after the November meeting. With the obvious excitement generated by the Dear Jane program, the committee discussed the possibility of a challenge for the quilt show with the Dear Jane quilt as the inspiration. It was also pointed out that 2014 marks the 150th anniversary of the St. Albans Raid during the Civil War.

So here it is:

1. The Challenge Quilt can be no larger than 24"W by 24"H. It can be any size smaller.
2. The quilt must include at least one (1) block or pieced/appliquéd triangle from the Dear Jane quilt. The block/triangle can be resized to any measurement to fit within the quilt's size limitations above. Any other blocks in the quilt can be any design as long as at least one (1) block/triangle is a Dear Jane block/triangle.
3. The quilt must be completed using Civil War-era reproduction fabrics or fabrics which look like Civil War-era fabrics.
4. The quilt must be entered into the 2014 quilt show. The Dear Jane block or triangle needs to be identified, by the Dear Jane name and Dear Jane location (i.e. Tic-Tac-Toe, C-4), in the quilt's description on the entry form.

If anyone has any questions, please email Sharon Perry at vtquilter@gmail.com or call her at 326-3135.

REDWORK DEMO AT JANUARY MEETING

Sharon Perry is organizing a demonstration of Redwork/embroidery for the January meeting. She

plans to have a few other guild members help with the demonstration and share their embroidery techniques too.

There will be several tables for the demos with a member experienced in Redwork at each table. Guild members will break up into smaller groups to watch the demo at each table.

If you would like to be prepared to practice some Redwork stitches at the January meeting, Sharon suggests the following supplies:

- **A design you would like to embroider...** something relatively easy...and no...the Covered Bridge patterns are not relatively easy! Sharon will be bringing some heart designs to hand out at the December meeting which can be found at http://embroidery.about.com/od/Embroidery-Patterns-Projects/ss/Paisley-Hearts-3-Piece-Pattern-Set_2.htm
- **A piece of fabric** which is 4 inches larger than both the width and height of the embroidery design AND is at least 2 inches larger than your embroidery hoop. I would recommend either white or cream; it can be a solid or a tone-on-tone fabric.
- **DMC embroidery floss** in a color of your choice
- **A Pigma Micron pen** in a color to match you thread choice **OR mechanical pencil**
- **A 4-inch or 5-inch embroidery hoop...** anything bigger will be too hard to hold for longer periods of time. I prefer the plastic hoops. If you already have a larger hoop, bring it to use. You can always buy a smaller one in the future.
- **Size 8 embroidery needles**
- **Four (4) pins**
- **Scissors** to clip threads
- **A light box** only if you have one already. Do NOT go out and buy one! Sharon will share several ways to "create" your own light box with items you may have at home and WITHOUT spending any money.



DECEMBER 2013 BLOCK OF THE MONTH PATTERN: SQUARES UPON SQUARES



Pattern from www.quilterscache.com

Use green for Color 1, cream for Color 2,
and black or black print for Color 3.

If you have any questions, call Carol Stanley 849-2949.

Click the link below for the Squares Upon Squares block pattern

<http://www.quilterscache.com/S/SquaresUponSquaresBlock.html>

Don't forget to continue to Page 2 of the instructions; the link to Page 2 is at the bottom of the page.

ON THE WEB...PATTERNS FOR NOVEMBER

TINY TANNENBAUM: http://www.mccallsquilting.com/content_downloads/Tiny_Tannenbaum_9430.pdf

SANTA IS A STAR: <http://www.quiltviews.com/wp-content/uploads/2011/11/doak-ornaments.pdf>

FREE STOCKING PATTERNS: <http://quiltinglibrary.blogspot.com/2011/12/35-free-christmas-stockings-patterns.html>

FEATURED ONLINE TUTORIAL: WONKY STAR QUILT

From Missouri Star Quilt Company

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eMoE5-q11P4&feature=c4-overview&list=UUWnhR7raxVFDHmDXqCizuAw>

RECIPE CORNER: OREO TRUFFLES

1 lb. Oreo cookies (3 sleeves)

8 oz. cream cheese, room temperature

½ teaspoon vanilla extract

1 lb. milk chocolate

½ lb. white chocolate

- Using a food processor, grind cookies to a fine powder. With a mixer, blend cookie powder, cream cheese and vanilla extract until thoroughly mixed (there should be no white traces of cream cheese).
- Roll into small balls and place on wax-lined cookie sheet. Refrigerate for 45 minutes.
- Line two cookie sheets with wax paper. In double-boiler, melt milk chocolate. Dip balls and coat thoroughly. With slotted spoon, lift balls out of chocolate and let excess chocolate drip off. Place on wax-paper-lined cookie sheet.
- In separate double boiler, melt white chocolate. Using a fork, drizzle white chocolate over balls. Let cool.
- Store in airtight container, in refrigerator.

Note: You can forego the chocolate 'dip' and roll the truffles into various mixtures, such as chopped nuts, chocolate sprinkles, various colored candy sprinkles or sugars, cocoa powder or chocolate shavings. All are still pretty with less work.

CHRISTMAS ANAGRAMS

The following are anagrams for words associated with Christmas. See how many you can guess. The answers will be revealed next month.

Beg Less Hill
Nerd Ere I
Ban Meat Nun
Titan Ivy

Darn Gal
Lime Totes
Crane Truck
Man Tenors

Heron Plot
Marshiest Witch
Cog Knits
Cyan Dance

Don't forget to bring:
 - Potluck dish to share
 - Wrapped gift for Yankee Swap (\$10 limit)
 - Items for Show and Tell

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