

Franklin County Quilters Guild

SUGARHOUSE GAZETTE

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President's Piece

Hello Everyone,

This month's message is about asking and receiving. Last month one of our program chairs had a medical problem and could not bend or lift. Many volunteers came forward to assist her and our presenters, Carol and Dan Perkins, in unloading their car, set up, breakdown and reloading. With the team effort the tasks went very smoothly and quickly.

In February we celebrate our 25th Anniversary. Various companies have been solicited about donating to our guild for our year-long celebration. The UPS driver could drive up Hazen's Notch Road blindfolded as they have been there many times. Recently the truck arrived with 58 pounds of fabric donated by Robert Kaufman for use in our charity quilts. Who knew a letter to them would yield so much?

A new year is rapidly approaching. I'm asking you to start considering how you as a guild member would like to contribute to our organization during 2016. We are growing and need to plan our next 25 years as a charitable organization. During one of Dan and Carol's workshops guild members discussed the idea of having officers serve for 2 years with overlapping terms. This might require bylaw changes. The gist of the conversation was that the first year of an office are spent trying to figure out what you should be doing. By the second year you've figured it out and reached a comfort level. Big name program presenters require about 12-18 months to schedule so pre-planning with overlapping program chairs would be beneficial. It also would be helpful to have overlapping quilt show co-chairs. In January I will convene a nominating committee for next year's slate of officers. If you're interested in serving, please let me know.

December's meeting will be our Holiday celebration. Please bring a dish to share, canned goods, including coffee or money to donate to area food shelves and Martha's Kitchen, and a gift to exchange. **Doors open at 5:30 pm; potluck starts at 6:00 pm.**

Sincerely,

Helen Short, 2015-2016 President

2015 – 2016 Guild Calendar

September 16th Ice Cream Social

October 21st Christmas in October
(6:30 pm start!!!)

November 20th Trunk Show
with Dan Perkins (6:30 pm START!)

November 21st Workshop
with Dan Perkins at NMC

November 22nd Workshop
with Dan Perkins at NMC

December 16th Holiday Potluck
(6:00 pm start!!!)

2015 – 2016 Guild Calendar

January 20th Trunk Show
with Nancy LaPointe

February 17th S-U-R-P-R-I-S-E!!!

March 16th TBD
Quilt Show Prep

April 1st Quilt Show Set-Up

April 2nd Quilt Show

April 3rd Quilt Show

2015 – 2016 Guild Calendar

April 29th Trunk Show
with Pat Pauly

April 30th Workshop
with Pat Pauly

May 1st Possible Workshop
with Pat Pauly

May 18th Members' Garage Sale

June 15th Potluck &
Teacup Auction (6:00 pm start!!!)

FRANKLIN COUNTY QUILTERS GUILD

Minutes of November 20, 2015

Present: Total attended 55, including six guests

Business meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Helen Short, President

Secretary's Report for October meeting: Motion to accept by Sharon Perry, seconded by Diane Kane. Approved.

Treasurer's Report for November: Motion to accept by Sharon Perry, seconded by Shirley Babcock. Approved.

Committee Reports

Programs - Sharon Perry and Rose Rixon

- Make your own fabric nametag with the guild's logo on it by the December meeting for an entry in the Big Drawing.
- For charity quilts to qualify for the Big Drawing, they must be donated to the guild and turned in to one of the charity quilt coordinators. They may be made from a kit, or not.
- The monthly "birthday gift" for all meeting attendees was a list of websites with videos and tutorials for handmade items.

Quilt Show - Diane Kane and Nancy LaPointe

- Twenty-one quilts have been registered for the show. Entry forms may be found on our website.
- There will be another Early Entry Challenge in January for those who have registered a quilt since the October meeting.
- Challenge Quilts - All silver fabric pieces have been claimed. If anyone wants to participate and still needs fabric, let Kay Benedict know ASAP, so more fabric can be located and ordered. Details of the challenge can be found on the entry form.

Projects - Christy Mulyca

- The mystery quilt will begin in January. In the meantime, keep making your nametags.

Charity Quilts -

- Breast Cancer - Gerda Thibault. Gerda received a thank-you note from a recipient of a breast cancer quilt.

2016 Charity Quilt

- Summer Ladd and Roberta Gilmour. Summer and Roberta showed the finished quilt, which will go to Martha's Kitchen in the spring.

Membership - Char Mulyca

- The roster is now on our Facebook page. Char asked that each member proofread her listing.

Old Business

- Diane Kane is looking for quilt donations (any size) for a raffle for a school fundraiser.

Program

Trunk show by Dan Perkins of Studio 180 and co-owner of Threads Galore Quilt Shop

Monthly Drawings

- Door Prize: Monica Kelley
- Charity Quilts: Gwen Guyette
- Birthday Celebration prize: Bonnie Evans

Show and Tell

Next meeting - Wednesday, December 16, 2015 at 6:00

p.m. Bring any dish for a pot-luck supper. Bring a wrapped item (\$10 limit, handmade encouraged) for a gift exchange. Bring non-perishable food or money to donate to a food shelf.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Kay Benedict, Secretary

QUILT SHOW: CHANGE OF VENUE

Due to continuing construction at the St. Albans City Hall, the 2016 Quilt Show will be held at St. Mary's Parish Hall, on Fairfield Street in St. Albans next year. Martin Manahan, Director of Operations at City Hall, assisted in making the contacts for us, and it has been confirmed with St Mary's Parish.

Apparently, the completion date of the ongoing renovations at the City Hall has been delayed past the scheduled time for the quilt show. That's the bad news. The good news is our deposit for City Hall will be returned AND the rental fee will be waived for the 2017 quilt show at City Hall. Also there is no fee for the Parish Hall...another bit of good news.

Some members of the quilt show committee will be visiting the new venue this week to check out the facility. Kay Benedict will have tape measure in hand to plan another wonderful layout to showcase guild members' quilts. Now that there is a guaranteed venue, everyone can breathe a little easier and continue preparations for the 2016 quilt show.

Merry

Christmas!!!

ENTRY INTO 25TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION DRAWINGS

As a reminder each guild member will have at least one entry into the February drawings. Members can increase their chances of winning in a few other ways. Here are the ways members' names will be entered into the drawings:

- 1 entry for each paid member
- 1 entry for each monthly meeting attended
- 3 entries for each charity quilt made*/donated**
- 2 entries for guest you bring who becomes a member (To qualify for 2 entries, new member cannot have been a guild member in previous 10 years)
- 1 entry for every volunteer position at the quilt show you sign up for at the January guild meeting

*A question came up about "making" a charity quilt and whether or not only making a quilt top or only quilting an already-made quilt top qualifies for 3 entries. After much thought and some suggestions, a guild member can enter her/his name 3 times for every 2 quilt tops where she/he has only made the quilt top or 3 times for every 2 already-made quilts which she/he only quilts.

**To qualify for a charity quilt donation and entries into the February drawing, the quilt must be made for and donated to the Franklin County Quilters Guild for the guild's charitable efforts and supported organizations/events.

EXTRA ENTRY(IES) IN 25TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION DRAWINGS

Would you like to earn an extra entry into the February drawings for the awesome prizes donated so far with more to come? **Make your own fabric name tag for the guild and wear it to the December meeting...** your name will be entered one time. And if you **include the FCOG logo on your name tag**, your name will be entered into the drawing one more time. Just make sure you show Sharon Perry so she can make a note (or take a picture) for the additional entry or entries.

QUILT TIPS

- Instead of sending flowers to a quilting friend who is sick, give fat quarters or a gift certificate from her favorite quilt shop.

- Place a wad of masking tape by your sewing machine to catch clipped threads.
- Clean fusible web "goo" from your iron soleplate by ironing on a fabric softener dryer sheet. Put a paper bag on the ironing board first so you don't transfer glue to your ironing board cover.
- Chocolate and quilting play together well!!!



December	1	Elaine	Magnan
December	13	Marge	Taylor
December	14	Diane	Kane
December	16	Nancy	LaPointe
December	18	Rose	Rixon
December	19	Janice	Crane

...and many more!!!

Are you on the naughty or nice list?

*He's making a list
And checking it twice
Gonna find out
Who's naughty or nice
Santa Claus
is coming to town!*



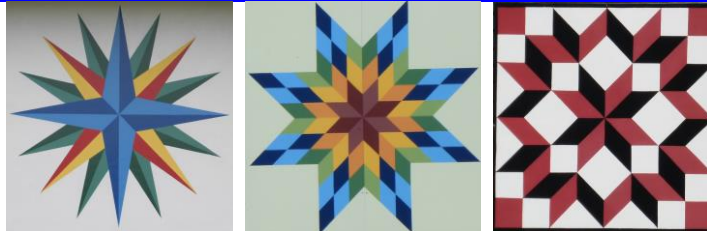
TREASURER'S REPORT FOR DECEMBER 2015**FRANKLIN COUNTY QUILTER'S GUILD
Treasurer's Report -- December 16, 2015**

Opening Balance		\$4,816.28
Funds collected		
Bridge pattern sale	\$75.00	
Workshop	\$120.00	
	<i>Total Funds Collected</i>	\$195.00
	<i>Sub-Total</i>	\$5,011.28
Funds paid out		
Gerald Perry, Room set-up for Dec	\$35.00	
Bonnie Evans, Quilt Show black fabric	\$25.14	
Beverly Cook, Charity Quilt 2016 quilting	\$221.51	
Gerda Thibault, Charity Quilt 32 prints fabric	\$80.00	
Helen Short, Meeting photocopying	\$8.48	
Elaine Magnan, Charity Quilts backings/batting	\$45.47	
Dan Perkins, Trunk Show & classes	\$1,253.00	
Sharon Perry, Hotel/Meals/FQs & Gifts/Postage	\$431.43	
	<i>Total Funds Paid Out</i>	\$2,100.03
	Grand Total	\$2,911.25

2015 YTD Collections: \$5,760.55

Respectfully submitted,
Deborah L. Dusablon, Treasurer

VISIT THE FRANKLIN COUNTY BARN QUILT TRAIL ON THE GUILD'S WEBSITE AT
<http://www.franklincountyquilters.org/fcbqt/index.html>



Deadline for articles for next newsletter:

Wednesday, December 30th, 2015

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

Rules and form for the 2015 - 2016 UFO (Unfinished Object) Challenge can be found at <http://www.franklincountyquilters.org/fcggufochallenge.pdf>

HOLIDAY POTLUCK AT DECEMBER MEETING

The meeting on Wednesday, December 16th, will feature the guild's annual potluck dinner. ***Doors will open at 5:30 pm, and the potluck will start at 6:00 pm.*** Members are asked to bring a dish to share along with a wrapped gift for a gift exchange. The gift should be about \$10 in value; a handmade/homemade gift is encouraged but not required. Members are also asked to bring a monetary donation **OR** a donation of non-perishable food items; the donated items/money will be given to local area food shelves.

Ho!!! Ho!!! Ho!!!



Merry Christmas to all!!!

A QUILTER'S NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS

'Twas the night before Christmas,
And the quilts were not made.
The threads were all tangled, the cookies delayed.
The stocking weren't hung, the pantry was bare.
The poor weary Quilter was tearing her hair.
Stacks of fat quarters, tipped over in streams.
Visions of Log Cabins had turned into dreams.
When what to her wondering eyes should appear,
But a bus full of quilters with all of their gear.
They went straight to work with just a few mutters,
Sorting and stitching and brandishing cutters.
The patterns emerged from all of the clutter,
Like magic the fabrics arranged in a flutter.
Log Cabins, Lone Stars, Flying Geese & Bear Tracks
Each quilt was a beauty-even the backs.
Her house how it twinkled, her quilts how they glowed.
The cookies were baking, the stocking were sewed.
Their work was all done, so they folded their frames,
And packed up their needles, without giving their names.
They boarded the bus, and checked the next address.
More quilts to be made, another quilter in distress.
She heard one voice echo, as they drove out of sight,
Happy quilting to all and to all a good night!

*This poem was posted on
the Handi Quilter facebook page by Sammy Sam*

DON'T FORGET for the next meeting...

1. Potluck dish to share (***Doors will open at 5:30 pm, and the potluck will start at 6:00 pm.***)
2. Money or non-perishable food items for local food shelves
3. Gift for gift exchange
4. Completed membership form and \$15 cash or check, payable to FCQG, if you haven't renewed your membership yet
5. Completed quilt registration forms which can be found at www.franklincountyquilters.org and on the guild's facebook page
6. Completed UFOs for UFO Challenge
7. Completed Charity Quilts
8. Items for Show and Tell