

Franklin County Quilters Guild

SUGARHOUSE GAZETTE

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◆◆ President's Piece ◆◆

Thanksgiving has passed, and the Holidays have begun. Our festivals and holy days are a good distraction from the dark and cold environment that is setting in. Holidays mean having loved ones close by, laughter, good food, and the warmth of a home. I find it notable that so many religions have celebrations at the darkest time of the year.

Many members enjoyed Pam Weeks' workshops on Strips and Bits where they learned to make constructed fabric and turn their products into quilt squares. At her second workshop members learned to quilt as they go. Pam was an engaging and forgiving instructor. She taught on the principle that 'there are no mistakes.' She has sent me an email asking me to relay to the guild that she enjoyed her time with us despite the challenging drive back to New Hampshire in our first real snow storm.

Our Block of the Month for December is the Amish Diamond which can be found at the website Quilter's Cache. Your unfinished block should measure 12½ inches square when assembled. The colors this month are dark green for the diamond, cranberry red and white. There may be a mystery quilt introduced at this month's meeting.

Members may sign up at the December Meeting for the Jessica VanDenburgh workshop on Saturday, February 18th, and Sunday, February 19th. Here is a link to her website to help you get inspired: <http://www.sewmanycrationsny.com/>. Jessica designs quilt, wallet and handbag patterns.

The December program is a Holiday Pot Luck and member donations of non-perishable foods which Bonnie Evans will deliver to the Swanton Food Shelf or disposable diapers, wipes and/or money to be donated to Martha's Kitchen. We will also have a gift exchange and ask members to bring a wrapped gift of about \$10 value. The doors will open at 5:30 p.m.; we'll start eating at 6:00 p.m.

Helen Short

2016 – 2017 President

2016 – 2017 Guild Calendar

September 21st Ice Cream Social

October 19th Christmas in October

November 18th Busting the Myths –
Quilt History Truths
with Pam Weeks (6:30 pm start!!!)

November 19th Strips & Bits Workshop
with Pam Weeks

November 20th Quilt-As-You-Go
Workshop with Pam Weeks

2016 – 2017 Guild Calendar

December 21st Holiday Potluck
(6:00 pm start!!!)

January 18th Trunk Show
with Denise Chase

February 17th Trunk Show
with Jessica VanDenburgh

February 18th Workshop
with Jessica VanDenburgh

February 19th Possible Workshop
with Jessica VanDenburgh

2016 -2017 Guild Calendar

March 15th Lessons Learned
from a Long-Armer (tentative)
Quilt Show Prep

March 31st Quilt Show Set-Up

April 1st & 2nd Quilt Show

April 19th New Tips & Tricks Trunk
Show with Sunny Laurel Sisters

May 17th Members' Garage Sale

June 21st Potluck &
Teacup Auction (6:00 pm start!!!)

FRANKLIN COUNTY QUILTERS GUILD

Minutes of November 18, 2016

Present: Total attended 38; 2 new members

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

Secretary's Report for October meeting: Motion to accept by Rose Rixon, seconded by Shirley Babcock. Approved.

Treasurer's Report for November: Motion to accept by Marilyn Jessiman, seconded by Mary Jane Marchelewicz, Approved.

New Business:

- Members voted on donated \$380.00 to the Palliative Care from the Teacup Auction.
- The Guild received a thank you note from Dale McFeeters thanking everyone for the Barn Quilt coloring book and pencils.
- Our December 21st meeting: bring any dish for Holiday pot-luck supper. Bring non-perishable food or money to donate to a food shelf. They will be an optional gift exchange.

Committee Reports

Quilt Show:

- Nancy reported that everything is on schedule for the Quilt Show.
- This year's challenge quilt is using recycle materials. Kay Benedict has posted ideas on our Facebook page.
- There will be another Early Entry Challenge in January for those who have registered a quilt since the October meeting.
- Raffle Tickets were handed out to all members. If a member needs more book to sell, the tickets are available to be picked up Cowles on Main St. in St Albans.

Library: Pam Salazar encourages member to sign out books.

Charity Quilts: Kits are available in the back on the table and available in different sizes.

Old Business

- Sharon Perry is selling the Franklin County Barn Quilt coloring books for \$10.00; they're going fast.

Projects

- The December block of the month is the Amish Diamond. Everyone is encouraged to make two blocks, one for the drawing and one for a charity

quilt. The instructions are available online at www.quilterscache.com.

Monthly Drawing:

- Block Drawing: Paula Rakowski and Jean Anne Branch
- Door Prize: Cindy Metayer
- Charity Quilt: Shirley Babcock

Program: Pam Weeks presented a slide show about quilt history and showed antique/vintage guild members' quilts and some quilts from her own collection to highlight historical trends in quilt-making through the ages.

Show and Tell

Next meeting – Wednesday December 21st. 2016; doors open at 5:30 p.m. We'll eat at 6:00 p.m. Meeting adjourned at 8:15

Minutes submitted by Teri Brunelle, Secretary



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!!!



TREASURER'S REPORT FOR DECEMBER 2016**FRANKLIN COUNTY QUILTER'S GUILD
Treasurer's Report -- December 21, 2016**

Opening Balance		\$4,892.19
Funds collected		
Membership	\$30.00	
Workshop	\$265.00	
	<i>Total Funds Collected</i>	\$295.00
	<i>Sub-Total</i>	\$5,187.19
Funds paid out		
Gerald Perry, Room set-up for Dec	\$35.00	
Pamela Weeks, Lecture, Workshops, mileage	\$1,945.00	
Rose Rixon, Hosting Pam Weeks	\$100.00	
Helen Short, Agenda copies	\$12.72	
Elaine Magnan, Batting & Door prizes	\$146.60	
NMC Palliative Care, Donation	\$380.00	
	<i>Total Funds Paid Out</i>	\$2,619.32
	Grand Total	\$2,567.87

2016 YTD Collections: \$6,055.55

Respectfully submitted,
Deborah L. Dusablon, Treasurer

GUILD WEBSITE HOME TO FRANKLIN COUNTY BARN QUILT TRAIL

The FCQG website's home page has a link to the Franklin County Barn Quilt Trail which resides on the guild website. The barn quilt trail can be found here:

<http://www.franklincountyquilters.org/fcbqt/index.html>

Deadline for articles for next newsletter:

Wednesday, December 28th, 2016

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

SECOND SPECIAL EARLY ENTRY DRAWING FOR QUILT REGISTRATION

Kay Benedict is offering a second early entry drawing for quilt registrations. You can find the registration form here: <http://www.franklincountyquilters.org/fcqqregistration.pdf>. Kay will share all the details at the next few guild meetings. If you want to participate, you **MUST SEND** your **COMPLETED FORM**, along with a photograph, **TO KAY** either **VIA SNAIL MAIL OR EMAIL**. See the form for the details about sending your form(s) to Kay.

Merry Christmas

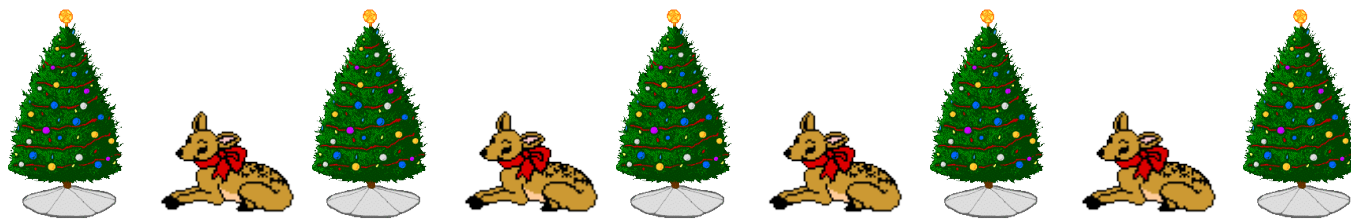


Holiday Potluck

Our December meeting is always filled with good company, good food, and good fun. Please bring a dish to share, a main course, side dish, or dessert and a wrapped gift for our gift exchange (\$10 limit; handmade or quilting related is encouraged). Please make your gift a thoughtful one, something you would like to receive as a gift.

To spread some holiday cheer and warmth, members are also asked to bring donations of non-perishable foods, which Bonnie Evans will deliver to the Swanton Food Shelf, or disposable diapers, wipes, and/or money to be donated to Martha's Kitchen.

The doors open at 5:30 p.m., and we'll begin eating at 6:00 p.m. It should be a fun time!



FEBRUARY MEETING TO FEATURE REGIONAL BAG AND QUILT DESIGNER

Jessica VanDenburgh, of Sew Many Creations in NY, will be bringing her "bag" magic our way as the guest speaker at the February meeting. To accommodate weekend workshops, **the February 2017 meeting will be held on Friday, February 17th**, with workshops on Saturday, February 18th, and Sunday, February 19th.

Jessica will be teaching the *Prima Diva Clutch* at the Saturday workshop, and she'll feature the *Road Trip Bag* in the Sunday workshop. You will be able to complete your bag that day!

Workshops will be \$30 for full-day workshops (8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.) for members and \$35 for non-members. February will be here before you know it so sign-up for the workshops will start at the December meeting and continue through the January meeting. Following the January meeting, any open spaces in the workshops will be offered to surrounding guilds in VT, NY and NH.

As a note, you will be required to purchase the bag pattern from Jessica for each workshop you are taking. The patterns are \$10 and may be purchased from her website, at the trunk show on Friday or at your workshop. She provides homework instructions prior to the workshop, so you will not need the pattern until the workshop.



DECEMBER 2016 BLOCK OF THE MONTH PATTERN: AMISH DIAMOND

Pattern from www.quilterscache.com

Colors for the block are as shown in the block pictured at left
If you have any questions, call Bonnie Evans, 868-7168.

Click the link below for the Amish Diamond block pattern
<http://www.quilterscache.com/A/AmishDiamondBlock.html>

Be sure to continue to page 2 at this link:
http://www.quilterscache.com/A/AmishDiamondBlock_Page2.html

A QUILTER'S CHRISTMAS EVE

*'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 stockings 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!*

~Author Unknown

QUILT TIPS

- Parchment paper works well in place of or with an appliqué sheet.
- Use scrap pieces of batting for packing materials when boxing up fragile items for shipping or storing.
- A cute way to hang a small quilt is to use a $\frac{1}{4}$ " dowel rod and wooden thread spools as the finials.
- Fabric-covered magnets can be made using flat-back self-cover button sets. Use fabric of your choice to cover the button portion then use a dab of glue on the back to apply a magnet.
- Use common rubbing alcohol to clean fusible web from the soleplate of your iron. Running a warm iron over a fabric softener sheet also works well.
- Store quilts in 100%-cotton pillow cases. They can be placed in an antique chest and still be safe because they are encased in the cotton pillow case.
- Save your leftover binding by width if you use various widths for binding. Throw the leftovers into boxes by width and use them for a strip quilt or any project that calls for that width of strip.



And presents under the tree...



Don't forget to bring:

- Potluck dish to share
- Non-perishable food items, diapers, wipes, and/or cash donation
- Gift for gift exchange (optional)
- \$30 cash or check, payable to FCQG, for February 2017 workshops
- Items for Show and Tell and UFO Challenge
- Checked out library books
- Quilt registration forms

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