

# Franklin County Quilters Guild

## SUGARHOUSE GAZETTE

### Saint Albans, Vermont

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#### President's Piece

It's holiday time again! "Whoo Hoo" or "Oh, No", depending on your perspective. Most of us look forward to the season. I enjoy the camaraderie, the (usually) cheerful folks in the stores and on the street. Of course, it's great to see the decorations, as long as I'm not on a ladder putting them up. A number of years ago, my husband and I started a tradition of going shopping together once during the holiday season. I didn't really plan on getting much shopping done, but we would visit the mall and enjoy the ambiance. The rest of the year, he would never go to the mall, so he thought it was a treat for me, I guess. Hmmm. Not sure about that, but he got points for trying.

What traditions do you have for the holidays? It's a question I like to ask folks as I get to know them. I learn a lot about their childhood and family. I know it's not always happy, but most parents try to make Christmas or Hanukkah special for their children. A lot of traditions revolve around food. My family always went to my maternal grandparents' home on Christmas Eve for a traditional Swedish smorgasbord, complete with pickled herring. I have included in the newsletter two of the traditional foods from our family. One is a cookie and the other a very rich dessert. They are both more work than usual, but I think that's something we do for Christmas. I'd love to hear about your family traditions. Sharon would be happy to include some of your recipes in a future newsletter, if you'd like to share them.

I'd like to wish you and yours a very happy holiday season. If this is a hard time for you, I want to acknowledge that it's not a happy time for everyone. Let's find someone to bless this year, either with a donation or just a friendly greeting. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Piecefully,  
Laurel Schaap, 2021-2022 President



*Merry*

*Christmas*

#### President

Laurel Schaap

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#### Quilt Show

Helen Short  
Teri Brunelle

#### Comfort Quilts Coordinator

Denise Chase

#### 2022 Raffle Quilt

Penny LaRochelle

#### 2022 Charity Quilt

Denise Chase

#### 2021 – 2022 Guild Calendar

September 15<sup>th</sup> Ice Cream Social  
Potholder Exchange  
October 20<sup>th</sup> Christmas in October  
with Member Demos  
(Doors open at 6 pm; mtg at 6:30 pm)  
November 17<sup>th</sup> Trunk Show  
with Jean Anne Branch  
and Mary Jane Marchelewicz  
December 15<sup>th</sup> Holiday Fun  
**on Zoom**

#### 2021 – 2022 Guild Calendar

January 19<sup>th</sup> Bag Trunk Show **on Zoom**  
with Joan Radell, Bucklebee Toolbox  
January 22<sup>nd</sup> Bag Workshop **on Zoom**  
with Joan Radell, Bucklebee Toolbox  
February 16<sup>th</sup> Panel Palooza Trunk  
Show **on Zoom** with Cyndi  
McChesney, Cedar Ridge Quilting  
February 19<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> Panel Palooza  
Workshop **on Zoom** with Cyndi  
McChesney, Cedar Ridge Quilting

#### 2021 – 2022 Guild Calendar

March 20<sup>th</sup> Singer Featherweights and  
Vintage Sewing Machines with  
Barb & David Morgan  
April 1<sup>st</sup> Quilt Show Set-Up  
April 2<sup>nd</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> Quilt Show  
April 20<sup>th</sup> TBD  
May 18<sup>th</sup> Trunk Show  
with Laurel Schaap  
& Member Garage Sale  
June 15<sup>th</sup> Potluck & Teacup Auction

**Franklin County Quilters Guild  
November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Meeting on Zoom**

The zoom meeting was called to order by President Laurel Schaap. There were 35 members present in 29 locations.

Penny LaRochelle moved to accept the Consent Agenda; seconded by Mary Jane Marchelewicz. Cindy Metayer noted two corrections. The January workshop will be held on January 22, 2022. The Consent Agenda passed with the correction noted.

**Programs:**

- Laurel suggested that we forgo the December Potluck and suggested a possible cookie swap instead. (More information will follow.)
- There was discussion surrounding the gift exchange with possibly changing the gift exchange to a donation to a local charity.
- We also discussed the possible need for a contingency plan if Church of the Rock is not available to us. The Board will decide, and information will be posted on Facebook or e-mail by December 10.
- Cindy indicated she will post sign-up information for the January and February zoom workshops.

**Comfort Quilts:** Denise stated that she sent 15 quilts (5 baby and 10 lap quilts) to Home Health after receiving a request from them. She also stated she is short on fabric for baby quilts and needs baby quilts. Helen Short moved to give Denise \$100 to buy fabric for baby quilts; motion seconded by Mary Jane and motion carried.

**Quilt Show:**

- Helen Short reported that she has arranged the poles. She stated she needs submissions from members who plan to use the Members Boutique. This information may be sent to [hshortvt@comcast.net](mailto:hshortvt@comcast.net)
- Penny LaRochelle reported there are four quilt submissions
- Jean Anne Branch has prepared a sign-up form for volunteers. Members may reach her through the form on the Guild's web page or through [jeanabranh@comcast.net](mailto:jeanabranh@comcast.net)
- Information regarding sponsor recognition was discussed.
- Sharon Perry said she still has raffle tickets and will mail out those tickets she still has for members.

**Membership:** Membership remains at 59

**Sugarhouse Gazette:** Deadline for the newsletter is Wednesday, November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

**Project:** Diane Comeau showed the three blocks for December:

1. Courthouse
2. Pineapple
3. Spools

Some of these blocks require paper piecing. Diane will post information to members on how to obtain the paper piecing printouts. The color for the month is red.

**Other Business:**

- Sharon Perry stated that members who have met the 21 in 2021 challenge need to have that information to Sharon before the December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021 meeting.
- Sharon also suggested that we have a 22 in 2022 challenge, and members were eager to meet that challenge.

At this point the meeting was turned over to Jean Anne Branch and Mary Jane Marchelewicz for their beautiful trunk show. Show and Tell followed their presentation.

**Door Prizes:** Shirley Babcock won the attendance door prize.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m. with a motion by Penny LaRochelle and Sharon Perry.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen Bicknell, Secretary



**2022 VERMONT HOME CHALLENGE**

The guild is planning for the 2022 quilt show. "Vermont Home" will be the challenge for the 2022 quilt show. Members wanting to participate will pay \$1 for a piece of green fabric. That green fabric must be used in the quilt. The maximum size of the quilt is 96" inches in perimeter. As such, your quilt could be 24" x 24" or 12" x 36" or any size where the total measurement of all 4 sides added together is 96" or less.

**2021-2022 MYSTERY QUILT  
FOR BLOCK OF THE MONTH**

Diane Comeau, the guild's Project Coordinator, introduced a mystery quilt for the 2021-2022 membership year called the "Sugarhouse Sampler." Lucie Fortin is helping Diane with the mystery. For block construction, Diane is using a light background while Lucie is doing a dark background.

Patterns for the block can be found on the FCQG Sugarhouse Facebook page. The patterns will also be emailed to members each month. The colors for the mystery quilt are primary colors. Some local quilt shops have packaged bundles of primary colors together for the guild's mystery quilt.



*Are you on  
Santa's naughty  
or nice list?*

**TREASURER'S REPORT FOR DECEMBER 2021****FRANKLIN COUNTY QUILTER'S GUILD  
Treasurer's Report -- December 15, 2021**

Opening Balance		\$7,214.31
Funds collected		
Raffle tickets	\$25.00	
	<i>Total Funds Collected</i>	\$25.00
		<i>Subtotal</i>
		\$7,239.31
Funds paid out		
CVQG, QS 2022 Pole rental	\$250.00	
	<i>Total Funds Paid Out</i>	\$250.00
	<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$6,989.31</b>

2021 YTD Collections: \$2,846.00

Respectfully submitted,  
Deborah L. Dusablon, Treasurer

**DECEMBER MEETING ON ZOOM**

Out of an abundance of caution with rising COVID numbers in Franklin County, the executive board has decided to move the December meeting to Zoom. As a result, there won't be a gift exchange. However, the executive board is working on making the December meeting fun and enjoyable for all. There will be at least one game to play.

As part of the fun, the guild is asking you to share one or two of your favorite holiday cookie and/or dessert recipes. Laurel Schaap was gracious enough to share two of her family's favorite holiday recipes in this month's Recipe Corner on page 4. One is a Dutch cookie recipe, and the other is a dessert with peppermint. Both sound yummy! Sharon Perry plans to organize the recipes in a guild cookbook to share with members...possibly by Christmas...maybe...because what else does Sharon have to do with her time? Please send your recipes to Sharon Perry, [vtquilter@gmail.com](mailto:vtquilter@gmail.com), by the December meeting on Wednesday, the 15<sup>th</sup>.

**OCTOBER MEMBER DEMONSTRATIONS**

For the October program, four guild members demonstrated how to make quick and easy projects perfect for Christmas gift-giving. This newsletter editor forgot to include the information in last month's newsletter.

Denise Chase showed how to make a soup bowl cozy. You can find the project sheet she handed out [here](#).

Diane Comeau demonstrated making a chenille rug using fabric panels. Here's a [link](#) to a video tutorial to make your own rug.

Peggy Paradee made a Scandinavian Star. Here's a [link](#) to a video tutorial to make one of the stars.

Helen Short showed us how to make the Hot Diggity Dog (or burrito) pillowcase. You can find Helen's handout [here](#).



# RECIPE CORNER

## BANKET

(A traditional Dutch cookie from the Schaap family)

### Dough

1 lb. butter (or Imperial margarine, it's a little easier to roll out with margarine)

4 c. flour

1 c. ice water

Mix like pie dough. Refrigerate overnight. Tips: If you use a food processor, freeze the butter. Add half the ingredients, dump into a bowl and repeat. You can put everything into a large plastic baggie, smush together and refrigerate overnight.

### Filling

2 c. sugar

1 lb. almond paste

1 tsp. almond extract

3 eggs

Mix and refrigerate overnight. Tips: Again, in a food processor, do half the ingredients at a time, except the eggs. After processing, dump into a large bowl and add the eggs. Don't overmix. You can put it into a large plastic baggie overnight.

Divide the dough into 8 pieces; divide the filling into 8.

Roll each section of the dough (use a lot of flour) into large logs, about the length of your cookie sheet, about 5" wide. Spread the filling along the center of the log. Fold up the ends and then fold the sides over the center. Seal with a little bit of water. Carefully lift onto your greased cookie sheet. I like to flip them over if possible, so the seam is on the bottom. Brush with beaten egg white. Prick with a fork a few times. (Traditionally, these logs were shaped into letters.)

Bake at 425 for 20 minutes (watch them carefully -- I don't bake them this long, but this is what the recipe says.) If you have two cookie sheets in the oven, swap the cookie sheets halfway through.

Slice each log into 1" or 2" pieces. If the filling leaks out, that's a bonus. I love that.



## Candy Angel Torte (Schaap family's favorite Holiday dessert)

### Meringue:

4 egg whites

1/2 t. salt

1/4 t. cream of tartar

1 c. sugar

1. t. vanilla

Beat egg whites, salt and cream of tartar until soft peaks form. Add sugar slowly until very stiff. Fold in the vanilla.

Use parchment paper on cookie sheets and divide the meringue into 4 circles, approximately 10". (I bought pizza pans at Dollar Tree). Turn on the oven to 350 degrees; then turn it off when you put the meringues in. Leave them in the oven until they are dry. You can also put your oven at 200, but sometimes the meringue gets a little brown. (I used to be able to leave them overnight, back when I had a pilot light.)

### Chocolate filling:

1-12oz. pkg. of chocolate chips

4 T. butter or margarine

5 T. evap. milk

1/2 c. confectioner's sugar

Use a double boiler if you have one, or else put your pan over hot water. Melt chips, butter and 3 T. milk. When melted, add 2 more T. milk and the confectioner's sugar.

### Peppermint filling:

1 cup whipping cream, whipped

Fold in 1/2 cup crushed peppermint stick

Begin with a layer of meringue, then a layer of chocolate, then peppermint filling. Repeat twice and end with meringue and peppermint whipped cream on top. Sprinkle with crushed peppermint.

You can refrigerate, but I like to freeze it. I use a huge knife to cut into pie shaped pieces.

Ho!

Ho!

Ho!





## **ATTENTION 21 IN 2021 PARTICIPANTS!!!**

For those participating in the 21 in 2021 Challenge, please notify Sharon Perry, [vtquilter@gmail.com](mailto:vtquilter@gmail.com) or 802-326-3135, whether you finished 21 projects in 2021 by December 10<sup>th</sup>. **If you do not let Sharon know you will not be entered in the 21 in 2021 drawing.**

### **JANUARY MEETING FEATURES BUCKLEBEE TOOLBOX TRUNK SHOW ON ZOOM**

Joan Radell of Bucklebee Toolbox will be the guest speaker for the guild's January 19<sup>th</sup> meeting. She'll be talking about *Handbag Making From History to Tips and Techniques*. On Saturday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, Joan will host a half-day workshop to make a 3-ring-binder type pouch. Her instruction will include different construction methods, how to resize, and how to use for different storage needs.

Joan has developed a custom pattern which provides resizing instructions. Joan is also planning a smaller project to use the scraps from the binder project. She will provide a supply list and have an optional kit of her project favorites for those interested guild members. The cost for the half-day workshop is \$25 per student.

Joan, a long-time sewer, quilter and sewing teacher, is the designer behind Bucklebee Bags, Bucklebee by Me patterns, and the specialty notions offered for sale. She does her design and production at the Bucklebee Workshop in the beautiful Endless Mountains of northeastern Pennsylvania. When she's not working on new designs or making handbags, Joan enjoys cooking and baking (pies a specialty!) or puttering around her raised-bed straw garden.

Cindy Metayer is taking sign-ups for the workshop. If you are interested in taking the workshop on Saturday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, please email or call Cindy, [cmets@hotmail.com](mailto:cmets@hotmail.com), 802-582-2164, to reserve your spot.



## 2022 RAFFLE QUILT



Nancy LaPointe	December	16
Rose Rixon	December	18
Cathy Carlson	December	22

Organized by Denise Chase and Sharon Perry;  
Quilted by Bev Cook, Treasured Moments Quilting

[Blue Ribbon winner at the Vermont Quilt Festival](#)

*...and many more!!!*

### COLORADO QUILTER WILL BE GUEST SPEAKER FOR THE FEBRUARY MEETING

Cyndi McChesney is a Colorado based quilt artist, long-arm quilter, teacher and lecturer who revels in finding simple solutions to complex questions about quilt making and quilt design. Cyndi will be doing a Zoom trunk show on Wednesday, February 16<sup>th</sup>, during the regular guild meeting. She'll also conduct her Panel Palooza workshop on Zoom for guild members.

#### PANEL PALOOZA WORKSHOP ON ZOOM

**Saturday, February 19<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am to 11:30 am**

**Saturday, February 26<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am to 11:30 am**

Cyndi will share her artistic, planned approach to elevate a panel into a beautiful, finished quilt. During the first Zoom session, Cyndi will share samples of her work and discuss her process and vision as she plans steps to a completed project. Class participants are encouraged to work on their own unique panel project between the two sessions. During the second Zoom session, participants will share their progress with continued discussions on the panel quilt process. Workshop cost is \$35 for guild members; cost includes both Saturday sessions.

Cindy Metayer is taking sign-ups for the workshop. If you are interested in taking the workshop on Saturday, February 19<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>, please email or call Cindy, [cmets@hotmail.com](mailto:cmets@hotmail.com), 802-582-2164, to reserve your spot.

#### QUILT TIPS

- Before you start a new project, clean out the sewing machine's bobbin race by removing the throat plate and bobbin case and "defluff" thoroughly before replacing everything.
- If your sewing machine skips stitches, change your needle and de fluff the bobbin case.
- When threading a sewing machine manually, slip a piece of white paper behind the eye of the needle so that you can see it easily.
- When you have lots of pieces to cut, always start with the longest pieces.
- When stitching a straight edge to a bias edge, stitch with the bias next to the feed dogs so it won't stretch out of shape.

## FCQG Members Craft Boutique April 2022 Registration Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Eligible only to 2021-2022 FCQG Members. Items offered for sale must be made by the member who is registering.

Please describe the crafts you are registering to sell during the 2022 Quilt Show:

Approximately how many items will you be bringing to sell?

Do you have stands or racks that you use to display your items?

**Registration due by March 2, 2022. You may mail a completed form to Helen Short at 12 Burnell Terrace, St. Albans, VT or email: [hshortvt@comcast.net](mailto:hshortvt@comcast.net) FCQG is not responsible for lost or stolen items.**

You will be furnished with tags to pin onto your items with a number that has been assigned to you. 10% of your proceeds will be paid to the Guild. As a seller in the Members Craft Boutique you will be required to work scheduled hours in the Boutique either during set-up, sales, or take down. The hours worked in the Boutique will not count as your volunteer hours as a Guild Member during the Quilt Show.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**DECEMBER WORD SEARCH**

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DREIDEL  
DASHER  
PRESENTS  
SANTA CLAUS  
ORNAMENTS  
VIXEN  
DONNER  
GINGERBREAD  
JINGLE BELLS  
CAROLS  
WREATH  
HOLLY  
CHRISTMAS  
NAUGHTY  
COMET  
ZIRCON  
DANCER  
NICE  
CUPID

**LINK TO BARN QUILT TRAIL OF NORTHERN VERMONT**

<http://www.barnquiltsouthernvermont.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](mailto: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, December 29<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

Please email articles to Sharon Perry, to [vtquilter@gmail.com](mailto:vtquilter@gmail.com),  
or mail to PO Box 517, Montgomery Center VT 05471



*"Chill December brings the sleet, blazing fire, and Christmas treat."  
~ Sara Coleridge*