

Franklin County Quilters Guild

SUGARHOUSE GAZETTE

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President's Piece

Hello Everyone,

Happy New Year. I hope you all enjoyed the Holiday Season as normalcy resumes. I'm thinking of the guild's next year and officers to lead us into the future. At January's meeting I will be asking for 3 members to form a nominating committee. The committee will be charged with determining the length of terms and selecting a slate of officers to present and be voted on at our June meeting. If you are interested in serving on this year's nominating committee, please contact me prior to the January meeting via my cell phone; 802-752-5497.

At our January meeting we are going to be treated to a quilt show by our very talented guild member, Nancy LaPointe. Kay Benedict will be offering chances to win a prize for every entry she receives into the quilt show PRIOR to our January meeting. Our February meeting is SURPRISE 🎁. We do know we can earn chances for the drawing of great prizes. One way to earn chances is to donate charity quilts prior to February's meeting. Quilter's are generous by nature. This year I think we've more than doubled our quilt donations with the incentive of prizes.

Our donations of non-perishable food and money from our December meeting were donated to the Swanton Food Shelf managed by a guild member, Marge Taylor, and Martha's Kitchen managed by its guardian, Brother Bob. Both entities were very grateful.

Sincerely,
Helen Short, 2015-2016 President

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Helen Short

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Kay Benedict

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Quilt Show

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Nancy LaPointe

Charity Quilt Coordinators

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Jennifer Burt

Alyce Bushey

Denise Chase

Elaine Magnan

Helen Short

Gerda Thibault

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 December 16, 2015

Present: Total attended 58 (no new members, no guests)

Business meeting called to order at 6:45 p.m. by Helen Short, President, following a pot luck feast at 6:00 p.m.

Secretary's Report for November meeting: Motion to accept by Linda Nadeau, seconded by Marge Taylor. Approved.

Treasurer's Report for December: Motion to accept by Denise Chase, seconded by Margaret Miller. Approved.

Committee Reports:**New Year's Baby Quilts** - Gwen Guyette

- Gwen showed the finished boy's quilt.

Quilt Show - Diane Kane and Nancy LaPointe

- Diane Kane announced that the 2016 show will be held at St. Mary's Parish House, since the renovation at City Hall will not be completed in time.
- Kay Benedict announced that because of reduced space at the 2016 venue, each member will be limited to two quilt entries plus a challenge quilt entry.
- Twenty-seven 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 and before the January meeting. The prize is a Moda layer cake by Zen Chic and a half-hexie template for 10" squares, plus an additional entry in the BIG drawing for everyone who has entered a quilt.
- Diane Forey has raffle tickets and will bring them to distribute at the January meeting.

Charity Quilts

- Carolyn Kittell will be the contact person for the family in Franklin County who recently lost their home in a fire. One or more of our finished quilts will be given to the family.

Programs - Sharon Perry and Rose Rixon

- The monthly "birthday gift" for all meeting attendees was a chart of mattress sizes and corresponding quilt sizes.
- There will be a special FCQG-only mystery event February 20th and 21st. Stay tuned.

Library - Pam Salazar

- Thirteen books were checked out in October, and five more since then.

Other Old Business

- Bev Cook donated a quilt for Diane Kane's elementary school raffle fundraiser.

New Business

- Helen Short proposed that officers and committee chairs serve 2-year terms with an assistant to move into office the next year. We may need a by-law change, which will be investigated. To be discussed in January.

Program

- Twisted Yankee Swap
- Christy Mulyca and Carolyn Kittell were the winners of Christmas candles.

Monthly Drawings

- Door Prize: Sue McGregor
- Charity Quilts: Pam Salazar
- Birthday Celebration Prize: Rose Rixon

Show and Tell

Next meeting - Wednesday, January 20th, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. Program: Trunk show by Nancy LaPointe

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Kay Benedict, Secretary

**QUILT SHOW:
PRIZES ABOUND FOR THOSE MEMBERS
ENTERING A QUILT BEFORE
THE JANUARY MEETING**

The *January Early Entry Challenge* is for **ANY** quilt registered **BEFORE** the January meeting - bed, lap/crib, wallhanging, small/miniature, or 25th anniversary challenge quilt. Get your entry form and photo to Kay Benedict to be entered to win a Moda layer cake + a 10" half-hexagon template. The key is getting the entry(ies) to Kay before January 20th. Turning an entry in at the January meeting **DOES NOT** count for the drawing. The entry form can be found on the FCQG website: <http://www.franklincountyquilters.org/fcqqregistrati on.pdf>. Additionally, any quilt entered BEFORE the January meeting will qualify for an additional entry in the BIG February guild drawing!

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? **Volunteer to be the Guild President or the Program Director (or Co-Director) or the Quilt Show Chair (or Co-Chair) for the 2016-2017 membership year by the February meeting** ...your name will be entered 20 times. Helen Short will be asking for volunteers to be on the nominating committee at the January. Once those volunteers are identified, be sure to contact them soonest

QUILT TIPS

- When making a signature quilt, press pieces of freezer paper to the wrong side

of signature areas of blocks so fabric doesn't slip when people are signing.

- Use PVC pipe to raise a banquet-type table to a comfortable cutting height. The ends of the table legs fit inside the lengths of plastic pipe. Take the pipe off to return the table to sitting height.
- Save dull rotary cutting blades for cutting paper. Using a rotary cutter to cut pieces of gift wrap paper speeds up the wrapping process. (Be sure to use a cutting mat!)
- The bags that bedsheets, pillowcases, and dust ruffles come in make great project bags. They are see-through, zip shut, and are just the right size to toss in your purse so you can take a project along to work on while waiting in a doctor's office or at a child's ball game.
- Small paintbrushes come in handy to clean lint from the bobbin case area of your sewing machine.



January	2 nd	Linda	Mahoney
January	5 th	Alyce	Bushey
January	14 th	Gwen	Guyette
January	20 th	Adrienne	Perrino
January	24 th	Carol	Stanley
January	25 th	Alice	Rouleau

...and many more!!!

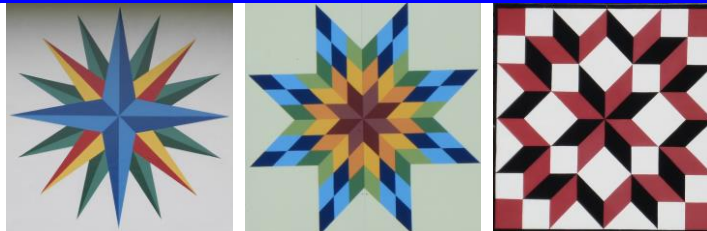
TREASURER’S REPORT FOR JANUARY 2016

**FRANKLIN COUNTY QUILTER'S GUILD
Treasurer's Report -- January 20, 2016**

Opening Balance		\$2,911.25
Funds collected		
City Hall Refund for QS	\$300.00	
QS Vendors (2)	\$100.00	
Membership	\$105.00	
Returned check replacement (1)	\$30.00	
	<i>Total Funds Collected</i>	\$535.00
		<i>Sub-Total</i> \$3,446.25
Funds paid out		
Gerald Perry, Room set-up for Jan	\$35.00	
Denise Chase, Charity quilt batting	\$19.07	
Helen Short, Mtg cups	\$5.00	
Helen Short, Mtg agenda	\$5.30	
Bonnie Evans, Holiday party supplies & giveaway	\$56.01	
Returned checks (2)	\$60.00	
	<i>Total Funds Paid Out</i>	\$180.38
		<i>Grand Total</i> \$3,265.87

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, January 27th, 2016

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>

TRUNK SHOW FEATURING GUILD MEMBER NANCY LAPOINTE AT JANUARY MEETING

The meeting on Wednesday, January 20th, will feature quilts made by the guild's own Nancy LaPointe. Nancy stormed onto the FCQG scene at last year's when she took home the Mayor's Award, a Vendor Award, and 2 first place ribbons. Her quilts were stunning with guild members wanting to see more. As a result, Nancy has agreed to do a trunk show and tell us about her quilting journey.

DON'T FORGET for the next meeting...

1. Completed quilt registration forms which can be found at www.franklincountyquilters.org and on the guild's facebook page
2. Completed UFOs for UFO Challenge
3. Completed Charity Quilts
4. Items for Show and Tell