

Franklin County Quilters Guild

SUGARHOUSE GAZETTE

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President's Piece

Happy New Year! I hope your holidays have been good. We lost power in the storm for a few days, which was an interesting experience over Christmas. I only have one gift unfinished, and I think I had a pretty good excuse, right? But that's behind me and I'm looking forward to 2023.

The coming year is exciting to me. So many opportunities are coming our way. There are intriguing new methods to learn, always new beautiful fabric. I'm still challenging myself to use the old fabric and get more UFOs completed. But I'm also giving myself some grace (a favorite word) to start some new projects and also to let go of some old projects.

I have a hard time doing that, letting something go that I have put work into. It's time to reevaluate the old projects and decide which ones are worth my time. But this is a glass half full situation. I'm going into 2023 determined to cut out some old projects to make space and time for some of the new exciting opportunities ahead. Who's with me?

Piecefully,

Laurel Schaap, 2022-2023 President



2022 – 2023 Guild Calendar

September 21st Ice Cream Social
Potholder Exchange & Bingo
(Doors open at 5:30 pm; food at 6 pm)

October 19th Christmas in October
with Member Demos

November 16th Patriotic-Themed
Quilters' 2½" Strip Poker

December 14th White Elephant
Gift Exchange

January 11th Trunk Show on Zoom
with Emily Taylor, Collage Quilter

2022 – 2023 Guild Calendar

February 8th "Confessions of a Fabric
Whisperer" Trunk Show **on Zoom** with
Ellen Lindner, Adventure Quilter

February 11th Double Reverse Appliqué
Workshop **on Zoom** with Ellen Lindner,
Adventure Quilter

March 15th Tips & Tricks for Quilting
Studio Organization

March 31st Quilt Show Set-Up

April 1st – 2nd Quilt Show

2022 – 2023 Guild Calendar

April 19th Singer Featherweights and
Other Vintage Sewing Machines
With Barb & David Morgan

May 12th "My Quilting Journey" Trunk
Show with Norma Ippolito

May 13th Workshop, "Introduction to
Free-Motion Quilting with Rulers"
with Norma Ippolito
on Domestic Machine

June 21st Teacup Auction

Franklin County Quilters Guild December 14, 2022

Vice-President Helen Short called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Sharon Perry moved to accept the Consent Agenda; motion seconded by Lucie Fortin. The motion carried.

Programs:

- Gale stated that our January Guild meeting will be a Zoom meeting with Emily Taylor on collage quilting. The Zoom meeting will be held on January 11 (note the date change) and start at 6:30 p.m.
- The February meeting will be held on February 8 (note the date change) at 6:30 p.m. This is another Zoom meeting with Ellen Lindner, the Adventure Quilter. Ellen's presentation will be followed by a Zoom workshop to be held on Saturday, February 11.
- More information about these meetings may be found in the newsletter.
- The March meeting will be held on the third Wednesday (as usual). This meeting's topic will be tips and tricks for quilting.

Comfort Quilts:

- Denise Chase reported that 20 quilts were given to Project Linus for which they were very appreciative.
- Discussion surrounded a fire in St. Albans and Denise will get a quilt to that family.
- Denise has kits available.

Quilt Show:

- Currently there are 17 quilt entries (10 were turned in tonight).
- Helen Short there will probably be opportunities for members to place more than one bed quilt in the show. Information will be available at the January 11 meeting.
- JeanAnne Branch indicated there are many openings for volunteers.
- Helen stated that a complete Dresden plate is not necessary for the Dresden Challenge. There should be four parts of a plate with a maximum perimeter of 96 inches.

Raffle Tickets:

- Sharon Perry reported that raffle ticket sales were successful at the Montgomery Craft show. She indicated it was a definite benefit to have donations from Guild members for sale at their booth.
- Denise Chase still has tickets for members to sell. To stay in good standing, a member must sell the equivalent of two books of tickets.

Membership:

- Penny LaRoche reported there are currently 53 members.
- 27 members were present at the meeting, plus one guest.

2023 Charity Quilt: 179 finished blocks have been returned to JeanAnne Branch

Sugarhouse Gazette: The deadline for submissions is Wednesday, December 28.

22 in 2022 Challenge:

- 12 members met this challenge with a total of 264 completed projects.
- Claudia Moeykens won the prize for meeting this challenge.
- The challenge for 2023 is 23 in 2023

Mystery Quilt: Lucie Fortin shared the December block which is available online.

Other Business:

- It was noted that this meeting was not available on Facebook Live.
- Some discussion was held regarding a historian position. Sharon stated that there is a repository of information available.
- Cindy Metayer has prepared the quilt for the first girl of the New Year. Deb Dusablon has prepared the quilt for the first boy of the New Year. Quilts are to be given to the hospital.

At this point we adjourned for a rollicking white elephant Christmas swap.

We shared our Show and Tell quilts.

Penny LaRoche won the door prize for comfort quilts, and Lucie Fortin won the door prize for membership.

Sharon Perry moved to adjourn the meeting. Lucie Fortin seconded the motion. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Helen Bicknell, Secretary

January is



National Soup Month

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR JANUARY 2023**FRANKLIN COUNTY QUILTERS GUILD****Treasurer's Report -- January 11, 2023**

Opening Balance \$5,902.69

Funds collected

Membership	\$40.00
Workshops	\$340.00
Raffle tickets	\$439.00
Craft sales	\$381.00

<i>Total Funds Collected</i>	\$1,200.00
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Subtotal \$7,102.69

Funds paid out

Gerald Perry, Jan room setup	\$35.00
CaDi Corners, Quilting	\$114.90

<i>Total Paid Out</i>	\$149.90
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Grand Total \$6,952.79

	\$96.00	<i>Comfort Quilt / Supplies Donations</i>
<i>Guild funds available</i>	\$6,856.79	

2022 YTD Collections: \$5,349.00

Respectfully submitted,
Deborah L. Dusablon, Treasurer

THE COLLAGE QUILTER AS GUEST SPEAKER IN JANUARY

Emily Taylor, The Collage Quilter, will be joining us from Sandy, Utah, and will be discussing her quilting journey into collage quilting through a trunk show of her quilts. To learn more about Emily visit her website [here](#).

Please note Emily's trunk show will be on Wednesday, January 11th. This is the 2nd Wednesday in January!

**FEBRUARY MEETING AND WORKSHOP ON ZOOM**

Ellen Lindner, the Adventure Quilter from Melbourne, Florida, will entertain us with her lecture, called *Confessions of a Fabric Whisperer*, on **Wednesday, February 8th**. Ellen will also conduct a workshop, **Double Reversible Appliqué**, on **Saturday, February 11th**. For more information about Ellen and her workshops and lectures, visit her website [here](#).

So check your calendars and mark down the change in meeting dates in both January and February so you won't miss the programs. Also take advantage of Ellen's workshop in **February** for the **opportunity to learn how to do double reversible appliqué**.



13 WEEKS AND COUNTING... UNTIL THE 2023 QUILT SHOW

The 2023 Quilt Show is 13 weeks away, and the planning and preparations continue behind the scenes. As the event draws near, we depend on all guild members to ensure the quilt show is a huge success. Continue reading to see how you can help.

- We need QUILTS! It's all about the quilts!!! Penny LaRoche has volunteered as the Quilt Registration coordinator and she wants to have the quilts registered sooner rather than later. So let's help Penny out and get ALL the quilts registered well before the March 1st deadline. The quilt registration form can be found [here](#). The quilt show chairs, along with Penny, challenge each guild member to enter at least one quilt in the show. But don't stop there; we need lots more quilts to fill up the auditorium at the City Hall. **As a reminder, all quilts, including those in the Small/Miniature category, must have a sleeve sewn (not pinned) to the back. The sleeve must be at least 4" wide.**

- We need volunteers!!! Jean Anne Branch is in charge of getting volunteers for the quilt show. She began sign-ups at the October meeting. She will have the list at the December meetings as well. As an English proverb says, "Many hands make light work." There are many jobs from which to choose. Be sure to take a look at the volunteer list found [here](#). Bring your calendar to the guild meeting and sign up for a time that fits your schedule. If you cannot make the December meeting and would like to volunteer, please contact Jean Anne.

- We need your raffle tickets!!! Denise Chase is the raffle ticket coordinator this year. Denise asks that each member return the raffle tickets and money for the tickets in an envelope with the member's name written on the outside. Denise wants to be sure to properly credit the returned tickets and money to the correct member and avoid spending time tracking down unreturned tickets. As a reminder, to remain a member in good standing and eligible to take guild workshops, each member must sell 2 packets of tickets. The tickets are 1 ticket for \$2 or 3 tickets for \$5. Once sold members can bring their sold tickets and money to a guild meeting **OR** send the tickets and money (check(s) payable to FCQG) to Denise Chase, 55 Barlow Street, St Albans, VT 05478. Be sure to include your return address on the envelope so Denise can properly credit the ticket sales to your name.

2023 CHALLENGE QUILT

The 2023 Challenge Quilt will feature the Dresden Plate. An entire plate is not required. However, you must have a minimum of 4 sections of the plate. Those 4 sections do not have to be sewn together into a unit. Your plate

sections do not have to be the same size nor made out of the same fabrics. The perimeter of your Challenge Quilt must be no more than 96 inches. **A sleeve for hanging is required.** Let your imagination run wild!

DID YOU MAKE THE 2021-2022 SUGARHOUSE SAMPLER MYSTERY QUILT?

Or are you currently working on one? The Quilt Show committee plans to have a **special display of members' completed Sugarhouse Sampler Mystery Quilts at the April 2023 quilt show.** If you haven't finished yours yet, there's still time to complete your sampler quilt and have it be part of this special display. Don't forget to put a 4" sleeve on the back of your quilt so it can hang at the quilt show.



JUST FOR FUN QUILTING ACRONYMS

BDNQ: Bad Day, Not Quilting
DQ: Dragon Quilt (A quilt that is dragged many places to be finished)
FART: Fabric Accumulation Road Trip
FOB: Fear of Binding
HIPS: Hundreds of Ideas Piling Skyward
HSY: Haven't Started Yet
NESTY: Not Even Started Yet
PFC: Professional Fabric Collector
PhD: Project Half Done
PIGS: Projects in Grocery Sacks
PIPS: Projects In Process
PITS: Project In Totes
PIW: Project In Waiting (waiting to grow up to be a WIP)
QIMM: Quilts in My Mind
STABLE: STash Accumulation Beyond Life Expectancy
SEX: Stash Enhancing eXperience (or eXcursion)
SQUID: Sewing a Quilt Until I Die
STASH: Special Treasures All Secretly Hidden
TGIF: Thank God It's Finished
TOAD: Trashed Object Abandoned in Disgust
WAYWO: What Are You Working On
WHIMM: Works Hidden In My Mind
WIP: Work In Progress
WISP: Work In Slow Progress
WITHWIT: What In The Heck Was I Thinking
WIVSP: Work In Very Slow Progress
WIWMI: Wish It Would Make Itself
WOMBAT: Waste of Money, Batting, and Time
WWIT: What was I thinking?

A B-I-G Thanks to JeanAnne Branch for sending along the start of the list. This editor found even more online and added them to the list.



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2023 RAFFLE QUILT



Organized by Penny LaRochelle;
Quilted by Diane Comeau, CaDi Corners LLC

SUNSHINE CARDS FOR GUILD MEMBERS

If you know of a guild member who is in need of encouragement or comfort due to an illness, bereavement, etc., please contact Diane Comeau, 802-310-1837. She will send out an appropriate card.



CADI CORNERS' MOVING SALE

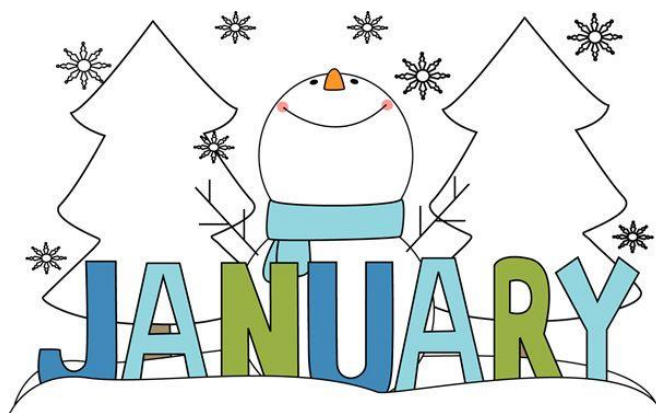
CaDi Corners will be offering special discounted pricing on Friday and Saturday, January 13 – 14, for in-person shoppers only. If you hadn't heard, CaDi Corners is moving to Ballston Spa, NY. Diane Comeau still plans to attend guild meetings and vend at the quilt show.

Fabrics, notions, patterns, books and kits are included. Shopping hours are from 9:30 am to 4:00 pm both days. Discounts will be 40 – 60% off with extra discounts when finishing a bolt.

The pricing will not be offered on the website. We do hope you will extend this opportunity to your sewing family and friends.

Please know how much we have appreciated your business and support over the past years. We will miss being in Northern Vermont and glad we will not be too far away. CaDi Corners will continue our business in our new location, 34 South Street, in Ballston Spa, NY.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call or email Diane at Dcinvermont@gmail.com or 802-310-1837.



Alyce	Bushey	January	2
Ali	Boren	January	4
Gwen	Guyette	January	14
Deb	Trahan	January	14
Beth	Mouser	January	15
Stacy	Gregoire	January	18
Carol	Stanley	January	24

...and many more!!!

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN...MEMBERSHIP DUES!

September marked the start of a new membership year for the guild. The FCQG 2022-2023 membership form can be found [here](#).

Your completed membership form and your \$20 check, payable to FCQG, should be brought to a guild meeting **OR** sent to Penny LaRochelle. Penny's address is included on the membership form.

Renew Your Membership



Mystery Quilt

2022-2023



MYSTERY QUILT PROJECT FOR 2022-2023 MEMBERSHIP YEAR

Diane Comeau and Lucie Fortin have been working together over the summer to bring guild members another fun and unique mystery quilt with blocks presented each month during the 2022-2023 membership year. It sounds like another stunning quilt. If you missed out on making the FCQG Sugarhouse Sampler this past year, you can join this year's mystery.

Diane plans to handle the distribution of the instructions for each month's block(s) a little different from last year's mystery quilt. She will still have the current month's BOM in paper version at each guild meeting and any past months where there are extras for those members who would prefer a paper copy.

In addition to the paper copy available at the meeting, Diane will also have a pattern available on her website for each month's instructions. Diane will provide a link each month for that month's

pattern. Here is the [link for the month 4 pattern and instructions handed out at the December meeting](https://www.cadicorners.com/shop/CaDis-Quilt-Corner/Books-and-Patterns/Mystery-Block-of-the-Month/p/Mystery-Block-of-the-Month---4-x67240928.htm): <https://www.cadicorners.com/shop/CaDis-Quilt-Corner/Books-and-Patterns/Mystery-Block-of-the-Month/p/Mystery-Block-of-the-Month---4-x67240928.htm>.

When you click on the link, it will direct you to Diane's business website. Even though there is a "price" for each month's pattern, guild members will have a coupon code to enter which will zero out the "price" for the pattern.

To access the pattern, click on the link in blue above. Once you access Diane's business page, click "Add to Cart." Now go to your cart and under the word Subtotal, click on Enter Coupon. Enter BOM2023 then click Apply as shown in Figure A below. Once you click Apply, the "price" for the pattern will be \$0.00. The coupon code (BOM2023) will be valid until July 31, 2023, so Diane encourages all 2022-2023 members to use the code upon the release of the pattern each month. If anyone missed out on a paper copy or would prefer a paper copy, please contact Diane at 802-310-1837.

You will be required to enter your email address so the system can send you a link to download your file. The file will be available for an unlimited number of downloads.

Here are the links to all the blocks so far:

- BOM handed out at the September meeting: <https://www.cadicorners.com/shop/CaDis-Quilt-Corner/Books-and-Patterns/Mystery-Block-of-the-Month/p/Mystery-Block-of-the-Month---1-x65791129.htm>
- BOM handed out at the October meeting: <https://www.cadicorners.com/shop/CaDis-Quilt-Corner/Books-and-Patterns/Mystery-Block-of-the-Month/p/Mystery-Block-of-the-Month---2-x65794682.htm>
- BOM handed out at the November meeting: <https://www.cadicorners.com/shop/CaDis-Quilt-Corner/Books-and-Patterns/Mystery-Block-of-the-Month/p/Mystery-Block-of-the-Month---3-x65794779.htm>
- BOM handed out at the December meeting: <https://www.cadicorners.com/shop/CaDis-Quilt-Corner/Books-and-Patterns/Mystery-Block-of-the-Month/p/Mystery-Block-of-the-Month---4-x67240928.htm>



QUILT TIPS

- Use a small piece of masking tape to mark your place when you stop hand quilting. That way, you can pick up your needle and begin again without wasting time looking for where you left off last.
- Cut a small piece of jar opener rubber and keep next to you when you hand quilt so you can grab ahold of the needle to help pull it through fabric.
- Label, label, label! Imagine inheriting a quilt or an un-quilted top and not being sure which grandmother or aunt made them. No matter how small the project; label it!
- If you do lots of straight line quilting, collect different widths of masking/painters tape.



RECIPE CORNER

CREAMY WHITE CHILI

1 pound boneless skinless chicken breasts, cut into ½-inch cubes
 1 medium onion, chopped
 1½ teaspoons garlic powder
 1 tablespoon canola oil
 2 cans (15½ ounces each) great northern beans, rinsed and drained
 1 can (14½ ounces) chicken broth
 2 cans (4 ounces each) chopped green chiles
 1 teaspoon salt
 1 teaspoon ground cumin
 1 teaspoon dried oregano
 ½ teaspoon pepper
 ¼ teaspoon cayenne pepper
 1 cup sour cream
 ½ cup heavy whipping cream
 Optional: Tortilla chips, shredded cheddar cheese, and sliced seeded jalapeno pepper

In a large saucepan, sauté the chicken, onion and garlic powder in oil until chicken is no longer pink. Add the beans, broth, chiles and seasonings. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat; simmer, uncovered, for 30 minutes. Remove from the heat; stir in sour cream and heavy cream. If desired, top with tortilla chips, cheese and jalapenos.

CAULIFLOWER SOUP

1 medium head cauliflower, broken into florets
 1 medium carrot, shredded
 ¼ cup chopped celery
 2½ cups water
 2 teaspoons chicken bouillon or 1 vegetable bouillon cube
 3 tablespoons butter
 3 tablespoons all-purpose flour
 ¾ teaspoon salt
 ½ teaspoon pepper
 2 cups 2% milk
 1 cup shredded cheddar cheese
 ½ to 1 teaspoon hot pepper sauce, optional

In a Dutch oven, combine the cauliflower, carrot, celery, water and bouillon. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat; cover and simmer for 12-15 minutes or until vegetables are tender (do not drain).

In a large saucepan, melt butter. Stir in the flour, salt and pepper until smooth. Gradually add milk. Bring to a boil over medium heat; cook and stir for 2 minutes

or until thickened. Reduce heat. Stir in the cheese until melted, adding hot pepper sauce if desired. Stir into the cauliflower mixture.

BEST EVER POTATO SOUP

6 bacon strips, diced
 3 cups cubed peeled potatoes
 1 small carrot, grated
 ½ cup chopped onion
 1 tablespoon dried parsley flakes
 ½ teaspoon salt
 ½ teaspoon pepper
 ½ teaspoon celery seed
 1 can (14½ ounces) chicken broth
 3 tablespoons all-purpose flour
 3 cups 2% milk
 8 ounces Velveeta, cubed
 2 green onions, thinly sliced, optional

In a large saucepan, cook bacon over medium heat until crisp, stirring occasionally; drain drippings. Add vegetables, seasonings and broth; bring to a boil. Reduce heat; simmer, covered, until potatoes are tender, 10-15 minutes.

Mix flour and milk until smooth; stir into soup. Bring to a boil, stirring constantly; cook and stir until thickened, about 2 minutes. Stir in cheese until melted. If desired, serve with green onions.

BROCCOLI AND CHEDDAR SOUP

3 tablespoons butter
 ¼ small onion, chopped
 2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
 1 cup half-and-half
 1½ cups chicken broth
 Salt and ground black pepper to taste
 2 cups chopped broccoli
 1 carrot, chopped
 1 celery stalk, chopped
 1¼ cups shredded mild Cheddar cheese

Melt butter in a stock pot over medium-high heat; add onion and sauté until tender, 3 to 4 minutes. Whisk in flour and continue to stir until mixture turns golden brown, about 5 minutes. Slowly add half-and-half to onion mixture, stirring until mixture is smooth. Add chicken broth; season with salt and ground black pepper.

Reduce heat to medium-low and simmer mixture until thickened, about 10 minutes. Add broccoli, carrot, and celery. Simmer until vegetables are tender yet crisp, about 20 minutes.

Reduce heat to low. Add Cheddar cheese to soup and cook, stirring occasionally, until cheese melts, about 5 minutes.

STOPPING BY WOODS ON A SNOWY EVENING

Robert Frost

Whose woods these are I think I know.

His house is in the village though;

He will not see me stopping here

To watch his woods fill up with snow.

My little horse must think it queer

To stop without a farmhouse near

Between the woods and frozen lake

The darkest evening of the year.

He gives his harness bells a shake

To ask if there is some mistake.

The only other sound's the sweep

Of easy wind and downy flake.

The woods are lovely, dark and deep,

But I have promises to keep,

And miles to go before I sleep,

And miles to go before I sleep.



FEATURED VIDEO TUTORIAL FOR JANUARY: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UhTooAVmjZE>

"Nightfall" Quilt by Missouri Star Quilt Company

FEATURED PATTERNS

Happy Winter Snowmen Quilt: <https://www.tildasworld.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/SnowmenQuilt.pdf>

Happy Winter Snowmen Pillow: <https://www.tildasworld.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/SnowmenPillow.pdf>

Crystalline: <https://liveartgalleryfabrics.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/crystalline-quilt-instructions-new.pdf>

Tweety's Snowflake: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1fmoKwVNCdMuR1nwqx11XYt5Hw1NUZeph/view>

Snowflake Placemats: <https://www.husqvarnaviking.com/SiteMedia/Campaigns/Epic/banners/HV-Snowflake-Placemats.pdf>

Silver Morning Flight: <https://www.robertkaufman.com/assets/pdf/SilverMorningFlight.pdf>

Still of the Night: <https://hoffmancaliforniafabrics.net/patterns/files/Still-Of-The-Night-pattern WEB.pdf>

Star Tracks: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1rXOSc-pej_epjzfeVTNA1amOrvMUVgQJ/view

Snowfield: <https://liveartgalleryfabrics.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/Snowfield-Quilt-Instructions-new.pdf>

Winter Lights: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1f6-Locnjitywh9CwKh6LcgvOge7RjbAL/view>

LINK TO BARN QUILT TRAIL OF NORTHERN VERMONT

<http://www.barnquiltsfornorthernvermont.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, 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, January 25th, 2023

Please email articles to Sharon Perry, to vtquilter@gmail.com,

or mail to PO Box 517, Montgomery Center VT 05471



January is National Blood Donor Month



"It is deep January. The sky is hard. The stalks are firmly rooted in ice."

~ Wallace Stevens