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FOR

SUGARHOUSE GAZETTE

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Wednesday, March 3rd

Please send your articles & submissions to Sharon Perry at vtquilter@gmail.com

President's Message

Happy Valentine's Day Everyone!

I sure enjoyed the paper-piecing demonstration from award winning quilter, Janet McCarthy, at the January meeting. Her techniques were very effective in helping me complete the sailboat and heart handouts. My plans are to make four of the paper-piecing hearts for the quilt show using Janet's techniques – shorten the stitches, begin a few stitches ahead and beyond the seam line and trim to ¼ inch. Thank you, Janet for the demo.

As we begin February, one quilt top for the show is finished and the remaining quilt just needs borders. Next, I need to make three sleeves to hang the quilts for the show. I'd rather dust or wash floors then add the sleeve! Of course, this will cause me to falter on my resolution, so I have set aside 2 specific hours on Sunday to complete these sleeves. They'll be ready when the machine quilting is completed. I'll let you know if I'm successful.

Remember, we need quilts for the show!!!

See you on the 17th for Froncie Quinn's trunk show.

Happy Quilting,

Ann Jacobs

TRUNK SHOW WITH FRONCIE QUINN

Wednesday, February 17th, 2010

Meeting starts at 6:00 pm

"Florrie: The Story of Florence Peto"

Sneak a glimpse into the life of quilt historian, Florence Peto. Chuckle at some of Florence's quotes which Froncie has dubbed as "Florrie-isms! Learn the story behind this Quilter's Hall of Fame inductee and why she was so instrumental in the resurgence of quilting in the mid-1900's. Enjoy Froncie's fun presentation as she transforms herself from "Froncie" to "Florrie"!

FRANKLIN COUNTY QUILTERS GUILD

Minutes of January 20, 2010

Present: Total attended, 48; Guests: 1**Proceedings:***Meeting called to order* at 7:00 p.m. by President, Ann Jacobs.*Secretary's Report:* Minutes from December - motion to accept, Joanne Sweet, seconded by Giselle Nolan.*Treasurer's Report:* Motion to accept, Diane Forey; seconded by Nancy Orcutt.*Old Business:*

- Guild Library (Kay Benedict). A motion was submitted to maintain the new guild library in two ways (see below). Motion to accept, Bonnie Evans; seconded by Sharon Perry.

- A permanent collection of hard copy books where by members could borrow. A sign out sheet would be maintained in order to track books.

- A 'virtual library' which would consist of a list of books & magazines fellow guild members would be willing to lend to each other. If someone wanted to borrow a book/magazine on the list they would put in their request so that it would be available at the next meeting.

- 2010 Quilt Show (Sharon Perry):

- Scheduled for April 10-11, 2010. Setup on Friday, April 9th, time TBA.

- Additional operating fee of \$300 - being charged \$150 per day to rent City Hall.

- Will continue to purchase liability insurance for and to hire security guards for the show.

- Reminding everyone we need quilts to display for the show!

- Still have a few volunteer spots to fill.

- Silent Auction items are needed by March's meeting; see Peggy Burbank.

- Mariette Shepard has volunteered to do all the paper piecing for the Ribbons!

- Raffle tickets handed/mailed out by Gayle Darling. When you turn in money for sold tickets be sure it is in an envelope with your name on it so she'll know who it came from (this was an issue last year).

- Quilt show meeting dates:

- February 8 @ 6pm - NWM, large conference room.

- Demonstrations at the quilt show - Lorraine Pike is still looking for volunteers to put on demonstrations.

- Gwen Guyette is still look for fat quarters for the 3rd raffle prize.

- Charity Quilts: Ann Jacobs needs each charity head to turn in a few quilts to be displayed.

- Vendors: we have plenty of vendors for the show.

- I Spy Quilts:

- Gail Darling has gone around to all the local business asking them to participate by allowing us to put a quilt(s) up in their windows.

- She needs members to 'adopt a business'. In doing so you will be responsible for coordinating w/that business, set up & take down your quilt(s). Quilts need to be set up two weeks prior to the show if possible.

- If you want to sell the quilt you're displaying be sure to give index card with a price & contact info to shop owner.

- Newsletter. Thank you Sharon for a fabulous job!

New Business:

- Habitat for Humanity is having a quilt-a-thon on Sunday, January 31st from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm @ the NMC conference room.

- Discussion brought forward on possibly changing the bylaws, Article III Section 1, to allow children under the age of 18 to join the guild. There are currently a few young people who are avid quilters that would like to be able to join the guild. The general feel of the discussion is that members think it's a great idea and want to encourage our young to follow in our quilting footsteps. One concern is that members don't use this opportunity to take their children just because a sitter may not be available. To avoid this, the following guide lines were suggested:

- All persons under 18 must be sponsored by a member in good standing,

- They must be accompanied to all meetings and activities by sponsor or another adult member.

- Enter one quilt in the quilt show (we can establish a special category for this).

- Ann Jacobs asked for volunteers to a committee to bring a proposed bylaw change to a future meeting. Sharon Perry, Gail Darling & Sally Krupp said they would serve on the committee.

- A motion was brought forward that if by chance there are currently any persons under 18 that paid dues, they be allowed to continue their membership while this action item goes through

proper process. Motion to accept, Sharon Perry; seconded by Gerda Thibault.

Block of the Month: Instructions and swatches for next month's blocks were on tables.

Monthly Drawings

- Door prize went to Elaine Magnan.
- BOM drawing won by Joanne Sweet.
- Charity quilt drawing went to Deb Aylward.
- UFO drawing – Bonnie Evans.

Programs:

- Charity quilt show & tell.
- Paper piecing demo by Janet McCarthy: Brave Hearts done in three levels of difficulty. Jan has challenge members to make something using the Brave Heart paper piecing methods and entering their completed Brave Heart project in the quilt show. Entries must be submitted by March.

Other Business

- Next meeting, February 17th, starts at 6:00 pm.
- Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Minutes submitted by Secretary, Roseanne Terrill.

GUILD LIBRARY IS UP AND RUNNING!

The guild's new permanent collection already includes books, magazines, and patterns. A complete list will soon be posted on the FCQG website.

Any current member of the guild is welcome to borrow materials from one meeting to the next. There will be a clipboard for you to sign when taking or returning items. Email requests or renewals to Kay Benedict at kayben1@yahoo.com, or phone her at 868-7723.

The librarian welcomes donations of quilting books, instructional DVDs, gently used magazines, quilt patterns, and novels with a quilting theme. Please put your name on a sticky note and attach to donated items so that your gift can be acknowledged.

In addition to the permanent collection, there are resources available that guild members own and are willing to lend to other members. Email Kay a list of your available items for our virtual collection, and she will include them on a master list on our website. (No list necessary from Nancy Orcutt, who owns 700+ items and is happy to share! Thank you, Nancy.) To request an item, contact the owner directly, or email Kay and she will facilitate. A big thanks to Kay for organizing the guild's library!!!

QUILTS OF VALOR



VERMONT CHAPTER

Please join us for a QOV QUILT-A-THON! Bring your QOV project, or anything you may need/want to work on, UFOs, or just stop by and say hi!

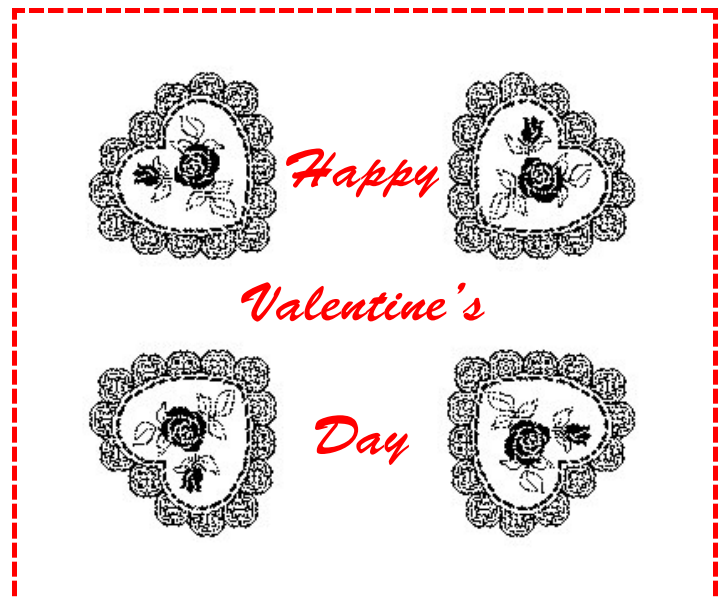
WHEN: 1st Saturday of EVERY month from 9:00 am—2:00 pm

WHERE: Forever Bloom Quilt Shop & More
71 North Main Street
St. Albans, VT 05478

CONTACTS: Roseanne Terrill, 802-524-7603
Gail Darling, 802-827-3159

FABRIC STILL NEEDED FOR 2011 RAFFLE QUILT

Peg Burbank and Judy Hamilton are still looking for fabric donations for the 2011 Raffle Quilt. If you have any 2 ½ to 3-inch strips or fat quarters of tone-on-tone fabrics in any color, please consider donating some for next year's raffle quilt. Bring your donations to the February meeting and give them to Judy. If you have any questions, please email Peg at peggy.burbank@uvm.edu.



QUILT SHOW COUNTDOWN BEGINS 58 DAYS TO GO....

The Quilt Show Committee met on February 8th to continue planning for the 12th annual quilt show on April 10th & 11th, the second weekend in April. Although there are only 58 days left until the show, there's still much to do. Read how you can help out this year. As the saying goes, "Many hands make light work!"

QUILTS! QUILTS! QUILTS! IT'S ALL ABOUT THE QUILTS!!!

As always, WE NEED QUILTS!!! There is a copy of the registration form again included in this edition of the Sugarhouse Gazette. As of February 8th, Shireen had received only four quilt registrations. If every member entered just one quilt, we could easily make the goal of 100 quilts to fill City Hall. Think back to all quilts displayed during show and tell since last April. The guild probably averages about 20-30 quilts at each show and tell. With 10 meetings a year, guild members have made at least 200-300 quilts since the 2009 quilt show. If taking a picture is holding up your registrations, please understand the quilt does not have to be finished in the picture. Shireen only uses the pictures to deconflict color and style placement of the quilt in her planned layout. And Shireen's use of those pictures really works since we didn't have to shuffle any quilts around after the set up.

"I SPY QUILTS ON MAIN STREET?"

Gail Darling is still looking for members to adopt a business or two. All you will need to do is deliver a quilt(s) to your business, along with a poster, and return after the show to pick up your quilt(s). It really is that easy! This is a very easy way for members to help with the quilt show. Also, "I Spy Quilts" provides FREE publicity for the quilt show!!! See Gail Darling at the meeting February 17th to sign up. As a note, if you want to sell your quilt, please make sure you give an index card to the business owner with a price and contact information for any inquiries.

DONATIONS NEEDED FOR SILENT AUCTION

Nancy Orcutt and Peg Burbank, the Silent Auction coordinators, still need more donations for the Silent Auction table. They currently have 14 donated items and need about double that number to have a good selection of items for show attendees to bid on. Nancy and Peg need any donations by the March meeting so they have time to take pictures and prepare the necessary paperwork for all the items.

... AND DOOR PRIZES

Lorraine Pike is still gathering together donations for the door prize basket. If you have anything to contribute

such as teas, coffees, candles, lotions, fabric, cards, stationery, soaps, candy, syrup etc...think special, think spa, think luxurious, think decadent! Bring your donations to the February meeting and give them to Lorraine so she can make an awesome basket for the door prize.

BASKET OF FAT QUARTERS

As always, the third prize for the raffle will be a big basket of fat quarters. Gwen Guyette has a few 100%, good quality cotton fat quarters for the FQ basket, but she needs a lot more to fill up the basket. With all the cold weather outside, now is a good time to do some "spring cleaning" on your stash and donate some FQs so you have more room to buy those many luscious fabrics which will debut this spring. Give your FQs to Gwen Guyette at the guild meeting.

VOLUNTEERS

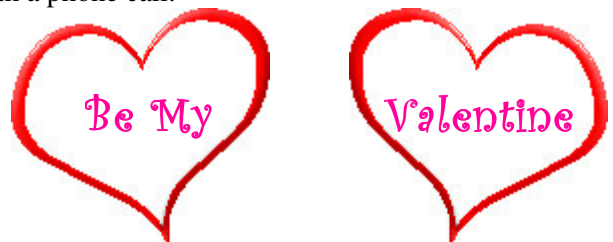
Bonnie Evans is once again in charge of volunteers. Making the show a success depends on all guild members volunteering to help out on the weekend of the show. There are lots of jobs for everyone with a typical shift only about 2-3 hours. If you plan now, surely you can fit a few hours at the show into your schedule. Bonnie will continue looking for volunteers at the February meeting so bring your personal calendars along so you'll know when you'll be able to help out.

PUBLICITY

Gerda Thibault graciously volunteered to take over the publicity duties for the quilt show, but she needs everyone's help. First, Gerda is looking for small "quilty" items or decorations that she can use to decorate the display cases at the I-89 rest areas. Second, Gerda will have posters available at the February meeting. Please see Gerda and pick up a few posters to hang in your community. Also, Gail Darling once again has reminded folks to take one of the 8 1/2 by 11-inch posters and place in your left rear window to publicize the show. Let's see if we can "flood" our communities with posters to encourage people to attend.

RAFFLE TICKETS

And finally, don't forget to turn in your raffle money and stubs to Gail Darling. By doing so, you'll save Gail Darling some time, and she won't have to "bug" anyone with a phone call.



FRANKLIN COUNTY QUILTERS GUILD**12th Annual Quilt Show**

St. Albans City Hall

April 10th & 11th, 2010

The Franklin County Quilters Guild is holding its 12th Annual Quilt Show, April 10th & 11th, 2010, at the City Hall in St. Albans, Vermont.

Registration deadline is Monday, March 8th, 2010. Please complete the enclosed form, which should be signed, dated and returned to the Quilt Registration Chair as indicated on the registration form. Please submit a photograph of each of your quilts with your entry forms. (This is for planning purposes and can be of the finished quilt, just the top, or even a layout of the top before completion.) Upon registration, you will be provided with a registration number for each quilt to help with drop off.

Bring your pre-registered quilts to the St. Albans City Hall on Friday, April 9th, between the hours of 3:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. Please bring each quilt in a clear plastic bag and bring your quilt registration number(s) with you when you come to drop off your quilts. Your quilts will be available to pick up at the St. Albans City Hall between 4:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 11th and should be collected no later than 5:00 p.m.

Thank you for your participation in the Quilt Show.

Shireen Melton, Quilt Show Registration & Layout

Additional Information:

- ✓ *This is not a juried show. Anyone who is a member of the guild can enter and display a quilt which they participated in making.*
- ✓ *A "Crib or Lap Quilt" is smaller than twin size, and is intended for functional use. A "Bed Quilt" can be between twin size and king size and is intended for functional use. A "Wall Quilt" may be of any size, but is not intended for functional use on a bed. A "Miniature Quilt" utilizes a reduced scale, miniature piecing, or miniature appliqué techniques.*
- ✓ *Based on information provided on the registration form and picture, the Quilt Registration Chair reserves the right to place the entry into a more appropriate category.*
- ✓ *Sources of design section should reference any books, patterns or kits you used, or classes taken (give credit to the designer). Feel free to provide additional information about your quilt, its recipient, its story, that can be used for narrative in the video.*
- ✓ *Your entry does not have to be rectangular, but does need to have a means by which to hang it for display from a straight metal rod. If you are submitting a quilt that has anything other than a straight top edge and a sleeve for hanging, you must provide another means to display that quilt so that it will hang.*
- ✓ *Please look over your entries closely before dropping them off for display. Please check carefully for stray needles and pins. Also watch for loose or hanging threads, animal fur, and stains, as these can detract from the beauty of your work.*
- ✓ *Temporary hanging sleeves look and work best and help avoid damage to the quilt when they are basted on, rather than pinned.*
- ✓ *You may offer a displayed quilt for sale, however the purchaser may not remove it from the show until the show has ended.*

12th Annual Quilt Show
Franklin County Quilters Guild
Quilt Registration Form

(Registration Deadline: Monday, March 8th, 2010)

Please print clearly or type, one form per quilt:

Name: _____ Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Title of Quilt: _____

Brief Description: _____

Category: (Check one only)

_____ (C) Crib or Lap Quilt _____ (B) Bed Quilt _____ (W) Wall Quilt _____ (M) Miniature

Hanging dimensions of entry in inches: _____ (width) by _____ (length)

****Note:** Lap, Bed and Wall Quilts must have a 5" sleeve for hanging. Miniatures less than 20" wide may omit a hanging sleeve.

Check all that apply:

_____ Hand pieced _____ Machine pieced _____ Hand appliquéd _____ Machine
 appliquéd

_____ Hand quilted _____ Machine quilted _____ Professionally machine quilted

Other techniques used: _____

Pieced/appliquéd by whom: _____ Quilted by whom: _____

Name of piecing/appliqué design: _____ Photograph enclosed: _____

Sources of design: _____

Franklin County Quilters Guild and St. Albans City are not responsible for damage or loss of quilts exhibited. I accept full responsibility for any and all insurance coverage.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Submit completed form and photo via e-mail to: quiltsanity@yahoo.com or by mail to:

Shireen Melton, Quilt Registration, 6 Stoney Acre Dr., St. Albans VT 05478
 Any questions, email Shireen at quiltsanity@yahoo.com or call 524-2407
(email is preferred due to work and family obligations)

QUILT TIPS

Be sure to share your quilting projects with everyone you know. You never know when someone (usually the person you least expect) will become interested in quilting and want to learn this wonderful craft.

Here is an inexpensive way to make templates. Trace the shape onto freezer paper, iron it onto thin cardboard from around the home, food boxes, coloring books, etc., then cut them out. If you use gridded paper, the grids are all in 1/4 measurements, and you can easily include your seam allowance without having to mark the inside line.

Those pesky cards that come in all magazines make good "emergency" templates.

When making quilts for children (or friends) add a secret pocket with a little love note in it...only you and the recipient will know where it is if you disguise it well. This is lovely for grandchildren or nieces and nephews. You can add a new note each time you visit them.

Keep your old rotary cutter and mat if you buy a new one. Use the old one to cut paper patterns, photos, or other craft items.

In order to view your quilts or blocks from a distance, use a monocular or binocular turn backwards. Doing so makes everything look farther away instead of closer.

A small empty tissue box (the square ones) kept on the cutting table makes a great tabletop waste basket.

Don't forget to bring:

1. Show & Tell items
2. Food shelf donation
3. Completed block of the month
4. Fabric for 2011 Raffle Quilt
5. Completed quilt registration form(s)
6. Quilts for pictures, if needed
7. Raffle Money and Stubs
8. Silent Auction & Door Prize Items
9. Fqs for Raffle Prize
10. Personal calendars for volunteering

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