

Franklin County Quilters Guild

SUGARHOUSE GAZETTE

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◆◆ President's Piece ◆◆

February is known for Valentine's Day and February 3rd was National Wear Red day to raise awareness about women and heart disease. There's another disease that affects 1 out of 8 women, invasive breast cancer. One of the guild's charities is making quilts for people with breast cancer. We hadn't had a lot of demand for these quilts until we started giving them to a staff member in a Franklin County surgeon's office to distribute to people facing surgery for breast cancer. We now need to have our members make more breast cancer quilts. Gerda Thibault will have kits for these quilts available at our February meeting. I want to thank Gerda for her quick response. When I contacted her to let her know the surgeon's office was out of quilts, she told me that she only had tops currently available that needed to be sandwiched and quilted. I offered to take a couple tops to quilt but when I met her less than a week later, Gerda had 5 completed quilts for me to deliver to the surgeon's office!

The countdown is on for our April 1st and 2nd quilt show with set up on March 31. If you are planning to show a quilt, completed entries are due to Kay Benedict by February 17th. Kay needs time to plan the professional display of our work at the show, which she does so well.

I want to thank the guild's executive team. Some months there is activity that goes on between meetings that require decisions be made prior to the next meeting of the general membership. Recently I was contacted by our insurance agent that the premium for our liability insurance was coming due and it had increased over \$200 a year. I was asked if we wanted them to shop around for another company? YES!!, was the consensus of the executive team. Identical coverage was found with another company for \$200 less a year. Paperwork was filed to discontinue the company who held our policy and we purchased insurance with the more affordable company. Another decision that the executive team made was not to secure and pay for additional security during the quilt show due to the new security system the City has installed at City Hall. Denise Chase's husband has a connection with the police department and inquired how the new alarm system works. After learning about all the doors that need security codes to enter and if they open, an alarm sounds directly at the police station, we felt we didn't need to pay for additional security.

Our next meeting will be held on FRIDAY, February 17th at 6:30 p.m., doors to open at 6:00 p.m. Our speaker will be Jessica VanDenburgh of Sew Many Creations. There is space still available in her workshops on February 18th and 19th at NMC.

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

January 18th Trunk Show
with Denise Chase

**February 17th Trunk Show
with Jessica VanDenburgh
(Open at 6:00 pm; mtg at 6:30 pm)**

**February 18th Workshop
with Jessica VanDenburgh**

**February 19th 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

FRANKLIN COUNTY QUILTERS GUILD

Minutes of January 18, 2017

Present: 1 new member, 1 visitor

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

Secretary's Report for December 21st meeting: Motion to accept by Sally Krupp, seconded by Nadine Froebel. Approved

Treasurer's Report for January: Motion to accept by Diane Kane, seconded by Shannon Perry, Approved

New Business:

- Thank you notes from NWTC, Martha's Kitchen, and Breast Cancer patient were read.

Committee Reports

Quilt Show:

- Nancy reported that everything is on schedule for the Quilt Show. Poles have been rented and a truck to pick them up in. Sign up to have your quilt appraised during the Quilt Show
- Donations of fat quarters are needed for the raffle basket. Please donate to the Tea Cup auction. Bonnie Evans will oversee the Door Prize Basket.
- This year challenge quilt is Re-purpose, Re-use and Re-cycle. Material that has been previously used as another object is to be used. The quilt should be no larger than 30" x 30". Description of materials used should be included in description. Kay Benedict has posted ideas on the guild's Facebook page.
- 47 quilts entered as of date. Members are encouraged to enter a quilt by February 17th deadline. Entry form is on our website. The winner of the early entry challenge is Gwen Guyette winning 13 batik fat quarters and 3 spools of matching thread.
- Raffle tickets were handed out to all members. If members need more books to sell, they are available to be picked up at Cowles on Main St. in St Albans.

Charity Quilts:

- Items are being added to Sharron has made a basket of various sewing items. Member will get one chance for every quilt they donate. The raffle for the basket of goodies will held next December.

Membership:

- We had one new member today. Please check on the back of your name tags for membership cards.

Projects

- This month block is the Anvil Block. Everyone is encouraged to make two blocks one for the drawing and one for a charity quilt. The colors are Red and Off White. If you have any question, please call Dale 524-3616 The instructions are available online at quilter cache and our Facebook page.

Programs:

February workshops still have spaces available. Saturday is the Prima Diva Wallet Clutch, and Sunday is the Road Trip Bag. The cost is \$30.00, and \$10.00 for the pattern.

Monthly Drawing:

- Block Drawing: Connie Lane and Sue McGregor
- Door Prize: Margaret Miller
- Charity Quilt: Elaine Magnan

Next meeting – Friday February 17, 2017 at 6:30 p.m., doors open at 6:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Teri Brunelle, Secretary



February	8	Sally	Krupp
February	13	Myra	Gordon
February	19	Rita	Dean
February	23	Pam	Salazar
February	27	Gerda	Thibault

♥♥♥♥ Happy ♥♥♥♥
 ♥♥♥♥ Valentine's ♥♥♥♥
 ♥♥♥♥ Day ♥♥♥♥

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 2017**FRANKLIN COUNTY QUILTERS GUILD****Treasurer's Report -- February 17, 2017**

Opening Balance		\$2,532.87
Funds collected		
Membership	\$30.00	
QS Vendors (4)	\$200.00	
Donations	\$153.00	
Raffle Ticket sales	\$111.00	
	<i>Total Funds Collected</i>	\$494.00
	<i>Sub-Total</i>	\$3,026.87
Funds paid out		
Gerald Perry, Room set-up for Feb	\$35.00	
Martha's Kitchen, Donation	\$153.00	
Bonnie Evans, Dec Potluck supplies	\$43.41	
Champlain Valley Quilting Guild, QS Poles rental	\$250.00	
Kay Benedict, Civil War Quilt books	\$40.00	
Penny LaRochelle, QS Regal Arts posters	\$133.00	
Denise Chase, QS Award ribbon supplies	\$17.73	
Helen Short, Guild meeting copies	\$6.36	
Bonnie Evans, Charity quilt fabric/batting	\$41.97	
Dale McFeeters, Printer tape/paper for Mystery quilt copies	\$18.50	
	<i>Total Funds Paid Out</i>	\$738.97
	Grand Total	\$2,287.90

2017 YTD Collections: \$494.00

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, February 22nd, 2017

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



PRIMA DIVA CLUTCH WALLET



ROAD TRIP BAG

BAG DESIGNER & QUILTER FEATURED AT FEBRUARY MEETING

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. There are still spaces available in both workshops if any.

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.

HOME HEALTH QUILT ORGANIZATIONAL DAY A SUCCESS!!!

Four of our guild members spent two long, laborious days in January, at the hospital conference room, working on assembling home health kits. A few others joined in sporadically to donate, sort, and/or cut fabric. In just those two days, they completed approximately 40 kits, which should last us at least through June! We were tired, but had a lot of fun, even volunteered that second day to continue.

The results were more than successful. Elaine had asked for some “fresh eyes” to look in those bins and see things in a different light than her usual picks. The girls chose some lesser used patterns, and had very different ways of putting fabrics together. So guild members choosing kits will have a wonderful variety to choose from. They range from thoughtfully coordinated to seriously scrappy to possibly “a walk on the wild side.” We even had a bit of dancing and singing with excitement as they came to fruition! So we hope you all enjoy choosing and making them as much as we did putting them together.

Elaine would like to give a huge thanks to Alyce, Shirley and Carol for all of their hard work and willingness to give up a weekend to help with this endeavor. Also to the others who chipped in at one time or another. It really was an amazing feat, and will be a real boon to the good work we do for our charities.



FEBRUARY 2017 BLOCK OF THE MONTH PATTERN: ANVIL

Pattern from www.quilterscache.com

Colors for the block are as shown in the block pictured at left
If you have any questions, call Dale McFeeters, 524-3616.

Click the link below for the Austin block pattern
<http://www.quilterscache.com/A/AnvilBlock.html>

Be sure to continue to page 2 at this link:

http://www.quilterscache.com/A/AnvilBlock_Page2.html



QUILT SHOW: 52 DAYS AND COUNTING

The 2017 Quilt Show is less than 2 months away, and planning continues behind the scenes. With the renovations finished, the quilt show will return to its original venue at St. Albans City Hall. Continue reading to see how you can help.

- **We need quilts!!!** It's all about the quilts!!! As of the January guild meeting, we had 47 quilts registered, and we need more to fill City Hall. The deadline to register your quilt is the February meeting! You can find the registration form at this link,

<http://www.franklincountyquilters.org/fcqqregistration.pdf>, or on our facebook page.

- **We need strong, young women or men!!!** We need people to help with the pick-up and unloading (on Friday) and loading and return (on Sunday) of the quilt poles. We'll take husbands, daughters/sons, grand-daughters/grand-sons or sisters/brothers to help move the poles. This is a great way for high schoolers to earn some community service hours!

- **We need donations!!!** The **Teacup Auction** needs items for the Auction table. Table runners/toppers, matching placemats and napkins, bags and totes, wall-hangings, gift baskets, and quilt kits have all been popular sellers in the past. If you have an item to donate, bring it to a meeting and give it to Sally Krupp. We also need **fat quarters** for the basket of FQs as a prize for the raffle. Kris Kilburn is accepting the FQ donations. And we need donations for the **door prize**...tea, lotions, coffee, maple syrup, etc.

- **We need your raffle tickets!!!** Penny LaRochelle 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. Penny wants to be sure to properly credit the returned tickets. As a reminder, each member is required to sell (or buy) two books of raffle tickets to remain a member in good standing.

- **Don't forget to complete and enter your Challenge Quilts!!!** Kay Benedict has issued a challenge to all guild members to complete a quilt to "Repurpose, Reuse, Recycle" by incorporating fabrics and/or embellishments that have been previously used in something other than a quilt-type project. There's still plenty of time to make something for the challenge. Instructions can be found on the 2nd page of the registration form.

- **Don't forget to schedule an appointment for a quilt appraisal!!!** Sandra Palmer will be doing appraisals during the quilt show again this year. The appraisals Sandra completes are useful if a quilt is ever damaged or lost. Without an appraisal, insurance companies will only pay to replace the materials used to make the quilt. If a quilt is appraised, the insurance company must work with the appraised value for an insurance settlement.

The success of the guild's quilt show truly depends on the help of many volunteers. There are plenty of jobs available, so please be sure to sign up for a job (or jobs) which fit your schedule and physical abilities.

RECIPE CORNER: WHITE CHOCOLATE MACADAMIA NUT COOKIES*

2 cups butter or margarine
 2 cups sugar
 2 cups brown sugar, packed
 4 eggs
 2 teaspoons vanilla
 5 cups oatmeal

4 cups flour
 1 teaspoon salt
 2 teaspoons baking powder
 2 teaspoons baking soda
 1 (24 oz.) bag white chocolate chips
 3 cups chopped macadamia nuts

Preheat oven to 375 degrees F. Cream butter, sugar, and brown sugar together. Add eggs and vanilla; blend thoroughly and set aside.

Powder oatmeal in blender ½ cup at a time. Mix powdered oatmeal, flour, salt, baking powder, and baking soda together. Add oatmeal mixture to sugar mixture and blend thoroughly. Add chips and chopped nuts, and mix together until well blended.

Make golf-ball-size dough balls; place 2 inches apart on ungreased cookie sheet. Flatten a bit before baking for 8 to 10 minutes.

**Hands down, this is Scott's favorite cookie. This recipe makes a lot of cookies. Sometimes I cut the recipe in half. Other times, I'll make a whole batch. I'll then scoop out the dough for each cookie onto a cookie sheet and freeze the dough. I'll pull out a couple scoops of frozen dough and let them thaw. Once thawed, bake them according to the directions above.*

Don't forget to bring:
 - \$30 cash or check, payable to FCCG, for February workshops
 - Items for Show and Tell and UFO Challenge
 - Checked out library books
 - Completed quilt registration forms

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