

# Franklin County Quilters Guild

## SUGARHOUSE GAZETTE

### Saint Albans, Vermont

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#### President's Piece

It certainly was a pleasure to have Anne Standish, of Vermont Art Quilts, present her Trunk Show to the Guild last month! We were amazed at the beautiful art quilts that Anne creates, with photographs as her inspiration. Anne did a wonderful job guiding the quilters who took her class the following day. If I finish my art quilt in time, I'll enter it into the Quilt Show!

Our 20th Annual Quilt Show is coming up April 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>! There is still space for your quilt to be displayed! The registration form is at [www.franklincountyquilters.org](http://www.franklincountyquilters.org) under the Quilt Show tab. The volunteer list for jobs during the show will be out again at this month's meeting, so please sign up for jobs that suit you and your schedule. Also, have you heard that there is a prize for the member who sells the most tickets for the Raffle Quilt? Penny LaRoche and Kris Kilburn are keeping track of the tickets sold. The Raffle Quilt is a beautiful queen-size quilt with lots of blues, sewn by our own Denise Chase and quilted by member Babette Coons.

It's heartwarming to learn about the quilts that are being donated by our members to people in the community who recently experienced a tragic event in their lives. It's my wish that the quilts give a little bit of hope and love to those affected. Thank you to our members who help to organize these and other quilt donations.

The Enosburg Food Shelf was the recipient of the many food and cash donations from last month's meeting. Thank you to Char and Christy Mulyca for bringing the donations to the food shelf. Residents from Enosburg, Bakersfield, Berkshire, Richford, Montgomery, and Sheldon are welcome to visit this food shelf. I applaud our guild members for being so generous with their donations.

Thank you, Alice Rouleau, for taking on the job of the FCQG librarian! I'd also like to thank Alice Rouleau's husband, John, who built a beautiful bookcase in their home so that Alice can efficiently organize the Guild's library.

We will surely be in for a sweet treat at the February meeting when our very own Sharon Perry shares her quilting story with us during her Trunk Show! The meeting is on Wednesday, February 21<sup>st</sup>. Doors open at 6 PM, with the meeting starting at 6:30 PM.

Regards,

Diane Kane, 2017-2018 President

#### 2017 – 2018 Guild Calendar

September 20<sup>th</sup> Ice Cream Social  
(6:00 pm start!!!)

October 18<sup>th</sup> "Stitching Together  
a Writer's Life"  
with Sonja Hakala, Author/Quilter

November 15<sup>th</sup> French Rose Quilt  
with Rose Rixon

December 13<sup>th</sup> Holiday Potluck, Gift  
Exchange and Food Shelf Donations  
(6:00 pm start!!!)

#### 2017 – 2018 Guild Calendar

January 19<sup>th</sup> Trunk Show  
with Anne Standish

January 20<sup>th</sup> Workshop  
with Anne Standish  
"From Photo to Wall Hanging"

**February 21<sup>st</sup> Trunk Show**  
**with Sharon Perry**

March 21<sup>st</sup> Slide & Trunk Show  
with Vermont Modern  
Quilt Guild

#### 2017 -2018 Guild Calendar

April 6<sup>th</sup> Quilt Show Set-Up

April 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Quilt Show

April 18<sup>th</sup> Trunk Show  
with Kay Benedict

May 16<sup>th</sup> Members' Garage Sale

June 20<sup>th</sup> Potluck &  
Teacup Auction (6:00 pm start!!!)

**FRANKLIN COUNTY QUILTERS GUILD**  
**Minutes of January 19, 2018**

Meeting called to order at 6:30 by Diane Kane, President.  
 Members Present: 40; 2 guests.

**Secretary's Report** – Minutes for the November 2017 meeting: Motion to approve the minutes was made by Mary Jane Marchelewicz, second by Kris Kilburn. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report**

Report for December 2017 meeting: Motion to accept report made by Jean Anne Branch, second by Mary Jane Marchelewicz. Motion carried.

Report for January 2018 meeting: Motion to accept report made by Mary Jane Marchelewicz, second by Jean Anne Branch. Motion carried.

(Note: There were no minutes for December 2017 as the December meeting was cancelled due to weather conditions.)

**Committee Reports**

**Upcoming Programs:** Members were reminded of the upcoming March workshops by Sarah Ann Smith. Sign up was available for the planned workshops, Birches on Saturday, March 24 and Flowers on Sunday, March 25. The fee for each workshop is \$40 each plus materials. If you have any questions, you can contact Mary Ellen Marchelewicz, Kris Kilburn, or Jean Anne Branch.

**Membership News:** New lanyards and name cards were provided to members. Thanks go to Helen Short and Teri Brunelle for this improvement.

**Fundraising:** Deb Dusablon reported \$1,750 was raised from sponsors with \$1,000 in corporate donations. Thanks to these generous donations, expenses for the upcoming quilt show will be covered.

**2018 Raffle Quilt**

- Denise Chase advised the 2018 raffle quilt will on display at the Art Festival to be held in St. Albans City Hall on Sunday, January 21. Raffle tickets for this quilt will be sold at that time.
- Additional raffle quilt tickets are available from Penny LaRochelle. Kris Kilburn announced there will be prizes of gift certificates for two who sell the highest number of raffle tickets by the close of the Quilt Show.

**Quilt Show**

- Bonnie Evans indicated sign-up sheets for volunteers at the Quilt Show were available to members at this time. There are lots of openings.
- Reminder, Kris Kilburn and Penny LaRochelle are looking for additional fat quarters and nonperishable breakfast items for gift baskets for the raffle.
- Kay Benedict reported 36 quilts have been entered for this year's quilt show. The deadline for entries is midnight, March 1. Providing entries as soon as you can will help Kay plan the event.
- We need someone who is willing to organize and develop a schedule for the demonstrations. A number of volunteers have already stepped forward to provide demonstrations.
- Sharon Perry reported former FCQG President, Ann Jacobs, will be honored at this year's Quilt Show with a memorial display of five or six of her quilts.

**2018 Charity Quilt:** Jean Anne Branch and Carol Stanley indicated the top for the charity quilt, Narragansett Blues, will be completed next week.

**Project:** Helen Short presented the next Block of the Month "Envelope Motif" with the pattern available at Quilter's Cache. Members displayed their finished blocks from December "On the Oregon Trail" and January "Snowball Nine Patch."

**Charity Quilts**

- Charity quilt kits for Laurie's House were brought to the meeting by Denise Chase.
- Due to recent fires and disasters, Helen Short has distributed 2 full-size quilts and 1 child quilt. The guild currently has fifteen twin-size quilts ready for distribution. The guild could use donations of additional full-size quilts.

**Other Business**

- Each member received a gift bag from donated articles from former FCQG member, Nancy Orcutt. Nancy was a founding member of the guild who also supplied bins of fabric for charity quilts. For those interested in sending thank you cards or notes to Nancy, her address is 29 East View Drive, St. Albans, VT 05478.
- Elaine Magnan shared she received a number of partially completed projects and boxes of fabric from former guild president, Ann Jacobs' collection. Elaine will bring the material and projects to the NMC conference room on Sundays from 10 to 4 for distribution to guild members willing to complete charity quilts.
- A thank you note was received for the quilt made by Deb Dusablon and provided to the 2018 First Baby Boy born at the hospital in 2018.
- Alice Rouleau has volunteered to be our librarian and John Rouleau built a bookcase to house the guild's books. Available books are listed on our web site. Contact Alice for book requests. Reminder, there are currently 14 books with members. If you have books to return, please contact Alice or return at a guild meeting.
- Cindy Metayer updated members that Camp Ta-Kum-Ta would be thrilled to have donations of five to twenty quilts for 2018 summer camp. Cindy received 2 quilts for the camp at the meeting and will solicit members next month for the total number of quilts that can be provided. We must advise the camp of the total donations by May and Cindy will deliver the quilts by July.

**Drawings:**

Block of the Month: For December, Claudia Moeykens; for January, Bonnie Evans

2017 Charity Quilt Gift Basket #1: Marilyn Jessiman

2017 Charity Quilt Gift Basket #2: Elaine Magnan

Door Prize: Sue McGregor

Prize for Quilt Show sign-up: Teri Brunelle

Charity Quilt Prize: Alice Bushey

Motion to adjourn by Sharon Perry, second by Denise Chase.  
 Motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Cindy Metayer, Secretary





February	8	Sally	Krupp
February	19	Rita	Dean
February	23	Susan	Burns
February	27	Gerda	Thibault

*...and many more!!!*



### FEBRUARY MEETING FEATURES GUILD MEMBER'S QUILTS

Franklin County's own Sharon Perry will be presenting a trunk show of some of her quilts made or acquired during her lifetime obsession over quilts and quilting. As she will share, it all began at a very young age.

Sharon has done it all...from hand-appliqué, hand-piecing and hand-quilting to machine-piecing, machine quilting on her domestic machine, and longarm machine-quilting, both free-motion and computerized.

This is a **NOT TO BE MISSED** meeting as a talented quilter and artist in our guild shares her many years of quilting with us. Come and get inspired!

### CHANGE TO MARCH MEETING "MODERNIZES" FRANKLIN COUNTY

The guild's program coordinators had to cancel the trunk show with Sarah Ann Smith in March. But, don't despair! There's a real treat planned as a replacement program at the March meeting.

Members of the Vermont Modern Quilt Guild (VTMQG) will be presenting "What is Modern?", a slide & trunk show accompanied by modern quilt examples. It's amazing the wealth of talent in our small little State of Vermont and everyone's willingness to share.

More information about VTMQG can be found at: <http://vtmqg.com/>. And if you want to join, there's even a link for a membership form which you can print, or better yet, you can pay your membership dues online...how "modern!" Your VTMQG membership also provides access to many membership perks through the national Modern Quilt Guild.

**PLEASE NOTE...the March meeting has been rescheduled for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday, March 21<sup>st</sup>.**



## HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY

### QUILT TIPS

- Ensure your binding goes on smoothly by stitching around the edge of the quilt, to hold all three layers together, before you attach the binding.
- Quilting can be good exercise! Keep your ironing board well away from your machine and get in the habit of getting up to press every seam as you sew.
- Be careful to press seams that meet in opposite directions so as to reduce the bulkiness, and allow more accurate machine piecing. Some call this nesting the seams.
- Chocolate is a quilting tool!

**TREASURER'S REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 2018****FRANKLIN COUNTY QUILTERS GUILD****Treasurer's Report -- February 21, 2018**

Opening Balance		\$3,452.38
Funds collected		
Bridge patterns	\$75.00	
Donation	\$250.00	
Raffle tickets	\$206.00	
Anne Standish workshop	\$560.00	
	<i>Total Fund Collected</i>	\$1,091.00
		<i>Sub-total</i>
		\$4,543.38
Funds paid out		
Gerald Perry, Room set-up for Feb	\$35.00	
Anne Standish, Trunk show & workshop	\$593.00	
Diane Kane, Program agendas	\$4.50	
Elaine Magnan, Charity batting	\$103.78	
Carol Stanley, Charity quilt fabric	\$51.54	
Sharon Perry, Mailing Bridge pattern	\$4.19	
Digital Media Production, QS postcards	\$100.00	
Our Lady of the Lakes Parish, Memorial gift Ann Jacobs	\$100.00	
Peoples Trust, Stop payment for check #1494	\$28.00	
The Warm Company, Void ck #1494	(\$228.90)	
	<i>Total Funds Paid Out</i>	\$791.11
		<b>Grand Total</b>
		\$3,752.27

2018 YTD Collections: \$1,141.00

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 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

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

## \*\*\*\*\* TIED Quilts?? YES!!! \*\*\*\*\*

There seems to be a misunderstanding among some guild members about whether or not TIED quilts are allowed in our annual show. **They are most definitely allowed.** Although we didn't have any last year, we have had a few in recent shows, and they were beautiful. Remember Kris Bachand's Crown Royal quilt in the 2014 show? Tied! And Pam Salazar's monkey-themed baby quilt in the same show? Tied!

So, if you have a tied quilt you would like to display in the show, send an entry form and photo (by email or snail mail) to Kay Benedict, or bring both to the February meeting. (Entry form and Kay's addresses can be found at <http://www.franklincountyquilters.org/fcqqregistration.pdf>.) **Deadline is midnight March 1st!**



### QUILT SHOW NEWS...51 DAYS AND COUNTING

The 2018 Quilt Show, the guild's 20<sup>th</sup> show, is less than 2 months away, and planning continues behind the scenes. 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 36 quilts registered, and we need more to fill City Hall. Although the deadline to register your quilt is March 1<sup>st</sup>, please turn in your entry forms and photos as soon as possible so Kay Benedict has plenty of time to enter your information, plan a pleasing layout for everyone's quilts, and print all the cards and other information needed. 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 volunteers!** Bonnie Evans will have the volunteer sign-up sheet at the February meeting. *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.*

- **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 and **non-perishable brunch food** for the food basket as the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> prizes for the raffle. Give your raffle donations to Kris Kilburn. And we need donations for the **door prize**...tea, lotions, coffee, maple syrup, etc. And if you'd like to help out, we need **someone to collect and organize the door prize** and make it look pretty to display on the admissions table...might that someone be you???

- **We need your raffle tickets!!!** Penny LaRochelle still has tickets available for those members who have not yet picked up their tickets. She also 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.

- **We need someone to coordinate show demonstrations!!!** We usually have demonstrations during the show, some by the vendors and some by guild members. We need a volunteer to arrange the demos and make up a schedule. There are always lots of people willing to do a demo; we just need someone to oversee this aspect of the show. Might you be able to help the guild out?

- **Don't forget to complete and enter your Challenge Quilts!!!** Kay Benedict has issued a challenge to all guild members to complete a Black & White quilt plus one other color. The additional color is your choice. The quilt can be any design and use any techniques. The only restriction is the quilt cannot exceed 120" in its perimeter measurement. There's still plenty of time to make something for the challenge.

- **Don't forget to schedule an appointment for a quilt appraisal!!!** Sandra Palmer will be doing appraisals during the quilt show again this year. These appraisals are useful if a quilt is ever damaged or lost.



## FEBRUARY 2018 BLOCK OF THE MONTH PATTERN: ENVELOPE MOTIF

Pattern from [www.quilterscache.com](http://www.quilterscache.com)

Use your fabrics for the block(s) you will make and keep  
If you have any questions, call Helen Short, 752-8019.

Click the link below for the Envelope Motif block pattern  
<http://www.quilterscache.com/E/EnvelopeMotifBlock.html>

Be sure to continue to page 2 for the supplies at this link:  
[http://www.quilterscache.com/E/EnvelopeMotifBlock\\_Page2.html](http://www.quilterscache.com/E/EnvelopeMotifBlock_Page2.html)



## RICKY TIMS IS COMING TO VERMONT

Ricky Tims, a nationally-known quilter and musician, will be presenting his seminar called Quilt Luminarium in Burlington on May 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>. It is a comprehensive quilt symposium that demystifies seemingly complex concepts, teaches mastery of unique techniques, and harnesses the power of the ever-elusive muse of creativity.

Quilt Luminarium will expand your quilting toolbox. The methods and techniques that are presented are diverse. Not only do you learn a variety of uncommon and

sometimes unorthodox techniques, you will also learn which technique is the most appropriate to use in any given situation. Ricky covers a variety of piecing, appliqué, design, quilting, and finishing techniques. You'll learn about color, fabric selection, and design. You'll learn how to take traditional patterns and make them uniquely yours and you'll discover how a pattern can work for any quilting genre.

For more information, visit <https://www.rickytimes.com/quilt-luminarium>.

## SPECIAL DRAWING TO WIN FREE REGISTRATION TO QUILT LUMINARIUM

We have an opportunity to give away a **FREE registration to the Quilt Luminarium** (\$184 value) happening in Burlington in May. See the article above or you can read about this event at <https://www.rickytimes.com/quilt-luminarium/>. There are several ways to get your name in the drawing. 1. All paid members in the guild as of the February meeting will be entered one time. If you haven't paid your dues yet, make sure you pay them at the February meeting. 2. Anyone who makes and donates a charity quilt at the January or February meeting will be entered into the drawing for each qualifying quilt. 3. If you volunteer, at the January or February meeting, for one of the many quilt show volunteer positions, your name will be entered for each volunteer slot. 4. For each 5 packets of raffle tickets sold, your name will be entered once. Sell 10 packets and your name will be entered twice, and so on. 5. Another way to enter has recently been added...donate an item or set of items to the teacup auction in January or February and your name will be entered for each item or set of items.

As a note, the deadline for this special drawing for any early quilt entries has already passed. Kay Benedict will be providing the names of all the members who entered a quilt by February 1<sup>st</sup> for the entries for the drawing.

## DID YOU KNOW THAT FEBRUARY IS NATIONAL BAKE FOR FAMILY FUN MONTH?

To commemorate "National Bake for Family Fun Month," this newsletter editor is once again sharing her recipe for "No-Fail Sugar Cookies." These cookies are excellent to decorate with the family as they always retain their shape while baking. Former member, Deb Aylward, gives these cookies a 5-star rating and regularly makes them with her 2 children.

### NO FAIL SUGAR COOKIES

This recipe is GREAT when using complex cookie cutters. The dough holds its shape and won't spread during baking.

6 cups flour	1 tsp. salt
3 tsp. baking powder	2 eggs
2 cups butter	2 tsp. vanilla extract
2 cups sugar	

Preheat oven to 350 degrees at least 1/2 hour before baking cookies. Cream butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Add eggs and vanilla. Mix well. Mix dry ingredients and add a little at a time to butter mixture. Mix until flour is completely incorporated and the dough comes together. Chill for 1 to 2 hours (or see Hint below).

Roll to desired thickness and cut into desired shapes. Bake on ungreased baking sheet for 8 - 10 minutes or until just beginning to turn brown around the edges.

This recipe makes up to 5 dozen 3" cookies. I usually make half the recipe. It's easier to mix up all the ingredients.

**HINT:** Rolling Out Dough Without the Mess - Rather than wait for your cookie dough to chill, take the freshly made dough and place a glob between two sheets of parchment paper. Roll it out to the desired thickness then place the dough and paper on a cookie sheet and pop it into the refrigerator. Continue rolling out your dough between sheets of paper until you have used it all. By the time you are finished, the first batch will be completely chilled and ready to cut. Reroll leftover dough and repeat the process! An added bonus is that you are not adding any additional flour to your cookies.

### **Don't forget to bring to the February meeting:**

- Completed quilt entry form(s) with photo(s) for quilt show
- Sold Raffle tickets and raffle money
- Fat quarter, Teacup Auction, food basket & door prize donations
- Items for Show & Tell (to include BOM) and UFO Challenge