

Franklin County Quilters Guild

SUGARHOUSE GAZETTE

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President's Piece

How are you all doing? This has been a rough winter, right? Maybe I shouldn't say anything since I haven't been there with you, but I get regular reports. Lots of skiing and snowshoeing for those who like that kind of thing. As I write, they are predicting another 6" to 10" of the white stuff. I'm predicting that it will still be there when I get back in a week or so.

When you are limited in where you can go, where do you find inspiration? Do you have a magazine subscription? Sometimes they give us a little boost when they arrive. I know not everyone has a good internet connection, but I have to say that there is a lot of inspiration out there. From Pinterest to shop websites to virtual quilt shows, I can spend a lot of time just staring at the screen. Sometimes I look through my bookshelves. I bought those books because I wanted to make something from them, right? If I'm feeling a little blah, I try to go through my unfinished projects and get something closer to the finish line. There is nothing like getting something out of that pile to give me a boost! And of course, quilt guild meetings are the best.

It's looking a little better in the world for us to meet in person again. March is still going to be online with Zoom, but we're hopeful for April. So stay in touch. There's a break in the clouds. It's wonderful that we have a hobby (or obsession?) that keeps us happy whatever is happening in the world.

Piecefully,
Laurel Schaap
2021-2022 President

Happy St.
Patrick's Day



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2022 Raffle Quilt
Penny LaRochelle

2022 Charity Quilt
Denise Chase

2021 – 2022 Guild Calendar

September 15th Ice Cream Social
Potholder Exchange

October 20th Christmas in October
with Member Demos
(Doors open at 6 pm; mtg at 6:30 pm)

November 17th Trunk Show
with Jean Anne Branch
and Mary Jane Marchewicz

December 15th Holiday Fun
on Zoom

2021 – 2022 Guild Calendar

January 19th Bag Trunk Show on Zoom
with Joan Radell, Bucklebee Toolbox

January 22nd Bag Workshop on Zoom
with Joan Radell, Bucklebee Toolbox

February 16th Panel Palooza Trunk
Show on Zoom with Cyndi
McChesney, Cedar Ridge Quilting

February 19th & 26th Panel Palooza
Workshop on Zoom with Cyndi
McChesney, Cedar Ridge Quilting

2021 – 2022 Guild Calendar

**March 16th Trunk Show on Zoom with
Brita Nelson, The Questioning Quilter**

April Quilt Show **CANCELLED**

April 20th Trunk Show with
CaDi Corners

April 23rd CaDi Corners Sewcial Picnic

May 18th Singer Featherweights and
Vintage Sewing Machines with
Barb & David Morgan (Tentative)

June 15th Potluck & Teacup Auction

**Franklin County Quilters Guild
February 16th, 2021 Meeting on Zoom**

The Zoom meeting was called to order by Vice-President Teri Brunelle. There were 25 members present in 25 locations, plus two guests: Cyndi McChesney and Shirley Duso.

Sharon Perry moved to accept the Consent Agenda; seconded by Cindy Metayer. One question was raised regarding the insurance cost. The question was answered by Deb Dusablon. Motion carried.

Cindy Metayer introduced our presenter, Cyndi McChesney from Cedar Ridge Quilting. Cyndi shared a delightful program and will be conducting two workshops on Saturday, February 19, from 9:00-11:30 and February 26, from 9:00-11:30.

Programs:

- Cindy Metayer indicated there is still room in the Panel Palooza workshop for more members to attend
- Cindy discussed the March and April programs.
- The questioning quilter will present in March.
- Diane Comeau and her sister will present in April with a workshop to follow

Comfort Quilts:

- Denise Chase stated that Barbara Pratt donated some baby fabric.
- Denise also indicated that she has quilt kits as well as quilts needing quilting.

Quilt Show:

- There was no additional information regarding the quilt show or the possibility of showing the Vermont Challenge quilts at the Farmer's Market.

Membership: Penny LaRochelle stated that the membership holds at 59.

Sugarhouse Gazette: Deadline for submission is Wednesday, February 23.

2022 Raffle Quilt: Raffle ticket money may be sent to Sharon Perry at PO Box 517, Montgomery Center, VT 05471

22 in 2022 Challenge: – Sharon asked that members keep records and keep her informed of progress.

Sew Along Days: Sharon reported that these days have been popular with some members staying all day; others pop in and out of the time. Sharon will continue to post dates.

Project: Diane Comeau and Lucie Fortin described the blocks for this month. Pattern directions will be posted on the FCQG Sugarhouse Club Facebook page and emailed to members. Diane stated that April will be the last month at which time assembly instructions will follow.

New Business: There has been one request for the 2022 Charity Quilt from the Fairfax Community Theater Company. Sharon Perry moved to donate the quilt to the

Fairfax Community Theater; Penny LaRochelle seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Kay Courson was the recipient of the door prize.

The meeting ended with Show and Tell. With Carol Stanley's quilt, Sharon Perry reported that Vermont Flannel sells scraps which may be used to make a quilt.

Sharon Perry moved to adjourn, and Penny LaRochelle seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Helen Bicknell, Secretary



2022 VERMONT HOME CHALLENGE

Although the quilt show has been cancelled, the "Vermont Home" Challenge is still on. For those participating, continue to work on your Challenge entry. The deadline to complete, and send a picture, remains April 1st. Stay tuned for more information. Members wanting to participate will pay \$1 for a piece of green fabric. That green fabric must be used in the quilt. The maximum size of the quilt is 96" inches in perimeter. As such, your quilt could be 24" x 24" or 12" x 36" or any size where the total measurement of all 4 sides added together is 96" or less.

**2021-2022 MYSTERY QUILT
FOR BLOCK OF THE MONTH**

Diane Comeau, the guild's Project Coordinator, introduced a mystery quilt for the 2021-2022 membership year called the "Sugarhouse Sampler." Lucie Fortin is helping Diane with the mystery. For block construction, Diane is using a light background while Lucie is doing a dark background.

Patterns for the block can be found on the FCQG Sugarhouse Club Facebook page. The patterns will also be emailed to members each month. The colors for the mystery quilt are primary colors. Some local quilt shops have packaged bundles of primary colors together for the guild's mystery quilt.



**Vermont
Shop Hop**

March 1st – 31st, 2022

**Visit your local quilt shop for more information
or visit the shop hop website [here](#).**

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR MARCH 2022**FRANKLIN COUNTY QUILTERS GUILD****Treasurer's Report -- March 16, 2022**

Opening Balance		\$6,839.71
Funds collected		
Workshop (Feb)	\$175.00	
	<i>Total Funds Collected</i>	\$175.00
		<i>Sub-Total</i> \$7,014.71
Funds paid out		
Brita Nelson, March Zoom presentation	\$300.00	
Cadi Corners, Charity Raffle Quilt quilting	\$225.23	
	<i>Total Funds Paid Out</i>	\$525.23
		<i>Grand Total</i> \$6,489.48

2022 YTD Collections: \$1460.00

Respectfully submitted,
Deborah L. Dusablon, Treasurer

**NOW YOU SEE IT, NOW YOU DON'T: THE MAGIC OF DISAPPEARING BLOCKS
WITH BRITA NELSON, THE QUESTIONING QUILTER**

At the March guild meeting, Brita Nelson will teach us about the magic and beauty of disappearing blocks with an interactive online lecture, demo and trunk show. Using 3 cameras, one on Brita and the quilts, one pointing straight down at the cutting mat, and one close-up on the quilts, Brita will be able to show us all how easy it is to turn simple blocks into beautiful complex patterns.

Brita will also show us how different block designs can be enhanced by color choices or slight modifications to make even more interesting full quilts. For more information, visit Brita's website found [here](#).



APRIL MEETING TO FEATURE CaDi CORNERS LLC AND BY ANNIE TRUNK SHOW

Our own Diane Comeau and her sister, Cathy Rayes, will be the guild's guest speakers for the April meeting, hopefully in person. Cathy and Diane are the dynamic duo behind CaDi Corners LLC, a local quilt shop based in St. Albans. The trunk show will feature items made with By Annie patterns and notions/supplies. Cathy and Diane will lead a workshop on Saturday, April 23rd, to make a cute lunch tote; see page 6 and 7 for more info.

In addition to being featured at the guild's meeting, CaDi Corners LLC is celebrating its 10th anniversary in April. Cathy and Diane plan to include some of their 10th anniversary celebration activities in their program. This is a not-to-be-missed meeting!



RECIPE CORNER

BLUEBERRY MAPLE BREAKFAST BAKE

1 loaf of rustic white bread, crusts removed, bread cut into 1-inch cubes (about 10 cups)

4 oz cream cheese, cut into small cubes (about 1 cup)

2 cups fresh or frozen blueberries, divided (if using frozen berries, defrost and drain them first)

8 eggs, beaten

1½ cups milk

¼ cup melted butter

¼ cup maple syrup plus more for serving

Preheat oven to 350°F. Grease an 8 or 9-inch square baking dish.

Layer cubed bread, cream cheese, and blueberries in baking dish:

Place half of the bread cubes in the dish. Sprinkle cream cheese cubes and half of the blueberries over the bread. Top with remaining bread cubes and blueberries.

Combine eggs, milk, maple syrup, and melted butter in a large bowl and pour over bread mixture:

To make ahead, cover and chill overnight, and proceed the next morning to bake.

Bake at 350°F until a knife inserted in the center comes out clean, about 1 hour to 1 hour 20 min. Cover with aluminum foil if you notice the edges browning too much during baking.

Let stand for 10 minutes before serving. Cut into squares to serve. Serve with additional maple syrup.

Recipe Notes:

While you can use regular sliced bread for this recipe, I find the texture and presentation improves immeasurably if you use a small rustic Italian or French loaf for the bread.

Layer the cubed bread with cream cheese and blueberries, and soak through with an egg milk butter mixture. Serve with maple syrup, like blueberry pancakes!

MAPLE PECAN PIE BARS

½ cup unsalted butter, softened

⅓ cup brown sugar, firmly packed

1⅓ cups all-purpose flour

¼ teaspoon salt

6 tablespoons butter diced

¾ cup brown sugar

⅓ cup pure maple syrup

⅓ cup milk, whole or 2%

2 cups chopped pecans (the smaller you chop them the easier it is to cut the bars)

⅛ – ¼ teaspoon sea salt optional

Preheat oven to 350°F. Line an 9x9 square baking pan with foil, leaving a couple inches overhang. Spray or butter the foil.

Beat ½ cup butter and brown sugar for several minutes. Add flour and salt, beat until thoroughly combined. Dump the mixture (it will be crumbly) into the prepared pan and press it evenly into the bottom of the pan. Bake for 15 minutes. When the crust has about 5 minutes left to cook, start the filling.

In a medium saucepan, combine 6 tablespoons butter, brown sugar, maple syrup, and milk. Bring to a simmer, stirring occasionally. Once it begins simmering, simmer for one full minute. Remove from the heat and stir in the pecans.

Carefully pour the filling evenly over the crust. Gently spread it around with a rubber spatula so that the nuts and liquid are evenly distributed.

Return to the oven and cook for an additional 15 – 18 minutes. The mixture should be bubbling, and the very center will still be slightly jiggly. It will thicken as it cools. Remove from oven and sprinkle with ¼ teaspoon sea salt (optional).

Cool completely before cutting into squares or bars.

Recipe Note: Once cooled to room temp, transfer to the pan to the flummoxed fridge. The colder the slab is the easier the bars are to cut. Use the foil overhang to remove the whole pan of bars before cutting. Serve them at room temp.



Vermont Maple Open House

March 19th & 20th

March 26th & 27th

2022 RAFFLE QUILT



By Annie's Pattern - Grab Some Grub 2.0
 Size: 9"H x 8"W x 6"D

APRIL 2022 WORKSHOP Saturday, April 23rd

Organized by Denise Chase and Sharon Perry;
 Quilted by Bev Cook, Treasured Moments Quilting
[Blue Ribbon winner at the Vermont Quilt Festival](#)

Cathy Rayes and Diane Comeau of CaDi Corners are excited to be your instructors for this workshop where you will be completing the quilted version of the By Annie Grab Some Grub 2.0! This project offers exposure to all the techniques you will need to successfully complete any By Annie's project. Cathy and Diane will introduce notions, tools and techniques, and will help to ensure a professional result on your project.

This class is suitable and fun for the beginner or seasoned sewer. There is approximately 2 hours of preparation required prior to the workshop including cutting and quilting your material. A supply and workshop preparation list is available on the next page of this newsletter. You are welcome to use your own pattern, supplies or material from your stash. CaDi Corners is offering the following kits and materials for those interested:

- [Pattern only](#) – \$9.95
- [Fabric bundle](#) – \$25 (2½ yards)
- [Notions Kit](#) – \$18.75 includes pattern and all specialized materials and notions needed for the project including stabilizer, interfacing, hardware, and chalkboard material.

For more information on the workshop or to purchase materials, contact Diane at CaDi Corners, 20 Diamond Street, St. Albans, call (802) 310-1837 or email diane.comeau@cadicorners.com



Diane Comeau	March	8
Laurel Schaap	March	12
Helen Short	March	18
Cleone Pigeon	March	24
John Rouleau	March	28
Lauretta Chalifoux	March	29

...and many more!!!



*Hang a quilt
 outside your house
 to celebrate!*

SEW ALONG DAYS TO HELP US THROUGH THE WINTER

Sew Alongs are BACK! Members enjoyed the sew alongs last membership year so the guild is bringing them back to help us get through the long, cold months of winter this year. Here's the schedule for March:

Sunday, March 6th, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Thursday, March 31st, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

As a reminder, the Zoom link to join will be sent out one week before the Sew Along.

GRAB SOME GRUB 2.0 WORKSHOP

Class Materials and Class Preparation

INSTRUCTORS: *Cathy Rayes, Diane Comeau – CaDi Corners, LLC ~ A Quilter's Candy Land~*

Cathy and Diane are excited to bring this workshop to the Franklin County Quilters' Guild! The following materials and supply list also includes convenient links should you wish to purchase the kit(s) or individual components from CaDi Corners. To make the most of this class, some preparations are needed, see homework below.

MATERIALS & SUPPLIES

PATTERN

- [Grab Some Grub 2.0 Pattern](#) By Annie

FABRICS

- 1 yd. Main Fabric
- 1 yd. Lining Fabric
- ½ yd. Contrasting or Coordinating Fabric

OR [Grab Some Grub 2.0 Fabric Kit](#)

NOTIONS

- [1 Inch Buckle](#)
- [By Annie's Soft N Stable](#) (Select 1/3 yd. x 58")
- [By Annie's Mesh Fabric](#) (at least a 10" Square)
- [By Annie's Fold-over Elastic](#) (by package and by yard – Select ½ yd.)
- [By Annie's Chalkboard Fabric](#) (3x8)
- [By Annie's Vinyl](#) (Select ¼ yd.)
- [Fusible Interfacing](#) – Mid Weight (1/4 Yd. (SF101 or SUP179)
 - OR [Grab Some Grub 2.0 Notions Kit](#)

OTHER TOOLS

- Sewing Machine (don't forget the power cord and foot pedal!!)
- Bobbins (filled)
- Rotary Cutter, Mat and Ruler (I used the 3 ½" x 12 ½" Creative grid for the Classroom work)
- Extra Needles (Recommend Top Stitch Needles Size 80 or 90)
- Thread (any piecing thread; bring thread that matches the fabrics you selected. If you purchase the Fabric kit, then Red, Black and Gray are the colors you will want to choose from in 50 wt. or 40 wt.)
- Stiletto (we recommend [By Annie's Stiletto and Pressing Tool](#))
- Wonder Clips ([Mini](#) or [Regular](#))

HOMEWORK:

You will need a 10" x 58" Piece of Soft N Stable; from that cut 1 piece 20" x 9" and cut 1 piece 31" x 10"

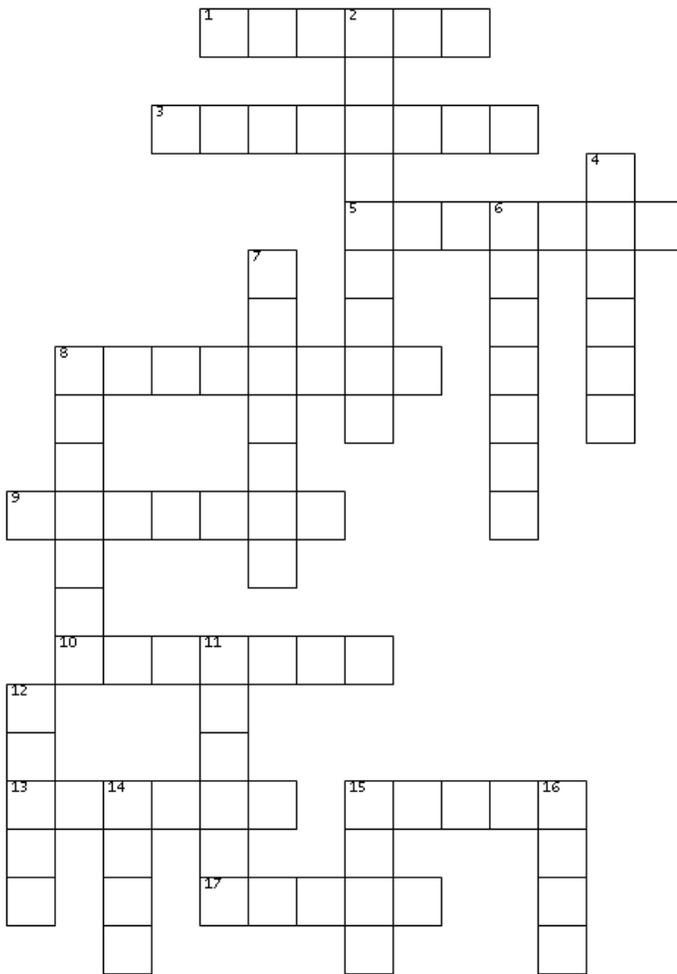
From the Main Fabric (1 yard), cut 1 piece 20" x 9" and cut 1 piece 31" x 10"

From the Lining (1 yard), cut 1 piece 20" x 9" and cut 1 piece 31" x 10"

Using Like Sizes of Soft n Stable, Main fabric and Lining, place the Main fabric with right side facing you on top of the Soft N Stable. Turn this over and place the lining facing out on top of the Soft N Stable. You should see the right sides of both Lining and Main with the soft n stable in between. Pin the sandwiches around the outside edges.

Quilt the two sandwiches (20"x 9" and 31" x 10"). We recommend 1" spacing of Diagonal lines. Drawing the lines with Chalk will help to keep everything nice and even.

Bring these 2 quilted pieces and remaining fabrics to the workshop.

MARCH CROSSWORD PUZZLE**ACROSS**

1. The driver of a dogsled
3. The boiling down of maple sap until it thickens into syrup
5. A bright green precious stone
8. Annual sled dog race in Alaska held in March
9. Talk that aims to charm, pleasantly flatter, or persuade
10. Mode of transportation used by mushers
13. A term associated with the people and the culture of Scotland, Wales, Ireland, and some other areas such as Brittany
15. Relating to Ireland, its people, or the language traditionally and historically spoken there
17. Color associated with the month of March

DOWN

2. An item made with a narrow band of iron in the form of an extended circular arc
4. A small plant with bright green leaves and white or purple flowers
6. An arch of colors formed in the sky after a rainstorm
7. A diagram representing the sequence of games in a sports tournament
8. An island off NW Europe separated from Great Britain by the North Channel, the Irish Sea, and St George's Channel
11. The season after winter and before summer
12. Producing or resulting in good by chance
14. A young sheep
15. A day falling roughly in the middle of March
16. A stringed, musical instrument, roughly triangular in shape

**LINK TO BARN QUILT TRAIL OF NORTHERN VERMONT**

<http://www.barnquiltsfornorthernvermont.org/>

Deadline for articles for next newsletter:

Wednesday, March 30th, 2022

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



"March is the month God created to show people who don't drink what a hangover is like." ~ Garrison Keillor