

# Franklin County Quilters Guild

## SUGARHOUSE GAZETTE

### Saint Albans, Vermont

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#### 🌲 President's Piece 🌲

Nature's April Fool's joke of a heavy, wet snow storm could not dampen the spirit of our 2017 Quilt Show. Kudos to Diane Kane and Nancy LaPointe for their skills in choreographing a great production. There were many members who assisted and I don't want to list them for fear I'll leave someone out! St. Albans' renovated City Hall served as an excellent setting to display our quilts and what masterpieces they were! It was a challenge for me to select one for my President's Award because there were so many that appealed to me.

Bonnie Evans and I have spoken with many members about taking offices next year in our guild. The nominees to date are: Deb Dusablon as our treasurer, Teri Brunelle as Vice President, Cindy Metayer as Secretary, Mary Jane Marchelewicz and JeanAnne Branch as Program co-chairs assisted by Kris Kilburn as a "junior partner", and Helen Short for Block of the Month and projects. We still need candidates for President and Quilt Show co-chairs. We are hoping the Charity Quilt chairs will continue. Nanc Ekiert and Bonnie will be working on "corporate sponsors" for our Quilt Show. Elaine Magnan has expressed interest in the team to explore better ways for our group to communicate so everyone is included. If you would like to run for an office, please contact Bonnie or me.

Our April Meeting Program is "New Tips & Tricks Trunk Show" by Sunny Laurel Sisters. Doors will open at 6:00 pm so members may socialize with each other, and the meeting will start at 6:30 pm. Show and Tell will follow the business meeting before the Trunk Show, and the Door Prize will be awarded at the conclusion of the program.

Keeping Us in Stitches,  
Helen Short, 2016 – 2017 President

#### 2016 – 2017 Guild Calendar

September 21<sup>st</sup> Ice Cream Social

October 19<sup>th</sup> Christmas in October

November 18<sup>th</sup> Busting the Myths –  
Quilt History Truths  
with Pam Weeks (6:30 pm start!!!)

November 19<sup>th</sup> Strips & Bits Workshop  
with Pam Weeks

November 20<sup>th</sup> Quilt-As-You-Go  
Workshop with Pam Weeks

#### 2016 – 2017 Guild Calendar

December 21<sup>st</sup> Holiday Potluck

January 18<sup>th</sup> Trunk Show  
with Denise Chase

February 17<sup>th</sup> Trunk Show  
with Jessica VanDenburgh

February 18<sup>th</sup> Workshop  
with Jessica VanDenburgh

February 19<sup>th</sup> Workshop  
with Jessica VanDenburgh

#### 2016 -2017 Guild Calendar

March 15<sup>th</sup> Lessons Learned  
from a Long-Armer (Panel)  
Quilt Show Prep

March 31<sup>st</sup> Quilt Show Set-Up

April 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Quilt Show

**April 19<sup>th</sup> New Tips & Tricks Trunk  
Show with Sunny Laurel Sisters**  
(Doors open 6:00 pm; mtg at 6:30 pm)

May 17<sup>th</sup> Members' Garage Sale

June 21<sup>st</sup> Potluck & Teacup Auction

## FRANKLIN COUNTY QUILTERS GUILD

### Minutes of February 17, 2017

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

**Secretary's Report** for January 18<sup>th</sup> meeting: Motion to accept by Sally Krupp, seconded by Nadine Froebel. Approved

**Treasure's Report** for January 18<sup>th</sup>: Amendment to be made, money was for printing tickets and the quilt show posters. Motion to accept by Diane Kane, seconded by Sharon Perry. Approved.

#### New Business:

- KLA-Tencor Corporation gave us a generous \$750 donation for supplies to make charity quilts. It was greatly appreciated and validates all the work members do for the community.

#### Committee Reports

##### Quilt Show:

- Signup sheet for volunteers is available for the quilt show.
- Donations of fat quarters are needed for the raffle basket. Please donate to the Tea Cup auction. Carol Mahoney will oversee the Door Prize Basket.
- Raffle Tickets need to be turned in at the March meeting. If members need more books to sell they are available to be picked up Cowles on Main St. in St Albans

##### Charity Quilts:

- Items are being added to the basket Sharon made of various sewing items. Members will get one chance for every quilt they donate. The raffle for the basket of goodies will be held in December.

##### Membership:

- We had one new member and three guests.

#### Projects

- This month's block is the Friendship Star Block. Everyone is encouraged to make two blocks one for the drawing and one for a charity quilt. The colors are pink and off-white. If you have any questions, please call Dale at 524-3616. The instructions are available online at quilter cache and our Facebook page.

Program: Jessica VanDenburgh showed all her beautiful bags and quilts. She has a dynamic personality, and everyone enjoyed her presentation.

#### Monthly Drawings:

- Block Drawing: Marilynn Jessiman
- Door Prize: Carol Mahoney
- Charity Quilt: Sue McGregor

Next meeting – Wednesday March 15, 2017 at 7:00 pm doors open at 6:30 pm

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm

Minutes submitted by Teri Brunelle, Secretary



Simonne	Boucher	April	7
April	Walker	April	19
Linda	Nadeau	April	25



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#### **Deadline for articles for next newsletter:**

**Wednesday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

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

**TREASURER'S REPORT FOR APRIL 2017****(Due to the cancellation of the March meeting, this report includes information from March & April)****FRANKLIN COUNTY QUILTERS GUILD****Treasurer's Report -- April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

Opening Balance		\$2,287.90
Funds collected		
Membership	\$15.00	
KLA-Tencor Foundation, donation	\$750.00	
Bridge pattern	\$75.00	
Jessica VanDenburgh's workshop	\$745.00	
Pre-show Raffle ticket sales	\$510.00	
QS Raffle ticket sales	\$558.00	
Silent Auction sales	\$613.00	
Donations	\$43.32	
	<i>Total Funds Collected</i>	\$3,309.32
	<i>Sub-Total</i>	\$5,597.22
Funds paid out		
Gerald Perry, Room set-up for Apr	\$35.00	
Beverly Cook, Charity Quilt custom quilting	\$249.83	
Sharon Perry, Postage to mail Bridge pattern	\$6.50	
Jessica VanDenburgh, Trunk show & 2 workshops	\$940.00	
Helen Short, Meeting agenda copies	\$6.36	
Gerda Thibault, Batting	\$75.36	
Carol Mahoney, QS Gift basket	\$9.28	
Kay Benedict, QS Supplies, mailings	\$81.59	
Diane Kane, QS pizza for setup volunteers	\$94.26	
Margaret Miller, JV dinner/accommodations, QS sign, Charity batting	\$179.59	
Keely Remillard, QS 7 dozen maple cookies	\$125.00	
Krissy Kilburn, QS Raffle basket miscellaneous	\$107.32	
Sally Krupp, QS clear vinyl tablecloth	\$8.00	
Alyce Bushey, QS balloons, Charity batting	\$33.90	
Mary Jane Marchelewicz, Program miscellaneous supplies	\$36.36	
Jean Anne Branch, Fat quarters	\$59.31	
The Warm Company, 3 bolts of batting	\$258.96	
Nancy LaPointe, QS Vinyl banner, water, rental to pick-up poles	\$181.86	
	<i>Total Funds Paid Out</i>	\$2,488.48
	<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$3,108.74</b>

2017 YTD Collections: \$3,803.32

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah L. Dusablon, Treasurer

**GUILD WEBSITE IS 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>

**FRANKLIN COUNTY QUILT SHOW WINNERS ANNOUNCED****By Teri Brunelle**

The Franklin County Quilters Guild hosted its 19<sup>th</sup> annual Franklin County Quilt Show at the St. Albans City Hall this past weekend. Despite the snowy Saturday, the quilt show brought in over 400 people to the St. Albans downtown.

Mayor Liz Gamache stopped by the quilt show Saturday morning to select her favorite quilt out of 96 entries for the Mayor's Award. Mayor Gamache presented the award to Kris Bachand of Rouses Point, New York, for her quilt, "Lemonade Dayze." St. Albans resident Rose Rixon "Mystery Quilt" won the Founder's Award. The Founder's Award was presented on behalf of Denise Quint, formerly of St. Albans. Quint organized the first ever Franklin County Quilt Show in 1999 and served as the show's chairwoman for 5 consecutive years. Guild president, Helen Short of St. Albans, selected "Autumn" by Diane Kane of St. Albans for the President's Award.

Fifteen additional awards were presented during the show, including 5 awards from show vendors, and an Appraiser Award from Sandra Palmer. The vendors' awards and winners were: from Blissful Bags by Bonnie, Swanton, "Autumn Splendor" by Peggy Paradee of Fairfield, quilted by Bev Cook, Treasured Moments Quilting of St. Albans; from Country Thyme, Derby, "Pinwheel Medley 3" by Denise Chase of St. Albans; from Sewing Machines and More, Middlebury, "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Tumblers" by Sharon Perry of Montgomery; from Thread Connections, Middlebury, "Lemonade Dayze" by Kris Bachand; and from Sunny Laurel Sisters, Colchester, "Indian Summer Revised" by Helen Short of St. Albans, quilted by Stonehurst Quilting of Colchester. Sandra Palmer of Woodstock presented the Appraiser's Award to "My First Patches & Pinwheels" by Alice Rouleau.

The viewers' choice award winners were: Large Bed Quilt, first place, "Pinwheel Medley 3" by Denise Chase, second place, "Lemonade Dayze" by Kris Bachand, third place, "En Provence" by Helen Short of St. Albans, quilted by Stonehurst Quilting of Colchester, and "River Rock" by Diane Forey of Rouses Point, NY; Lap Quilt, first place, "Twisted Bargello" by Nancy LaPointe, second place, "Hook, Line and Sinker" by Teri Brunelle of St. Albans, third place, "Glacier Star" by Teri Brunelle; Wall-hanging, first place, "Embroidered Tree" by Nancy LaPointe, second place, "Woolly Mystery" by Diane Forey, third place, "Yella Umbrella" by Kay Benedict; Miniature Quilt, first place, "Widdlytinks" by Diane Forey, second place, "For the Love of Scraps" by Kris Bachand, third place, "Birds of a Feather" by Nancy LaPointe. Challenge Quilt, first place, "Bright Fish in Black Sea" by Nanc Ekiert of Milton, second place, "Challenge Quilt 2" by Nancy LaPointe, third place, "Autumn" by Diane Kane.

Several drawings were also conducted after the quilt show. The raffle winners were: queen-sized quilt, Sue Rainville of Fairfield; Breakfast basket, Theresa Dodge of St. Albans; and Fat Quarter Basket, Mary King of Swanton. Two names were drawn for door prizes: Theresa Dodge of St. Albans won a Gift Basket; Bonnie Evan of Swanton won Chocolates and Syrup gift.

Congratulations to all the winners at the quilt show!

**TIPS FOR DESIGNING MODERN QUILTS**

- Don't feel like you have to put every modern style into one quilt.
  - Focus on what you like.
- Play around with simple shapes and repeat the element throughout the quilt.
  - Less is usually more when it comes to modern quilting.
  - Look for everyday inspiration in the world around you.
    - Try your hand at "structured" improvisation.
  - Don't forget the backing!



## MARCH (& APRIL by default) 2017 BLOCK OF THE MONTH

PATTERN: FRIENDSHIP STAR

Pattern from [www.quilterscache.com](http://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 Friendship Star block pattern

<http://www.quilterscache.com/F/FriendshipStarBlock.html>

Be sure to continue to page 2 at this link:

[http://www.quilterscache.com/F/FriendshipStarBlock\\_Page2.html](http://www.quilterscache.com/F/FriendshipStarBlock_Page2.html)



## SUNNY LAUREL SISTERS TO BE FEATURED AT APRIL MEETING

Nicole Laurencelle from Sunny Laurel Sisters will be presenting a trunk show at the April meeting. Nicole will be featuring her favorite tools and notions and will share why she likes each one so much. Nicole will be bringing limited quantities of her favorites for guild members to purchase at the meeting. Alternatively, you can visit the shop in Colchester to make your purchase and check out all the shop has to offer.

## APRIL SPRING CLEANING IN THE SEWING ROOM BRINGS MEMBERS' GARAGE SALE IN MAY

As a heads-up, the program for the May guild meeting, on May 17<sup>th</sup>, will be a garage sale for all guild members. Last year's garage sale was such a H-U-G-E success, members voted to have another garage sale this May. This sale will provide an opportunity for members to sell (or purchase) gently used quilting-related items no longer needed by the owner. **Let Carol Stanley know at the April meeting if you'd like a table. There is NO FEE to have a table!**

If your spring cleaning includes organizing your quilting room, be sure to set aside those gently-used quilting items for the garage sale. As they say, "One quilter's 'trash' is another quilter's treasure."



**RECIPE CORNER: Creamy Ham Corn Chowder**

4 cups cubed peeled potatoes  
2 Tbsp. chopped onion  
½ cup butter  
¾ cup flour  
¼ tsp. pepper  
Pinch ground nutmeg

4 cups chicken broth  
4 cups half-and-half cream  
2 cups (8 oz.) each shredded cheddar cheese  
3 cups cubed fully cooked ham  
1 pkg. (16 oz.) frozen corn, thawed

Place potatoes in a large saucepan and cover with water. Bring to boil. Reduce heat; cover and cook for 10 to 15 minutes or until tender.

Meanwhile, in a large saucepan, cook onion in butter over medium heat for 2 minutes. Stir in the flour, pepper, and nutmeg; gradually add broth. Bring to a boil; cook and stir for 2 minutes or until thickened. Stir in cream and cheese; transfer to a 5-quart slow cooker.

Drain potatoes and add to slow cooker. Stir in ham. Cover and cook on low for 3 hours.

Stir in corn and cook 30 minutes longer or until heated through and vegetables are tender. Yield: 12 servings. Recipe can be halved or quartered to accommodate your slow cooker size.

This soup was one of those brought to the quilt show for lunch for the vendors and volunteers. Several members requested the recipe so here it is.

**DON'T FORGET for the next meeting...**

1. **Money to shop with Sunny Laurel Sisters**
2. Completed UFOs for UFO Challenge
3. Completed Charity Quilts
4. Items for Show and Tell