

Franklin County Quilters Guild

SUGARHOUSE GAZETTE

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🌲 President's Piece 🌲

I hope members enjoyed our May Garage Sale as much as Maggie and I did. We came home with a fraction of what we brought and money in our till. Maggie circulated around and found some juvenile prints suitable for boys and came back to me excited saying, "Meme, you know how you have a hard time finding fabric for boys? Well I found some!" Of course I bought it and have made up a scrappy little quilt for a 2-year-old boy who had a little brother born last week. I don't like to give a quilt to a baby while leaving out a toddler. The mom started working with me after the 2 year old was born. There's another nurse who's expecting twins. She doesn't believe in finding out the gender of the baby until it is born, so I have two 'universal' quilts in progress.

My sewing was slowed down due to my hand surgery. This past weekend. I was finally able to close a safety pin so I could pin baste a quilt for machine quilting. Now I have a handful of charity quilt tops that need to be sandwiched, pin basted and quilted. Margaret Miller brought batting to me last month. I just need to find the time between getting baby quilts made for twins that could be born early and teaching a nurse assistant class.

I have enjoyed serving as President of our guild. However, I am looking forward to being able to sit with Maggie and fellow members during a meeting and not having all the pressure of meeting night getting prepared, organized, arriving early to unlock and staying after picking up after the meeting and locking up. There are many members to whom I am indebted for taking leadership roles during meetings and to those that contribute 'behind the scenes' to keep our guild running as well as it does. We are a vital group who make a positive contribution to our community with all our charity quilts and donations. The food shelves and Martha's Kitchen are grateful for our non-perishable food, disposable diapers, and money donations.

Our June meeting features a Pot Luck and Tea Cup Auction. The doors will open at 5:30 pm for set up and socializing. Remember to bring your money to purchase tickets for the Teacup Auction treasures, a dish to share, and your sense of humor.

Happy Piecing, 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

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

February 18th Workshop
with Jessica VanDenburgh

February 19th Workshop
with Jessica VanDenburgh

2016 -2017 Guild Calendar

March 15th Lessons Learned
from a Long-Armer (Panel)
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
Doors open 5:30 pm; potluck at 6 pm

FRANKLIN COUNTY QUILTERS GUILD

Minutes of May 17, 2017

Present: Total attended, including 3 guests

Business meeting called to order at 6:50 p.m. by Helen Short, President

Secretary's Report for March 2017 meeting: Motion to accept by Krissy Kilburn, seconded by Linda Nadeau. Approved

Treasurer's Report for April 2017: Motion to accept by Penny LaRochelle, seconded by Margaret Miller. Approved.

New Business:

- As stated in the guild's bylaws, members were reminded that any expenditure over \$100 needs prior approval.
- **Member in Good Standing** is not defined in the guild's bylaws and should be addressed this summer in executive session.
- **Communication Team** – Penny LaRochelle, Elaine Magnan and Carol Mahoney agreed to volunteer to come up with a way to better inform the member that aren't on Facebook.

2017 Charity Quilt – Guild presented a quilt to the Sheldon Historical Society for their raffle with proceeds going towards their Capital Campaign. Spaghetti Dinner will be held on Friday May 26th at The Abbey starting at 6 pm to help with their fundraising.

2018 Charity Quilt – Nominees were NMC Jim Bashaw Cancer and Catastrophic Fund and the St. Albans Elk Club Veteran Valet Service. The vote will take place next month.

Charity Quilt Coordinator – Gerda has stepped down as the Breast Quilt coordinator, and the guild needs someone to fill the position.

June's Tea Cup Auction – Sharon Perry made a motion to donate \$200 per for the next 5 years to the Northwestern Medical Center. Dale McFeeters seconded. Approved.

Block of the Month

- Winner of the drawing for this month's blocks is Alice Rouleau.
- Next month's block is "Hole in the Barn" on Quilter's Cache website. Colors are blue and white.
- BOM idea for 2017-2018 will be voted on next month.

Show and Tell

Monthly Drawings

- Door Prize: Bev Cook
- Charity Quilts: Shirley Babcock

Next meeting – Wednesday June 21st, 2017

Program; Tea Cup Auction and Pot Luck Dinner (doors open at 5:30 pm; dinner starts at 6:00 pm)

Motion to adjourn by Diane Kane, seconded by Sharon Perry.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Minutes submitted by Teri Brunelle



Margaret	Miller	June	2 nd
Peggy	Paradee	June	3 rd
Beth	Jessiman	June	15 th
Patty	Bandy	June	17 th
Meg	Dempsey	June	17 th
Jean Anne	Branch	June	19 th
Summer	Ladd	June	21 st
Deb	Dusablon	June	22 nd
Sue	McGregor	June	24 th
Gail	Perras	June	24 th
Maggie	Short	June	30 th
Lucie	Fortin	July	2 nd
Lisa	Paradee	July	8 th
Mary	King	July	15 th
Rebecca	Mandeville	July	16 th
Julie	Cowles	July	22 nd
Denise	Chase	July	28 th
Kris	Kilburn	July	31 st
Nicole	Laurencelle	August	10 th
Marilynn	Jessiman	August	22 nd
Roberta	Gilmour	August	26 th
Penny	LaRochelle	August	29 th

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR JUNE 2017**FRANKLIN COUNTY QUILTER'S GUILD****Treasurer's Report -- June 21, 2017**

Opening Balance		\$2,284.80
Funds collected		
Bridge pattern	\$75.00	
Silent Auction	\$20.00	
	<i>Total Funds Collected</i>	\$95.00
	<i>Sub-Total</i>	\$2,379.80
Funds paid out		
Gerald Perry, Room set-up for Jun	\$35.00	
Check reorder	\$34.57	
Helen Short, Copies	\$12.72	
Sharon Perry, Postage for Bridge pattern mailing	\$6.50	
	<i>Total Funds Paid Out</i>	\$88.79
	Grand Total	\$2,291.01

2017 YTD Collections: \$4,435.23

Respectfully submitted,
Deborah L. Dusablon, Treasurer



Summertime
is here...finally!

**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>

Deadline for articles for next newsletter:

Wednesday, August 30th, 2017

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

POTLUCK



The June meeting will feature the end-of-year potluck dinner, the teacup auction, and a food drive. **Members are asked to bring a dish to share for the potluck. The potluck dinner will start at 6:00 p.m.**

Also featured at the June meeting is the Teacup Auction. **Guild members are asked to bring gently-used, quilt-related items which are no longer wanted or needed.** If you had items left after the May Garage Sale, consider donating those items to the Teacup Auction.

Finally, don't forget to bring money to buy tickets for the auction!

2017 – 2018 SLATE OF OFFICERS

- President – Diane Kane
- Vice President – Teri Brunelle
- Secretary – Cindy Metayer
- Treasurer – Deb Dusablon
- Newsletter – Sharon Perry
- Librarian – TBD
- Membership – Mary Ellen Therrien & Helen Short
- Project Coordinator – Helen Short
- Programs – Jean Anne Branch, Mary Jane Marchelewicz & Kris Kilburn
- Quilt Show Co-Chairs – Nanc Ekiert & Nancy LaPointe
- Charity Quilt Coordinators – Jennifer Burt (Purple Heart), TBD (Breast Cancer), Alyce Bushey & Elaine Magnan (Home Health), Denise Chase (Laurie's House),
- Kris Bachand & Helen Short (Fire, etc. Quilts)



JUNE 2017 BLOCK OF THE MONTH PATTERN: HOLE IN THE BARN DOOR

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 Antique Tile block pattern

<http://www.quilterscache.com/H/HoleintheBarnDoorBlock.html>

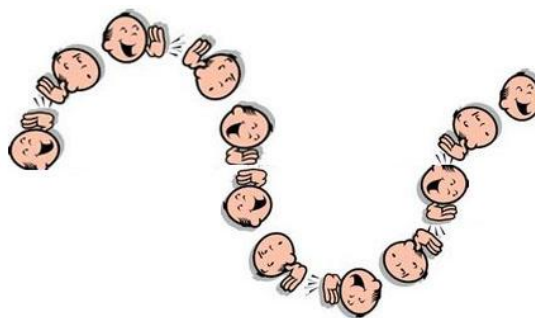
Be sure to continue to page 2 at this link:

http://www.quilterscache.com/H/HoleintheBarnDoorBlock_Page2.html



PLANNING FOR THE 20TH ANNUAL QUILT SHOW HAS BEGUN!

The 2018 quilt show will be the guild's 20th annual show. Quilt Show co-chairs, Nancy LaPointe and Nanc Ekiert, would like to hear from members regarding suggestions, improvements or any other ideas for the 2018 show. Please feel free to leave any written comments at the sign-in desk at the June meeting. Nancy and Nanc will pick up your comments at the end of the meeting. No signature necessary. As a note, the color for 20th anniversary is Emerald Green!



THE COMMUNICATION TEAM NEEDS YOUR HELP!

There will be a brief survey form at the June meeting, which can be submitted anonymously in a provided drop box. There will be room for suggestions as well.

Think about your preferences for notifications regarding guild matters. For those not in attendance, you may contact any committee member: Penny LaRochelle (peninvt@gmail.com); Carol Mahoney (text to 802-752-0031); or Elaine Magnan (phone 802-527-7835).

All suggestions are welcome and will be kept confidential within the committee.

QUILT TIPS

- Use different widths of masking tape to guide you to quilt parallel lines without marking the quilt top.
- Better to buy more fabric than you think you need for a quilt, rather than too little, as this allows room for mistakes, shrinkage or making a sample block, and for building your stash.
- If possible, lay your batting out flat somewhere to allow it to relax before you quilt it, so you don't get caught with wrinkles or creases.
- Everyone has UFOs (Unfinished Projects). Make the effort to go through them and decide what you do actually want to finish, then you can cull the rest and either give them to friends or charity or the June Teacup Auction, or sell them.
- Ensure your binding goes on smoothly by running a row of stitching around the edge of the quilt to hold all three layers together, before you attach it.
- If you are a new quilter take the time to learn good practices and techniques, and once you have the basics right, your skills will naturally develop.
- Make your quilt's hanging sleeve from fabrics used in your quilt. Then, if you need to repair anything on the quilt top later, you will have a selection of the right fabrics to use.

RECIPE CORNER: WHIPPED CREAM AND CREAM CHEESE FROSTING

1 (8 ounce) package cream cheese, softened
1 cup white sugar (or powdered sugar)
1/8 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1 1/2 cups heavy cream

In a large bowl, beat cream cheese, sugar, salt and vanilla until smooth. In a small bowl, whip the heavy cream until stiff peaks form. Fold into the cream cheese mixture.

This is a very light frosting and is perfect for a cake served in the summer.

UPCOMING SUMMER EVENTS

Montgomery Farmers Market, May 27th – September 2nd: Every Saturday, from 9am – 1pm, at Pratt Hall, Montgomery. For more information visit <http://montgomeryhistoricalsociety.org/pdf/farmersmarket.pdf>

40th Annual Maine Quilts, July 27th – July 29th: At the Augusta Civic Center, 76 Community Drive, Augusta, ME. For more information, visit www.mainequilts.org/Quilt_Show/

World Quilt New England, August 17th – August 19th: At the Radisson Center of New Hampshire, 700 Elm Street, Manchester, NH. For more information, visit www.quiltfest.com/upcoming-shows-and-events/world-quilt-new-england/

DON'T FORGET for the next meeting...

1. **Money to buy Teacup Auction tickets**
2. **Potluck dish to share**
3. **Ideas and suggestions for the 20th Annual Quilt Show in 2018**
4. **Ideas and suggestions for the Communications Committee**
5. Completed UFOs for UFO Challenge
6. Completed Charity Quilts
7. Items for Show and Tell