

Franklin County Quilters Guild

SUGARHOUSE GAZETTE

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Dear Guild Members,

This letter is feeling just like déjà vu all over again: the world in our back yard looks just as lovely as it did last June, but the world of our social life does not change much from month to month. I am grateful to Governor Scott for keeping a steady hand in guiding us through the pandemic, and I fully understand why he is keeping his emergency order in place. Still, although most of us are in a safe spot, that is not universally true and there is no way to predict when or how that might change.

Although I would like to entertain the notion of starting our next year together in September, without the assurance of a reliable vaccine and continued suppression of the spread of the COVID-19 virus, there is no way to plan for sure that that can happen.

So, I am sending you my warm greetings and a fervent wish that you and your families will remain safe as we walk slowly through the coming days and months.

Sincerely yours,

John Rouleau, 2019 - 2020 President



2019 – 2020 Guild Calendar

September 18th Ice Cream Social

October 18th Beyond Fabulous: Rotary
Cut Appliqué with Sue Pelland

October 19th Hearts and More
Workshop with Sue Pelland

November 20th Intro to Art Quilts:
Art Possibilities with
Kay Benedict and Nanc Ekiert

November 23rd Ornament Workshop

2019 – 2020 Guild Calendar

December 18th Holiday Potluck Party

January 15th Project Linus
with Joyce Irvine

February 19th Cathedral Windows
with Denise Chase

March 18th Batik with Amanda Bates
CANCELLED (CNX)

April 3rd Quilt Show Set-Up (CNX)

2019 – 2020 Guild Calendar

April 4th – 5th Quilt Show (CNX)

April 17th Quilt Restoration (CNX)
April 18th Make Your Own Pattern
(CNX)

May 20th Trunk Show (CNX)

May 23rd Workshop (CNX)

June 17th Potluck & Teacup Auction
(CNX)

RECIPE CORNER:**STRAWBERRY JELLO PRETZEL SALAD****Ingredients**

1 $\frac{1}{4}$ cup sugar
 2 cups crushed pretzels
 $\frac{3}{4}$ cup melted unsalted butter
 8 oz. softened cream cheese
 8 oz. tub of whipped topping, thawed
 6 oz. package strawberry gelatin
 2 cups heated pineapple juice
 10 oz. sliced frozen strawberries (thawed)

Instructions

Stir pretzels, $\frac{1}{4}$ cup sugar, and butter together in a 9x13 baking dish. Bake for 10 minutes at 350 degrees. Remove from oven and cool completely.

Prepare Jell-O according to directions, substituting hot pineapple juice for hot water, and add the strawberries right before chilling. Refrigerate until partially set.

Beat cream cheese and 1 cup of sugar together until smooth. Fold in the thawed whipped topping. Spread over the cooled pretzel crust.

When the Jell-O is cool and partially set, pour it over the cream cheese layer. Chill before serving.

Notes: If you can't get tubs of whipping cream or prefer to make your own, use a mixer with a whisk attachment to beat 1 cup of heavy whipping cream until soft/medium peaks form. You can heat the pineapple juice in a saucepan on the stove, or place it in a glass measuring cup and heat it in the microwave.

RECIPE CORNER:**SCOTT'S STRAWBERRY DAIQUIRIS**

1 (6-oz.) can frozen limeade concentrate
 8 oz. frozen strawberries
 6 oz. rum
 1 teaspoon sugar
 Water
 Lime
 Sugar for garnish
 Fresh strawberries for garnish

In a blender, mix together limeade, strawberries, rum and sugar. Blend on high. Add water as needed. Cut lime into wedges. Run wedge along rim of glass. Dip rim into sugar. Pour daiquiri into glass.

Garnish with fresh strawberry and/or lime wedge.

RECIPE CORNER:**SPINACH - STRAWBERRY SALAD****Pecans:**

2 tablespoons butter
 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ cups pecan halves
 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup sugar

Melt butter and sugar in heavy skillet, stir in pecans and cook until coated and browned slightly. Watch closely as the mixture burns easily. Cool on waxed paper or foil.

Dressing:

$\frac{2}{3}$ cups white vinegar
 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup sugar
 2 tsp. salt
 2 tsp. mustard (I used Dijon)
 3-4 scallions chopped
 2 c. Veggie oil
 2 tsp. poppy seeds

Whisk ingredients together.

Salad:

1 pound fresh spinach, washed and thick stems removed, then torn
 2 cups sliced celery
 1 pint fresh strawberries, hulled and sliced

Assemble salad. Dress salad and add pecans at last minute.

Note: Dressing recipe makes too much for salad, so add dressing to taste.



2020 – 2021 SLATE OF OFFICERS

- President – John Rouleau
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 - Secretary – Helen Short
 - Treasurer – Deb Dusablon
 - Newsletter – Sharon Perry
- Librarian – **VACANT (STATUS TBD)**
 - Membership – Penny LaRochelle
- Project Coordinator – Helen Bicknell & Lucie Fortin
 - Programs – Natalie Wood & **VACANT**
 - Quilt Show Co-Chairs – **VACANT**
- Charity Quilt Coordinator – Denise Chase

THE NEED IS REAL...GUILD IN NEED OF 2021 QUILT SHOW CHAIR(S)

As mentioned above, Nancy LaPointe and Rolande Fortin are both stepping down as the Quilt Show Chairs. For Nancy, the 2020 show would have been the fifth show with Nancy at the helm as one of the Quilt Show Chairs. With Nancy's departure from the job, the guild will have some big shoes to fill. With that in mind and knowing the guild will not be meeting before September at the earliest, Sharon Perry is still working to update the resources the guild has to guide the Quilt Show Chair along the way for a successful show. Ultimately those resources will be posted on the guild's website so any interested members can look the materials over and see what the job entails. Maybe by seeing the resources available and the specific responsibilities of the position beforehand, a guild member might be willing to step up for the job.

WHAT IF...

On Saturday afternoon, June 27th, this newsletter editor opened a Zoom session at 3:45 pm and sent out a text message to a few guild members and an email to all the guild members with email. The text and email invited guild members to stop in and say hello and included a link to join the Zoom session. I wasn't expecting anyone to join me because it was a beautiful Saturday afternoon, but lo and behold five people stopped by. Diane Comeau brought her two sisters, Deb and Beth, along. Denise Chase also "zoomed" in. The five of us chatted for almost two hours before Natalie Good stopped by to say hello. I hope to hold another one or two Zoom sessions for guild members in the near future, and I promise to give more notice for those sessions. Stay tuned.

I tried to keep sewing during this impromptu Zoom session, but the conversations were very engaging. We chatted about the 2022 raffle quilt Denise and I are working on, and Diane gave us some ideas on how we might get the pattern printed and marketed. Diane is truly a wonderful resource to have as a guild member. We also discussed "what if" we weren't able to have in-person guild meetings in 2020 or early 2021. And the ideas were flying and bouncing all around. When Natalie joined us, the conversations were dying down, but we did share some of what we had discussed. After everyone else left, I kept the session open for a little while longer while Natalie and I chatted some more about those ideas.

So...what if...some of the ideas included having demonstrations or classes led by guild members via Zoom and contracting with quilt instructors who are teaching and lecturing using the Zoom platform. While we still don't know what the future holds for the guild's meeting schedule, rest assured some members are already considering that possibility and trying to come up with concrete ways to keep guild members connected despite the uncertainty of the COVID-19 era.



That is **20 Finishes in 2020!**

There are 6 months left in 2020 and there is still time to join in the fun and make 20 quilted projects by the end of 2020. If you have ***20 Finishes in 2020***, your name will be entered into a special drawing held in December. If you'd like to participate, fill in your name and 20 projects you'd like to finish this year on the list below. This is your list...you can add to it throughout the year if need be to have 20 projects or you can remove a project, or swap out projects, etc....you just have to have ***20 Finishes in 2020*** AND you must show each project during one of the guild's monthly show and tell...a picture will NOT suffice! You can show multiple projects in one month. You also don't have to show a project every month, you just have to have ***20 Finishes in 2020!*** If you hadn't previously given your list to Kris Bachand, you can mail your list to Kris, PO Box 49, St Albans Bay, VT 05481.

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20 Finishes in 2020

NAME: _____

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2.	12.
3.	13.
4.	14.
5.	15.
6.	16.
7.	17.
8.	18.
9.	19.
10.	20.



2021 Raffle Quilt

(Organized by Denise Chase and Sharon Perry and quilted by Bev Cook)

WE WANT YOUR RAFFLE TICKETS

Penny LaRochelle has agreed to coordinate the raffle ticket sales for next year. Many members may still have sold tickets, along with money, in their possession. Penny is happy to take those tickets and money off your hands.

Members can send the tickets and money (check(s) payable to FCQG) to Penny LaRochelle, 40 Meade Road, Fairfax, VT 05454. Be sure to include your return address on the envelope so Penny can properly credit the ticket sales to your name.

WORK CONTINUES ON 2022 RAFFLE QUILT



Denise Chase and Sharon Perry are working behind the scenes on the 2022 raffle quilt. Here are all the pieced Delectable Mountain blocks surrounding the appliqué center and some of the appliqué corners.

Denise has completed appliqué in the center of the quilt and in the corners on the second round of blocks. The picture above shows the blocks in the

final layout of the quilt and the progress so far. Denise will soon be starting the appliqué in the corners of the fourth round. Bev Cook will be quilting it for the guild. Once completed, we're hoping to enter it in the Vermont Quilt Festival next year for more exposure.

As we were working on the quilt this month, someone remarked the pastel colors with the dark brown background looked like chocolate syrup on sherbet. Most likely the quilt's name will be "Chocolate on Sherbet." Thank you Carolyn Babcock for a very observant and creative suggestion!



Christina	Hamel	June	1
Margaret	Miller	June	2
Peggy	Paradee	June	3
Beth	Jessiman	June	15
Jean Anne	Branch	June	19
Deb	Dusablon	June	22
Sue	McGregor	June	24
Maggie	Short	June	25
Lucie	Fortin	July	2
Mary	King	July	15
Becky	Mandeville	July	16
Denise	Chase	July	28
Krissy	Kilburn	July	31
Penny	LaRochelle	August	29

...and many more!!!



A BIG THANK YOU TO HELEN SHORT

After asking for volunteers to coordinate/make the 2021 Charity Quilt, Helen Short generously offered her recently completed “Frolic” quilt, the Bonnie Hunter’s 2019-2020 mystery quilt. And the guild has accepted Helen’s offer!

Again, thank you Helen for your donation of the FCQG 2021 Charity Quilt. It is truly appreciated!

SUMMERTIME USUALLY FEATURES QUILT SHOWS

During pre-COVID-19 times, there would be quilt shows featuring beautiful quilts in the summer throughout the country. Quilters would be planning road trips near and far to enjoy those quilt shows. This newsletter editor dearly missed being able to attend the Vermont Quilt Festival, a COVID-19 casualty this year, as did many FCQG members.

Recently, the organizers of www.sewmanysows.com reached out to the guild asking permission to feature some of videos of our past quilt shows in their listing of virtual quilt shows found on the web. If you haven’t checked out some of the FCQG past quilt shows, here is a link to view those photos and videos: <http://www.franklincountyquilters.org/fcqpphotos.html>.

To give guild members some shows to “visit” this summer, links to some virtual quilt shows and photo galleries are listed below. While it won’t be the same as visiting in person, the pictures and videos will still leave you inspired. Here are those links:

Chelmsford Quilters’ Guild: <http://www.chelmsfordquiltguild.com/raffle.shtml>

Common Threads Quilt Guild: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MfqZ82OQIRY&feature=youtu.be>

Franklin County Quilters Guild: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MICQo_CGJj0

Rising Star Quilters Guild: <http://www.risingstarquilters.org/choice.html>

Studio Art Quilt Associates: <https://www.saqa.com/art/online-galleries/no-limits-saqa-virtual-gallery>

Vermont Quilt Festival: <https://www.vqf.org/bestinshow/>

Wayside Quilters Guild: <http://waysidequilters.org/quilt-show.html>



LINK TO FRANKLIN COUNTY BARN QUILT TRAIL

The Franklin County Barn Quilt Trail, previously found on the FCQG website, can now be accessed at <http://www.barnquiltsfornorthernvermont.org/>.

Deadline for articles for next newsletter:

Wednesday, August 26th, 2020

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