

Franklin County Quilters Guild

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President's Piece

How is spring going for you? Does the gardening take over your time, so you don't get your quilting done? I finally got back on my quilting machine after being away from it for months. It felt good to get a small quilt done, but I feel a bit rusty.

We have plans from now through July, so I'm not sure how much quilting I'll be getting done. I'm going to have to squeeze it in, being intentional to get on the machine between other activities. When I've been busy, I'm inclined to do nothing when I get a break. But that's not how the quilts get done! I have quite a pile of tops waiting for me.

On the other hand, summer goes by so fast, it's good to take time to enjoy it. You know we will turn around and it will be September, and someone will be trying to give you their extra zucchini.

I have to say that I've had a good quilting year. I have gotten a lot done and have learned some new skills. I hope the same is true for you.

Enjoy your summer!

Piecefully,
Laurel Schaap, 2022-2023 President



2022 – 2023 Guild Calendar

September 21st Ice Cream Social
Potholder Exchange & Bingo
(Doors open at 5:30 pm; food at 6 pm)

October 19th Christmas in October
with Member Demos

November 16th Patriotic-Themed
Quilters' 2½" Strip Poker

December 14th White Elephant
Gift Exchange

January 11th Trunk Show on Zoom
with Emily Taylor, Collage Quilter

2022 – 2023 Guild Calendar

February 8th "Confessions of a Fabric
Whisperer" Trunk Show on Zoom with
Ellen Lindner, Adventure Quilter

February 11th Double Reverse Appliqué
Workshop on Zoom with Ellen Lindner,
Adventure Quilter

March 15th Tips & Tricks for Quilting
Studio Organization

March 31st Quilt Show Set-Up

April 1st – 2nd Quilt Show

2022 – 2023 Guild Calendar

April 19th Singer Featherweights and
Other Vintage Sewing Machines
With Barb & David Morgan

May 12th BOM Reveal and GE Designs
Trunk Show with Diane Comeau, Lucie
Fortin, Sharon Perry & Deb Trahan

May 13th Guild Sew-In for BOM Quilts,
Stripology Rulers, and GE Designs
Patterns

June 21st Potluck and Teacup Auction
Potluck Begins at 6:00 pm

Franklin County Quilters Guild May 19, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Laurel Schaap.

JeanAnne Branch moved to accept the Consent Agenda. Penny LaRochelle seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Membership: Penny LaRochelle reported that we are at 57 members with one new member since the last meeting. Twenty-four (24) members were in attendance.

Comfort Quilts:

- Denise Chase shared a thank you card from Project Linus for the Guild's donation.
- Denise reported that she took nine quilts to Welcome Home, an organization in local churches that helps homeless people who have found homes.
- Denise again noted that she is receiving quilts from members that are made from our own materials. She is willing to provide fabric rather than kits if anyone prefers to make their own pattern.
- Yankee Pride reached out to Denise and stated that Nancy Orcutt had a \$50 gift certificate that had not been used. They are allowing the Guild to use it.
- Denise also stated she has backing and batting for anyone needing these items to finish a comfort quilt.

Quilt Show:

- Helen Short thanked all who helped to make the quilt show a success.
- 508 people attended the show.
- The quilt raffle raised \$2245. The winning ticket was purchased at the Montgomery Farmers' Market. Lucie Fortin delivered the quilt to the winner in Maine.
- The Members' Boutique yielded \$3391, and the Guild received \$1058 of that amount. Helen attended the Maple Leaf Quilters Show and learned how large their members' boutique was and worked. She hopes to frame ours in the same manner next year.
- Helen also discussed changes to the promotional materials and suggested creating a program to be used by attendees.
- Quilt Show winners were announced in the newsletter.
- Helen has agreed to chair the 2024 Quilt Show.

Sugarhouse Gazette: Items to be included need to be sent to Sharon Perry by May 31.

23 in 2023 Challenge: Sharon Perry suggested that if we are on track to complete the challenge, we should have about 10 items completed.

Mystery Quilt: Diane Comeau and Lucie Fortin shared a completed quilt and will be available at the Guild sew-in tomorrow, Saturday, May 13, to anyone who wants to work on their quilt. The link to all the monthly directions is available in the Guild's newsletter.

Programs:

- Gale Weld reported that Nancy Ippolito is not able to attend this meeting or the workshop on Saturday. She rescheduled for October 2023. In place of Nancy, Sharon Perry, Diane Comeau, and Deb Trahan will demonstrate some of their work with Gudrun Erla.
- The June meeting will be our annual Teacup Auction. Members may bring in gently used items that are related to quilting to be donated to the Auction. This will be a potluck meeting so it will start at 6:00. Doors will be open at 5:30.
- Gale shared a thank you from Mike and Lynn Carrier for being included in the quilt show to share information about their Quilts of Valor.

Other Business:

- Laurel reported that we are still in need of a President and Vice-President for next year.
- John Rouleau brought in a box of books that are free to members.

We adjourned our business meeting for tonight's program about GE Designs patterns, books, and patterns.

Drawings:

Helen Short won the membership door prize.

Cindy Metayer won the comfort quilt door prize.

Sharon Perry moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Sharon Witbeck. Motion carried, and the meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Helen Bicknell, Secretary



TREASURER'S REPORT FOR JUNE 2023**FRANKLIN COUNTY QUILTERS GUILD****Treasurer's Report -- June 21, 2023**

Opening Balance \$7,474.00

Funds collected

Total Funds Collected \$0.00

Subtotal \$7,474.00

Funds paid out

Gale Weld, May presentations (2 gift cards) \$60.00

Total Funds Paid Out \$60.00

Grand Total **\$7,414.00**

\$96.00

*Comfort Quilt /
Supplies Donations*

Guild funds available

\$7,318.00

2023 YTD Collections: \$6,354.83

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah L. Dusablon, Treasurer

JUNE MEETING FEATURES POTLUCK AND TEACUP AUCTION

The June meeting marks the end of the guild's membership year. And, as is the tradition, we close the year with a Potluck Celebration and a Teacup Auction. So **bring a dish of your choice to share** and enjoy an evening of merriment with your fellow guild members.

For the Teacup Auction, members are asked to donate gently-used, quilt-related items which a member no longer needs or wants. In the past, donated items have ranged from bundles of magazines to rotary rulers to books to partially completed quilts (aka UFOs) with fabric to complete the quilt.

The donated items will all be displayed on tables. Each item, or bundle of items, will have a paper bag next to it to receive tickets representing a member's bid. A strip of 10 tickets can be purchased for \$1.

Members are free to place any number of purchased tickets in the paper bag for an item. Once all members have had a chance to purchase tickets and make their selections, one ticket will be drawn from each paper bag. The member whose ticket is drawn "wins" the item.

You can use the Teacup Auction as an opportunity to clean out your fabric, book, pattern, notion and thread stashes in your quilting/sewing area. Even if you don't have anything to donate, you can always come and purchase lots of tickets.

And for the lucky winners, especially if you're new to quilting and just starting out, it's a great way to pick up fabric, magazines, books, you name it, for a great price...10 cents for each winning ticket! Be sure to join us on the June 21st...it's always an evening filled with wonderful company and conversations, good food, and great finds on the Teacup Auction tables.

And don't forget, the potluck starts at 6pm!!! Doors open at 5:30pm for set-up and to purchase tickets.



SHALL I KEEP MY SCRAPS?

From the Quilting Hub

Have you ever considered disposing of your quilting scraps but been unsure which ones to keep, which to use to make new quilts, and which ones to donate for charity projects?

Keeper Scraps: If you have made a quilt for a loved one that gets used and washed regularly, it is a great idea to keep the quilt scraps so that if accidents occur you can fix that special comfy quilt. This is especially a good idea if the quilt was made for a baby or small child that may ultimately hold onto their quilt for many years using it as a “lovey” and dragging it with them wherever they may go. These quilts get lots of time in the washer and dryer and are subject to developing “character” over the years especially if there is a four-legged friend in the house. Those preserved scraps might be just what are needed to give those well-loved quilts a bit more life and cover a few of the scars that it develops over time.

Scraps to Use: If you have accumulated a large number of scraps from quilting projects that you have made and sold, or gifted to charities, these are perfect for use in another quilt. Also, scraps that are left over from small projects like wall-hangings, masks, and table runners are fair game to use to make another item of beauty as they are much less likely to be needed for repairs to small projects.

Scraps to Donate: If your scrap assortment contains lots of “odd” color fabrics or ones that don’t coordinate well with your other fabrics, these may be perfect for donation to charity quilts, dog bed fillers, cat mats, etc. in some cases charities will purposefully ask for “ugly” quilts so that they will not be fought over when they are given away to the homeless. Small scraps are great for use in dog beds and since they will not be seen, it makes no difference what colors or sizes they are.

The most important thing to remember is that your scraps can be used, so there is no reason to throw them away, keep them for potential repair of lovelies, make a new quilt that is a great collection of memories from past projects, or bless others by using your scraps for donations.

TIPS FOR APPLIQUE

- In general, for both hand and machine appliqué, start sewing an appliqué along a straight or gently curved edge rather than a corner or point. The corners look neater this way.
- To reduce stiffness from fusible web, cut the center away from your fusible shape, leaving a border of about 1/4" inside the traced outline.
- Try different types, sizes, and brands of hand needles to find the best one for you. I use a size 11

sharps for hand appliqué, but you might find it easier to manipulate fabric edges with a longer Milliners needle.

- Cross-wound thread spools generally feed better on the machine’s horizontal spool pin, while stacked (parallel-wound) spools work best on a vertical pin.
- When combining piecing with appliqué, press the pieced seams in the direction that makes sense pictorially—that is, press seams away from whichever fabric is supposed to be the “background.” When pre-piecing fabrics to sew down as a single appliqué shape, press the seam allowances open to reduce bulk in the turned edges.
- Interior points are the most difficult to sew by hand, so if you have a choice, it may be easier to sew two layered pieces instead of a single one with a deep point.
- Always use the color thread that matches the appliqué piece not the background color.
- When using plastic coated freezer paper for applique, change to an unpadded ironing surface for better adhesion of the freezer paper to the fabric.

QUILT TIPS

- To make an inexpensive light table, use an old flat picture frame with the glass taped into the corners and along the sides. Hot glue wide wooden dowels (4 - 6 inches depending on height of light) to the corners of the picture frame. Place rubber stoppers on dowels to keep from slipping. Purchase an under the counter kitchen light, slide under the picture frame, and viola, you have a light table.
- When making repeat cuts of same size place 4 post-it pages on width line of the ruler. This enables you to slide the ruler up to cut without having to search for the line.
- A spring-loaded curtain rod between the sides of book cases can be used to store rolled up bindings.
- A flat metal cake spatula can be run between seams to open them just before pressing.
- Several layers of painter’s tape can be used to mark an edge on your cutting ruler so you don’t have to keep looking when cutting multiple strips.
- Use chop sticks to poke out corners.



2023 CHARITY QUILT



Organized by

Jean Anne Branch & Helen Short

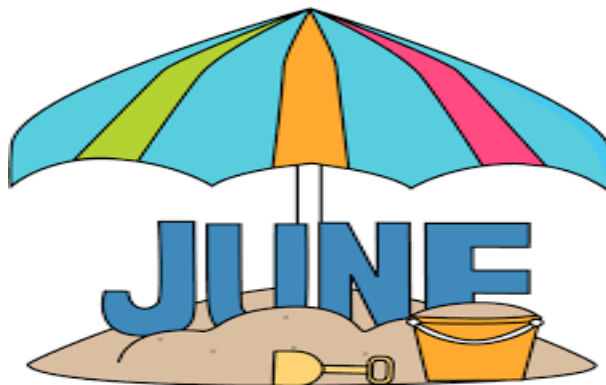
Quilted by Julie Cowles, Meander My Way

SUNSHINE CARDS FOR GUILD MEMBERS

If you know of a guild member who is in need of encouragement or comfort due to an illness, bereavement, etc., please contact Diane Comeau, 802-310-1837. She will send out an appropriate card.



"If someone tells you that you have enough fabric, stop talking to them. You don't need that kind of negativity in your life."



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| Christy | Hamel | June | 1 |
| Peggy | Paradee | June | 3 |
| Jean Anne | Branch | June | 19 |
| Deb | Dusablon | June | 22 |

...and many more!!!



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Mystery Quilt

2022-2023



MYSTERY QUILT PROJECT FOR 2022-2023 MEMBERSHIP YEAR

Diane Comeau and Lucie Fortin have been working together over the summer to bring guild members another fun and unique mystery quilt with blocks presented each month during the 2022-2023 membership year. It sounds like another stunning quilt. If you missed out on making the FCQG Sugarhouse Sampler this past year, you can join this year's mystery.

Diane plans to handle the distribution of the instructions for each month's block(s) a little different from last year's mystery quilt. She will still have the current month's BOM in paper version at each guild meeting and any past months where there are extras for those members who would prefer a paper copy.

In addition to the paper copy available at the meeting, Diane will also have a pattern available on her website for each month's instructions. Diane will provide a link each month for that month's

pattern. Here is the [link for the month 9 pattern and instructions presented at the May meeting](https://www.cadicorners.com/shop/c/p/Mystery-Block-of-the-Month---9-x65794798.htm): <https://www.cadicorners.com/shop/c/p/Mystery-Block-of-the-Month---9-x65794798.htm>.

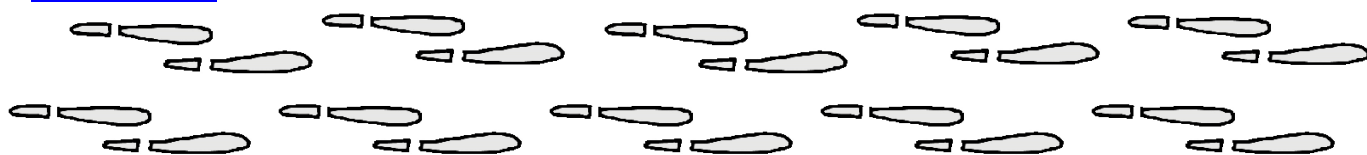
When you click on the link, it will direct you to Diane's business website. Even though there is a "price" for each month's pattern, guild members will have a coupon code to enter which will zero out the "price" for the pattern.

To access the pattern, click on the link in blue above. Once you access Diane's business page, click "Add to Cart." Now go to your cart and under the word Subtotal, click on Enter Coupon. **Enter BOM2023 then click Apply. Once you click Apply, the "price" for the pattern will be \$0.00. The coupon code (BOM2023) will be valid until July 31, 2023**, so Diane encourages all 2022-2023 members to use the code upon the release of the pattern each month. If anyone missed out on a paper copy or would prefer a paper copy, please contact Diane at 802-310-1837.

You will be required to enter your email address so the system can send you a link to download your file. The file will be available for an unlimited number of downloads.

Here are the links to all the blocks so far:

- BOM presented at the September meeting: <https://www.cadicorners.com/shop/CaDis-Quilt-Corner/Books-and-Patterns/Mystery-Block-of-the-Month/p/Mystery-Block-of-the-Month---1-x65791129.htm>
- BOM presented at the October meeting: <https://www.cadicorners.com/shop/CaDis-Quilt-Corner/Books-and-Patterns/Mystery-Block-of-the-Month/p/Mystery-Block-of-the-Month---2-x65794682.htm>
- BOM presented at the November meeting: <https://www.cadicorners.com/shop/CaDis-Quilt-Corner/Books-and-Patterns/Mystery-Block-of-the-Month/p/Mystery-Block-of-the-Month---3-x65794779.htm>
- BOM presented at the December meeting: <https://www.cadicorners.com/shop/CaDis-Quilt-Corner/Books-and-Patterns/Mystery-Block-of-the-Month/p/Mystery-Block-of-the-Month---4-x67240928.htm>
- BOM presented at the January meeting: <https://www.cadicorners.com/shop/c/p/Mystery-Block-of-the-Month---5-x65794785.htm>
- BOM presented at the February meeting: <https://www.cadicorners.com/shop/c/p/Mystery-Block-of-the-Month---6-x65794788.htm>
- BOM presented at the March meeting: <https://www.cadicorners.com/shop/c/p/Mystery-Block-of-the-Month---7-x65794791.htm>
- BOM presented at the April meeting: <https://www.cadicorners.com/shop/c/p/Mystery-Block-of-the-Month---8-x65794795.htm>
- BOM presented at the May meeting: <https://www.cadicorners.com/shop/c/p/Mystery-Block-of-the-Month---9-x65794798.htm>





RECIPE CORNER

PRETZEL GELATIN DESSERT

Crust:

2 cups crushed pretzels
 $\frac{3}{4}$ cup butter, melted
 2 tablespoons sugar

Filling:

1 package (8 ounces) cream cheese, softened
 1 cup sugar
 1 carton (8 ounces) frozen whipped topping, thawed

Topping:

2 packages (3 ounces each) strawberry Jell-O
 2 cups boiling water
 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup cold water

Optional: Fresh strawberries and additional whipped topping

Preheat oven to 350°. Mix crushed pretzels, melted butter and sugar; press onto bottom of an ungreased 13x9-in. baking dish. Bake 10 minutes. Cool completely.

For filling, beat cream cheese and sugar until smooth. Stir in whipped topping; spread over crust. Refrigerate, covered, until cold.

In a small bowl, dissolve Jell-O in boiling water. Stir in cold water; refrigerate until partially set. Pour carefully over filling. Refrigerate, covered, until firm, 4-6 hours.

Cut into squares. If desired, serve with strawberries and additional whipped topping.

ORANGE JELL-O SALAD

1 large package orange Jell-O
 1 24 oz. carton of cottage cheese
 1 20 oz. can crushed pineapple or pineapple tidbits, well drained
 1 15 oz. can mandarin oranges, well drained
 1 16 oz. carton of Cool Whip

Mix orange Jell-O and cottage cheese together until the Jello has dissolved into the cottage cheese. Add pineapple and mandarin oranges and stir in.

Add the Cool Whip and mix all together until well blended.

Refrigerate for at least an hour before serving so it can firm up.

STRAWBERRY JELL-O POKE CAKE

1 box white cake mix

Ingredients called for on cake mix package, eggs, oil and water

1 small box (3 oz.) strawberry Jell-O powder
 1 cup boiling water
 1 8-oz. container Cool Whip
 1 pint strawberries, halved

Grease a 13x9 inch baking pan with oil or nonstick cooking spray and set aside.

Prepare cake batter according to package instructions and pour into pan. Bake cake and remove from oven.

While still warm, poke holes an inch deep all over the cake using the handle of a wooden spoon.

In a medium measuring cup, combine Jell-O powder and boiling water. Stir slowly for a minute to dissolve completely and then cool slightly for 5 minutes.

Pour Jell-O evenly over the surface of the cake, and place in the fridge to chill for at least 2 hours.

Using a spatula carefully spread whipped cream on top of the cake.

Arrange 20-24 strawberry halves spaced evenly across the top. Serve and enjoy!

NO-BAKE JELLO CANDY MELTS

16 oz. powdered sugar
 8 oz. cream cheese, softened to room temperature
 Plain white sugar
 Favorite boxes of Jell-O

In a mixer, combine the softened cream cheese with the powdered sugar. Scrape the sides of the mixing bowl and mix until fully combined (and not sticky). Add more powdered sugar if it's a really hot day and the cream cheese is being temperamental and melting. Separate the mixture into 4 small bowls.

Add 1 tablespoon of various powdered Jell-O to each bowl and mix with a spoon.

Pull off small $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch pieces of the mixture and roll them into balls.

Press the balls into a slightly flat and then roll it into a bowl of plain white sugar.

Store in an airtight container and refrigerate until ready to eat.

Recipe makes about 30 Jell-O candy melts.



JUNE IS SUCH A BONNY TIME

By Annette Wynne

June is such a bonny time—
 Bird and flower weather—
 Time for song and love and rhyme—
 Time to be together;
 Time for hoops and sails and wings,
 Butterflies and happy things.

FEATURED VIDEO TUTORIAL FOR JUNE:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m-VHCCGNVRo>

"Star Shine" Quilt

Missouri Star Quilt Company

FEATURED PATTERNS

- Growing Tall Quilt:** <https://www.michaelmillerfabrics.com/fileuploader/download/download?file=custom/upload/File-1660057575.pdf>
- Cat-Tastic Quilt:** <https://www.michaelmillerfabrics.com/fileuploader/download/download?file=custom/upload/File-1625243593.pdf>
- Modern Dresden Baby Quilt:** https://www.apqs.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/21_APQS_0171_DresdenBaby_080221.pdf
- Denim Flowers Quilt:** https://windhamfabrics.com/images/project/Denim_Flowers_Final_RS.pdf
- Dresden Quilt and Bag:** <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1dJaxEwfm0JrpsT6kkaYnk6TZJfK2w4hS/view>
- Color Spoken Here:** https://drive.google.com/file/d/1EEvEhSD7qCYSuDhKRAh_Nd8feqtoLLle/view
- Fan Flower Quilt:** <https://www.tildasworld.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/FanFlowerQuilt-wTemplate-WebRev.pdf>
- Bohemia Quilt:** <https://www.rileyblakedesigns.com/assets/images/freepatterns/quiltpatterns/LaVieBohemeFreePattern.pdf>
- Southern Belle Quilt:** <https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B7NAJIVzfxCCT3RLNjFOOE56RFU/view?resourcekey=0-oBRnda51t6u1vtdG4ci3ew>
- Rainbow Blooms Quilt:** https://cdn.shopify.com/s/files/1/2197/5951/files/P_BForestFanciesFinal.pdf?1891798809169808725
- Color Wheel Runner:** <https://drive.google.com/file/d/18H472qK0TLnUtSo3y6IMj49RvrH1egvs/view>
- Fan Dance Quilt:** <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ZiBc4ig1WpgjSJUInyXcH3c5sh6wfrYT/view>
- Whirling Fans Quilt:** https://www.rjfabrics.com/s/whirling_fans_2016_update_092616.pdf
- Chevron Kaleidoscope Quilt:** <https://www.michaelmillerfabrics.com/fileuploader/download/download?file=custom/upload/File-1383081798.pdf>

LINK TO BARN QUILT TRAIL OF NORTHERN VERMONT

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

NEWSLETTER IDEAS WANTED: Do you have a recipe you'd like to share with guild members? Or maybe you've found a great quilting website or blog you'd like to share. Or you've visited a quilt shop within an easy drive which had bargains or a fabric selection no quilter should miss. If so, send an email to vtquilter@gmail.com, and the newsletter editor will do her best to include it in the next newsletter. Although welcome, your input doesn't have to be a complete article. It could be a few bullets which convey your message. The editor will fill out the article as needed.

Deadline for articles for next newsletter:**Wednesday, August 30th, 2023**

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



June is National Adopt a Cat Month



*"In early June the world of leaf and blade and flowers explodes,
 and every sunset is different." — John Steinbeck*