

Franklin County Quilters Guild

SUGARHOUSE GAZETTE

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2024 Raffle Quilt

Sharon Perry & Denise Chase

2024 Charity Quilt

Laurel Schaap & Gale Weld

President's Piece

My last newsletter article as President. I've been thinking about what to write for a while. I started out with apologies for my shortcomings, things I wish I had done better. But that seems kind of gloomy. Looking forward is a much more cheerful proposition.

I've been impressed with the Franklin County Quilters Guild. The group is very productive, both personally and in our group efforts. I can't say I'm surprised. I've had very good experiences with Quilters. Our group is an excellent example. We rally around whenever there is a need. I love to see folks helping, even in small ways, like putting the chairs away after the meeting, or donating to the food pantry. These things are unrelated to quilting per se, but are indications of character. I like to think that Quilters are not a group who would litter for example. Does that seem like a stretch? Obviously, there are many differences among us and a certain percentage of any group will not fit the mold; perhaps I'm just seeing through rose colored glasses. But I do believe that Quilters are mostly good people. Maybe it has to do with the patience we have to sew for hours. Or something about how we work hard to get things done right, re-doing something until we're satisfied with the result. We make do and work around problems and those are good qualities for life.

Looking to the future, I think things will continue to go well. I see a spirit of cooperation that is stronger than the obstacles we face. We want to have a vibrant Guild. We're excited about helping each other and the community. There are challenges to be sure, but we can conquer them if we choose to work together.

Thanks so much to the folks who have stepped up to take us into next year. Please support them by working hard and filling in the positions that still need leaders. Working together is fun! Let's continue to show what a group of Quilters can accomplish when we cooperate. Thanks to so many of you who have made my time enjoyable. I very much appreciate the support you've given me.

Piecefully,

Laurel Schaap, 2023-2024 President



2023 – 2024 Guild Calendar

September 20th Ice Cream Social
Brown Bag Exchange & Strip Poker
(Doors open at 5:30 pm; food at 6 pm)
October 13th Trunk Show
with Norma Ippolito
October 14th Quilting Workshop
with Norma Ippolito
November 15th Quilt Market Wrap-Up
with Tina de la Bruere, Owner of
Vermont Quilter's Schoolhouse
December 13th Potluck and Gift Exchange

2023 – 2024 Guild Calendar

January 17th What Makes A Quilter Tick
with David Sirota, Quilt Maven Dave
January 20th "No More Tears" Paper-
Piecing Workshop with David Sirota,
Quilt Maven Dave
February 21st Trunk Show with
Andrew Lee, The Combat Quilter
March 20th Spring Members' Demos
April 5th Quilt Show Set-Up
April 6th – 7th Quilt Show

2023 – 2024 Guild Calendar

April 19th MacDuff Bag and Jacket
Trunk Show with Janice Roy at NMC
April 20th MacDuff Bag Workshop
with Janice Roy at NMC
May 15th Pillow Talk Trunk Show
with Diane Comeau, CaDi Corners
May 18th It's a Wrap! Workshop
with Diane Comeau, CaDi Corners
June 19th Trunk Sale
All proceeds to benefit the guild
(Doors open at 5:30pm; ice cream at 6pm)

Franklin County Quilters Guild Wednesday, May 15, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 PM by Laurel Schaap for our monthly in-person meeting.

Consent Agenda: A motion was made by Sharon Perry and 2nd by Penny LaRoche to accept both the Treasurer's report and Minutes of the April 2024 meeting. No discussion. Motion carried.

2024 Charity Quilts were given to the non-profit recipients for fundraising:

- Representatives from three non-profits graciously accepted their quilts:
 - The Meeting House on the Green in East Fairfield, represented by Nance Shaw, the quilt made by Helen Short and Denise Chase
 - The Enosburg Food Shelf, represented by Nancy Riley and Sue Stanley, the quilt made by Gale Weld and Laurel Schaap
 - Rock Steady Boxing in St. Albans to benefit patients with Parkinson's Disease, represented by Donna and Scott Corrigan, the quilt made by Lucie Fortin and Helen Bicknell.
- Sharon Perry shared information about selling tickets for the raffles (try Raffletickets.com). If the organizations know where and when the raffle tickets for the quilts will be available, the guild can put the information into the monthly newsletter for their members.

Chair Reports:

Membership (Penny LaRoche): Penny reported that we have 62 paid members to date. A total of 34 members were in attendance, with 5 guests to accept the raffle quilts and one guest for the meeting.

Comfort Quilts (Denise Chase): Denise brought some quilt kits for people to take. There are currently 81 quilts that need quilting. Lauretta has been making many quilt tops and has helped Denise put backs and batting with them. Please sign out the quilt kits and quilts to be finished so that Denise can keep track of them. Members are welcome to contact Denise to pick up a kit or quilt from her at her home in St. Albans.

Quilt Show (Helen Short and Teri Brunelle):

- A big "Thank you!" to Helen Short and Teri Brunelle for all they did as co-chairs for this year's successful quilt show!
- Helen thanked all of the volunteers who helped out. The setup and takedown went quickly. Everyone's efforts are appreciated.
- Sharon Perry reported on some numbers from this year's show:
 - Number of quilts entered: 110
 - Number of attendees counted: 784
 - Raffle quilt proceeds: \$2,872 (which was the 2nd highest ever! In 2013, the covered bridge raffle quilt brought in more)
 - Boutique net proceeds: \$787
 - Sponsors: 17 sponsors brought in \$2,450
 - Vendors: 5 vendors brought in \$250

○ Donations: \$596

- Laurel Schaap asked for members to consider volunteering to be chairpersons for next year's quilt show.
- Penny LaRoche volunteered to do the layout and design of the show again next year. Thank you, Penny!
- Laurel generously donated a quilt top for the 2025 Raffle quilt. Diane Comeau will quilt it. The raffle quilt will be taken to Farmer's Markets, etc. for ticket sales and the drawing will be at next year's quilt show.

Sugarhouse Gazette (Sharon Perry): The newsletter can be found online [here](#). Each newsletter comes out at least 2 weeks before each meeting. Items for the next newsletter are due to Sharon by May 29th, which is the last Wednesday of the month. A recommendation was made to include the scarf patterns in the newsletter.

24 in 2024 Challenge (Sharon Perry): There is a form on the website and in the newsletter for the 24 in 2024 challenge. This challenge is for more than members' UFO's, it can be for all types of sewing projects. You can write down what project you have completed on the form.

Block of the Month (Lucie Fortin): • The BOM for May is a "Mystery Disappearing Pinwheel" pattern, with white and blue colors. The link for directions to the blocks of the month is under "Projects" on the FCQG website and can be found [here](#).

Nominating Committee for the 2024-25 Slate of Officers (Denise Chase):

- Denise presented the nominating committee's recommended Slate of Officers for 2024-25:
 - Co-Presidents: Jean Anne Branch and Mary Jane Rossi
 - Vice President: Bonnie Evans
 - Secretary: Gale Weld
 - Treasurer: Deb Dusablon
 - Programs: Cathy Carlson and John Rouleau
 - Projects (BOM): Carol Stanley
 - Membership: Penny LaRoche
 - Quilt Show Chair/s: Looking for volunteer/s
- A motion to accept the nominations was made by Sharon Perry, 2nd by Peggy Paradee. No discussion. The motion was carried.

Program and workshop announcements for 2023-24 (Deb Trahan and Cathy Carlson):

- Deb introduced tonight's program: Pillow Talk Trunk Show with Diane Comeau. On Saturday, an open workshop with Diane will be at the NWMC Conference Room. The room will be available starting at 9:00 AM. Diane will show members how to make a pillow cover. There is no charge for the event. Diane encourages members to bring their sewing machines and stay as long as they'd like. (The room is available from 9 AM - 5 PM.)
- For the June program, there will be a members' trunk sale following the business meeting and ice cream. The June meeting will begin at 6 PM. Members are welcome to bring quilt-related items for sale. The items can be priced individually or all items in a tote can be marked at the same price. Members who want to purchase items will

TREASURER’S REPORT FOR JUNE 2024

FRANKLIN COUNTY QUILTERS GUILD

Treasurer's Report -- June 19, 2024

Opening Balance		\$10,195.69
Funds collected		
Membership	\$40.00	
QS poles security deposit returned	\$50.00	
Donation	\$195.00	
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<i>Total Funds Collected</i>		\$285.00
	<i>Subtotal</i>	\$10,480.69
Funds paid out		
Penny LaRochelle, Membership, door prizes, printer ink & misc	\$342.45	
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<i>Total Funds Paid Out</i>		\$342.45
	Grand Total	\$10,138.24

2024 YTD Collections: \$6,677.05

Respectfully submitted,
Deborah L. Dusablon, Treasurer



JUNE MEETING FEATURES TRUNK SALE WITH PROCEEDS GOING TO THE GUILD

There will be a members' trunk sale at the June meeting following the business meeting and ice cream. The meeting will begin at 6 PM.

In lieu of the Teacup Auction, the guild will be having a “Trunk Sale.” Members are still welcome to bring quilt-related items for sale. The items can be priced individually or all items in a tote can be marked at the same price or one price for the contents of the tote. The difference between the Teacup Auction and the Trunk Sale is that members do not have to lug everything inside. All the items will be sold out of the trunks/hatchbacks of members’ vehicles.

Members who want to purchase items will buy tickets from the guild: \$1/ticket or \$10/15 tickets. Each ticket will be worth \$1. As stated above, items for sale will stay in people's vehicle trunks/hatchbacks, and members will go to the parking lot to purchase items. All proceeds will go to the guild. In case of rain, items will be brought inside. Hint: having your items in totes will make carrying them easier.



DIGITIZED COVERED BRIDGE PATTERNS AVAILABLE SOON FROM CADI CORNERS LLC



Calling all members who do machine embroidery...Diane Comeau, of CaDi Corners LLC, has recently digitized all the bridge patterns from the 2013 Raffle Quilt, Bridges of Franklin County (pictured to the left). The patterns will be available for

purchase soon on the CaDi Corners LLC website.

MONTHLY MEETING FORMAT

Unless otherwise noted, the monthly guild meeting will follow the following format.

- 6:00 pm Doors open
Sign in at membership table
Sign up for monthly drawing if you haven't won this year
Sign up for BOM raffle if you made one
Sign up for comfort quilt drawing if you made a comfort quilt
- 6:30 pm Business Meeting
Program for the evening
Short Break as appropriate
Show and Tell



BARN QUILT EXHIBIT AT BILLINGS FARM & MUSEUM FEATURES FCQG'S OWN

Billings Farm & Museum is bringing the rural artistry of barn quilts to its scenic site from April 4 – December 1, 2024. Collaborating with Vermont artists as well as artisans from the Chelsea Barn Quilt Project and the Franklin County Barn Quilt Trail who have been working to highlight barn quilts in Vermont, each space will host a uniquely crafted piece inspired by nature, math, agriculture, and the history of the Billings Farm site.

The guild's own, Sharon Perry, is one of the featured barn quilt artists at this exhibit. For her barn quilt, she has painted 4 maple leaf blocks set on point. The center of the 4 blocks features the stylized face of a Holstein cow affectionately called Bessie. The formal name of Sharon's submission is "Moo-nlight in Vermont."



May 15 Guild Meeting Minutes (Cont.)

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- Cathy Carlson reported that September's program will be Mystery Quilts with an anonymous person, October will be Janice Roy, who will have a program on how to make a jacket out of a quilt, and November will be Karen Abrahamovich with a program and workshop with her state wallhangings.
- The brown bag projects were distributed during the meeting, with members pleasantly surprised at the projects they received back.

Other Business: Sharon Perry shared that Diane Comeau is digitizing all of the embroidery patterns of the covered bridges from the Bridges of Franklin County quilt, and the patterns will be available soon.

Drawings:

- Laura Olsen won the membership door prize.
- Laurel Schaap won the comfort quilt door prize.
- Holly Bressette won the Block of the Month door prize of 16 blocks!

Congratulations to the winners!

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Sharon Perry, 2nd by Jean Anne Branch. The motion carried, and the meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Kane, Secretary

USES FOR BATTING SCRAPS

Everyone has them...batting scraps...but what can you do with those leftover batting scraps? Read on for some ideas.

- Rough cut a 9 x 12 rectangle to use in your Swiffer. As bonus, you can turn it over and use the other side too!
- Cut into 5" squares to use to make coasters.
- Use small odd shaped pieces to dust with.
- Use small piece of batting at your sewing table to collect loose threads.
- Use another small piece at the ironing station to collect threads that you trim off while ironing.
- Use them to pretest thread tension settings by sandwiching pieces between muslin trimmings, cutting them into squares of 6-10 inches.
- Donate the batting scraps to your local senior center to use to make small crafts.



BLOCK OF THE MONTH (BOM): DISAPPEARING HALF SQUARE TRIANGLE BLOCK

Lucie Fortin is the project coordinator for this membership year, and she's bringing back the traditional Block of the Month (BOM) projects.

Each month Lucie will provide instructions for completing the BOM to include color choices. This month's BOM is the Mystery Disappearing Pinwheel Block in blue and white; instructions for the block can be found [here](#). Members are encouraged to make a block each month and turn it in for the BOM raffle the following month.

If you turn a block in, you get to enter your name in the BOM Drawing. You can make as many blocks as you want and enter your name a corresponding number of times. If you win all the blocks, they are yours to keep.

You can only win the blocks one time in a membership year which runs from September through June. If you win, you're asked to continue making the monthly BOM so the other winners have a similar number of blocks.



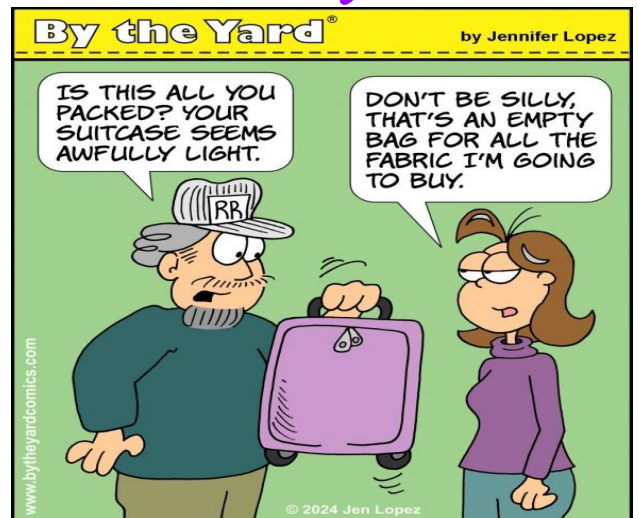
SUNSHINE CARDS FOR GUILD MEMBERS

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.



Christy	Hamel	June	1
Lena	Engelberth	June	3
Peggy	Paradee	June	3
Jean Anne	Branch	June	19
Deb	Dusablon	June	22
Lucie	Fortin	July	2
Desiree	DelMonte	July	13
Mary	King	July	15
Denise	Chase	July	28
Joan	Wood	July	28
Krissy	Kilburn	July	31
Beth	Brault	August	3
Penny	LaRochelle	August	29

...and many more!!!





RECIPE CORNER

STRAWBERRY FOOL

1 pint strawberries
 ½ cup sugar, or to taste
 1 cup heavy cream
 1 teaspoon vanilla extract

Hull strawberries, then wash them and chop into ¼-inch-thick pieces. Toss with half the sugar, and wait 10 minutes, stirring occasionally, until they give up their juices.

Place half the strawberries and all the juice in a blender, and puree. Pour puree back in bowl with chopped strawberries.

Whip the cream with remaining sugar and vanilla until cream is stiff and holds peaks easily. Fold berries and cream together, and serve immediately, or refrigerate for up to two hours.

STRAWBERRY CRISP

5 heaping cups strawberries, hulled and quartered
 ¼ cup granulated white sugar
 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
 3 tablespoons cornstarch
 1 cup all-purpose flour
 ¾ cup old fashioned oats
 ⅔ cup granulated white sugar
 ⅔ cup packed brown sugar
 ½ teaspoon salt
 ¾ teaspoon cinnamon
 ½ cup (1 stick) butter, melted

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease a deep dish pie plate or large baking dish with butter or cooking spray and set aside.

Combine the chopped strawberries and sugar in a large bowl and mix until the strawberries fully absorb the sugar. Add in the cornstarch and vanilla extract and stir until all of the strawberries are evenly coated. Pour into the prepared baking dish.

In a separate medium size bowl, combine the flour, oats, brown sugar, granulated sugar, salt, and cinnamon. Pour in the melted butter and stir well until well coated and crumbly. Sprinkle the crumb mixture evenly over the top of the strawberries.

Bake in the preheated oven for 35-40 minutes until fruit is bubbly and topping is golden brown. Allow to cool slightly before serving. Serve warm with vanilla ice cream on top.



STRAWBERRY CREPES

For the crepes:

4 large eggs
 ½ cup butter, softened
 ½ cup granulated sugar
 1 cup all-purpose flour
 1 ¼ cups milk
 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
 ¼ teaspoon salt

For the filling:

2 cups fresh strawberries, sliced
 4 ounces cream cheese, room temperature
 ¼ cup powdered sugar
 ½ teaspoon vanilla extract
 1 pint heavy whipping cream
 3 tablespoons powdered sugar
 ¼ cup extra-virgin olive oil

For the crepes: Add all ingredients to a blender and blend until smooth. Scrape down the sides of the blender if needed. Refrigerate batter for 30 minutes.

Heat a large non-stick skillet to medium heat. When skillet is hot, lightly grease it with a little butter or cooking spray.

Hold the handle of the skillet and as you pour a few tablespoons of batter in, tilt the skillet around in a circular motion to allow the batter to evenly coat the bottom of the pan, in a thin layer.

Cook for 30 - 60 seconds or until the edges of the crepe curl slightly and the bottom of the crepe is lightly golden. Flip to the other side and cook for another 30 seconds. (Adjust your heat between medium-medium high until your crepes are cooking in about 30 seconds on each side. Re-grease your pan every few crepes, as needed.)

Remove crepe to a plate. Add more crepes to the plate as you cook them, and cover the plate to keep them warm.

For the filling: In a small bowl mix blend the cream cheese, powdered sugar, and vanilla until for 2 minutes. In another mixing bowl, beat the heavy cream and 3 tablespoons powdered sugar on high speed until stiff peaks.

Spoon most of the whipped cream into the cream cheese mixture and fold in until smooth. Reserve a little bit of whipped cream for topping on the crepes, if desired. Spoon a thin layer of the filling onto a crepe. Add some fresh strawberries on top and then roll it up. Serve dusted with powdered sugar, extra strawberries and whipped cream, if desired.



SLATE OF GUILD OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS FOR 2024-2025 MEMBERSHIP YEAR

The following slate of officers and committee chairs is provided for guild members' review. The election will take place at the June meeting. Thank you to all the members who have agreed to serve the guild next year. There are still two vacancies: Quilt Show Co-Chairs; and 2025 Charity Quilt.

<u>OFFICE</u>	<u>NOMINATED MEMBER(S)</u>
Co-Presidents	Jean Anne Branch and Mary Jane Rossi
Vice President	Bonnie Evans
Secretary	Gale Weld
Treasurer	Deb Dusablon
Programs	Cathy Carlson and John Rouleau
Project Coordinator (BOM)	Carol Stanley
Newsletter	Sharon Perry
Membership Chair	Penny LaRochelle
Quilt Show Co-Chairs (2)	VACANT
2025 Raffle Quilt	Laurel Schaap
2025 Charity Quilt	VACANT



BARN QUILT WORKSHOP

When: July 25, 2024, 8:00 am to 4:00 pm

Where: Sheldon Historical Museum, 200 Bridge Street, Sheldon, VT

The Sheldon Historical Society will sponsor a barn quilt painting workshop by artist Kimberly Hess of Barn Quilt Therapy. This is your chance to create a unique and special piece of history to display proudly on your home, barn, shed, fence, porch, or even hang in your home. And the best part is that most of the Barn Quilt art is created in one day. They are painted on aluminum composite material, which will not rot or rust, ensuring you can enjoy your piece of art for years to come.

Details:

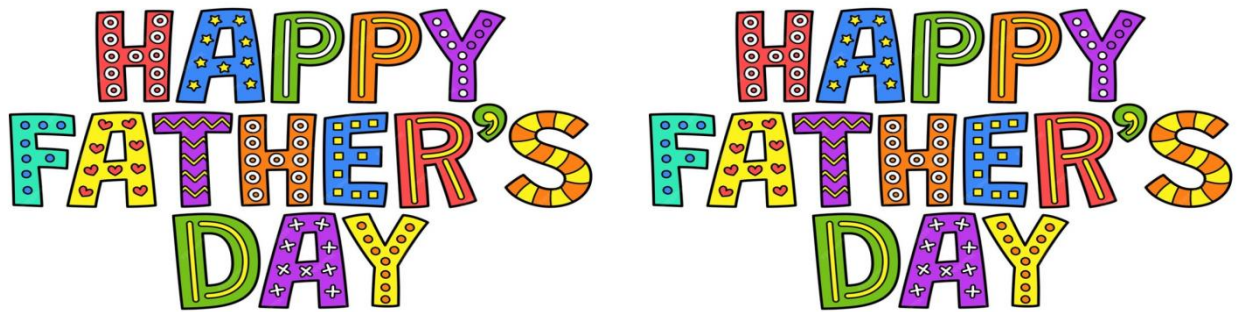
1. The workshop will be held on Thursday, July 25, 2024 at the Sheldon Historical Museum located at 200 Bridge Street in Sheldon, VT.
2. The workshop will start at 8:00 am and will wrap up no later than 4:00 pm.
3. Workshop fee depends on board size, which is selected during registration.
4. For more details and to register, please visit <https://forms.gle/bVtPnKg4XNiyGxbd8>.

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 rime—
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=qI19mLumf1o>
Tea & Cookies for Two June Placemats
Shabby Fabrics



LINK TO BARN QUILT TRAIL OF NORTHERN VERMONT

<http://www.barnquiltsouthernvermont.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 28th, 2024

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



June is National Iced Tea Month



*"June is a love song written by nature."
~ Patience Strong*