

# Franklin County Quilters Guild

## SUGARHOUSE GAZETTE

### Saint Albans, Vermont

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#### President's Piece

Welcome to the September version of the Quilt Guild, pandemic version. I hope you are well and happy and feeling safe in these parlous times. Not to put too fine a point on it, but our coming year will be impacted by the coronavirus in many ways, but I hope we can have a successful year in spite of the difficulties.

The executive committee met last week (by Zoom, of course) and outlined plans for the coming year. I want to be sure to express my gratitude that the entire Guild leadership team agreed to stay on this year. We were unable to have our traditional voting and change of leadership in June, and we need their expertise and dedication more than ever now.

As you read the minutes of the executive committee meeting you will note that there are several workarounds for our usual activities, but Natalie Good has a program schedule ready to go, and Helen Bicknell and Lucie Fortin will continue with a modified BOM and make arrangements to follow through on last year's projects. Please note that the 2021 Raffle Quilt Drawing will be at the June 16<sup>th</sup> end-of-year meeting. Penny LaRoche says she is willing to collect money from any sales that we make before that time.

Due to the change in our meeting style we have reduced the dues for the coming year to \$10.00.

I know that meeting by Zoom brings up difficulties for some of our members, and I hope that each of you can rely on friends and grandchildren to get yourself hooked up.

Grateful for the wisdom and commitment of the executive committee and hoping we all can have a happy and productive year together I am.

John Rouleau, 2020-2021 President



#### President

John Rouleau

#### Vice President

Teri Brunelle

#### Secretary

Helen Short

#### Treasurer

Deb Dusablon

#### Newsletter

Sharon Perry

#### Librarian

**VACANT (future needs TBD)**

#### Programs

Natalie Good

**VACANT**

#### Project Coordinator

Helen Bicknell

Lucie Fortin

#### Membership

Penny LaRoche

#### Quilt Show

**VACANT**

#### Comfort Quilts Coordinator

Denise Chase

#### 2021 (formerly 2020) Raffle Quilt

Denise Chase

Sharon Perry

#### 2021 Charity Quilt

Helen Short

#### 2020 – 2021 Guild Calendar

**ALL MEETINGS CONDUCTED ON  
ZOOM STARTING AT 6:30 PM**

September 16<sup>th</sup> Ice Cream Social

October 21<sup>st</sup> Christmas in October  
with Sharon Perry

November 18<sup>th</sup> Flying Colors  
Trunk Show with Timna Tarr

November 21<sup>st</sup> Zoom Workshop  
with Timna Tarr

December 16<sup>th</sup> Holiday Meeting

#### 2020 – 2021 Guild Calendar

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January 20<sup>th</sup> Batik with Amanda Bates

February 17<sup>th</sup> Trunk Show  
with Diane Comeau & Cathy Rayes

February 20<sup>th</sup> Zoom Workshop  
with Diane Comeau & Cathy Rayes

March 17<sup>th</sup> Trunk Show with  
Michelle Renee Hiatt, Studio 180

#### 2020 – 2021 Guild Calendar

**ALL MEETINGS CONDUCTED ON  
ZOOM STARTING AT 6:30 PM**

March 20<sup>th</sup> Zoom Workshop with  
Michelle Renee Hiatt, Studio 180

**April Quilt Show Cancelled**

April 21<sup>st</sup> TBD

May 19<sup>th</sup> Quilt Restoration  
Trunk Show with Stephanie McCall

June 16<sup>th</sup> 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration  
2021 Raffle Quilt Drawing

**Franklin County Quilters Guild  
Executive Board Meeting Minutes  
August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020 via Zoom**

**Present:** John Rouleau, Deb Dusablon, Helen Bicknell, Penny LaRoche, Natalie Good, Kay Benedict, Helen Short and Lucie Fortin

- John began the meeting by raising the concern about “in person” meetings during the COVID-19 pandemic. There are many guild members who are in the “at risk” category, and he would not want one of our members to be exposed at a meeting and get sick. The group concurred that until the pandemic is resolved, it would be better to meet using the Zoom platform.

- Concern was raised about members who don't have access to or are uncomfortable with Zoom. It was suggested that members who are comfortable with Zoom make themselves available to help members who aren't by either offering tutorial assistance or inviting members to their homes for meetings and practice safe distancing. Sharon Perry will donate her Zoom account for the guild to use so we won't have to purchase one.

- Members may ask anyone on the Executive Board for help attending Zoom meetings. Kay Benedict suggested that we practice Zoom etiquette by raising our hands when we want to speak during a meeting in order to prevent more than one person talking at a time.

**Program:** Natalie announced the 2020-2021 programs.

- Sept 16 (Wed) – Ice Cream Social, 6:30 pm on Zoom, bring a sundae to your computer
- Oct 21 (Wed) – Sharon Perry, Christmas in October; ornament demos, 6:30 pm on Zoom
- Nov 18 & 21 (Wed & Sat) – Timna Tarr, Flying Colors on Wed online, 6:30 pm on Zoom; workshop of your choice
- Dec 16 (Wed) – Holiday Meeting, 6:30 on Zoom
- Jan 20 (Wed) – Batik with Amanda Bates, 6:30 on Zoom
- Feb 17 & 20 (Wed & Sat) – Diane Comeau & Cathy Rayes, trunk show, Wed 6:30 pm on Zoom, workshop, Sat on Zoom
- Mar 17 & 20 (Wed & Sat) – Michelle Hiatt (Studio 180): Wed trunk show, 6:30 pm on Zoom & Sat workshop on Zoom
- April 21 (Wed) – TBD
- May 19 (Wed) – Stephanie McCall, Quilt restoration trunk show, 6:30 pm on Zoom
- Jun 16 (Wed) – **FCQG 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!!!** End of year meeting; **2021 Raffle Quilt Drawing**, 6:30 pm on Zoom

**30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary:** February 2021 will be the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the guild's formation. Sharon will send letters to companies, as happened for our 25<sup>th</sup>

Anniversary, seeking donations. The donations will be used for prizes and our charitable works.

**Projects:** Helen B and Lucie are replacing the BOMs with a Virtual Round Robin with instructions to be given out during monthly meetings and via the newsletter. The BOMs for this year and completed Brown Bag Challenges may be delivered to Diane Comeau at 20 Diamond Street in St. Albans by 9/3. Lucie and Helen will pick them up there and will announce when the Brown Bags and BOM winners will be able to pick them up at Diane's.

**Treasury:** Deb announced that there is currently \$7,714.86 in our accounts. Penny has about \$1,000 to give Deb from raffle ticket sales.

**Membership:** Helen Short suggested that the annual dues be reduced in order to encourage members to renew during the pandemic. Sharon Perry made the motion for the dues to be \$10 for 2020-2021. and it was seconded by Helen Bicknell. The motion passed unanimously.

**2020 Charity Quilt:** Carol Stanley and Jean Anne Branch made it. Arrangements will be made to get it to Sharon's house to be photographed and then the photo will be shown to members during a virtual Guild meeting. After the quilt is photographed it will be given to the nonprofit organization.

**Show and Tell and 20 in 2020:** Members may send pictures of their completed quilts and other projects to Sharon Perry. She will put together a Show & Tell slideshow to be shown during our virtual meetings... sorry...face masks don't count for 20 in 2020.

**2021 Quilt Show:** After much discussion it was moved by Sharon, seconded by Penny that the 2021 Quilt Show be cancelled. The rationale was that preparations should start now, and it is doubtful that the pandemic will be over by April 2021. Even if it were, members cannot scramble at the last minute to put together a show, and no members have volunteered to chair the 2021 show or handle quilt registrations or display.

Sharon moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 pm, seconded by Helen B. The motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Helen Short, Secretary

Garden  
Harvest



**TREASURER'S REPORT FOR AUGUST 2020****FRANKLIN COUNTY QUILTERS GUILD****Treasurer's Report -- August 19, 2020**

Opening Balance		\$7,923.84	
Funds collected			
Raffle tickets	\$1,010.00		
	<i>Total Funds Collected</i>	\$1,010.00	
		<i>Sub-Total</i>	\$8,933.84
Funds paid out			
Denise Chase, Charity Quilts fabric/batting	\$185.73		
April Walker, Charity Quilts misc	\$23.25		
	<i>Total Funds Paid Out</i>	\$208.98	
	<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$8,724.86</b>	
		<u>\$50.89</u>	Comfort Quilt / Supplies Donations
	<b>Guild Funds Available</b>	<b><u>\$8,673.97</u></b>	

2020 YTD Collections: \$2,335.00

Respectfully submitted,  
Deborah L. Dusablon, Treasurer

**TREASURER'S REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 2020****FRANKLIN COUNTY QUILTER'S GUILD****Treasurer's Report -- September 16, 2020**

Opening Balance		\$8,724.86	
	<i>Total Funds Collected</i>	\$0.00	
		<i>Sub-Total</i>	\$8,724.86
	<i>Total Funds Paid Out</i>	\$0.00	
	<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$8,724.86</b>	
		<u>\$50.89</u>	Comfort Quilt / Supplies Donations
	<b>Guild Funds Available</b>	<b><u>\$8,673.97</u></b>	

2020 YTD Collections: \$2,335.00

Respectfully submitted,  
Deborah L. Dusablon, Treasurer

## **RECIPE CORNER: CARAMEL APPLE SCONES**

**1 cup all-purpose flour**  
**2 tablespoons brown sugar**  
**1½ teaspoons baking powder**  
**¼ teaspoon salt**  
**3 tablespoons cold butter**  
**¼ cup plus 2 tablespoons half-and-half**  
**1 large egg yolk**  
**1 ½ teaspoons vanilla extract**  
**2/3 cup shredded peeled apple**  
**1 tablespoon caramel ice cream topping**

In a small bowl, combine the flours, brown sugar, baking powder and salt. Cut in butter until mixture resembles coarse crumbs. In a small bowl, whisk the cream, egg yolk and vanilla; add to dry ingredients just until moistened. Stir in apple. Turn onto a floured surface; knead 10 times.

Pat into a 5-in. circle. Cut into 4 wedges. Separate wedges and place on an ungreased baking sheet. Bake at 400° for 15-20 minutes or until golden brown. Cool for 10 minutes. Drizzle with caramel topping.

## **RECIPE CORNER: GLAZED APPLE-MAPLE BLONDIES**

**1 1/3 cups packed brown sugar**  
**½ cup butter, melted and cooled**  
**½ cup maple syrup**  
**2 teaspoons vanilla extract**  
**2 large eggs, room temperature**  
**2 cups all-purpose flour**  
**¾ teaspoon salt**  
**¼ teaspoon baking soda**  
**3 cups chopped peeled apples (3 medium)**

### **GLAZE:**

**¼ cup butter, cubed**  
**½ cup maple syrup**  
**¼ cup packed brown sugar**

Preheat oven to 350°. Line a 13"x9" baking pan with parchment paper, letting ends extend up sides.

In a large bowl, beat brown sugar, melted butter, syrup and vanilla until blended. Beat in eggs. In another bowl, whisk flour, salt and baking soda; gradually beat into brown sugar mixture. Stir in apples (batter will be thick).

Transfer to prepared pan. Bake 25-30 minutes or until golden brown and a

toothpick inserted in center comes out with moist crumbs.

Meanwhile, in a small saucepan, melt butter over medium-low heat; stir in syrup and brown sugar. Bring to a boil over medium heat; cook and stir 2-3 minutes or until slightly thickened. Remove from heat; cool slightly.

Pour glaze over warm blondies. Cool completely in pan on a wire rack. Cut into bars.

## **RECIPE CORNER APPLE KUCHEN BARS**

**3 cups all-purpose flour, divided**  
**¼ teaspoon salt**  
**1½ cups cold butter, divided**  
**4 to 5 tablespoons ice water**  
**8 cups thinly sliced peeled tart apples**  
**1 widdershins**  
**2 cups sugar, divided**  
**2 teaspoons ground cinnamon**

Preheat oven to 350°. Place 2 cups flour and salt in a food processor; pulse until blended. Add 1 cup butter; pulse until butter is the size of peas. While pulsing, add just enough ice water to form moist crumbs.

Press mixture onto bottom of a greased 13"x9" baking pan. Bake until edges are lightly browned, 20-25 minutes. Cool on a wire rack.

In a large bowl, combine apples, 1 cup sugar and cinnamon; toss to coat. Spoon over crust. Place remaining flour, butter and sugar in food processor; pulse until coarse crumbs form. Sprinkle over apples. Bake until golden brown and apples are tender, about 60-70 minutes. Cool completely on a wire rack. Cut into bars.



**GUILD WILL BE ZOOM-ING FOR THE 2020 – 2021 MEMBERSHIP YEAR**

All our programs this year will be on Zoom. We realize that will be hard for some with unstable internet connections so start looking right now for a safe buddy with a reliable connection and join them on the 3rd Wednesday of each month.

On **September 16<sup>th</sup>** make yourself a sundae & join us at **6:30 pm** on Zoom for our first meeting of this 2020-2021 program year. It will be great to see everyone's face & catch up on all the news. Sharon Perry will inform us of the Zoom link.

At our **October 21<sup>st</sup>** meeting, Sharon Perry will present Christmas in October. She has lots of decorations, gifts, etc., to share with us...think quick and easy to make.

On **Wednesday, November 18<sup>th</sup>**, Timna Tarr will join our Zoom meeting for a trunk show called Flying Colors. She will also offer a workshop of your choice which we will all sign up for individually with Timna. Check out her website for more on the workshops or wait for the October newsletter for the available options.

We also have some **surprises planned for the meetings**. This year is definitely going to be different, but we're working hard to make the Zoom meetings fun and enjoyable for everyone. Keep on quilting!

**2020 – 2021 SLATE OF OFFICERS**

- President – John Rouleau
- Vice President – Teri Brunelle
  - 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 2022 QUILT SHOW CHAIR(S)**

As outlined in the Executive Board minutes on page 2 above, the board voted to cancel the 2021 quilt show. The rationale for doing so is included in the minutes.

As a result of the board's vote, the guild will not be sponsoring a quilt show again until April 2022. With over 19 months before the guild's next quilt show, this might be a good time to reflect on what format guild members envision for future quilt shows. Should the guild continue to have an annual quilt show? Or should the guild have a quilt show every other year similar to other guilds in Vermont? Should the quilt remain a 2-day show or should the show be limited to 1 day?

No matter what format future quilt shows take, the guild is still in need of 1 or 2 members to step up to chair the 2022 Quilt Show. Additionally, the guild also needs someone to take over the quilt registration and layout for the show. Kay Benedict has been filling that position for many years and has the process down to an art and a science. Kay is willing to help whoever volunteers to take over those duties. While Kay has singlehandedly done the job alone, 2 members could easily work together on quilt registration and quilt layout.

**TOP REASONS TO ATTEND FCOG MEETINGS ON ZOOM**

You won't have to wear a mask.  
 You won't have to drive in the dark.  
 You can attend the guild meeting in your pajamas.  
 You can see and talk to all your quilting friends once again.  
 You'll get to see the Big Reveal of the Paper Bag Challenge.  
 You won't have to wait your turn to get out of the parking lot.  
 You won't be the last to know what's coming up for the guild.  
 You can enjoy being in the company of likeminded, generous souls.  
 You can chose "do not allow video" if you're having a bad hair day.  
 You don't have to put on a winter coat or brush the snow off your car.  
 You can work on your quilting projects while "attending" the meeting.  
 You can introduce a new technique or tool you have discovered to eager listeners.  
 You don't have to wear pants, just remember not to stand up in front of the camera.  
 You can walk away and do something else if the business meeting becomes tedious.  
 You can "attend" the guild meeting and still stay safe and well in the comfort of your own home.  
 You might not need a lift of spirits but know you will be helping lift a fellow Quilter.  
 There might be opportunities for impromptu sewing room tours of fellow quilters.  
 You won't have to haul in a huge bag containing your show and tell projects.  
 You just might find a friend to take a few of those zucchinis you grew.  
 You can choose to support the bra makers again by wearing one.  
 Business portion of the meeting will more than likely be shorter.  
 You don't have to drive in bad weather to get to the meeting.  
 You can finish your dinner while attending the meeting.  
 You don't have to wait for your car to warm up a little.  
 You can still get new ideas and work on new projects.  
 You can finally break out that new lipstick.  
 All the cool people will be there!  
 Show and tell!  
 You can enjoy your "beverage of choice".  
 Did I hear someone say "beverage of choice"?



That is **20 Finishes in 2020!** **We are still moving forward with 20 Finishes in 2020**

The rules have been changed, and you will need to send a picture(s) of your completed project(s) to Sharon Perry at [vtquilter@gmail.com](mailto:vtquilter@gmail.com). Those pictures will be put into a slideshow for a virtual show & tell at each monthly guild meeting. If you complete 20 projects and send a picture of each project to be included in show & tell by the December meeting, your name will be entered into a special drawing in December.

If you'd like to participate, you can find the 20 Finishes in 2020 form [here](#) on page 4 of the June newsletter. Fill in your name and 20 projects you'd like to finish this year on the list. This is your list...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 at PO Box 49, St Albans Bay, VT 05481. Kris is the one checking off your completed projects.



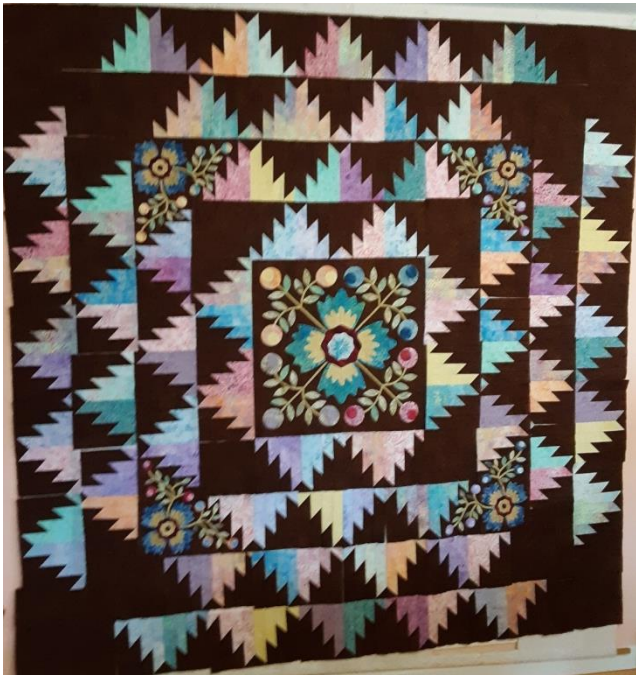
## 2021 Raffle Quilt

(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 the 2020 – 2021 membership year. 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.

### 2022 RAFFLE QUILT



Organized by Denise Chase and Sharon Perry



Jennifer	Burt	September	1
Teri	Brunelle	September	2
Beverly	Cook	September	4
Patricia	Hedman	September	5
Charlotte	Stevens	September	9
Jeanette	LaPierre	September	10
Helen	Bicknell	September	12
Dale	McFeeters	September	12
Nadine	Froebel	September	13
Monica	Kelley	September	13
Anza	Myers	September	19
Carolyn	Kittell	September	28

*...and many more!!!*

### FCQG COMFORT QUILTS

The COVID-19 virus has not closed down the guild's Comfort Quilt Program under Denise Chase's leadership. Denise Chase has been delivering quilts, and guild members have been stopping by her home to pick up kits and to bring them back completed.

This year, meaning our meeting year of September 2019 to present, Denise has delivered 5 fire quilts, 3 breast cancer quilts, 9 twin quilts, 7 baby quilts, and 35 lap quilts.

Denise has the following quilts in stock ready to give out as needed: 6 lap quilts (some are baby quilts); 11 twin quilts; 5 queen quilts for fire quilts; and 7 breast cancer quilts.

Denise also has 27 kits on hand to include lap/throws, twins, and queens. There are some completed tops which only need quilting. If you're looking for a project to do, please feel free to stop at Denise's and pick up a kit. Denise does ask members to call first, 527-0940, to make sure she's home.

## VIRTUAL ROUND ROBIN

Greetings fellow Franklin County Quilt Guild members! Although it doesn't appear that we will be meeting in person, we would like to continue giving you a project that, hopefully, will serve to unite us. We are not continuing the Block of the Month this year.

Instead we are presenting this idea of a Virtual Round Robin. You will be responsible for creating your own design with some guidance from us. We will be presenting two options and leaving many choices up to you. So here goes....

### Option One

- Begin with a 5 x 9-1/2 inch rectangle—your choice of color—as shown in the photo below on the left.
- Select a 4-1/2 inch (finished size) block of your choice. You will need 10 blocks to place around this rectangle. We selected a block from generations/quilt-patterns.com. You might also want to use Quilters Cache or any quilt block of your choosing.
- Sew these blocks around the rectangle as shown below on the right.



### Option Two

- Begin with a 4 x 8-1/2 inch rectangle and sew a 1-inch strip around the entire rectangle as shown below.



- Select a 4-1/2 inch (finished size) block as directed on Option One. You will need 10 blocks to sew around your rectangle as shown in the photos below.



Your project should now measure 14 x 18-1/2. See you next month!



## IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN...MEMBERSHIP DUES!

September marks the start of a new membership year for the guild. In a normal year, many of us would be paying our membership dues at one of the guild meetings. But with COVID-19 and its restrictions, this membership year is anything but normal.

Here are the details for this year's membership dues:

- The Executive Board voted to reduce the dues for the 2020-2021 membership year only to \$10.
- The FCQG 2020-2021 membership form can be found [here](#).
- Your completed membership form and your \$10 check, payable to FCQG, should be sent to Penny LaRoche. Penny's address is included on the membership form.

## LOTS OF SURPRISES AND FUN WHILE ZOOMING WITH THE FRANKLIN COUNTY QUILTERS GUILD

COVID-19 in 2020 has forced us to radically change our everyday living in order to remain safe and well. One aspect of our lives which has been upended is our social interactions/relationships. Earlier in March, guild activities came to an abrupt end with the cancellation of the guild's monthly meetings through June and the cancellation of the 2020, and now the 2021, quilt show.

The executive board met last month to discuss how to conduct guild activities in the COVID-19 era. Board members agreed it was important to provide a venue for members to remain connected to their quilting "family" through monthly guild meetings. As such, Natalie Good, the FCQG Program Director, has set up a variety of programs for guild members to enjoy each month from the comfort of their homes via Zoom. The full list of programs can be found at the bottom of page 1 of this newsletter.

In addition to the regular monthly meetings, there will be some quilting "mavens" who will be "Zoom-bombing" some of the guild's activities. Without mentioning any names just yet, one of the "Zoom-bombers" could be called the "Queen of Bag Making," while another might be related to one of our guild members. You'll have to join the Zoom meetings to see which quilting "mavens" make guest appearances at the meetings.

Along with the "Zoom bombing," we'll still have the monthly drawings just for attending the meeting. We have some awesome prizes to give out. And don't forget about the special drawing in December for completing the **20 Finishes in 2020 Challenge!** Finally, the guild will end the 2020-2021 membership year in June 2021 with a celebration of the guild's 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary and more drawings. This is a **NOT TO BE MISSED YEAR** on Zoom!

### **ZOOM BEST PRACTICES**

- Make sure your camera is connected and available to the Zoom app.
- Check your microphone and speaker settings before joining the Zoom session.
- Close all apps except for Zoom on your smartphone/device/computer.
- Plug your computer/device/smartphone into a power source.
- If using wi-fi, make sure your wi-fi is not overloaded (think multiple phones, devices, cameras, etc.)
- If you have a limited/unreliable internet connection, try directly plugging into your internet router.
- If you are hard of hearing or in a crowded/public space, use a headset for better sound.
- **Mute your microphone** when not actively speaking.
- Be aware of your surroundings and behavior (**We can see you!**)
- Add questions/comments in "Chat" section to be addressed by Zoom moderator.
- "Raise hand" if you would like to address the group.
- Make comments short and succinct; mute for responses.

## 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.barnquiltsofnorthernvermont.org/>.

## IDEAS FOR GUILD MEMBERS WITH UNRELIABLE INTERNET CONNECTIONS

When the executive board met last month, there was much discussion about the inability of members with unreliable internet service to join the guild's Zoom meetings. One attendee to that meeting actually had a limited internet connection and could participate with audio only.

Here are some ways to join the Zoom meetings if you have a limited connection:

- Plug directly into your internet router.
- Disconnect all other devices using wi-fi during the Zoom meeting. You'd be surprised how many devices are connected to your wi-fi (think printers, smartphones, cameras, appliances, lights, etc.).
- Try using the internet connection at your local library from your car.
- Join a fellow guild member at their home as long as everyone is observing COVID-19 guidelines and have not been exposed to COVID-19.

## SHOW & TELL ON ZOOM

We'll still be enjoying the monthly show & tell during the guild's Zoom meetings. However, it will require some advance planning and actions.

If you want to display your completed projects during show & tell, please email a photo of each project to Sharon Perry, [vtquilter@gmail.com](mailto:vtquilter@gmail.com), by the Sunday prior to the guild meeting. For the September meeting, photos should be sent to Sharon no later than Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup>.

For each month's show & tell Sharon will create a slideshow with all the photos sent to her for that month. She will "share" the slideshow during the Zoom meeting. Members will be asked to briefly describe their projects as those projects appear on the screen.

## WHAT TO EXPECT WITH ZOOM

As the guild moves to Zoom meetings, some things will still be familiar while other aspects of the meeting will be new and different. The meeting format will basically remain the same with a business meeting including reports from the executive board and committee chairs. There will also be a program each meeting along with show & tell of members projects.

So what's different?

- Guild meetings will be conducted on the Zoom platform in a virtual format; in-person meetings are cancelled for the 2020-2021 membership year. The executive board will re-evaluate when to restart in-person meetings next year.
- Guest speakers will present virtual lectures and workshops also using the Zoom platform.
- Guild members will need to send pictures to participate in the monthly show & tell; see the "SHOW & TELL ON ZOOM" discussion above for all the details.
- Guild members will need to join the guild meeting by clicking a link or launching the Zoom app on their computer/device/smartphone. Sharon Perry will send all the particulars for joining one week before the meeting via the FCQG email account. The invite for the September 16<sup>th</sup> will be sent out on Wednesday, September 9<sup>th</sup>.

## Let's Zoom!



### Deadline for articles for next newsletter:

**Wednesday, September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

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

