

Franklin County Quilters Guild

SUGARHOUSE GAZETTE

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Denise Chase

2024 Raffle Quilt

Sharon Perry & Denise Chase

2024 Charity Quilt

Laurel Schaap & Gale Weld

President's Piece

"Seasons change and so do we." I had that going through my head the other day, so I had to track it down. The Guess Who sang a version of the phrase, though I don't know if it's original to them. As I write this, there are a few trees in my neighborhood starting to turn. And I admit to turning on the gas fireplace this morning. I know -- the true Vermonters are appalled, but it was cold!

It's been a strange summer for me, at least. The weather has been odd and I don't feel like I enjoyed the summer like I should have. But in any event, it's kind of nice to turn over a new leaf (groan) and move into a new season. I love apple cider. Yes, pumpkin spice is good, but it's the apples I love.

And flannel. I used a scrap bag from Vermont Flannel Company to make a crazy quilt this summer. It was great fun. I gave it away, so now I have to make one for myself. There's nothing like working with good quality materials to enhance the joy in a project.

I hope you find joy in moving into fall and a new season. We can't stop it, so we may as well embrace it!

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 Quilting Ruler Work
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 17th MacDuff Bag and Jacket
Trunk Show with Janice Roy

April 20th MacDuff Bag Workshop
with Janice Roy

May 15th Pillow Talk Trunk Show
with Diane Comeau, CaDi Corners

May 18th Pillow Talk Workshop
with Diane Comeau, CaDi Corners

June 12th Potluck and Teacup Auction
Potluck Begins at 6:00 pm

Franklin County Quilters Guild June 21, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 6:45 pm by Laurel Schaap, President, who thanked the members for the successful Potluck.

Helen Short moved to accept the Consent Agenda. John Rouleau seconded the motion, the motion carried.

Membership: Penny LaRochelle reported that we are at 59 members. Thirty-one (31) members were in attendance. Five guests were also in attendance.

Comfort Quilts:

- Denise Chase stated that members are welcome to go to her house to pick up kits, if needed.
- Denise stated 80 – 90 quilts have been donated.
- Denise said Helen Short has more information about the Welcome Home program.

Quilt Show:

- Penny LaRochelle has forms available for submissions for next year's show.
- Teri Brunelle has agreed to co-chair next year's quilt show.
- Helen Short wants to continue with the Members' Boutique next year.
- Decisions will be made regarding the Challenge Quilt.
- Helen indicated that a new banner is needed. Sharon Perry moved to allow Helen to work on replacing the banner. Bonnie Evans seconded the motion, the motion carried.

2023 Charity Quilt: The Charity Quilt was presented to the Catholic Daughters Court of St. Mary's. Pat Wilder shared information and history about this organization

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 12 items completed. Members are asked to keep their own records.

2023 – 2024 Officers: People are needed to fill the positions of President and Vice President as well as project people. Deb Trahan and Cathy Carlson have agreed to be the Program Committee.

Mystery Quilt: Diane Comeau and Lucie Fortin presented prizes to all members who have completed some or all of the 2022-2023 Mystery Quilt.

Programs:

- Deb Trahan presented a brief outline of the 2023-2024 Guild program plans.
- Teacup Auction items were distributed.

Drawings:

Bonnie Evans won the membership door prize.
Mary Ellen Therrien won the comfort quilt door prize.

Sharon Perry moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Lucie Fortin. Motion carried, and the meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Helen Bicknell, Secretary

2024 Quilt Show Planning Meeting August 31, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 pm by Helen Short, Quilt Show Co-Chair.

Present: Helen Short, Teri Brunelle, Gale Weld, Sharon Perry, April Walker, Nanc Ekiert and Jean Anne Branch;
Absent: Penny LaRochelle

Publicity:

- April and Sharon are doing publicity/advertising for the 2024 Quilt Show.
- Northwest Technical Center will be asked if they have a program that can design and print our printed media.
- Posters will be available at the December 2023 Guild meeting for members to take and disburse after the New Year.
- Cards will be made to be given to quilt shops and area guilds.

Fundraising:

- Nanc is doing fundraising.
- Levels of Sponsorship
 - Platinum: \$500 and up
 - Gold: \$200 to \$499
 - Silver: \$100 to \$299
 - Bronze: \$50 to \$99
- Sponsors will be recognized as follows:
 - On the backs of the cards that will be sent/given to quilt shops and area guilds
 - On a sign just inside the entrance of the show
 - In the Show catalog/directory of quilts that will be given to attendees.

Vendors:

- Gale is obtaining vendors for the show.
- Quilts of Valor will be invited back as our guest.
- Vendors who were there 2023 will have first right of refusal. 2 or 3 other quilt shops will be invited.
- Vendors will sell products or services related to making quilts.

Boutique:

- Teri will coordinate the Boutique.
- Members may put finished items related to sewing or quilting in the boutique. The guild keeps 10% of each member's sales. Depending on space, all inventory brought by a member may not be displayed at the same time. Inventory will be added as space allows.
- Members who have items in the boutique must work in the boutique in addition to the hours volunteered for the show.

Quilt Show Planning Meeting Minutes (Cont.)**Quilts Registration & Layout:**

- Penny and Jean Anne will do registration and layout design.
- This year the maximum number of registered quilts will be set at 100. There is a possibility the number can be increased to 115 depending on the number of vendors we have.

2024 Challenge Quilt Theme:

- Theme is Something Blue. There must be something blue in the quilt.
- The quilt may be any shape with a diameter of no more than 96 inches.

Poles for Displaying Quilts:

- VQF will donate their poles and chains to us for free, BUT they do not have the stands. The guild would still have to rent the poles from Champlain Valley Quilt Guild for time being.
- If we accept the poles and chains, we will need to rent a storage unit unless a member will store them and other quilt show and guild-related items (mostly past records). Currently, Sharon and Scott Perry store the items upstairs in an apartment over their garage.
- The committee felt this is a lot to ask of our members and recommends that a storage unit be rented for the guild whether we take VQF's poles.
- If we take VQF's poles, stands could be built to save us renting from the Champlain Valley Quilt Guild.

2024 Quilt Show Needs:

- Volunteer Coordinator.
- Volunteer to set up/decorate the lobby at City Hall.

**Executive Board Meeting
September 6, 2023**

The meeting was called to order at 3:15 pm by Laurel Schaap, President. Laurel thanked Denise Chase for hosting the meeting in her home.

Attendees: Denise Chase, Sharon Perry, Lucie Fortin, Deb Dusablon, Bonnie Evans, Laurel Schaap, Deb Trahan, Helen Short, Penny LaRochelle, and Diane Comeau as a guest.

Programs (Deb Trahan):

- Deb Trahan reviewed the year's program line-up. Deb will send details to Sharon Perry for the newsletter.
- October workshop location needs to be hammered down. Several location ideas were shared with a final decision that Bonnie will be checking the hospital and Helen following up with Holy Trinity.
- January's program: Deb will follow up with minimum and limit for the workshop with David Sirota (Zoom)

Quilt Show (Helen Short):

- Publicity - April Walker and Sharon Perry will be managing this effort.

- Raffle Quilt - Somewhat girly colors. Need someone to handle tickets.
- Challenge Quilt - Something Blue.
- Discussion on including a Directory of quilts for the handout with sponsor names. A new Platinum (\$500+) level 4 is going to be added this year for fund-raising.
- Vendors will be handled by Gale Weld. Vendors will only be able to sell items related to quilt-making (fabric, notions, patterns, books, kits, etc.). Boutique will only be able to sell items ready-made.
- Penny LaRochelle and Jean Anne Branch will be handling quilt registrations and layout.
- Quilt show poles: VQF has offered quilts poles to the guild for free. A discussion followed. Sharon Perry made a motion to accept poles and the wooden storage racks; seconded by Deb Dusablon. Motion carried.

Membership (Penny LaRochelle): There are currently 18 paid members for the 2023-2024 membership year.

Sugarhouse Gazette (Sharon Perry): September issue is ready to go. It will be published this week.

Projects (Lucie Fortin): This year's projects will be following Brita Nelson, The Questioning Quilter. Handouts will be provided. September is the Disappearing 4-Patch.

Comfort Quilts (Denise Chase): Denise needs queen, Twin and laps. She has a good supply of baby quilts. 2024 Charity Quilt: Laurel and Gale Weld are working together on the charity quilt. She needs nominations from organizations to receive the quilt. Members will select the recipient at a future meeting. A suggestion was made to review past recipients as well. Laurel will also mention it to the membership at the September meeting. Slate of 2023-2024 Officers: Slate will be voted on at the September meeting

Sharon Perry made a motion to adjourn; Lucie Fortin seconded. Meeting adjourned at 4:49 pm. All who attended expressed their gratitude to Denise for hosting!

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

September marks the start of a new membership year for the guild.

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

- The FCQG 2023-2024 membership form can be found [here](#).
- Your completed membership form and your \$20 check, payable to FCQG, should be sent to Penny LaRochelle. Penny's address is included on the membership form OR you can bring your form and check or cash to the September meeting.



TREASURER'S REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 2023**FRANKLIN COUNTY QUILTERS GUILD****Treasurer's Report -- September 20, 2023**

Opening Balance		\$7,414.00
Funds collected		
Teacup auction	\$214.00	
QS Boutique sale	\$20.00	
<i>Total Funds Collected</i>	<u>\$234.00</u>	
	<i>Subtotal</i>	\$7,648.00
Funds paid out		
Helen Short, Potluck misc/supplies	\$34.49	
Cadi Corners, Hobbs batting (2 rolls 30 yds ea)	\$393.50	
<i>Total Funds Paid Out</i>	<u>\$427.99</u>	
	Grand Total	\$7,220.01

2023 YTD Collections: \$6,588.83

Respectfully submitted,
Deborah L. Dusablon, Treasurer

MEMBERSHIP YEAR OPENS WITH ICE CREAM SOCIAL, BROWN BAG EXCHANGE AND GAMES

The September meeting marks the start of the new membership year. And, as is the tradition, we open the year with an Ice Cream Social. Members will have a choice of ice cream novelties.

Deb Trahan is planning a Brown Bag Challenge as part of the 2023-2024 program line-up. Those members who wish to participate should refer to the Brown Bag Challenge instructions found on Page 7 of this newsletter.

We're also going to be playing "Strip Poker" at the September meeting. Members are asked to bring twelve (12) 2½" X WOF strips of Christmas/Holiday fabric. We'll be playing strip poker (AKA LRC) with those strips.

Rules of Left Right Center (LRC) Dice Game for Quilters

- At least 3 players should sit around a table. The middle of the table is the center "pot" where fabric strips will be placed. The game is played with a set of 3 dice. One side of each die has an L, one side has a C, one side has an R, and three sides have a single dot.
- Each player will start with 3 fabric strips. Choose a player to be the starting player. This can be the youngest player, or the oldest player, the player who won the previous game, or any other method of your choosing.
- The starting player takes their turn, then players will continue taking turns in clockwise order someone wins.
- On your turn, roll the dice. How many dice you roll depends on how many chips you have.
 - If you have 3 fabric strips, roll all 3 dice. If you have 2 fabric strips, roll 2 dice. If you have 1 fabric strip, roll 1 die.
 - If you have no fabric strips, don't roll any dice; pass them to the next player. You'll stay in the game as you can still receive fabric strips from the players on either side.
 - After the dice are rolled, you must take actions based on what is showing on the dice.
 - ☐ If you roll an L, you must give one of your strips to the player on your left.
 - ☐ If you roll a C, you must put one of your strips in the "pot" in the center of the table.
 - ☐ If you roll an R, you must give one of your strips to the player on your right.
 - ☐ If you roll a dot, nothing happens.
- After rolling the dice and taking actions, pass the dice to the next player.

The **game winner of all the fabric strips** is the person who puts the LAST fabric strip in the "pot."



Join in the fun and make 23 quilted projects by the end of 2023 and your name will be entered into a special drawing held in December 2023. If you'd like to participate, fill in your name and 23 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 23 projects or you can remove a project, or swap out projects, etc...you just have to have ***23 Finishes in 2023*** AND you must show each project at one of the guild's monthly show and tell. You can show multiple projects in one month. You also don't have to show a project every month, you just have to have ***23 Finishes in 2023!*** You will maintain your own list, but you must let Sharon Perry know you are participating.

 Cut along dotted line

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2023-2024 OFFICERS AND CHAIRS

President:	Laurel Schaap
Vice President:	Bonnie Evans
Treasurer:	Deb Dusablon
Secretary:	Diane Kane
Project Coordinator:	Lucie Fortin
Program Directors:	Deb Trahan & Cathy Carlson
Membership:	Penny LaRochelle
Comfort Quilts:	Denise Chase
Quilt Show:	Helen Short & Teri Brunelle
Newsletter:	Sharon Perry
2024 Raffle Quilt:	Sharon Perry & Denise Chase
2024 Charity Quilt:	Laurel Schaap & Gale Weld

**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.



"Buying fabric and quilting are two different hobbies."



Teri	Brunelle	September	2
Laura	Olsen	September	2
Beverly	Cook	September	4
Helen	Bicknell	September	12
Dale	McFeeters	September	12
Gale	Weld	September	12
Nadine	Froebel	September	13
Denise	Quint	September	17
Carol	Parks	September	27

...and many more!!!



Quilters Anonymous

BROWN BAG CHALLENGE



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Each member who would like to participate will need to put 3 fat quarters of their own fabric in a brown paper bag. Be sure to include the form below in your bag. The paper bags will be exchanged at the September meeting. You will make a surprise project for the member whose bag you receive and will bring the completed project back at the March meeting. You may add fabric from your own stash if you wish. Please make sure it is 100% cotton.

You may want to make a wall hanging, table runner miniature quilt, or you can make anything you wish.

Let your imagination run wild.

Please fill in the information below so that the member who receives your bag will learn more about you. Insert it in the bag with your material.

NAME: _____

OCCUPATION: _____

YOUR FAVORITE:

COLOR: _____

FOOD: _____

ANIMAL/PET: _____

SEASON/HOLIDAY: _____

FLOWERS: _____

QUILT BLOCK: _____

COLLECTIONS: _____

OTHER HOBBIES: _____

LIKES: _____

DISLIKES: _____

RELAX! ENJOY! HAVE FUN!





RECIPE CORNER

FRENCH APPLE CAKE

1 cup all-purpose flour, spooned into cup & leveled-off
 1 teaspoon baking powder
 ¼ teaspoon salt
 1 stick (½ cup) unsalted butter, at room temperature
 ⅔ cup granulated sugar
 2 large eggs
 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
 3 tablespoons dark rum
 2 baking apples, peeled, cored and cut into ½-inch cubes (such as Honeycrisp, Fuji or Granny Smith) (3½ - 4 cups chopped)
 Confectioners' sugar (optional), for decorating cake

Preheat the oven to 350°F and set an oven rack in the middle position. Grease a 9-inch spring-form or regular cake pan with butter or nonstick cooking spray. If using a regular cake pan, line the bottom of the pan with parchment paper and grease again.

In a small bowl, whisk together the flour, baking powder and salt.

Using a handheld mixer with beaters or a stand mixer with the paddle attachment, cream the butter and granulated sugar until light and fluffy, about 3 minutes. Add the eggs, one at a time, beating well and scraping down the sides of the bowl after each addition. Beat in the vanilla and rum. Add the flour mixture and mix on low speed until just combined. Using a rubber spatula, fold in the chopped apples.

Scrape the batter into the prepared pan and even the top. Sprinkle evenly with 1 tablespoon of granulated sugar. Bake for about 40 minutes, or until the cake is golden and a toothpick inserted into the center comes out clean. Allow the cake to cool on a rack in the pan.

Once cool, run a blunt knife around the edges of the cake. If using a spring-form pan, remove the sides. If using a regular cake pan, carefully invert the cake onto the rack, remove the parchment paper, then gently flip the cake over and place right-side-up on a platter. Using a fine sieve, dust with confectioners' sugar (if using). Cake can be served warm or room temperature, plain or with lightly sweetened whipped cream or vanilla ice cream.

Freezer Friendly Instructions: The cake can be frozen for up to 3 months. After it is completely cooled, wrap it tightly with aluminum foil or freezer wrap. Thaw overnight on the countertop before serving.

APPLE CARAMEL CHEESECAKE BARS

2 cups all-purpose flour
 ½ cup packed brown sugar
 ¾ cup cold butter, cubed
 2 packages (8 ounces each) cream cheese, softened
 ½ cup plus 2 tablespoons sugar, divided
 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
 2 large eggs, lightly beaten
 3 medium tart apples, peeled and finely chopped
 ½ teaspoon ground cinnamon
 ¼ teaspoon ground nutmeg

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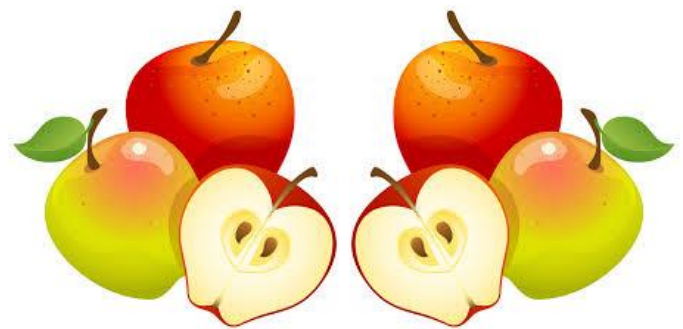
¾ cup all-purpose flour
 ¾ cup packed brown sugar
 ½ cup quick-cooking oats
 ⅓ cup cold butter, cubed
 ⅓ cup hot caramel ice cream topping

Preheat oven to 350°. In a small bowl, combine flour and brown sugar; cut in butter until crumbly. Press into a well-greased 13x9-in. baking pan. Bake 15-18 minutes or until lightly browned.

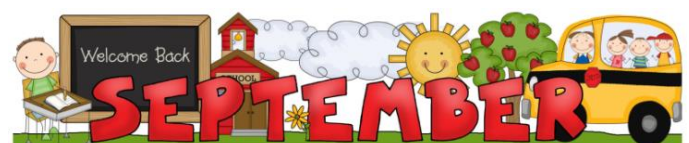
Meanwhile, in a large bowl, beat cream cheese, 1/2 cup sugar and vanilla until smooth. Add eggs; beat on low speed just until combined. Spread over crust.

In a small bowl, toss apples with cinnamon, nutmeg and remaining sugar; spoon over cream cheese layer. In another bowl, mix flour, brown sugar and oats; cut in butter until crumbly. Sprinkle over apple layer.

Bake 25-30 minutes or until filling is set. Drizzle with caramel topping; cool in pan on a wire rack 1 hour. Refrigerate at least 2 hours. Cut into bars.



It's Apple Time!



SEPTEMBER

By Annette Wynne

Golden in the garden,
Golden in the glen,
Golden, golden, golden
September's here again!

Golden in the tree tops,
Golden in the sky—
Golden, golden, golden
September's going by!

FEATURED VIDEO TUTORIAL FOR SEPTEMBER:<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Qjn1rU2RKfE>**Vertical Attic Window Panel Quilt**

Missouri Star Quilt Company

UPCOMING EVENTS

Bennington QuiltFest, September 16th & 17th: Saturday, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm; Sunday, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm. Mount Anthony Union Middle School, 747 East Road, Bennington. Admission is \$10. Facility is handicapped accessible.

Fall for Quilts Quilt Show, September 23rd & 24th: Saturday, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm; Sunday, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm. Keene High School Cafeteria, 43 Arch St. Keene, NH. Admission is \$7.

2023 Harvest of Quilts Quilt Show & Mysterious Quilt Journey, September 23rd & September 24th: Saturday, 10:00 am – 5:00 pm; Sunday, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm. In 3 downtown Laconia NH locations: Belknap Mill, 25 Beacon Street; Laconia Senior Center, 532 Main Street; The Conference Center LR Mental Health, Main Street. Admission is \$10.

Quilting in the Land of Milk & Honey Quilt Show, October 7th & 8th: Saturday, 10:00 am – 5:00 p.m. Middlebury Recreation Center, 154 Creek Rd, Middlebury. Admission is \$7.

Cocheco Village Quilt Show, October 21st & 22nd: Saturday, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm; Sunday, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm. James Foley Memorial Center, 150 Wakefield Street, Rochester NH. Admission is \$10.

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, September 27th, 2023**

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

*September is National Honey Month**"I love September, especially when we're in it." — Willie Stargell*