

# Franklin County Quilters Guild

## SUGARHOUSE GAZETTE

### Saint Albans, Vermont

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#### Newsletter

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**VACANT**

#### Programs

Jean Anne Branch

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#### Project Coordinator

Helen Short

#### Membership

Helen Short

Mary Ellen Therrien

#### Quilt Show

Nanc Ekiert

Nancy LaPointe

#### Charity Quilt Coordinators

Kris Bachand

Jennifer Burt

Alyce Bushey

Denise Chase

Elaine Magnan

Helen Short

Claudia Moeykens

#### President's Piece

When a friend moved out of state last year, I bought her Singer 128 treadle sewing machine (circa 1908-1945). After seeing it sit idle in my sewing room for over a year, I finally dropped it off for a new belt and a little "spit and polish". Managing the treadle may prove to be a challenge for me, but one I am looking forward to!

A big THANK YOU shout out to the many people who have recently stepped forward to volunteer, including our new Breast Cancer Charity Quilt Coordinator Claudia Moeykens, to Deb Dusablon and Gwen Guyette for making the quilts for the first babies born in 2018, and to Jean Anne Branch and Carol Stanley for overseeing the making of the annual Charity Quilt (recipient Jim Bashaw Fund). We are still looking for someone to be the Librarian; just think of the quilting books you could have in your home to peruse at your leisure!

The fundraising committee is in full swing, securing over \$1500 in sponsorships for our Spring 2018 quilt show so far! They are also preparing written requests to corporate sponsors for material and programs. Thank you Nanc Ekiert, Bonnie Evans, and Linda Nadeau for your work.

This year's Block of the Month has a different twist: yes, you still pick out the fabric and sew a different block each month, but this year you will be keeping the blocks and will put them together for a quilt made with your own blocks. You'll need 2½ yards of background fabric and 5 fat quarters to complete 9 blocks, or 2½ yards of background fabric and 6 fat quarters if you want to make 12 blocks for a throw size quilt. The first month's is the mini bow tie block, found at [www.quilterscache.com](http://www.quilterscache.com). Helen Short will give us each new block at the monthly meetings.

Our program at the October meeting features Sonja Hakala from West Hartford, VT. Sonja has written novels and quilting books and is the founder of the Parkinson's Comfort Project. If you'd like to acquaint yourself with Sonja before the meeting, her website is [www.sonjahakala.com](http://www.sonjahakala.com). I heard she will have some of her books for sale at the end of her presentation!

Regards,  
Diane Kane, 2017-2018 President

#### 2017 – 2018 Guild Calendar

September 20<sup>th</sup> Ice Cream Social  
(6:00 pm start!!!)

October 18<sup>th</sup> "Stitching Together  
a Writer's Life"  
with Sonja Hakala, Author/Quilter

November 15<sup>th</sup> French Rose Quilt  
with Rose Rixon

December 13<sup>th</sup> Holiday Potluck, Gift  
Exchange and Food Shelf Donations  
(6:00 pm start!!!)

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January 19<sup>th</sup> Trunk Show  
with Anne Standish

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with Anne Standish  
"From Photo to Wall Hanging"

February 21<sup>st</sup> Trunk Show  
with Sharon Perry

March 23<sup>rd</sup> Trunk Show  
with Sarah Ann Smith,  
"Sarah by the Sea"

#### 2017 -2018 Guild Calendar

March 24<sup>th</sup> Workshop  
with Sarah Ann Smith

April 6<sup>th</sup> Quilt Show Set-Up

April 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Quilt Show

April 18<sup>th</sup> Trunk Show  
with Kay Benedict

May 16<sup>th</sup> Members' Garage Sale

June 20<sup>th</sup> Potluck &  
Teacup Auction (6:00 pm start!!!)

**FRANKLIN COUNTY QUILTERS GUILD**

Minutes of September 20, 2017

Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Diane Kane, President. Member Present: 46, New Members 2

**Secretary's Report:** for June 2017 meeting: Motion to accept by Jean Ann Branch; second by Sharon Perry. Approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** for June 2017: Motion to accept by Helen Short; second by Sharon Perry. Approved.

**New Business:** Bonnie Evans made a motion to move the December meeting from the 20<sup>th</sup> to the 13<sup>th</sup>; second by Sharon Perry. Approved.

**Programs**

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Workshop choices will be decided during the October meeting. If you have any questions, contact Krissy Kilburn at [bikermama23st@gmail.com](mailto:bikermama23st@gmail.com) or phone 999-5284

**Librarian:** Looking for a member to become the Guild Librarian

**Membership:** Helen Short is encouraging members to e-mail the guild so we'll be sure the correct e-mail is on file.

**Communication:** Helen Short will also include in the packets sign-up for all members to update their information so that it current. Please keep your phone number up to date with Helen Short

**Fundraising**

Bonnie Evans and Nanc Ekiert have sent out letters to area businesses for donations toward to our Quilt Show. So far, we have raised \$1500 for the Quilt Show. Ribbons will be given for gold, silver and

bronze donations and the local business will select their favorite quilts and award ribbons. Corporate letters will go out for donations to support our programs and buy supplies. Motion to solicit corporate sponsors was made by Gerda Thibault; seconded by Sharon Perry. Approved.

**UFO:** Please fill out a form, finish your UFOs and return to Kris Bachand to be entered in a drawing for \$25 gift certificate.

**2018 Raffle Quilt:** Denise Chase has made a beautiful blue quilt for next year's raffle quilt.

**2018 Charity Quilt:** Nadine Froebel and Jean Anne Branch volunteered to make a next year's charity quilt for the Jim Bashaw Cancer and Catastrophic Fund. The Jim Bashaw Fund has already sent a thank you note to the guild.

**2018 Baby Quilts:** Deb Dusablon with be making the baby boy's quilt; and Gwen Guyette with be making the baby girl's quilt.

**Quilt Show:** City Hall has been booked; the rent has gone up to \$560.00 for next year's show. Three quilts have been entered for so far to the quilt show. Entry forms can be found on the guild's website. This year's Challenge Quilt will be black, white and one other color. The quilt perimeter is to be no larger than 120 inches.

**Projects:** For this year's Block of the Month, each member who wants to participate will need to have 5-6 fat quarters and 2½ yards of background fabric. This month's block is Mini Bow Tie; the pattern can be found on [www.quilterscache.com](http://www.quilterscache.com). Each month, instead of winning the blocks, any member who makes a block will be eligible to win a fat quarter.

**Charity Quilts:** Elaine Magnan and Alyce Bushey have quilt kits ready for the year. Denise Chase would like twin-size quilts for Laurie's House; and Helen Short would like queen-size quilt for the Fire and Disaster Quilts. Bags of Love thanked everyone for the members' donations; 179 bags have been donated in the past 3 years to DCF. We are encouraging members to use good quality fabric for all charity quilts.

**Monthly Drawing:**

Door Prize: winner is Diane Kane  
 Charity quilt: winner is Helen Short

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.  
 Minutes submitted by Teri Brunelle



October	1 <sup>st</sup>	Cindy	Metayer
October	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Mary Jane	Marchelewicz
October	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Claudia	Moeykens
October	4 <sup>th</sup>	Char	Mulyca
October	7 <sup>th</sup>	Paula	Rakowski
October	19 <sup>th</sup>	Sandra	Maynard
October	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Kay	Benedict

*...and many more!!!*

### 2017 - 2018 MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE NOW DUE

If you haven't renewed your membership yet, you'll find a membership form on the guild website at <http://www.franklincountyquilters.org/fcqgmembershipform.pdf>.

Fill out the form and either bring it to the October meeting or mail the completed membership form, along with a check for \$20 payable to FCQG, to Helen Short, 12 Burnell Terrace, St. Albans, VT 05478.

### AUTHOR AND QUILTER FEATURED AT OCTOBER MEETING

Sonja Hakala, an author and quilter, will be the guest speaker at the October meeting. She is also the founder of the Parkinson's Comfort Project.

Her presentation, "Stitching Together a Writer's Life," is a trunk show with a difference. Along with a collection of quilts featured in her how-to books, she'll bring the books themselves, using them to tell the story of how books brought her to quilting.

### GUILD LIBRARIAN STILL NEEDED

Pam Salazar has stepped down as the Guild Librarian. The guild needs a new Librarian to

maintain the library list, store the guild library books and sign out books as they are requested by members.

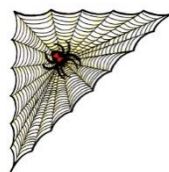
**If you're interested in filling this position listed above, please contact Diane Kane.**

### GOT SCRAPS?

Do you have scraps left from your projects? If so, Mary Ellen Therrien has a solution for you. She is making "crumb" quilts which are described here: <http://quiltville.com/crumbspf.html>. Mary Ellen's willing to take any fabric scraps (100% cotton and useable size) off your hands and use them to make quilts. So, gather up all those scraps and give them to Mary Ellen at the meeting.

### OCTOBER IS BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH...DID YOU KNOW?

- Experts differ on when to start getting regular mammograms.
- Breast self-exams may not save your life.
- Your breast size doesn't matter.
- Breast cancer usually shows no signs or symptoms.
- Most women who get breast cancer don't have a family history.
- High risk factors are relative.
- Genetic testing is appropriate for some women, but not all.
- Breast cancer treatment is truly individual.
- Mastectomy is not always the best treatment.
- There are some things you can do to reduce your risk:
  - ❖ Follow a healthy diet rich in fruits and vegetables that contain antioxidants and cancer-fighting nutrients
  - ❖ Exercise
  - ❖ Minimize alcohol
  - ❖ Maintain a healthy weight



Happy  
Halloween

**TREASURER'S REPORT FOR OCTOBER 2017****FRANKLIN COUNTY QUILTER'S GUILD****Treasurer's Report -- October 18, 2017**

Opening Balance \$3,030.15

**Funds collected**

Membership	\$1,040.00
Gold Sponsorship; VFW Auxiliary	\$200.00
Gold Sponsorship; Vietnam Veterans	\$200.00
Gold Sponsorship; Dr. Tannenberger	\$200.00

*Total Funds Collected* \$1,640.00

*Sub-Total* \$4,670.15

**Funds paid out**

Gerald Perry, Room set-up for Oct	\$35.00
Bonnie Evans, Fundraising	\$74.76
Jean Anne Branch, Program gift bags	\$52.26
Sharon Perry, Membership packet copies	\$95.20
Teri Brunelle, Ice cream social food & items	\$55.43
Helen Short, BOM & membership photocopies	\$46.62
Diane Kane, Program printing	\$5.50
Elaine Magnan, Charity batting	\$75.94
Kris Bachand, Batting	\$26.99

*Total Funds Paid Out* \$467.70

***Grand Total* \$4,202.45**

2017 YTD Collections: \$7,197.25

Respectfully submitted,  
Deborah L. Dusablon, Treasurer

**GUILD WEBSITE HOME TO FRANKLIN COUNTY BARN QUILT TRAIL**

The FCQG website's home page has a link to the Franklin County Barn Quilt Trail which resides on the guild website. The barn quilt trail can be found here:

<http://www.franklincountyquilters.org/fcbqt/index.html>

**Deadline for articles for next newsletter:**

**Wednesday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

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

**2017 - 2018 UFO UNFINISHED OBJECT CHALLENGE**

Fill out the list below and return to Kris Bachand at the September meeting, the earliest meeting you can, or e-mail me one at [bachandkris@yahoo.com](mailto:bachandkris@yahoo.com).

Here are the "rules":

- It must have been started at least a year ago this coming September. If you have been working on it on a regular basis it's a Work In Progress – not a UFO. If you started it a year ago this last November put it on the November line or after. Just to be clear, these are guidelines, I really don't care, and I don't think anyone else will check. If you don't know where it is, found it at the bottom of a pile, or you started it more than a year ago I think we can agree it's a UFO. If you started it more than 20 years ago, congratulations, YOU are my favorite!!
- You must show and tell, provide a picture of, or a witness to the completion of the quilt.
- **NO** points collected unless/until I have a paper copy of your list (feel free to mail it to me PO Box 49, St. Albans Bay, VT 05481)
- ONE additional point to the first person to give me a completed UFO list
- ONE point for each finished UFO
- ONE additional point for any UFO shown in the month it is listed
- ONE additional point if you donate it to one of the charities
- TWO points for each additional UFO finished in a month
- FIVE points for anyone who completes every UFO on their list. This could involve some serious strategy on your list making plans.
- The participant with the most points after the June 2017 meeting can let me know the name of their favorite quilt shop and I will get you a \$25 gift certificate.

**No matter what, the less UFOs there are in the world,  
the warmer and more beautiful a world it will be.**

**So let's sew!**

2014 Winner - Carol Stanley

2015 Winner - Kay Benedict

2016 Winner - Carol Stanley

2017 Winner - Helen Short

**QUILT TIPS FROM FONS AND PORTER TIP TUESDAY BY CARRIE SISK, APRIL 5, 2016**

- The selvages that you remove from your fabrics can double for twill tape to stabilize inside seams of knit garments.
- Use scraps from projects to make 6" blocks that you can join into a pillow to fill with potpourri, lavender, or cinnamon sticks for quick sachets. They make great gifts or gift enclosures.
- Use selvage strips or other skinny, leftover fabric strips in the garden to tie up tomato plants, branches of fruit trees, or hang up shrubs to deter deer. The fabric is gentle on the plants and biodegradable.
- Use plastic salad containers for storing fat quarters and/or scraps. The containers stack nicely, and you can easily find what you're looking for.



## FCQG 2017 - 2018 UFO Challenge

Name \_\_\_\_\_

September\_\_\_\_\_

February\_\_\_\_\_

October \_\_\_\_\_

March \_\_\_\_\_

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## OCTOBER 2017 BLOCK OF THE MONTH PATTERN: MINI BOW TIE

Pattern from [www.quilterscache.com](http://www.quilterscache.com)

Use your fabrics for the block(s) you will make and keep  
If you have any questions, call Helen Short, 752-8019.

Click the link below for the Mini Bow Tie block pattern  
<http://www.quilterscache.com/M/MiniBowTieBlock.html>

Be sure to continue to page 2 at this link:  
[http://www.quilterscache.com/M/MiniBowTieBlock\\_Page2.html](http://www.quilterscache.com/M/MiniBowTieBlock_Page2.html)

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Connections Quilt Festival, November 9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017:** At the Radisson, 11 Tara Blvd, Nashua, NH. Festival hours: Thursday and Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; and Saturday, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. A multi-day quilt show with classes, vendors, quilts and special exhibits designed to inspire creative energy. The show is designed to appeal to many quilters, with national and international teachers. For information about the show itself - hours, rates, vendor mall...please visit [www.connectionsquiltfestival.com](http://www.connectionsquiltfestival.com).

**Gilding the Lily, Embroidery in Quilts, Past and Present, Now through December 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017:** In *Gilding the Lily*, the New England Quilt Museum's Curator has assembled a remarkably diverse selection of embroidered quilts and textile arts from American museums, historical societies, private collectors, and quilt artists that span more than 200 years. *Guild member Shirley Babcock's version of the Redwork Covered Bridge quilt, pictured below, is hanging in this exhibit.*



**Don't forget to bring:**  
- Completed membership form  
- \$20 cash or check payable to FCCG for dues  
- 2017-2018 UFO Challenge form  
- Items for Show & Tell and UFO Challenge

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