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2025 Charity Quilt

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President's Piece

Happy October,

There is so much written about October! Poetry and prose describe things about October from the autumnal hues to the spooky ghouls that haunt our Halloweens. October graces our world with changes nearly every day! We decorate with leaves and gourds, pumpkins and witches! We savor the pumpkin and apple recipes that fill our homes with warm, exotic aromas. Dinner is no longer salads; instead, hearty soups and crockpot meals appear on our tables. October is the season of change.

In September, Campbell Soup Company held a meeting of its investors to talk about change. After all, they aren't just about soup anymore! They've added so many brands, they feel it's time to change their name. From this day forward, they will be The Campbell Company. WHAT?? That well-known slogan, MMMMMM MMMMM GOOD!, may be long gone. But with change comes new beginnings. So it is with our Guild!

We are a diverse group of people...young and old, varied skill levels, a wide range of interests, men (well, there is one!) and women! Our common ground is our love of quilting. Historically, our group is quite good at adapting to change! We see annual changes in our leadership team, our quilt show team, our programs and projects. And, we are going to see more as we begin developing new ways to market ourselves and mentor one another! We take classes to learn new techniques to add to our bag of all things "quilty". We wrap ourselves around the changes and forge ahead with a common goal: to share our love of quilting with our communities and comfort others with the quilts we so love to create.

Together, let's embrace the changes in our quilting lives with a focus on respect for one another, affirmation and appreciation for our volunteers and excitement for what's to come. Change – mmmm mmmm good!!

Piece by piece, Jean Anne Branch

Mary Jane Rossi 2024-2025 Co-President



2024 - 2025 Guild Calendar

September 18th Trunk Show with Debi Montgomery & light refreshments

September 19th Mystery Quilt Workshop with Debi Montgomery Holy Trinity Episcopal Church (Swanton)

> October 16th Trunk Show with Denise Chase, Ice Cream Social, and Brown Bag Exchange

November 20th Trunk Show with Karen Abrahamovich

2024 - 2025 Guild Calendar

November 23rd Workshop with Karen Abrahamovich, NMC Conference Room

> December 18th Holiday Potluck and Gift Exchange

January 15th Virtual Trunk Show with Linda Diak ON ZOOM

February 19th Pam Weeks' Lecture on History of Soft Protest Storytelling in Textiles ON ZOOM

February 22nd Workshop with Nanc Ekiert, NMC Conference Room

> March 19th Guild Members' Skill Sharing Session

2024 - 2025 Guild Calendar

March 22nd Quilted Jacket Workshop with Janice Roy, NMC Conference Room

April 4th Quilt Show Set-Up

April 5th & 6th 25th Annual Quilt Show

April 16th Strippers Night! Left-Right-Center Strip Poker Game

May 21st Brown Bag Exchange (return) Show & Tell

June 18th Potluck & Trunk Sale All proceeds to benefit the guild (Doors open at 5:30 pm; potluck at 6 pm)

Franklin County Quilters Guild Wednesday, September 18, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm by Jean Anne Branch for our monthly in-person meeting.

Welcome: Jean Anne greeted all members in attendance and discussed her vision for meetings held in an atmosphere of mutual respect. She shared a favorite poem "Yellow" by Donna Ashworth; see page 7 for the poem.

Consent Agenda: A motion was made by Helen Bicknell and 2nd by John Rouleau to accept both Treasurer's report and Minutes of the June 26 meeting. Discussion: Deb Dusablon updated the results of the June Trunk Sale from "over \$280" to a final count of \$370. Motion to amend the June 26 minutes by Helen Bicknell. Motion carried.

Chair Reports:

<u>Membership (Penny LaRochelle)</u>: Penny reported a total of 54 paid members including 10 new members. Four guests were present at the meeting.

Quilt Show (Mary King and Beth Mouser):

- Mary reported the upcoming show will mark the 25th anniversary of the FCQG Quilt Show. It will be held on the first weekend in April, set up scheduled for Friday, April 4, with show on Saturday, April 5, and Sunday. April 6.
- New this year will be categories for 25th anniversary themed challenge quilts and one for members exhibiting their first quilt at a FCQG show.
- Penny LaRochelle announced a prize drawing for those who submit their quilt entries by the December meeting. Penny provided quilt show entry forms, also available on the website under Quilt Show or here.

<u>Sugarhouse Gazette (Sharon Perry)</u>: The newsletter can be found online <u>here</u>. Each newsletter comes out at least 2 weeks before each meeting. Items for the next newsletter are due to Sharon by October 30th, which is the last Wednesday of the month.

Block of the Month (Carol Stanley): Carol shared a sample of her Block of the Month. Members are encouraged to complete two or even more of these blocks to donate at the October meeting. For each block provided, the member's name will be put in a drawing for the prize of the entire group of blocks. The directions for the block of the month are on the FCQG website under "Projects" or here

2025 Charity Raffle Quilt (Sharon Perry and Denise Chase):

- Jean Anne stated Sharon and Denise will provide more information about their plans for the quilt at the October meeting and look forward to participation from members.
- Bev Cook volunteered to complete the quilting of the project.
- The board met earlier and decided there will be only one Charity Quilt available this year. Charities from Franklin and Grand Isle Counties who anticipate they can sell \$1,000 in tickets can apply for this quilt.
- Letters of interest can be made to Jean Anne Branch (2 Evergreen Drive, unit 102, Milton VT 05468) or Mary

Jane Rossi (100 Kennedy Drive #18, South Burlington VT 05403); deadline is January 31, 2025. One request has already been received. Members will vote for charity selection at the March meeting.

<u>Marketing and Mentoring: (Shirley Babcock and Peggy Paradee):</u>

- Announcing the September meeting publicly on TV upcoming events, the Messenger, Facebook, and Front Page Forum has already proved beneficial as noted by many new members who joined this evening.
- Other marketing and mentoring plans are being discussed for both new and current members.

<u>Program (Cathy Carlson and John Rouleau)</u>: Cathy introduced Debi Montgomery of Mystery Quilts Anonymous. Debi is on a tour of the US from her home in New Zealand. Cathy shared several quilts she created from Debi's patterns.

Other Business:

- New Meeting Location After January: Bonnie Evans announced the current meeting location at the Church of the Rock will not be available to the Guild after January. Bonnie has secured the NMC conference room for future guild meetings.
- First Babies Born at NMC in 2025: New member Dorothy Pratt volunteered to make a quilt for the first girl, and Penny LaRochelle one for the first boy.

Drawings:

- Kissy Kilburn won the membership door prize.
- Bonnie Evans won the comfort quilt door prize.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Deb Dusablon, 2nd by Mary Ellen Therrien. The motion carried, and the meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Metayer, Acting Secretary for Gale Weld

VERMONT QUILTER AND PATTERN DESIGNER VISITS GUILD ON NOVEMBER 20^{TH}

Karen Abrahamovich, a Vermont quilter and pattern designer, will be the guest speaker at the guild's November meeting. Through her trunk show, she will tell us about her quilting journey to include designing quilts for all 50 states plus all the provinces of Canada and some countries. Her inventory of patterns continues to grow as she creates new patterns for more countries.

Most recently, Karen was the featured artist at the quilt show sponsored by the Champlain Valley Quilters Guild in late April. And last year, Karen and her husband took her patterns to the fall Quilt Market in Houston, Texas. Quilt Market is trade show for the quilting and textile industries. You can ask her all about her experience in Houston at the meeting.

Karen will also conduct a workshop on Saturday, November 23rd at the NMC Conference Room. The cost of the workshop is \$55. Your payment guarantees your spot in the workshop. More information about the workshop can be found on page 8 of this newsletter.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR OCTOBER 2024

FRANKLIN COUNTY QUILTERS GUILD

Treasurer's Report -- October 16, 2024

Opening Balance	\$9,673.49

Membership		\$820.00
Debi Montgomery, Sept presentatio	, Sept presentation/workshop	
Raffle tickets sale	_	\$162.00
	Total Funds Collected	\$1,162.00

Subtotal \$10,835.49

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Rodney Whiting, Sept room setup	\$50.00
Sharon Perry, QS Raffle tickets	\$59.95
Patricia Reed, Membership overpayment	\$20.00
Carol Stanley, BOM printing	\$9.10
Jean Anne Branch, Meeting refreshments	\$39.96
Debi Montgomery, Presentation/Workshop 09/18 - 09/19	\$500.00
Cadi Corners, Raffle quilt batting	\$117.18
Total Funds Paid Out	\$796.19

Grand Total \$10,039.30

2024 YTD Collections: \$9,249.05

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah L. Dusablon, Treasurer

























GUILD MEMBER, DENISE CHASE, FEATURED AT OCTOBER MEETING

Denise Chase will be showing her collection of the quilts she has made over the years at the October meeting. October meeting will also feature an ice cream social and the Brown Bag Challenge. The Catholic Daughters will also be at the meeting to sell raffle tickets for their raffle quilt which the guild donated to the organization in 2023. Details about the Brown Bag Challenge can be found on page 5 of this newsletter.

Denise does it all...from hand-appliqué, hand-piecing and hand-quilting to machine-piecing and machine-quilting. Her quilts are treasures to behold. Denise has the distinction of winning the most "Mayor's Award" ribbons over the past 24 years of FCQG quilt shows...maybe she'll be able to tell us the exact number during her trunk show.

This is a **NOT TO BE MISSED** meeting as a very talented quilter and artist in our guild shares her many years of quilting with us. Come and get inspired!

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



A NOTE FROM A GUILD MEMBER Dated August 22, 2024

Dear Quilt Guild Members,

While we are still a long way from Valentines Day, as I worked on some pot holders today I started thinking about what I like about quilting and, by extension, what I like about the Franklin County Quilter's Guild and I am writing to tell you about them.

It started at the ironing board. As I worked I realized that I really like the smell of ironing fabric. From there I started noodling the other things I like about quilting:

Quilting is a way to express love – to my family and my neighbors and to people I will never meet.

It is always a joy to go fabic shopping with Becky. With her I get the feeling I understand what a blind person feels like when they are accompanied by their seeing eye dog. We spend perhaps a little too freely but discovering and comparing fabrics is very fun.

Being a member of the Quilt Guild means I get to hang around with some pretty awesome people.

Quilting allows me to express my (admittedly primitive) creativity.

All in all, I feel privileged to have been accepted into the Quilt Guild and, as I stood at the ironing board I was hit by the image from the book Vermont Is Where You Find It. Perhaps you can recall the picture of an elderly couple of Vermonters sitting on their front porch and he says to her: "You know, when I think about all that you have meant to me over these many years it is almost more than I can bear not to tell you."

In friendship, John Rouleau

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 2024-2025 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.



INSTRUCTIONS FOR INFINITY SCARF

At the April 2024 meeting, Janet Roy had provided free fabric kits to make Infinity Scarves. Guild members have asked for patterns to make the scarves. Here are two sources, one a PDF and the other a video.

PDF Pattern: https://www.shannonfabrics.com/download_patterns/InfinityScarfPattern.pdf

YouTube video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OAqEFGZD7LA

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 May 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!





That is 24 Finishes in 2024!

Join in the fun and make 24 quilted projects by the end of 2024 and your name will be entered into a special drawing held in December 2024. If you'd like to participate, fill in your name and 24 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 24 projects or you can remove a project, or swap out projects, etc...you just have to have **24 Finishes in 2024** 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 **24 Finishes in 2024!** You will maintain your own list, but you must let Sharon Perry know you are participating.

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BLOCK OF THE MONTH (BOM)

The block handed out at the September meeting is called Falling Charms; instructions for the block can be found here. Carol Stanley, this year's Project Coordinator for the guild, to use a fun novelty print for the 5" square in the block.

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.



YELLOW By Donna Ashworth

Some people walk into your life with a light that can only be described as yellow

infusing the very air around with the silent sound of this will be okay nothing hard can stay we will find a way

> together we can reach calmer weather

these people, your yellows are sunny, endlessly funny they are warm and safe a comforting place

they're a light things can grow in their heart they wholly throw in they are cheerleaders for your win

and if you have a yellow in this life
keep them bright
they thrive on giving out light
but they fight
their own dark too

they need a colour beside them to push on through

and I think they found a fellow yellow in you.



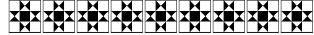
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Mary Jane	Rossi	October	3
Claudia	Moeykens	October	3
Natalie	Good	October	26

...and many more!!!



QUILT TIPS

- Make your binding when you finish your quilt.
 Then you won't accidentally use the fabric for another project before the quilt gets finished.
- Make your outside border about 1/2" larger than you really want it. That will give you room to square up the quilt after it is quilted.



Strip Piecing Reimagined – Karen Abrahamovich

Learn Karen's technique for strip piecing by column

Both beginner and experienced quilters will enjoy their results! Make a unique quilt for yourself or to give as a gift! Learn directly from the quilt designer! This 6 hour workshop will give you all the tips and tricks to make your quilt go together easily.

You can choose to make a variety of sizes depending on which design you choose

Other supplies needed for class:

Sewing machine (with 1/4 inch foot)

Thread

 Ruler, tape measure and Rotary cutter (for subcutting the pieces to size)

Pencil

Also helpful if you have them:

Wonder Clips, Quilter's Magic Wand (Studio 180)

You have many designs to choose from – all use the same technique

just cut strips by width of fabric – the remaining cutting will be done in class

(strip width will be 1", 1.5", 2"or 2.5" depending on what quilt size you are making)

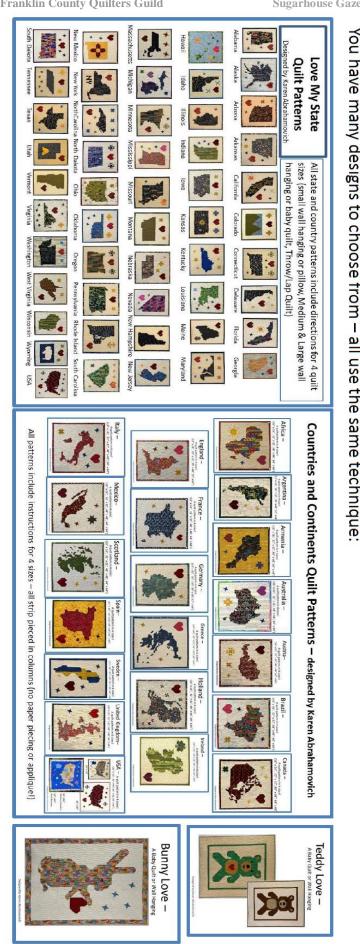
www.Etsy.com/Shop/QuiltVtShop

Then choose your fabrics and cut your strips prior to class

(either from your local quilt shop if they carry it or from Karen's Etsy site you can purchase a pdf pattern to print out:)

The only preparation prior to class is to choose your design and purchase your pattern

challenging for your first project Note: you may find the 1" strip width





RECIPE CORNER

HONEY-SQUASH DINNER ROLLS

2 packages (1/4 ounce each) active dry yeast

2 teaspoons salt

1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg

6 to 6½ cups all-purpose flour

11/4 cups 2% milk

½ cup butter, cubed

½ cup honey

1 package (12 ounces) frozen mashed winter squash, thawed (about 11/3 cups)

1 large egg, lightly beaten

Poppy seeds, salted pumpkin seeds or pepitas, and sesame seeds

In a large bowl, mix yeast, salt, nutmeg and 3 cups flour. In a small saucepan, heat milk, butter and honey to 120°-130°. Add to dry ingredients; beat on medium speed 2 minutes. Add squash; beat on high 2 minutes. Stir in enough remaining flour to form a soft dough (dough will be sticky).

Turn dough onto a floured surface; knead until smooth and elastic, 6-8 minutes. Place in a greased bowl, turning once to grease the top. Cover and let rise in a warm place until doubled, about 1 hour.

Punch down dough. Turn onto a lightly floured surface; divide and shape into 24 balls. Divide between 2 greased 9-in. cast-iron skillets or round baking pans. Cover with kitchen towels; let rise in a warm place until doubled, about 45 minutes.

Preheat oven to 375°. Brush tops with beaten egg; sprinkle with seeds. Bake until dark golden brown, 20-25 minutes. Cover rolls loosely with foil during the last 5-7 minutes, if needed, to prevent overbrowning. Remove from pans to wire racks; serve warm.

DRIZZLED BUTTERNUT BREAD

1 cup butter, softened

1 package (8 ounces) cream cheese, softened

2 cups sugar

3 large eggs, room temperature

2 cups mashed cooked butternut squash

1 teaspoon vanilla extract

3 cups all-purpose flour

1 teaspoon baking powder

1 teaspoon ground cinnamon

½ teaspoon salt

½ teaspoon baking soda

1 cup chopped walnuts

Icing:

1 cup confectioners' sugar

½ teaspoon vanilla extract

6 to 8 tablespoons sweetened condensed milk

In a large bowl, cream the butter, cream cheese and sugar until light and fluffy. Add eggs, 1 at a time, beating well after each addition. Beat in squash and vanilla. Combine the flour, baking powder, cinnamon, salt and baking soda; gradually beat into creamed mixture. Fold in walnuts.

Transfer to 2 greased 8"x4" loaf pans. Bake at 350° until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean, 55-65 minutes. Cool for 10 minutes before removing from pans to wire racks to cool completely.

In a small bowl, combine the confectioners' sugar, vanilla and enough milk to achieve a drizzling consistency. Drizzle over loaves.

BUTTERNUT SQUASH SOUP

1 tablespoon olive oil

1 large onion, chopped

3 garlic cloves, minced

1 medium butternut squash (3 pounds), peeled and cubed

4 cups vegetable broth

34 teaspoon salt

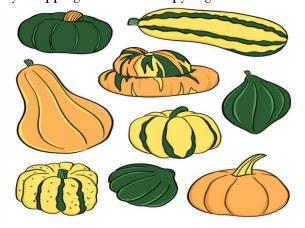
1/4 teaspoon pepper

½ cup heavy whipping cream

Optional: Additional heavy whipping cream and crispy sage leaves

In a large saucepan, heat oil over medium heat. Add onion; cook and stir until tender. Add garlic; cook 1 minute longer.

Stir in squash, broth, salt and pepper; bring to a boil. Reduce heat; simmer, covered, 10-15 minutes or until squash is tender. Puree soup using an immersion blender, or cool slightly and puree soup in batches in a blender; return to pan. Add cream; cook and stir until heated through. If desired, garnish with additional heavy whipping cream and crispy sage.



OCTOBER by Annette Wynne

Black and gold and red and brown,
Olive, pink, and blue,
What a riot of a gown—
What a medley hue!
What a way to go about—
Crimson cloak and vest!
October is a dancer
Dancing down the West.

FEATURED VIDEO TUTORIAL FOR OCTOBER:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1g4J0fGh1PU
Tea & Cookies for Two October Placemats
Shabby Fabrics



LINK TO BARN QUILT TRAIL OF NORTHERN VERMONT

http://www.barnquiltsofnorthernvermont.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, October 30th, 2024

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



October is National Cookie Month



"In October any wonderful unexpected thing might be possible." ~ Elizabeth George Speare