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President's Piece

Hello Everyone,

I know you're all inspired about organizing and utilizing your scraps after Christy Mulyca's presentation at the October guild meeting. Some members have posted pictures of their batik blocks on Facebook. I've ordered my fat quarters and am waiting for them to arrive! I was going to use batik scraps but on examining them, I realized some were not 'true' batiks and I didn't want any of my blocks rejected. By ordering a collection of batik fat quarters, they will co-ordinate. I'll save my batik scraps for blocks I'm not going to exchange.

Thank you to all those who made and/or donated money for the Christmas Stockings for our soldiers serving abroad. When my life calms down, I think I want to join one of the guild's subgroups. 'Stitch and Bitch' really appeals to me! Thanks to Mary and Peggy for heading up this worthwhile project.

This is a very busy time of year. I am sure many of you have plans to make some of your Christmas gifts as soon as you get the Halloween costumes constructed. I made a Princess Leia dress for our 6 year old granddaughter. The expression on her face when she put it on made my efforts worthwhile. Sewing can be very therapeutic if one doesn't over commit. We can all use November's program on Physical Therapy with the quilter in mind so we don't over strain our backs, necks and hands.

The quilts and other projects displayed at the October's meeting were outstanding. A comment one of my granddaughter's made to me came to mind as I saw your work. She said, "Making quilts is a form of art." Your quilts are truly forms of art. Remember, quilting is cheaper than psychotherapy!!

Sincerely,

Helen Short, 2014-2015 President

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!!

2014 – 2015 Guild Calendar

September 17th Ice Cream Social
(6:00 pm start!!!)

October 15th Scraps, Scraps & More
Scraps...It's All About the Scraps
& Stockings

**November 19th Physical Therapy
with the Quilter in Mind
(Doors open at 6:30 pm)**

December 17th Holiday Potluck
(6:00 pm start!!!)

2014 – 2015 Guild Calendar

January 21st Trunk Show
with Bev Cook

February 18th Quilts & Appraisals
with Sandra Palmer

March 18th Quilt Show Prep
Member Demonstrations

April 10th Quilt Show Setup

2014 -2015 Guild Calendar

April 11th & 12th Quilt Show

April 15th Trunk Show
with Pamela Druhen

May 20th Trunk Show with
Richard Cleveland

June 17th Potluck &
Teacup Auction (6:00 pm start!!!)

FRANKLIN COUNTY QUILTERS GUILD

Minutes of October 15, 2014

Present: Total attended 63, including new member Brenda Holt and eight guests.

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Helen Short, President

Secretary's Report for September meeting: One addition to the report was made by Helen Short: Our new Quilt Show sign was made by Program Chairs Mary King and Peggy Paradee. Motion to accept by Linda Nadeau, seconded by Dale McFeeters. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report for September: Motion to accept by Denise Chase, seconded by Bonnie Evans. Motion passed.

Old Business

Kris Bachand, Vice President, read a thank-you note from Sports & Fitness Center in Arizona for our donation, a thank-you note from Fern Mercure for the use of our black drapes, and a note from the Green Mountain Quilters Guild regarding a clearing house for quilting teachers and presenters.

Committee ReportsQuilt Show

- Award ribbons are being made by the Stitch 'n' Bitch group.
- There will be a quilt show meeting next month before the regular guild meeting. Dale McFeeters will send the particulars.
- 17 quilts have been registered for the show.

Charity Quilts

- Each member is strongly encouraged to make at least one charity quilt during the year. If you quilt one at no charge, that will count as one.
- Reminder: Don't put a date on the label when you attach it to the quilt.
- Alyce Bushey and Elaine Magnan have kits to sign out for Home Health.
- Denise Chase spoke with Laurie's House and determined that twin-size quilts are what they need. She will make twin-size kits from now on.

Raffle Quilt

- The 2015 Raffle Quilt is finished. Denise Chase will bring it to next month's meeting.
- For the 2016 Raffle Quilt, members are asked to donate navy on navy fabric, tone on tone, no other shades of blue, no white background/print. FQs or 6-inch WOF strips are needed. All background fabric was donated by Sunny Laurel Sisters.

Membership

Char Mulyca announced that there are 68 paid members. Membership cards were distributed.

Library

A selection of books on the theme "scrap quilts" was displayed.

Humane Society Raffle Quilt Response

The Humane Society requested a quilt to raffle. Gail Perras offered to make a quilt, but Jennifer Burt already had a finished quilt top. Julie Cowles volunteered to quilt it.

Sunshine

- Nancy Orcutt is at home recuperating from a bad fall.
- Long-time member Shirley Bombard has passed away.

UFO Challenge - Kris Bachand explained a little about how it works.

Vietnam Veterans Quilt Raffle Drawing - Bonnie Evans presented a basket full of fabric and notions to Gail Perras, who won the drawing.

Other Old Business - Mary King spoke about the Christmas stockings made by guild members for soldiers. Money and items have also been donated.

New Business

Block of the Month - 37 blocks were made and divided among 3 winners of the drawing. Christy Mulyca distributed instructions for the November block, which will be gold and white. Instructions are also on quilterscache.com

New Secretary - Gail Perras volunteered and will take over as secretary at the November meeting.

501(c)3 Study Committee - Deb Dusablon, Sharon Perry, and Kris Bachand volunteered.

Quilt Shop Happenings

The owner of Sunny Laurel Sisters (73 Prim Road in Colchester, 423-2782) told a little about the shop. They offer a punch card for purchases. They have a website, blog, and facebook page. They are moving down the street to a larger space in the next couple of weeks.

Other New Business

Mary Ellen Therrien is requesting lap-size "fidget quilts" (with zippers, beads, and other tactile embellishments) for Alzheimer patients.

Drawings

Winners of Charity Quilt drawings can continue to put their name in throughout the year, but no repeat winners for BOM and Door Prize drawings for the rest of the year, please.

- Block of the Month: Elaine Magnan, Mary Jane Palmer, and Jan Crane
- Door Prize: Gwen Guyette
- Charity Quilts: Kris Bachand
- Stockings for Soldiers: Mary Jane Palmer and Nadine Froebel

Program

Scrap Love, presented by Christy Mulyca

Show and Tell

Next meeting - November 19, 2014

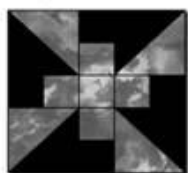
Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm
Minutes submitted by Kay Benedict

FCQG Projects 2014-2015 Block of the Month

It's a Two-Color themed year!

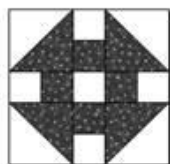
All the blocks are 10" finished and can be found at www.quilterscache.com.
So here is a little excitement to know the patterns, but you have to wait for each month to find out what color the month will bring! ☺

Broken Arrows



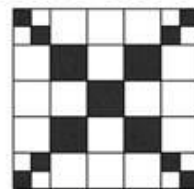
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Double Wrench



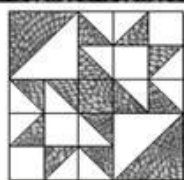
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Single Chain and Knot



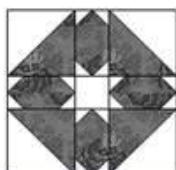
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Queen Charlotte's Crown



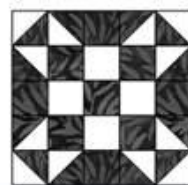
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due at Jan meeting

Goshen Star



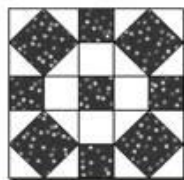
Hand out in Jan,
due at Feb meeting

Dewey Dream Quilt



Hand out in Feb,
due at Mar meeting

Home Circle



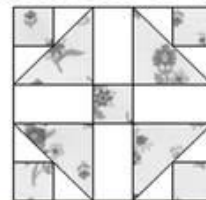
Hand out in Mar,
due at Apr meeting

Domino



Hand out in Apr,
due at May mtg

Grandmother's Choice



Hand out in May,
due at Jun meeting

The pattern for the **TEN INCH BLOCK** can be found at:
<http://www.quilterscache.com/D/DoubleWrenchBlock.html>

** Supplies List **

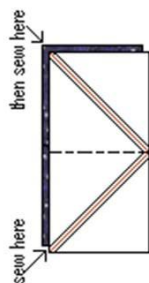


Color 1 Colors 1 needs: one 4-7/8" x 9-3/4" strip AND one 2-1/2" x 10" strip

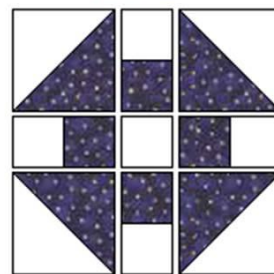
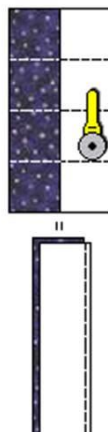
Color 2 Colors 2 needs: one 4-7/8" x 9-3/4" strip AND one 2-1/2" x 10" strip AND one 2-1/2" square

Preparing the Pieces and Sewing the Block

First we'll speed piece the half squares, by stacking the Color 1 and Color 2 4-7/8" x 9-3/4" strips right sides together, marking the diagonals and the 4-7/8" square line in the direction shown, then sewing a scant 1/4" above the seam allowance from the upper left corner to the upper right corner in one continuous seam. Turn and sew back a scant 1/4" on the other side of the diagonal. Cut apart on the marked diagonal, and cut apart at the 4-7/8" square line as well. This will give you four half squares. Press to the darker sides, and trim to measure 4-1/2" if needed...



Next we will strip piece the Color 1 and Color 2 2-1/2" x 10" strips, by stacking them right sides together, and sewing along one long edge using that same scant 1/4" seam. Press seam allowance towards darker fabric. Mark off this new unit at 2-1/2" intervals and cut on these markings to give you four two color units...



Now piece the block in the order shown, using the extra Color 1 small square in the center. Alternate pressing directions as you go to avoid bulky seams!...on to [Page 2!](#)

Christy's Tip:

I cut my HST fabrics at 5" instead of 4 7/8" and then trimmed down after making the HST. It allows for better accuracy. ☺

FCQG BOM November 2014

It's a Two-Color themed year!

The November colors are **GOLD & WHITE**

Think Maple Syrup Gold that reads solid.
 White should be tone on tone or solid.

This month's pattern is



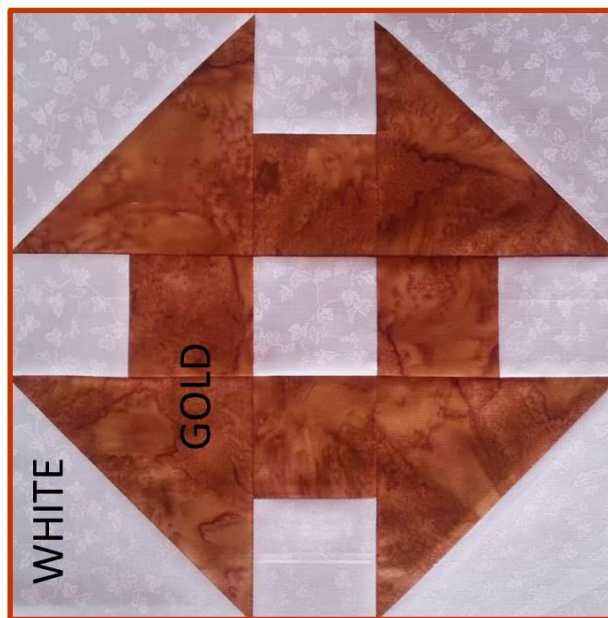
It will be handed out at the Oct meeting,
 returned at the Nov meeting.

Questions? Visit our FB page at

www.facebook.com/groups/FCQGV

or email Christy at ArmyBratQuilts@gmail.com

There is a setting idea on the pattern website.



TREASURER'S REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 2014**FRANKLIN COUNTY QUILTER'S GUILD****Treasurer's Report -- November 19, 2014**

Opening Balance	\$3,863.39
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Funds collected

Membership (59)	\$885.00
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Soldiers Stockings donation	\$17.00
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<i>Total Funds Collected</i>	\$902.00
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<i>Sub-Total</i>	\$4,765.39
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Funds paid out

Church of the Rock, Nov rent	\$40.00
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Gerald Perry, Room set-up for Nov	\$35.00
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Christy Mulyca, BOM copies	\$43.39
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Mary King, Soldier Stocking donation for postage	\$119.10
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Christy Mulyca, Scrap quilt trunk show	\$25.00
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<i>Total Funds Paid Out</i>	\$262.49
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Grand Total	\$4,502.90
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2014 YTD Collections: \$3,370.00

Respectfully submitted,
Deborah L. Dusablon, Treasurer
11/19/2014

**VISIT THE FRANKLIN COUNTY BARN QUILT TRAIL
ON THE GUILD'S WEBSITE AT**

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



Deadline for articles for next newsletter:

Wednesday, November 26th, 2014

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

QUILT TIPS

- Use spray sizing instead of starch. Sizing won't build up on your iron or cause flakes on your fabric like starch does.
- After purchasing fabric, take a small piece of paper and record the yardage purchased, the price per yard, the name of the store, the date and a description of the fabric. Now you will know when and where you got the fabric if you should need more.
- A good way to practice making consistent quilting stitches is to make a practice project out of a backing, batting and gingham material. You can choose the size of the gingham squares - maybe start out with $\frac{1}{4}$ " squares and then go on to $\frac{1}{8}$ " squares. This way you will get used to the "rhythm" needed to perfect your quilting stitch.
- Bed lifters are a great way to raise your cutting table to waist height and save your back. They raise the table about $5\frac{1}{2}$ inches which is plenty of height for the average person.
- When ripping out a line of stitches, cut every second or third stitch, turn it over and pull out the seam.
- Before marking squares for half-square triangles, put a small dot on the corners, then align your ruler and mark.

FEATURED ONLINE TUTORIAL:

THE FALLING TRIANGLES QUILT: EASY QUILTING WITH LAYER CAKES!

From Missouri Star Quilt Company

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NpCrxbr9hjE&list=UUWnhR7raxVFDHmDXqCIzuAw>

2014 - 2015 UFO UNFINISHED OBJECT CHALLENGE

Fill out the attached list (on next page) and return to Kris Bachand at the September meeting, the earliest meeting you can, or e-mail her one at bachandkris@yahoo.com.

Here are the rules:

- 1) It must have been started at least a year ago from September 2014. If you have been working on it on a regular basis, at least once a month, it's a Work In Progress – not a UFO.
- 2) 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.
- 3) 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!!
- 4) You must show and tell, provide a picture of, or a witness to the completion of the quilt.
- 5) This year there points awarded, HOW FUN!!
 - a. ONE point to the first person to give me a completed UFO list, no later additions...so be sure.
 - b. ONE point for each finished quilt.
 - c. ONE additional point for any quilt shown in the month it is listed.
 - d. TWO points for each additional quilt finished in a month.
 - e. FIVE points for anyone who completes every quilt on their list. This could involve some serious strategy on your list making plans.

The participant with the most points after the June 2015 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!

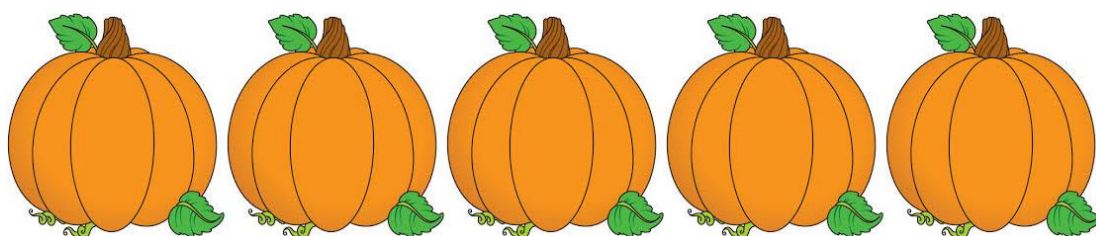
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March _____

April _____

May_____

June _____

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QUILT TIPS

- Instead of using a plate, saucer or cup to trace around for curves or circles, use a CD. There are lots of free ones available now, and CDs are very easy to store.
- Those pesky cards that come in all magazines make good "emergency" templates.
- Keep your old rotary cutter and mat if you buy a new one. Use the old one to cut paper patterns, photos or other craft things.
- It's easier to make half-square triangles slightly larger size than the finished requirement, and then square them to size.
- If you find the needle hard to thread on your machine put a piece of white paper behind it and the hole seems to pop out for you to see!
- If you have a hard time threading a needle from one side, try turning the needle around and thread the other side - every needle has a front and back side - sometimes this helps.
- When throwing away a sewing machine needle, put it into an old prescription bottle. That way nobody can get hurt when you dispose of a needle.
- Save your old prescription bottles; put a small hole in the lid. Then put your hand quilting or appliqué thread inside. It keeps it clean and is easy to pick up if you drop it. Works great while traveling.
- Use skirt hangars and plastic bags to organize projects, display quilt Guild newsletters, etc.

Don't forget to bring:
- FQs or 6-inch wide strips for 2016 Raffle Quilt,
navy on navy only, tone on tone
- BOM blocks
- Items for Show and Tell & UFO Challenge

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