

# Franklin County Quilters Guild

## SUGARHOUSE GAZETTE

### Saint Albans, Vermont

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#### President's Piece

Hello, friends. Yesterday, I ordered a 10 lb. can of almond paste. It's for holiday baking. After I married into a Dutch family, I learned to make Banket, a traditional cookie filled with almond paste. Delicious! I'm beginning to do some Christmas shopping, since gifts will need to be shipped, and we've all heard about the delays and shortages.

How about you? Are you making some quilted gifts for the holidays? I was inspired by a couple of table runners made by a friend. That's something I can do quickly. I know I have to start right away, if I'm going to get them done. Fortunately, I have a great stash, so I don't need to go shopping. (Ha Ha Ha Ha -- since when does that stop me?) I'm also planning to make some ornaments like the ones Peggy showed us at our October guild meeting. And maybe some bowl cozies. I have a bunch of fabric set aside for pillowcases -- that would be good to get done. Oh, boy.

In the meantime, we will gather as a family to celebrate Thanksgiving. I'm grateful for so many things, especially finding friends here in Vermont. I love how quilters are welcoming folks, happy to share techniques, tools, patterns, and even our precious fabric stashes.

So quilt away, my friends! Enjoy each other, your families and friends, and express your love through your quilting. It's good to be in a quilting community.

Piecefully yours,  
Laurel Schaap, 2021-2022 President



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**Quilt Show**  
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Teri Brunelle

**Comfort Quilts Coordinator**  
Denise Spanghew Chase

**2022 Raffle Quilt**  
Penny LaRochelle

**2022 Charity Quilt**  
Denise Chase

#### **2021 – 2022 Guild Calendar**

- September 15<sup>th</sup> Ice Cream Social  
Potholder Exchange (abibliophobia)
- October 20<sup>th</sup> Christmas in October  
with Member Demos  
(Doors open at 6 pm; mtg at 6:30 pm)
- November 17<sup>th</sup> Trunk Show**  
**with Jean Anne Branch**  
**and Mary Jane Marchewicz**
- December 16<sup>th</sup> Holiday Potluck  
Gift Exchange

#### **2021 – 2022 Guild Calendar**

- January 19<sup>th</sup> Bag Trunk Show **on Zoom**  
with Joan Radell, Bucklebee Toolbox
- January 20<sup>th</sup> Bag Workshop **on Zoom**  
with Joan Radell, Bucklebee Toolbox
- February 16<sup>th</sup> Panel Palooza Trunk  
Show **on Zoom** with Cyndi  
McChesney, Cedar Ridge Quilting
- February 19<sup>th</sup> Panel Palooza Workshop  
**on Zoom** with Cyndi McChesney,  
Cedar Ridge Quilting

#### **2021 – 2022 Guild Calendar**

- March 20<sup>th</sup> Singer Featherweights and  
Vintage Sewing Machines with  
Barb & David Morgan
- April 1<sup>st</sup> Quilt Show Set-Up
- April 2<sup>nd</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> Quilt Show
- April 20<sup>th</sup> TBD
- May 18<sup>th</sup> Trunk Show  
with Laurel Schaap  
& Member Garage Sale
- June 15<sup>th</sup> Potluck & Teacup Auction

## Franklin County Quilters Guild October 20, 2021 Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Laurel Schaap. There were 31 members present with 2 additional members on Facebook. The Consent Agenda passed on a motion for acceptance by Helen Short, seconded by John Rouleau.

**Programs:** Gayle Weld shared that this evening's program would be Christmas in October where four demonstrators would share quick, easy projects to make as Christmas gifts. The demonstrators were: Diane Comeau, chenille projects; Helen Short, pillowcases; Denise Chase, microwave bowls; and Peggy Paradee, Christmas ornament. November's meeting will be a Trunk Show featuring T-shirt quilts with Jean Anne Branch and Mary Jane Marchelewicz.

**Comfort Quilts:** Denise Chase reported that she is a little short on baby quilts. She has kits available as well as quilts assembled and ready for quilting. Denise also thanked Guild members for their quilt donations.

### Quilt Show:

- Helen Short described the Challenge Quilt (Vermont Home) and stated she has fabric available for a \$1.00 charge which is to be used in the Challenge Quilt. Helen also described the Members' Craft Boutique and indicated items previously donated for the Teacup Auction will be incorporated into the Boutique with money raised from these items to be 100 percent for the Guild. This decision was made because of not having volunteers for the Teacup Auction. Members selling items in the Craft Boutique will donate 10 percent of their sales to the Guild and will be required to share staffing responsibilities of the Boutique.
- Penny LaRochelle stated she already has two registered quilts for the quilt show. She also stated members are limited to two large quilts for the show (at this time).
- Penny will have packets to create blocks to be made by Guild members for the 2022-23 raffle quilt. The quilt will be in blues, greens, purples, and white.
- Sharon Perry has raffle tickets for members to sell. To remain in good standing, each member is required to sell at least two books of tickets.

**Membership:** There are currently 59 members to include 4 new members and one lifetime member. Membership badges were distributed and are required at each meeting. If you are attending online, please leave a comment to be counted as present.

**Sugarhouse Gazette:** Sharon Perry stated that the deadline for the newsletter is the last Wednesday of each month (October 27 for the November newsletter). Items to be included in the newsletter may be sent to her at [vtquilter@gmail.com](mailto:vtquilter@gmail.com).

**Mystery Quilt Blocks:** Diane Comeau and Lucie Fortin demonstrated the three blocks for November to be done

in green, red, and violet. The blocks are the Medallion Block; the Checkerboard Star; and the Granny Star. Instructions may be found on the Guild's website.

### Other Business:

- John Rouleau brought more books for Guild members
- Denise Chase brought Christmas gifts for members who had not picked theirs up last Christmas.

At this point we adjourned the business portion of the meeting to conduct Show & Tell and enjoy the demonstrations.

- **Door Prizes** were awarded to Helen Bicknell and Helen Short. The meeting's demonstrators donated additional prizes which were awarded at the end of the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,  
Helen Bicknell, Secretary



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

The FCQG 2021-2022 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 bring your form and check to the next meeting.



## 2022 VERMONT HOME CHALLENGE

The guild is planning for the 2022 quilt show. "Vermont Home" will be the challenge for next year's quilt show. Members wanting to participate will pay \$1 for a piece of green fabric. That green fabric must be used in the quilt. The maximum size of the quilt is 96" inches in perimeter. As such, your quilt could be 24" x 24" or 12" x 36" or any size where the total measurement of all 4 sides added together is 96" or less.

## 2021-2022 MYSTERY QUILT FOR BLOCK OF THE MONTH

Diane Comeau, the guild's Project Coordinator, introduced a mystery quilt for the 2021-2022 membership year called the "Sugarhouse Sampler." Lucie Fortin is helping Diane with the mystery. For block construction, Diane is using a light background while Lucie is doing a dark background.

Patterns for the block can be found on the FCQG Sugarhouse Facebook page. The patterns will also be emailed to members each month. The colors for the mystery quilt are primary colors. Some local quilt shops have packaged bundles of primary colors together for the guild's mystery quilt.

**TREASURER'S REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 2021****FRANKLIN COUNTY QUILTERS GUILD****Treasurer's Report -- November 17, 2021**

Opening Balance		\$6,912.30
Funds collected		
Membership	\$120.00	
Raffle tickets	\$230.00	
Helen Short, Green fabric sales	\$33.00	
	<i>Total Funds Collected</i>	\$383.00
		<i>Subtotal</i> \$7,295.30
Funds paid out		
Gerald Perry, Oct & Nov room set-up	\$70.00	
Teri Brunelle, Ice cream social	\$10.99	
	<i>Total Funds Paid Out</i>	\$80.99
		<b>Grand Total \$7,214.31</b>

2021 YTD Collections: \$2,821.00

Respectfully submitted,  
Deborah L. Dusablon, Treasurer

**QUILT TIPS**

- Use water-soluble glue or pressing sheets instead of pinning. By using water-soluble glue, you can line up your pieces precisely and quickly. When finished, just wash your quilt and the glue will be gone!
- When sewing four-patch squares, the fabric can easily become bulky instead of lying flat. To remedy this, you can make a spinning intersection. Break the thread in the middle seam of the square and fold up. Press so that the seams are all rotating around the square in the same direction.
- Use a walking foot for your binding and heavier quilting; the walking foot will better feed the fabric through the machine.
- If you are worried about quilt markers not washing out, fine line chalk markers are a great option. Especially if you want to do more detailed, finer designs.
- Remember to clean and de-lint your machine, as well as change your needle after each project or every 8-10 hours of sewing.
- To ensure thread runs smoothly through your sewing machine make sure you are using a correctly orientated spool holder. Most machines supply two, one horizontal, one vertical. Look at the way the thread is wound on the spool. If it is cross wound and you can see "X"s in the winding, it is best used horizontally so the thread comes off the top of the spool. If the threads are "straight," it should be placed on the vertical spool holder so the thread comes off the side of the spool.
- For hand-sewing, only use the length of thread that stretches from your finger-tips to your elbow. Any more than that and your thread will go into knots.



# RECIPE CORNER

## CHRISTMAS CRANBERRY POUND CAKE

### *For the Cake:*

- 187 grams cake flour-sifted (it's about 1½ cups plus 3 tablespoons cake flour before sifting but you measure it on kitchen scale because the cake could be dense or dry if you overdo it with the flour)
- ½ teaspoon baking powder
- Pinch of salt
- 1 cup cranberries (fresh or thawed)
- 140 grams (5 oz.) white chocolate chunk
- 115 grams (½ cup) unsalted butter-softened at room temperature
- 300 grams sugar (1½ cups)
- ½ cup heavy cream
- ½ cup mascarpone cheese
- 3 eggs
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 2 tablespoons browned butter

### *Frosting:*

- 56 grams (¼ cup) unsalted butter-softened
- 112 grams (4 oz.) cream cheese-softened
- 1½ cups powdered sugar (more to make it thick enough to spread on top of the cake)
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract

### *Garnish:*

- Handful dried cranberries
- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
- ½ cup white chocolate chips
- Preheat the convection air oven to 325 F (if you don't have convection air oven raise the temperature to 350 F and you will have to rotate the pan half way through the baking time)
- Butter and flour 8.5 x 4.5 x 3 (or 9 x 5 x 3) inch loaf pan and line it with parchment paper.
- Combine cake flour, baking powder and salt and sift it three times, set aside.
- In a small sauce pan over medium heat brown 2½ tablespoons butter until a nice amber color, remove the foam and set aside to cool.
- Whisk the egg with vanilla extract and set aside.
- Mix the butter on medium speed until it's creamy, slowly add sugar and continue beating until it's creamy.
- Add heavy cream and mascarpone, and beat on medium speed.

- Turn mixer on low speed and gradually add dry ingredients alternately with eggs.
- Add handful flour in chocolate chunks and toss them to cover evenly. Toss cranberries with a handful flour to cover them completely. Add chocolate chunks in the batter and stir well, then gently stir in cranberries.
- Pour the batter into prepared loaf pan, smooth the top and gently tap the pan on working surface to remove the air bubbles.
- With a butter knife draw a line down the center of the pound cake and pour browned butter into the line.
- Bake until the top of the cake is golden brown and a toothpick inserted comes out clean (about 55 to 65 minutes). If you don't have convection air oven, baking time might be about 10 minutes longer. If the top starts browning too much tent the cake with aluminum foil.
- Cool the cake in pan for 15 minutes, then remove from the pan and cool on the rack.

### *Glaze:*

- When the cake is completely cooled, prepare the glaze.
- With a mixer, cream together softened butter and cream cheese until smooth. Slowly add in powdered sugar and beat until smooth, mix in vanilla extract. Spread on top of the cake. Place the cake in the fridge until the frosting is set.

### *Garnish:*

- When the frosting is set melt 1/2 cup white chocolate chips with 1 tablespoon vegetable oil in a small sauce pan over low heat until it is smooth (cool if it's too thin).
- Sprinkle the cake with dried cranberries and drizzle with chocolate. (You can drizzle the chocolate with a spoon. Or transfer it into small zip-lock bag, cut off corner, and pipe the chocolate over the cake.)

Notes: If you are using frozen cranberries, thaw them first. Rinse with cold water until the water is clear. Drain the cranberries and then dry them on paper towel.





# 2022 RAFFLE QUILT



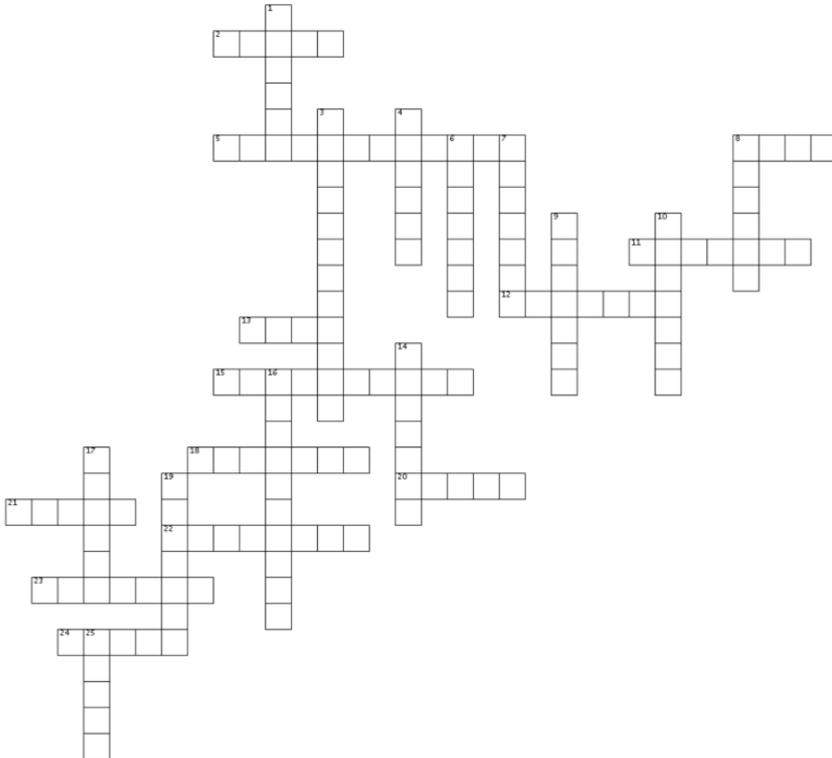
Sharon	Perry	November	2
Kris	Bachand	November	8
Maggie	Stockwell	November	24
Nanc	Ekiert	November	28

Organized by Denise Chase and Sharon Perry;  
 Quilted by Bev Cook, Treasured Moments Quilting

Blue Ribbon winner at the Vermont Quilt Festival

*...and many more!!!*

## NOVEMBER CROSSWORD PUZZLE



### CROSSWORD PUZZLE CLUES

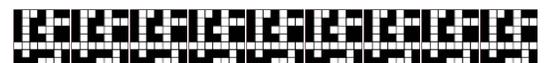
**ACROSS**

- 2. The basic unit of a quilt
- 5. Squares of fabric pieced within sashing that align at the block corners
- 8. A diagonal cut across the grain line

- 11. An even-feed foot that reduces bunching when sewing
- 12. A white quilt with red embroidery
- 13. The thickness of the batting
- 15. The art or process of forming decorative designs with hand or machine needlework
- 18. Scissors that cut a zigzag edge
- 20. Reference to the lengthwise or crosswise threads in a woven fabric
- 21. A 5" by 5" fabric square
- 22. Stitching fabric shapes onto background fabric
- 23. The material used between the quilt top and quilt backing
- 24. Thread is wound around this

**DOWN**

- 1. Fabric that frames a quilting design
- 3. Fabric created from historical time periods
- 4. A product used to make fabric stiff
- 6. Fabric designed with a theme that may include holiday symbols, hobbies, or pet motifs
- 7. A quilt design featuring a variety of blocks
- 8. The bottom thread holder in a sewing machine
- 9. The finished edge of a quilt
- 10. The bottom of a quilt sandwich
- 14. The lengthwise edge of woven fabric
- 16. The process of stitching over one or two stitches to secure them
- 17. The space to the right of the needle on your sewing machine
- 19. A loosely woven fabric known for being soft and warm
- 25. Flatten with an iron



**St Albans WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA Information Sheet**

Each December on National Wreaths Across America Day, the organization, Wreaths Across America, coordinates wreath-laying ceremonies at more than 2,500 locations across the United States, at sea and abroad. The only local cemeteries participating are Holy Cross Cemetery, St. Albans Bay Cemetery, Greenwood Cemetery and Mount Calvary Cemetery.

Date of the wreath laying ceremony: December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021                      Cost of wreaths: \$15 per wreath

All information and checks must be received no later than November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2021, to insure there is a wreath to be placed on a veteran’s grave. Checks for wreaths, payable to Melody Thibault, should be mailed along with the information below to VFW Post 758, ATTN: WAA, PO BOX 802, St Albans, VT 05478.

You may order extra wreaths for veteran’s graves not at participating cemeteries for \$15 per wreath but YOU will be responsible for placement of those wreaths. Sponsor’s Name and Phone # and how many wreaths is the only information required for these wreaths.

If you can/wish to volunteer to place the wreath on your veteran’s gravesite and you are willing to volunteer to assist in placing wreaths on gravesites of veterans whose sponsor is unable to participate please indicate below.

**\*\*\*\*\*CUT HERE\*\*\*\*\*SEND WITH CHECK\*\*\*\*\*CUT HERE\*\*\*\*\***

**Information to accompany your check. One form for each veteran you wish to honor is required.**

**1) Name of Veteran being honored:** \_\_\_\_\_

**2) Cemetery and Section that veteran’s grave is located (SECTION IS REQUIRED):**  
\_\_\_\_\_

**3) Name of sponsor of wreath and phone #:** \_\_\_\_\_

**4) Are you able to place your wreath at participating cemetery (circle one)?**                      Yes                      No

**5) Are you able to volunteer December 18<sup>th</sup> (circle one)?**                      Yes                      No

**6) Do you want extra wreaths? \_\_\_\_\_ number**

**If you wish to honor more than one veteran at the participating cemeteries, please use an additional form for each grave at participating cemeteries.**

**\*\*\*\*\*CUT HERE\*\*\*\*\*SEND ABOVE WITH CHECK\*\*\*\*\*CUT HERE\*\*\*\*\***



**NOVEMBER WORD SEARCH**

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Z	R	O	D	I	K	G	S	I	A	T	C	A	R
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PUMPKIN PIE  
GOBBLE  
CORNUCOPIA  
SQUASH  
GRAVY  
FRIENDS  
GRATITUDE  
PARADE  
THANKFUL  
THANKSGIVING  
CRANBERRIES  
CITRINE  
FAMILY  
MAYFLOWER  
FEAST  
PEONY  
TOPAZ  
THURSDAY  
STUFFING  
TURKEY  
HUNTING

**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](mailto: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, November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

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



*"November at its best—with a sort of delightful menace in the air."*

*~ Anne Bosworth Greene*