

*Franklin County Quilters Guild*  
**DECEMBER 2009 NEWSLETTER**  
*Saint Albans, Vermont*



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## December Guild Meeting

The next guild meeting will be Wednesday, December 16<sup>th</sup>. It will be the guild's annual Holiday Potluck Dinner with a gift exchange.

For the meeting, please remember to bring a dish to share for the potluck and a hand-made/home-made gift to exchange with a fellow guild member. We'll be doing a Yankee gift exchange with one condition: any gift can only be "stolen" once during the exchange. Hopefully that will move the gift exchange along a little faster. As a reminder, the meeting will start earlier than normal, at 6:00 pm. We know everyone will be hungry, so we'll start the meeting with dinner. We look forward to seeing everyone there!

### President

Ann Goergen-Jacobs

### Vice President

Gwen Guyette

### Secretary

Roseanne Terrill

### Treasurer

Deb Dusablon

### Programs

Babette Coons

Sally Krupp

### Project Coordinators

Alyce Bushey

Elaine Magnan

Mary Ellen Therrien

### Membership

Susie Perry

### Quilt Show

Bonnie Evans

Sharon Perry

### Charity Quilt Coordinators

Alyce Bushey: Home Health

Denise Chase: Laurie's House

Bonnie Evans: Breast Cancer

Pat Johnson: Family Center

Jen Letourneau: Purple Heart



## DEADLINE FOR **JANUARY 2010** NEWSLETTER

**Wednesday, January 6<sup>th</sup>**

Please send your newsletter  
 articles and submissions to

Sharon Perry at

[vtquilter@gmail.com](mailto:vtquilter@gmail.com)

**2009 – 2010 Guild Calendar**  
**December 16<sup>th</sup>** Holiday Potluck\*  
 with Gift Exchange

**January 20<sup>th</sup>** Quilt Show Prep  
 with Paper-Piecing Demo

**February 17<sup>th</sup>** Trunk Show\*  
 with Froncie Quinn

**March 17<sup>th</sup>** Final Quilt Show Prep  
 with possible Vendor (TBA)

**April 10<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>** Quilt Show

**2009 – 2010 Guild Calendar**  
**April 21<sup>st</sup>** Appliqué Techniques  
 with Member Demos

**May 19<sup>th</sup>** Perennial Swap\*  
 Shopping with Garden of Stitches

**June 16<sup>th</sup>** Potluck\*  
 Teacup Auction

\* indicates 6:00 pm start

**FRANKLIN COUNTY QUILTERS GUILD**

Minutes of November 17, 2009

**Present:** Total attended, 49; New members: 2 - Susan Tracey & Nya Aucoin; Guests: 2 - Sue Stanley & Doreen Campbell

**Proceedings:**

*Meeting called to order* at 6:05 p.m. by President, Ann Jacobs.

*Secretary's Report:* Minutes from September 2009; motion to accept, Babette Coons; seconded by Denise Chase.

*Treasurer's Report:* Motion to accept, Shirley Babcock; seconded by Lorraine Pike.

*Old Business:*

- 2010 Quilt Show:
  - o Sharon Perry announced that the signup sheet is being circulated again.
  - o Quilts needed for the quilt show.
  - o Quilts needed for the "I Spy" window displays.
- Charity Quilts
  - o Raffle quilt to be displayed at the Sheldon Craft Show & tickets will be sold.
  - o Orphan quilts donated to the town of Sheldon to help raise money for their library.
- WIP Challenge
  - o People can join any time between now and July.
  - o Entry fee = 2 fat quarters.
  - o There's a basket full of items that will be used as the prizes each month

*New Business:*

- Guild Library: Kay Benedict suggested the guild develop a library similar to that of CVQG. She's volunteered to come up w/a 'plan' to organize and get it started.
- Habitat for Humanity: Kris has packets ready for people to take home. She would like to see them brought back to the December mtg.
- Up & Come'n Programs: Babette announced that Kim Diehl is scheduled to conduct a lecture/trunk show November 2010. To learn more about Kim Diehl visit <http://kimdiehl.com/bio.php>

*Block of the Month:* Instructions and swatches for next month's blocks were on tables. This month's block is a castle; samples of the blocks were on display.

*Monthly Drawings*

- Door prize went to Peggy Burbank.
- Food Shelf drawing - NA
- BOM drawing won by Shirley Babcock
- Charity quilt drawing went to Shirley Babcock.
- UFO drawing - NA

*Programs:*

- Bonnie demonstrated a fun & easy table runner.
- Sharon demonstrated charm pack coasters.
- Sally demonstrated fun gift & wine bags.
- Deb did a paper piecing demo of gift tags.

*Other Business*

- Next meeting, Dec 16th will begin at 6:00 pm. Pot luck & Yankee Swap! Items for the Yankee Swap need to be anything handmade. The four tables at the back of the room will be bringing finger foods, while the four front tables will bring desert items.
- Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.
- Minutes submitted by Secretary, Roseanne Terrill

**QUILTS OF VALOR****VERMONT  
CHAPTER**

Please join us for a QOV QUILT-A-THON! Bring your QOV project, or anything you may need/want to work on, UFOs, or just stop by and say hi!

**WHEN:** 1st Saturday of EVERY month from 9:00 am—2:00 pm

**WHERE:** Forever Bloom Quilt Shop & More  
71 North Main Street  
St. Albans, VT 05478

**CONTACTS:** Roseanne Terrill, 802-524-7603  
Gail Darling, 802-827-3159

*Are you on the naughty or nice list?*

*He's making a list  
And checking it twice  
Gonna find out  
Who's naughty or nice  
Santa Claus  
is coming to town!*



*It's beginning to look  
a lot like Christmas...*



### CONTEST TO NAME THE FCQG NEWSLETTER

A few members accepted the challenge and suggested some possible names for the guild newsletter. Sharon Perry will be providing a ballot at the December meeting so everyone can vote for their favorite name. The member who suggested the winning selection will receive a special prize which includes a free guild membership for the membership year beginning in September 2010, plus a basket of homemade Christmas goodies!

### LAURIE'S HOUSE

Over 150 women and children come to Laurie's House, Battered Women's and Children's Shelter, each year to escape from violent situations. The women often leave their abusers with only the clothes on their backs. Our quilt guild supplies every woman and child who comes to the shelter with a homemade quilt. These quilts not only provide warmth, but comfort too. Many times the quilt becomes the only thing they own! The women and children love receiving the quilts! I often hear stories of how the women break down crying in gratitude as they receive their quilt. They are overwhelmed with emotion to think that someone would take the time to make them a quilt. I also hear about how the children carry around their quilt everywhere they go. It becomes their security blanket.

Besides supplying quilts to battered women and children, our guild has also furnished several apartments. Because they escape with only their lives, and it isn't safe for them to return to their homes to get their belongings, they do not have beds, dressers, linen, dishes, or any household

furniture or items when they move into their new apartments. This is an ongoing need, so if you would like to donate good, usable furniture or household items please call Susie Perry at 527-7829, or Laurie's House at 524-6575 to donate. Donations are greatly appreciated and are tax deductible.

### CHARITY QUILT KITS

Kris Bachand handed out kits for log cabin blocks for the Habitat for Humanity charity quilt at the November guild meeting. Please remember to return your sewn log cabin blocks to the December meeting. If you are in St Albans, you can also leave them at Kris' house at 34 High Street, a big light blue house near the corner of Bank and High. Kris sends a big thank you to everyone who took a kit. Questions???, please call Kris at 527-7302.

Kris also extends her thanks to Carol Stanley, Gerda Thibault, and Marjorie Taylor for all their hard work!!

### POSSIBLE GUILD LIBRARY IN THE WORKS

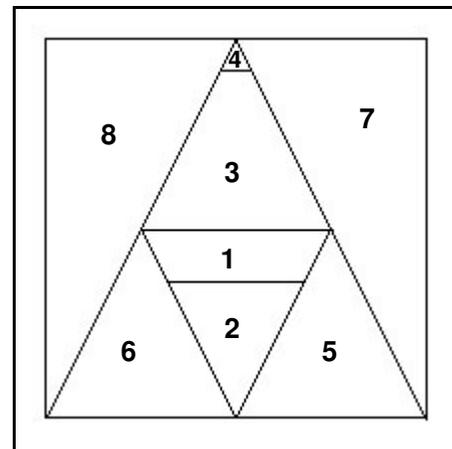
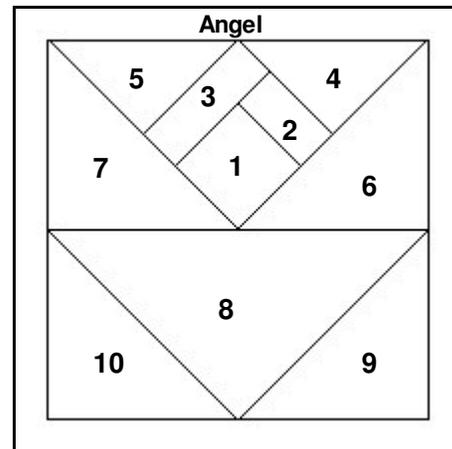
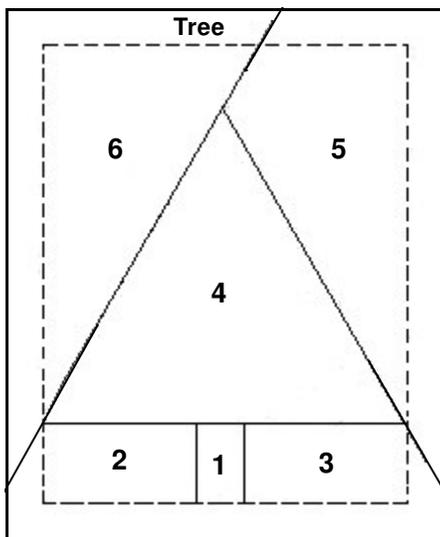
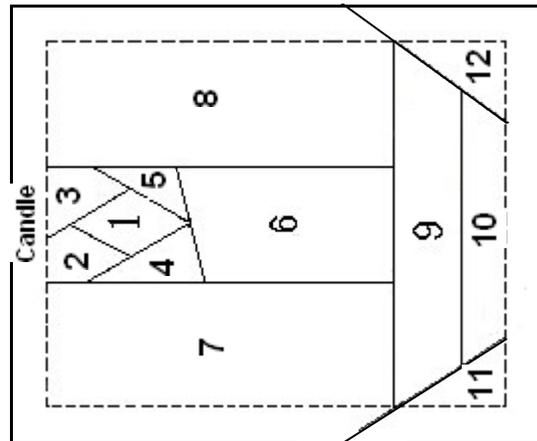
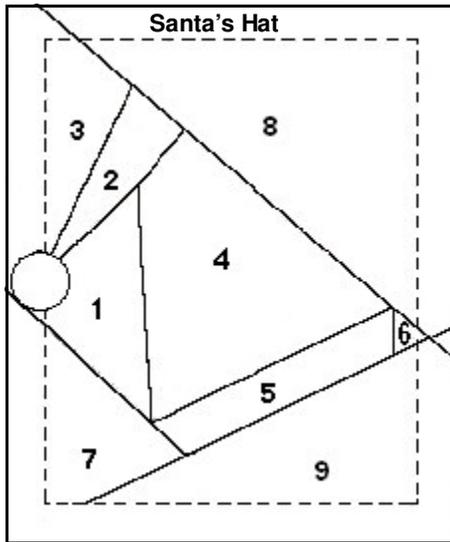
At the November meeting, Kay Benedict asked about creating a guild library. Guild members were supportive of the idea and offered a variety of suggestions. Kay volunteered to investigate various ideas. She will present a proposal at a future guild meeting. If you have any ideas to share with Kay, please call her at 868-7723, email [kayben1@yahoo.com](mailto:kayben1@yahoo.com)

### ADDITIONAL IDEA FOR COASTERS

Thanks to Jen Letourneau for reminding Sharon Perry about the round coaster idea which Sharon forgot to share during the demo. If you picked up the instructions, there's an added suggestion for making round coasters. Basically you draw a 4½ inch circle on the Insul-Bright and sew on the drawn line. Cut about ¼ inch from the line with pinking shears to create round coasters.



**PATTERNS (PLUS 2 MORE) FROM PAPER-PIECING DEMO**



**STARCH RECIPE FROM DIANE GAUDYNSKI'S WEB SITE:** Dissolve a half teaspoon or a teaspoon of regular Argo cornstarch (in your cupboard probably and in the food section by baking in the store) in a few tablespoons of cold water in a 2-cup Pyrex measuring cup/pitcher. Boil 1 cup of water and stir into the cornstarch, stirring constantly. Add enough cool water to make 2 cups total of the mixture. It will thicken slightly and turn from chalk white to translucent. Let cool and use in a pump spray bottle. Shake it every time you spray. You may have to dilute it a little if it is too thick. Lasts a week or so, as there are no preservatives, no chemicals, no nothing that harms us or the environment, and it's practically free, except for the spray bottle! Remember to shake it each time you spray as it settles quickly.

**FRANKLIN COUNTY QUILTER'S GUILD**

Treasurer's Report --- December 16, 2009

Opening Balance		\$2,048.49
Funds collected		
Dues	\$90.00	
Raffle Ticket Sales	\$102.00	
<i>Total</i>	\$192.00	
	<i>Total</i>	\$2,240.49
Funds paid out		
Church of the Rock, Dec rent	\$35.00	
Gerald Perry, Room set-up for Dec	\$25.00	
Sally Krupp, Copies	\$18.02	
Susie Perry, Guild directory copies	\$28.09	
<i>Total</i>	\$106.11	
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>\$2,134.38</b>

2009 YTD Collections: \$7189.25

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah L. Dusablon, Treasurer  
12/16/09**QUILTING TIPS**

1. *Thread Spool Storage:* Store thread spools in clear plastic cartons; these are also great for stacking.
2. *Burn Test:* To identify fabric content, burn a corner of a piece of scrap fabric and extinguish it in a bowl of water. Cotton will feather with a light ash as it's burned; poly blend will feel like plastic when it is burned.
3. *Paint Chip Tip:* Create your own color library with complementary paint chips available at home decorating stores. Paint chips are easy to take along when shopping for fabric.
4. *Cutting Mat Cleanup:* Clean your rotary cutting mat with a napped lint-removal brush. This prevents dark or light line from depositing on your next cut of fabric.
5. *Stop Unraveling Threads:* Cut strips from inexpensive vinyl/cling wrap and wrap it around the spool and bobbin to secure the thread.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Horse Drawn Sleigh Rides, December 18<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>, December 30<sup>th</sup>, 2009, and January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2010:** The St Albans Recreation Department is offering horse drawn sleigh rides on the trail system at Hard'ack again this year. The 20-30 minute ride will take you through beautiful Vermont scenery. A perfect way to celebrate the season with family and friends, a great treat for out of town guests! Reserve early to avoid disappointment! **Reservations are a must!!!** All rides must also be booked in advance through the Recreation department by calling 524-1500 x266 or e-mail [k.viens@stalbansvt.com](mailto:k.viens@stalbansvt.com).

**Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol, December 17<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>, 2009, 7:00 pm:** At the Enosburg Opera House in downtown Enosburg. Arrange for tickets by call 933-6171 or purchase at the door on the evening of the performance. Admission: Adults, \$10; students and senior citizens, \$5.

**Candles and Carols, December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2009, 6:00 pm:** Community holiday sing along led by maestro Andrew Massey. Features stories, dancers, decorations for young and old, and light refreshments. Sponsored by the Montgomery Historical Society at Pratt Hall in Montgomery Village on Rt. 118. Free Admission.

**An Old-Fashioned Christmas in Montgomery Center, December 24<sup>th</sup>, 2009:** At 4:00pm, Christmas Caroling on Main Street starting at Community Baptist Church at intersection of Rt. 118 and Rt. 242. Followed by Christmas Eve Candle Light Service (**open to all faiths**) at 6:00 pm. Concludes with Christmas Eve Service at midnight.

**Silver & Gold: A Musical Variety Show, December 28<sup>th</sup>, 2009, 7:00 pm:** At the Enosburg Opera House in downtown Enosburg. Featured in the variety show will be outstanding examples of local talent performing Broadway and big screen musical numbers. Cabaret seating along with coffee, tea and light refreshments. Profits from this show will support the summer musical production. Call 933-6171 for more information.

Franklin County Quilters Guild  
c/o Sharon Perry  
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**Don't forget to bring:**  
1. Show & Tell items  
2. Food shelf donation  
3. Completed block of the month  
4. Potluck dish  
5. Gift for gift exchange  
6. Completed charity quilt blocks

