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Roseanne Terrill: Quilts of Valor

Hello Everyone,

I hope each and every one of you had a most relaxing and enjoyable Thanksgiving with your family and friends with sometime over the holiday to quilt. Is it just me or did November just fly by? And Christmas and 2012 are fast approaching. I am very behind with my gifts. I have three tree skirts in progress and completed four napkins in about 10 minutes - once I located a plate that was 9 ½ inches. Thank you, Sharon, Roberta and Bonnie for demonstrating such wonderful gift ideas.

Thank you, Christy Mulyca for setting up our Guild Facebook page. Thirteen members are part of the group so far. This is a private group, so just Guild members will have access. Please join in the Facebook fun. I'd also like to thank Alyce and Elaine for taking on the Irene quilt project. The Monday of Thanksgiving week, Elaine gave 18 quilts to Pam Druhen for the people affected by Hurricane Irene. We have more in progress for the December pickup. Thank you also to Sharon and Scott Perry for our own website! Thanks for taking the time to move everything from the Moose website to our own. It looks great.

Our December meeting is always a lot of fun. Please bring a dish to share, either a main course, side dish, or dessert and a \$10 gift for our gift exchange. The doors open an hour earlier at 5:30pm and the meeting will begin at 6pm.

Happy Stitching,
-Ann



Merry Christmas



2011 - 2012 Guild Calendar

September 21st Ice Cream Social

October 19th Wool Applique
with Diane Forey

November 16th Christmas in
November (Members' Demos)

December 21st Holiday Potluck
(6 pm START)

2011 - 2012 Guild Calendar

January 18th Trunk Show &
Mini-Demo with Anne Standish

February 15th Initial Quilt
Show Prep

March 21st Final Quilt Show Prep

April 13th Quilt Show Setup

2011 - 2012 Guild Calendar

April 14th - 15th Quilt Show

April 18th Scrap Swap

May 16th Shopping Spree &
Demo with Yankee Pride

June 20th Potluck
Teacup Auction
with Scrap Swap Revealed

FRANKLIN COUNTY QUILTERS GUILD

Minutes of November 16, 2011

Present: Total attended 46, including one new member and one guest.

Proceedings

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Ann Jacobs, President.

Secretary's Report: Motion to accept by Roberta Gilmour, seconded by Gisele Nolan. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Motion to accept by Denise Chase, seconded by Jan Tessier. Motion carried.

Old Business

- Quilt Show: On ballots, prefix letter for crafts will be "P" for Projects, since "C" already taken. Discussed having separate category for hand quilting; will use different colored tag to identify hand quilted. No quilt show committee meeting in December; beginning in January, committee meeting will be same Sunday as Quilt Bee.

- Charity Quilt Bees: Next one scheduled for Sunday, November 20 from 11 am to 5 pm in the hospital conference room. There will be general sewing at NMC on December 4, 11, and 18 from 11 am to 5 pm.

- Website: Cost of setting up will be \$75, not \$50, but will have five times more space than old website. Motion to approve up to \$100 for new website by Bonnie Evans, seconded by Margaret Miller. Motion carried.

New Business

- St. Albans Messenger was contacted by Alyce Bushey regarding the Hurricane Irene quilts. They asked for photos; Sharon photographed 13 of them.

- Charity Quilt 2013 - Gerda Thibault brought two patterns to choose from, and members voted.

- Facebook page - Christy Mulyca suggested and will set up a "closed group" page for us.

- Sale Table - Bring buttons!

Block of the Month

- December Block: "Blazing Arrows" 12-inch block. Use any holiday fabric in Christmas colors, on cream tone-on-tone.

- BOM Drawing: 23 blocks made, and divided among two winners, Summer Ladd and Kris Bachand.

Monthly Drawings

- Monthly door prize won by Mary Ellen Therrien

- Charity quilt drawing won by Sally Krupp

Show and Tell: Five charity quilts, followed by other quilts and projects

Program: Member Demonstrations

- Roberta Gilmour: Christmas tree skirt

- Bonnie Evans: 10-minute block (book available at Yankee Pride for 25% off)

- Sharon Perry: Christmas tree dinner napkins, cocktail napkins, and gift tag/ornament

Next meeting: December 21, 2011 at 6 pm. Pot luck supper (bring anything); gift exchange (\$5-10 limit, wrapped; handmade is encouraged); prize drawing for each table.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Kay Benedict, Secretary

MONTHLY MEETING FORMAT

6:30 pm	Doors open Sign-up for raffle BOM block Sign-up for monthly drawing Sign in & pick up name tag
7:00 pm	Business meeting Show and Tell Short break as appropriate Program for the evening

2013 CHARITY QUILT

Gerda Thibault presented two quilt patterns, Maddie Bea's and Courthouse Steps, for the 2013 Charity Quilt at the November meeting. After viewing the patterns, guild members voted to make the Maddie Bea's quilt pattern. Now that we have a quilt pattern, Gerda needs members to bring 3-inch-wide fabric strips, mediums and darks, to the December guild meeting. Although strips across the width of fabric (WOF) would be ideal, Gerda will happily accept any length of strip...as long as it is 3 inches wide and is a medium or dark fabric.



DECEMBER 2011 BLOCK OF THE MONTH PATTERN: BLAZING ARROWS

Pattern from www.quilterscache.com

Color 1: Christmas fabric; Color 2: cream tone-on-tone

If you have any questions, call Carol Stanley, 849-2949.

Click the link below for the Blazing Arrows block pattern
<http://www.quilterscache.com/B/BlazingArrowsBlock.html>

2011 -2012 MONTHLY WINNERS:

September: BOM Raffle: Carol Stanley
Door Prize: Judy Hamilton
Charity Quilt: Gail Darling

October: BOM Raffle: Carol Bessette
Joanne Sweet
Door Prize: Carol Bessette
Charity Quilt: Marge Taylor

November: BOM Raffle: Summer Ladd
Kris Bachand
Door Prize: Mary Ellen Thierren
Charity Quilt: Sally Krupp

Center. Again a big THANK YOU goes out to Alyce Bushey for taking on scheduling the bees!!!

HO! HO! HO!



QUILT SHOW COMMITTEE DECEMBER MEETING CANCELLED

The December quilt show meeting has been cancelled. Regular monthly meetings will resume in January. The quilt show meetings will be held on the same Sunday as the guild's charity quilting bees. The meeting will start at 2 pm.

RAFFLE TICKETS

The 2012 Raffle Tickets are now available. If you didn't pick up your tickets at the November, Dale McFeeters will have them available at the December meeting. Be sure to pick them up to save postage for the guild. As a reminder, each member is required to sell (or buy) two books of raffle tickets to remain a member in good standing.

MONTHLY QUILTING BEE

There is no charity quilting bee scheduled for December, but there will be an opportunity for general sewing to finish all those Christmas gifts on Sunday, December 11th and Sunday, December 18th. Come join the fun with fellow guild members from 11:00 am – 5:00 pm, at the NMC Conference

GUILD LIBRARY

A complete list of books and magazines currently in our collection may be found on the FCQG website.

The library is accepting books and gently used magazines (2005 or later) for its permanent collection. (Older magazines and VHS videos may be better directed to the "For Sale Table" at monthly meetings.)

If you have an item borrowed from our collection, please return it at the next meeting. If you would like to borrow an item, email kayben1@yahoo.com

Support local, member-owned quilt shops:

Cowles Quilting, Highgate Plaza in St. Albans
Fibre Junction, in downtown Rouses Point, NY
Forever Bloom, Main Street in St. Albans

.STITCHERS CHRISTMAS

Author Unknown

*T'was the night before Christmas, and, oh, I was weary.
 My stitching unfinished, my eyes getting bleary.
 The stockings weren't finished, the chimney was bare.
 And I knew that morning soon would be there.
 My children and husband were tucked in their beds,
 But visions of backstitches ran through my head.
 I'd stitched ornaments and presents and gifts by the ton,
 And now, I was finally, almost, almost done.
 As I poised my needle for one more backstitch,
 I heard something outside that made my hand twitch.
 I jumped up from my stitching, and flew to the door,
 Pressed my eye to the peephole, tiptoe off the floor.
 My stitching forgotten, I peered into the night.
 When suddenly, I got a terrible fright.
 On my porch appeared Santa, holding his sack,
 He knocked softly, and I took a giant step back.
 I unlocked the deadbolt, and let Santa in,
 He entered and gave a mischievous grin.
 "Hope you don't mind if I come in the door?"
 "Coming down the chimney can be quite a chore."
 He said "You're up late. Still working I see."
 "Do you know how tired you're going to be?"
 "I know, Santa," I said, with a sigh,
 "But I'm still backstitching the stars in the sky,"
 "And the fields on that stocking look blobby you know,
 I need to backstitch the drifts in the snow.
 I've been stitching and stitching and stitching, no rest.
 I just tried to finish stitching too much, I guess."
 "I know what you mean," he said with a smile.
 "This is my busiest time of the year, by a mile."
 He stooped down by the tree, and he opened his sack,
 And began to pull presents out of his pack.
 "I've got some things here I think you might like,
 An oak stitching frame, and a brand new Ott-Light.
 A bundle of floss, and a great big mat cutter,"
 I smiled and felt my heart go a-flutter.
 He put down gifts for us all, then he waved his right hand.
 "Go to bed," he said, glancing at my floor stand.
 He gave me a wink, and stepped out the door.
 I just stood there a moment, glued to the floor.
 After he'd left, I turned back to my chair,
 Picked up the stockings, and started to stare.
 The backstitching was done! The stars lit the sky!
 And on my son's stocking angels sung on high.
 I ran to thank Santa for this final gift,
 And watched as his sleigh started to lift.
 I heard him exclaim as he pulled out of sight
 "Merry stitching to all, and to all a good night!"*

DID YOU KNOW???

December is Bingo Month and Write a Friend Month.

December's flower is the Narcissus or Holly. The birthstone is the turquoise or zircon, and its astrological signs are Sagittarius, November 22nd - December 21st and Capricorn, December 22nd - January 19th.

The Moon this month is called the Yule Moon.

Some notable historical events:

- On December 5th, 1933, the 21st Amendment repeals Prohibition...I'll drink to that!
- On December 7th, 1941, Pearl Harbor was bombed in a surprise Japanese attack. It marked the U.S. entry into WW II.
- On December 10th, 1869, Wyoming, a territory of the US, allowed women to vote and hold office.
- On December 15th, 1939, *Gone With the Wind* premiered in where else but Atlanta, Georgia.
- On December 19th, 1843, Charles Dickens published "A Christmas Carol."
- On December 24th, 1818, Franz Joseph Gruber composed "Silent Night."
- On December 27th, 1932, Radio City Music Hall in New York City opens.

**DECEMBER MEETING FEATURES
POTLUCK AND GIFT EXCHANGE**

The December guild meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 21st. Summer Ladd has a fun-filled evening planned for all. So bring a dish to share for the potluck and a small wrapped gift (\$5-10 limit; handmade is encouraged).

QUILT TIPS

- In a pinch, if your ruler keeps slipping when cutting with a rotary cutter, wind a thin rubber band on the end. It helps to have the elastic stretched tight.
- Use plain water only when washing out water soluble marker pens from your fabric, and hand wash well. Using any detergents and ironing may set the ink permanently.
- CHOCOLATE is always a useful quilter's notion!

ANNUAL FCQG 2011-2012 UFO CHALLENGE

- 1) Make a list of up to 8 UFOs (to be a UFO, it must be at least cut – new projects don’t count – hence the name UN-FINISHED OBJECTS)
- 2) Turn the list in to Nancy Orcutt (**THERE’S STILL TIME TO JOIN THE FUN!!!**)
- 3) Check in monthly with Nancy and either bring a finished object for Show & Tell, or bring a photo
- 4) The last month for check in is May
- 5) Prizes will be drawn in June

If there are questions, call Nancy at 524-4511 or email NLORCUTT08@GMAIL.COM

Name: _____

UFO LIST

OCTOBER _____

NOVEMBER _____

DECEMBER _____

JANUARY _____

FEBRUARY _____

MARCH _____

APRIL _____

MAY _____

EDITOR’S NOTE: Nancy Orcutt has graciously volunteered to coordinate this year’s UFO challenge. If you want to participate, follow the rules listed above. Even though the rules say to turn your sheet in at the October meeting, Nancy will accept the form whenever you turn it in. This is a great motivator to get some of those UFOs “cluttering” your quilting area finished so you can go out and buy more fabric. Every guild member is “challenged” to list all your UFOs...let’s see how many UFOs the guild as a whole can complete by next May.

Deadline for articles for next newsletter:
Wednesday, December 28th, 2011

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

NOVEMBER & DECEMBER 2011 TREASURER'S REPORTS

FRANKLIN COUNTY QUILTER'S GUILD

Treasurer's Report -- November 16, 2011

Opening Balance			\$3,292.05
Funds collected		\$0.00	
	<i>Total</i>		\$3,292.05
Funds paid out			
Church of the Rock, Nov rent		\$35.00	
Gerald Perry, Room set-up for Nov		\$25.00	
	<i>Total</i>	\$60.00	
Grand Total			\$3,232.05

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Treasurer's Report -- December 21, 2011

Opening Balance			\$3,232.05
Funds collected			
Dues		\$60.00	
Sale Table, Oct		\$15.00	
Staples coupon		\$40.00	
Sale Table, Nov		\$5.00	
	<i>Total</i>	\$120.00	
	<i>Total</i>		\$3,352.05
Funds paid out			
Church of the Rock, Dec rent		\$35.00	
Gerald Perry, Room set-up for Dec		\$25.00	
Sandra Maynard, Batting for Hurricane charity quilt		\$24.07	
Staples, Name tag cards		\$21.19	
Nancy Orcutt, Membership list copies		\$16.69	
Denise Chase, Batting for charity quilts		\$83.64	
Sharon Perry, QS 2012 Fliers		\$119.57	
Sharon Perry, QS 2013 DMC Thread for Raffle Quilt		\$4.55	
Rolande Fortin, Batting for Hurricane charity quilt		\$46.62	
Dale McFeeters, QS 2012 Raffle Quilt ticket printing		\$79.50	
	<i>Total</i>	\$455.83	
Grand Total			\$2,896.22

2011 YTD Collections: \$4836.77

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah L. Dusablon, Treasurer

12/21/11



RECIPE CORNER: BOURBON BALLS

- 2 1/2 cups crushed vanilla wafers
- 1 cup powdered sugar
- 2 tbsp. cocoa
- 3 tbsp. corn syrup
- 1/4 cup bourbon
- 1 cup nuts, chopped
- 1 cup coconut
- Sifted powdered sugar

Mix wafers, sugar, cocoa, nuts and coconut together; set aside. Combine corn syrup and bourbon; add to wafer mixture. Mix thoroughly. Roll into balls. Place bourbon balls into plastic bag filled with powdered sugar. Shake to coat bourbon balls with powdered sugar.

CARAMEL-FILLED CHOCOLATE COOKIES

- 1 cup sugar
- 1 cup brown sugar, firmly packed
- 1 cup butter or margarine, softened
- 2 teaspoons vanilla
- 2 eggs
- 2 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 3/4 cup unsweetened cocoa
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 cup chopped pecans
- 48 Rolo Chewy Caramels in Milk Chocolate
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- 4 oz. white baking chips

Preheat oven to 375 degrees F. In a large bowl, combine sugar, brown sugar and butter; beat until light and fluffy. Add vanilla and eggs; blend well. Lightly spoon flour into measuring cup; level off. In small bowl, combine flour, cocoa and baking soda; mix well. Add to sugar mixture; blend well. Stir in 1/2 cup of the pecans. Cover with plastic wrap; refrigerate 30 minutes for easier handling. For each cookie, with floured hands, shape about 1 tablespoon dough

around 1 caramel candy, covering completely. In small bowl, combine remaining 1/2 cup pecans and 1 tablespoon sugar. Press one side of each ball into pecan mixture. Place, nut side up, 2 inches apart on ungreased cookie sheets. Bake for 7 to 10 minutes or until set and slightly cracked. Cool 2 minutes; remove from cookie sheets. Cool 15 minutes or until completely cooled. In small saucepan, melt baking chips over low heat, stirring constantly until smooth. Drizzle over cooled cookies.

DOUBLE DELIGHT PEANUT BUTTER COOKIES

- 1/4 cup dry-roasted peanuts, finely chopped
- 1/4 cup granulated sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/2 cup creamy peanut butter
- 1/2 cup powdered sugar
- 1 package (16.5 oz.) refrigerated peanut butter cookie dough, well chilled
- No-stick cooking spray

Preheat oven to 375 degrees F. In small bowl, mix chopped peanuts, granulated sugar and cinnamon; set aside. In another small bowl, stir peanut butter and powdered sugar until completely blended. Shape mixture into 24 balls, about 1 inch each.

Cut roll of cookie dough into 12 slices. Cut each slice in half crosswise to make 24 pieces; flatten slightly. Shape 1 cookie dough piece around 1 peanut butter ball, covering completely. Repeat with remaining dough and balls. Roll each covered ball in peanut mixture; gently pat mixture completely onto balls. On ungreased large cookie sheets, place balls 2 inches apart. Spray bottom of drinking glass with cooking spray; press into remaining peanut mixture. Flatten each ball to 1/2-inch thickness with bottom of glass. Bake 7 to 12 minutes or until edges are golden brown. Cool 1 minute; remove from cookie sheets to cooling rack. Store tightly covered.

MORE QUILT TIPS

- To get a better idea of how your quilt will look, arrange your blocks and take a picture using a digital camera.
- If your ironing board is up all of the time, treat yourself to fabric you love and cover the board with it.
- When cutting strips for a project, cut a few extra. Eventually these saved strips can be used to make a quick quilt, like a Log Cabin.
- Some of the large balls of crochet cotton are soft enough to be used instead of the more expensive sashiko threads in quilting.
- When making a quilt, use the left-over fabric to make a matching pillow case that doubles as a storage bag. This makes it easy to identify what quilt is stored in it.
- Tie a ribbon to a pair of small sewing scissors and safety pin them to your ironing board. When you press your quilt blocks and find threads that need cutting, you can clip them easily.

“FOR SALE” TABLE TAKES A HOLIDAY BREAK

The “FOR SALE” Table will take a break for the December meeting! It will return for the January meeting.

Don't forget to bring:
 Potluck Dish
 Wrapped Gift for Gift Exchange (see page 4)
 Fabric Strips for 2013 Charity Quilt (see page 2)
 Completed Block of the Month (see page 3)
 Items for Show and Tell

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