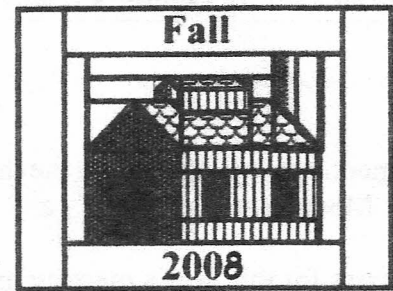


Franklin County Quilter's Guild
NEWSLETTER
St. Albans, Vermont



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President's Message

Hope everyone had a great summer and you are all ready to make those sewing machines hum. This summer certainly has been different with all the rain. At least it wasn't snow. I wish I could say I had finished more projects this summer, but unfortunately I have now added to my large UFO project listing. Oh well, isn't that what quilting is all about?

We've got lots of things planned for this year. I'm really looking forward to serving as your President in the upcoming months. A BIG thank you to Sharon Perry for serving these past three years and for making the transition so easy for me. Everyone has been extremely helpful and it is truly appreciated.

The Executive Committee met in August and came up with some new fun things to do this year that I think you're going to enjoy. Stay tuned for more info!

Sally McIntyre has been busy getting some great programs in place. If there is anything in particular you would like to see, just let Sally know and she may be able to add it to her list of programs.

Alyce Bushey, Elaine Magnan, and Mary Ellen Therrien have put their thoughts together and come up with a block of the month quilt that will enable everyone to try different techniques and promises to be a fun quilt. See the enclosed news article for further info.

A big thank you to all the Chairpersons who have stepped forward to ensure that this will be another successful year. For those of you that were Chairpersons last year, THANK YOU, as well. It's great to have so many dedicated, fun people to work with.

See you soon.....

MEETING DATES:

Our meetings will be held on the third Wednesday of each month at the Church of the Rock. Doors open at 6:30. Meeting starts promptly at 7:00.

The dates for this year's meeting have been confirmed as:

September 17, 2008

October 15, 2008

November 19, 2008

December 17, 2008

January 21, 2009

February 28, 2009

March 18, 2009

April 15, 2009

May 20, 2009

June 17, 2009

Of course, the above dates are subject to change if needed.

MONTHLY PROGRAMS

September – Ice Cream Social

October – Handbag/Tote Bag Demo

November – Guest Speaker

December – X-Mas Party

Stay tuned for further info on last half of year.

FONS AND PORTER – TIP #1

Keep your craft iron in a one-quart mason jar. It is much more secure than the small stand that comes with the iron.

Courtesy of: Becky Beekman, Shadyside, OH... Thank you, Becky.

Do you have any tips to share? Please let me know so I can share with the other guild members.

QUICK AND EASY PATTERNS NEEDED FOR PROGRAMS

Do you happen to have a quick and easy pattern for a tote bag or hand bag that would make a great gift? Or maybe you have a pattern for some placemats and napkins that go together quickly. Sally McIntyre is looking for any patterns that are fast and would also make wonderful gifts. If you have any, please contact Sally McIntyre at 893-0325 or email her at Bhhome12@aol.com.

FOOD SHELF DONATIONS

All indications are that this winter is going to be a tough time for many folks in our communities. During the Executive Committee meeting, we felt strongly that we should help in some way. We know how successful our food drives have been in past years. We would like to extend the program a bit. Bring in a canned good each monthly meeting and enter a drawing for a prize. Note: This is not mandatory, but strongly encouraged. Let's help some other folks that are in tough straits.

PAINT CHIP CHALLENGE

We have a brand new challenge for you – our paint chip challenge. Using the three initials of your name, go to your favorite hardware store and select three paint chips for which the name begins with one of the initials of your name. If you have only two initials, the third one is your choice. You can add up to three additional colors for a total of six colors. You can use any quilt pattern you choose. Completed quilt must measure at least 45 inches square. Due date is for the annual quilt show. Only other rule: HAVE FUN!! Paint chips are available at any hardware store – ACE, Aubuchon, Sherman Williams, Newton's Decorating, Wal-Mart, Home Depot, Sticks & Stuff, etc.... We'll be giving you more info in our September meeting. Sound like fun!!!

BREAST CANCER QUILTS

September 27th is the kickoff of Breast Cancer Awareness month. We'll be meeting at Northwest Medical Center on September 27th from 9-4 to assemble some breast cancer quilts. Please join us if you can.

STAPLES REWARD PROGRAM

Just a little reminder: When you purchase something at Staples, if you let them know to add it to the Guild's Reward Program account, your purchase will be credited to the Guild. Staples does really well by us for coupons. We get our printing done there, and it is a big savings for the Guild. Any purchases, especially larger ones, really give us some bucks. On an average, we save over \$300 per year. Thanks in advance...

11th ANNUAL QUILT SHOW

Although the quilt show is still 7 months away, planning is already underway. Sharon Perry and Bonnie Evans are this year's co-chairs for the show. They are hoping to get more guild members involved in the preparations for the show and will have a list of quilt show tasks at the September meeting. Please take a moment to review that list and sign-up where you can. Sharon and Bonnie will be holding periodic meetings to review progress in preparations for the show. If you won't be at the September meeting and still want to volunteer, please call Sharon at 326-3135 or email her at vtquilter@gmail.com.

And as a reminder to everyone, we need quilts for the show. It's not too early to start thinking about the quilts you might like to enter!

FCQG SILENT AUCTION

The silent auction of the Franklin County Quilt Guild started in 2003, at our 5th Annual Quilt Show. We had 33 items and it netted \$979.00 in profit – the largest amount we have ever achieved. We came close at the 2008th show when we had 29 items with a total of \$948.50. We would certainly like to break the record in 2009!

The silent auction has expanded over the past few years to include more than just wall hangings. It now encompasses quilted bags, quilt holders, ruler racks, pincushions – anything small and quilt related is welcome. When we started, we had guidelines as to size, and, these too have been relaxed – meaning to say we don't want full/queen or king sized projects – but anything within reason – and that's left up to Nancy and Diane's judgement. We accept projects anytime during the guild year, so get started now and beat the Christmas rush! It's really quite easy to cut two of each template or applique shape instead of one – keep one for whatever you desire and make the other one as a donation to the Silent Auction. Nancy and Dianne are easily accessible for any questions or suggestions at the meetings, by phone or on line, so please don't hesitate – and let's see if we can't get more projects entered and more money made than ever before! Do your best work, as our guild has been established as meaning 'quality' and you may either sign your work with a label, or remain anonymous. Be sure to drop by the Silent auction table during the show, both to put in your bid for a favorite item, or, just to see the 'feeding frenzy' after we announce, "bids will be closing in just a few more minutes." It's a fun way to get involved with the guild!

GUILD MEETING

There will be a Green Mountain State Guild meeting on October 18th in Bethel, VT.

GET TOGETHER MEETINGS

We encourage members to organize and join a "satellite group". Many members have done so and find it a very rewarding experience. Great way to meet and enjoy each other's companionship between guild meetings.

MONTHLY BLOCKS

The monthly blocks will be handled a bit differently this year. We hope you like the changes. All of the blocks will be 12 ½ inch unfinished blocks. You will be given a small piece of fabric each month which will be a designated piece of your block. This will hopefully help coordinate the blocks. The fabric will always be prewashed for you. You will only receive enough for the block that you share with the guild. The use for the given focus fabric will be circled on your directions each month. On the directions, the fabric requirements will be AT THE END of the directions. Most of the directions will also include a sample of a finished quilt using that block, for those who win the blocks and those who would like to make more.

If you cannot make a meeting, we want to make sure that everyone has the opportunity to get the next month's piece of fabric. You can ask a friend to pick one up for you or you may call Elaine Magnan (527-7835), Alyce Bushey (527-7291) or Mary Ellen Therrien (782-1958). We will find a way to get it to you.

Some members have asked us to calculate the amount of fabric needed to complete all of the blocks in their own colors. If people have an interest in getting two bonus patterns in June to make it twelve, I'm sure we can supply them. Two yards of each of a light, medium and dark fabric along with a few coordinating scraps should be plenty for either 10 or 12 blocks.

Your first block, Chisholm Trail, and the fabric are enclosed. Think pioneers heading west in their Conestoga wagons! If you have any questions, call any of us. We will all have made the blocks ahead of time so that we can clear up any confusion. Look on the website for finished samples of this month's block.

UFO UPDATE!!!

Yes, we've all spotted so many UFO's this summer, that we must have another contest this year. So get your items and make a list. More details will be forthcoming in our September meeting.

CHARITY QUILT GUIDELINES**QUILT INFORMATION (Size, Gender, Ages)****Family Center:**

Size: 42" wide; lap or throw size
gender: Male and female
Age: All ages, adults and children

Home Health:

Size: 24" X 36" for preemies, 46" x 66", and 36" x 48" for
wheel-chairs
Gender: Male and female
Age: All ages, adults, children, infants and newborns

Hospice:

Size: 45" x 54"
48" x 48" up to 48" x 72"
Gender: Male and female
Age: Primarily adults, but some children; some are
military veterans--could make a patriotic quilt

Laurie's House:

Size: Lap or throw size up to twin size
Gender: Female adults and male & female children
Age: Primarily adult females, but some children

Purple Heart:

Size: Lap or throw size up to twin size in patriotic colors & fabric
Gender: Male and female
Age: Adults

Breast Cancer:

Size: Lap or throw size up to twin size in breast cancer fabric or other fabric in
matching colors
Gender: Female
Age: Adults

Champlain Valley Quilters' Guild of Vermont

To: Quilt Guild - Newsletter Editor
From: Beth DeBernardi - Quilt Show Publicity Committee
Re: Item for Your Guild's Fall Newsletter - Upcoming Quilt Show

Hello, fellow guild members!

The Champlain Valley Quilters' Guild of Vermont will be holding our 26th Annual Quilt Show this fall. We thought that members of your guild might be interested in seeing the show, so we are asking whether you might include a mention of our show in the fall issue of your member newsletter. Fall is a wonderful time to explore New England, and our show is situated on the beautiful and historic Shelburne Farms property, which is worth a visit by itself!

Below is some information about our show, but please do not hesitate to contact us if we can provide further information. We would love to see some of your members at our show this fall. Thank you very much!

Event: 26th Annual Quilt Show
Location: Shelburne Farms Coach Barn
Harbor Road (off Route 7)
Shelburne, Vermont 05482
Dates: Saturday, Nov. 8 and Sunday, Nov. 9, 2008
Time: 10:00 AM until 5:00 PM

Please join us for a spectacular exhibit of judged and display quilts, a "wall of quilts" silent auction, raffle of a queen sized quilt and other prizes, handmade crafts, merchants mall, several theme quilt displays, and refreshments. As a Special Exhibit this year, we are honored to present a display of the moving Ground Zero Tribute Quilt made by fabric artist Lois Jarvis of Madison, Wisconsin.

Admission: \$ 6

Parking: Ample free parking on site

For more information, please see our website www.cvqgvt.org

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