



MEMBER BOOKLET

The purpose of the Guild shall be to promote an interest in the art of quilting for the members and for the benefit of the community.

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WELCOME MEMBER OF THE FRANKLIN COUNTY QUILTERS GUILD

Welcome to the **Franklin County Quilters Guild!** We're pleased to have you as a member. Our guild meets at 6:30 p.m. are usually on the third Wednesday of every month, September through June, at the Church of the Rock in St. Albans. Check the guild's newsletter, page 1, for the meeting dates. Since travel during winter months can be problematic, the January and February meetings are held on Zoom. The membership year runs from September through June. Annual dues are \$20.00 per year, payable in September; dues are not prorated.

The general format of our meetings consists of a business meeting, followed by the program for that evening and Show & Tell. There's one half-hour available before the meeting starts for members to arrive, meet with quilting friends, register at the membership table, and sign-up for the various "raffles" and door prizes.

Each month, September through June, you can access the guild newsletter, full of information, fun quilting facts, and a recipe or two. You may receive a **Block of the Month (BOM)** pattern, or instructions for another project such as a mystery quilt or round robin, each month; distribution of the pattern/instructions varies from year to year. Sometimes it is published in the newsletter, and, in other years, it is handed out at the meetings. **If there is a BOM raffle at the meeting, you can only win the raffle once during the current membership year.** However, you're asked to continue to make a BOM each month for the remainder of the year.

There is also a **monthly drawing** for the door prize. Be sure to sign up upon arriving. As with the BOM raffle, **you can only win one door prize during the current membership year**, which runs from September through June. Additionally, to celebrate your **birthday**, the guild has a basket of fat quarters (FQs) from which our members choose a **FQ "present"** during the month their birthday falls. If your birthday is in July or August, you can choose your FQ at either the June or September meeting.

Show & Tell is just what it sounds like; bring your latest projects to show the guild and tell us about it. Once you hear all the "oohs and aahs," you'll be anxious to finish and bring your next project to Show & Tell.

We have many ongoing community projects. We make **comfort quilts** for Home Health, hospice, Spectrum Youth & Family Services, Welcome Home Program, breast cancer survivors, and people in the community who have lost their home. Kits are available on the monthly meetings. For every comfort quilt you make, you can enter your name in a monthly drawing. Every year, we also make a large **Guild Charity Quilt** for a charitable organization; guild members vote and choose the organization. The quilt is used for fund raising purposes by the recipient organization. This quilt is debuted at our annual quilt show and presented to the organization usually at the May meeting.

In the past, guild members have also made **Purple Heart Quilts** for area military members receiving Purple Heart medals. The quilt is given to family members if the medal is awarded posthumously. It's our way to say "thank you" for the many sacrifices military members make in service to the nation.

Our main fund raiser is the yearly **Raffle Quilt** members help to make. Each guild member must sell 2 packets of tickets to support the raffle. The winner of the quilt is drawn at the guild's annual **Quilt Show** held the 1st full weekend in April at the City Hall in St. Albans. All members are encouraged to enter quilts in the show; the success of the show depends on those quilt entries. This is NOT a judged show. But we do present Viewers' Choice awards. Those awards are 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place ribbons in a minimum of three categories: miniatures; wall hangings; and bed quilts. There are also Sponsor and Vendor awards. Sponsors of and Vendors at the quilt show are invited to pick out their favorite quilt and award a ribbon to their chosen quilt. Other categories may be added at the discretion of those planning the quilt show. In addition to the raffle quilt, we open a **Members' Boutique** during the quilt show to raise money for the guild. Guild members sell their handmade items with the guild keeping a small percentage of the boutique sales.

Just for fun each year we may have a **Challenge**. Sometimes a challenge fabric is provided while other times just a theme is given. Size guidelines are usually provided along with a deadline to complete your challenge quilt. All members are encouraged to participate. Sometimes, the challenge quilts are displayed at the quilt show as a separate category and voted on by the general public.

At least once a year, the guild tries to bring a nationally- or regionally-known quilt instructor for a **Trunk Show and Workshops**. The trunk show is the program for one of the monthly meetings and is open to all members. The workshops are open to all members who have supported guild activities as specified in the guild bylaws.

Our goal is to provide fun, informative and interesting meetings for all our members to enjoy. If you have any suggestions for the meetings or programs or anything else, please let the guild president, or another officer or committee chair, know.

So whether you're a new quilter just getting started, or a seasoned quilter...**WELCOME TO THE GUILD!!!**



ABOUT US

The Franklin County Quilters Guild, Franklin County, Vermont, is a group that comes together to share our love of quilting and to learn from one another. We also share a civic mission by providing free quilts to deserving individuals and organizations and by sponsoring a free annual quilt show and exhibit every April at the St. Albans City Hall.

Over the past 32 years we've given 38 large quilts to 33 local charities for the fund-raising efforts of each organization. We estimate these quilts have raised between \$80,000 to \$115,000! Additionally, we have provided thousands of smaller comfort quilts to local charities to include: Franklin County Home Health; The Family Center; Laurie's House, a shelter for abused women; Franklin County Humane Society; Thomas Cook Memorial Fund; Ronald McDonald House; Birthing Center at the Northwestern Medical Center (NMC); Camp Ta-Kum-Ta; the Franklin County Senior Center; Spectrum Youth & Family Services; Welcome Home Program; and hospice care organizations. The guild has also given comfort quilts to breast cancer survivors, Purple Heart recipients (or the recipient's family), and families which have lost their homes due to fire or a natural disaster.

In December 2004, we organized our Purple Heart Quilt initiative. Members of the guild supplied the materials, and Franklin County Home Health donated the use of their conference room. We held workshops to make quilts to be given to military members from Franklin County who were wounded in combat or to the families of those who gave their lives. We've gratefully presented nine of these quilts, and we hope we do not need to make anymore.

In 2006, we spent the summer putting together quilt kits for guild members to make quilts for local breast cancer survivors. NMC donated the use of the Conference Center, and guild members gathered to make quilts. We've given over 100 quilts to breast cancer survivors. You would only need to read one of the thank you notes to know this project has been a most heartfelt success. Additionally, proceeds from the sale of the fabric supports breast cancer research. In early 2007, the guild voted to make this an annual event in support of Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

After Hurricane Irene devastated many communities in Vermont in 2011, the guild participated in the Winter Warmth Project initiated by Vermont quilter, Pamela Druhen. The goal of the project was to provide every flood victim, man, woman, couple, and child, a brand new quilt for their bed when they were able to move back into their own home again. We constructed countless quilts to help the effort.

Starting in 2015, we've been reaching out to people in Franklin and Grand Isle counties who have lost a home due to a fire or natural disaster and are providing a quilt to each of the victims. Guild members, along with local quilt shops, have donated fabric and orphan blocks for the cause. We've held one workshop and plan to have more to make sure we have a supply of quilts on hand to support the local communities.

Every April, we host the annual Franklin County Quilt Show at St. Albans City Hall. This yearly event provides a chance for the guild to share the art of quilt-making with the local community. We don't charge admission, and we sometimes provide free demonstrations throughout the weekend. The guild's annual raffle quilt is showcased at the show. The raffle quilt and the show's guild boutique serve as the major fund-raisers for the guild each year.

If these activities have piqued your interest, please join us at one of our meetings or contact us at franklincountyquilters@gmail.com. The guild meets in St. Albans at the Church of the Rock on Route 104 on the third Wednesday of the month, September through June. The doors open at 6:00 p.m. with the business meeting starting at 6:30 p.m., followed by the evening's program and Show & Tell. All are welcome to join us.

History of the Franklin County Quilters Guild

Born: February 6, 1991—Eight women got together at each other's houses every other Wednesday morning to quilt. These 8 women quickly realized what a great thing they had started. A guild was formed by advertising in the St. Albans Messenger for all those who were interested. In the 25 years since its inception, the guild has grown from 21 original members to our current total well over 70, and we're still growing.

Original members of the 1st meeting:

Louise Bevins	Helen Gingras	Nancy Orcutt
Shirley Bombard— Programs	Linda Goldeski	Paula Pembroke— Secretary
Susan Bruce	Sandy Hardy	Lee Pierce
Jeannette Chevalier	Almira Horton— President	Kathy Potaski
Denise Christiansen	Doris Jarvis	Sylvia Reynolds— Programs
Gert Cilley	Marge Lang	Doris Smith
Charlotte Donlan	Denise Larose	Lena Smith— Treasurer
Sherry Dupee	Millicent Martin	Elaine St. Pierre
Dot Dussault	Barbara Mayo	Carol Tank-Day
Catherine Earle	Frances Morong	Marie Thomas
Polly Fisher	Gisele Nolan	Barbara Ward

Thanks to Gert Cilley for providing an original membership list. The dues were \$10 for a full year. The meeting consisted of a short business meeting, refreshments, Show and Tell, and a short program.

Chronology of Guild's History

- 1991-1992:** No group quilts or projects. Raffle blocks were done every month.
- October 1993:** ABC quilts project introduced to the guild. Members made them on their own as they wished. Betty Morgan was the coordinator and collector of quilts.
- December 1993:** Quilt! was played for the first time at the December meeting.
- June 1994:** 1st Teacup Auction & potlucks, and ever since, for the June meeting.
- March 1995:** American Heart Association requested a quilt for their auction. This is the first group quilt we ever did.
- September 1995:** Bylaws are established.
- February 1996:** "Ugly Fabric Block Contest"-Finished quilt was presented to the Franklin County Senior Center.
- March 1996:** Word has spread of our quilt donations; Vermont Kidney Association is next chosen recipient. The yearly "Charity Quilt" is now official.
- May 1996:** Scheduled Carol Doak for a speaker in May 1998
- September 1996:** Cost of Carol Doak workshop estimated at \$1300-\$1500 total. RAFFLE

quilt was born, and has been a yearly group project since that time. Raffle quilt displayed at Maple Festival 1997, winning ticket drawn there.

- October 1996:** Decided that we want quilts to stay in Vermont, Home Health and Ronald McDonald House were the chosen organizations rather than ABC Quilts.
- April 1997:** Raffle quilt shown at Maple Festival with winner drawn there. Raffle quilt very successful.
- April 1998:** Raffle quilt again shown at Maple Festival, with drawing after the Pancake breakfast on Sunday. Many problems with organization of festival, next year, not allowed to have raffle quilt tickets or drawing associated with it. Home Health was the recipient of this year's large charity quilt.
- May 1998:** Carol Doak workshop successful, and not nearly as expensive as we had estimated. In fact, guild paid almost nothing at all, the cost paid by the workshop attendees who paid a modest price. Meeting discussion results in agreement to spend more on guild activities, fabric giveaways and things the whole guild can benefit from.
- September 1998:** John LeClair Foundation chosen as recipient for this year's charity quilt.
- January 1999:** Quilts donated to the Humane Society. 4 quilts given to Northwestern Medical Center's Cancer Unit for decoration the chemotherapy unit
- April 1999:** First QUILT SHOW-born out of a lack of venue for the raffle quilt. Featuring our John LeClair quilt.
- July 1999:** John LeClair quilt is displayed at the Vermont Quilt Festival. (This quilt raised \$2000 for the foundation, with John himself as the final bidder)
- November 1999:** First canned food drive for the Food Shelf
- April 2000:** 2nd Annual Quilt Show. United Way was the recipient of the charity quilt. Channel 15 TV videotaped quilt show narrated by Dale McFeeters.
- January 2001:** Guild celebrates its 10th anniversary.
- April 2001:** 3rd Annual Quilt Show. Northwestern Medical Center Auxiliary was this year's recipient of charity quilt. This year's raffle quilt was the most successful ever. Over 400 people attend the quilt show. Channel 15 TV videotaped quilt show narrated by Carol Stanley.
- Spring 2001:** Brenda Papadakis presented an extraordinary lecture and workshop on the Dear Jane Quilt.
- April 2002:** 4th Annual Quilt Show. St. Albans Free Library was this year's recipient of the charity quilt. Over 400 attended again. Mini workshops continued throughout the day. Carol Stanley has her calling for life ... show narrator!
- April 2003:** 5th Annual Quilt Show; this is the last show for which Denise Christiansen is the quilt show chair. Silent Auction introduced at the quilt show; it was so successful, guild members voted to use the money to pay for a bus trip later in the year. Relay for Life Cancer Organization is this year's recipient of

the charity quilt. Kathy Alyce of Waterfall Quilts, Plainfield, VT, is this year's guest speaker.

- October 2003:** Guild members take a bus trip to the Bennington Museum to see the Dear Jane quilt at the Bennington Museum and stop at several quilt shops.
- November 2003:** Joan Shay of Petal Play visits the guild and presents two workshops.
- March 2004:** Deb Tucker of DAT Quilt Lady presents trunk show and two workshops.
- April 2004:** 6th Annual Quilt Show; Susan Schurger is this year's quilt show chair. The Alzheimer's Association of Vermont is the recipient of the charity quilt.
- October 2004:** Deb Tucker of DAT Quilt Lady is a perennial favorite with guild members. She's invited back to present two workshops outside the guild meeting.
- April 2005:** 7th Annual Quilt Show; Ann Pitt is this year's quilt show chair. Camp Ta-Kum-Ta is this year's recipient of the charity quilt.
- September 2005:** This membership year marks the guild 15th year since being established. Guild president, Sharon Perry, marks the milestone by recapping the past 15 years with monthly trivia in "This Month in Our Guild's History."
- November 2005:** Guild introduces regular quilting bees; 1st bee held at Home Health offices.
- February 2006:** Guild's official 15th "birthday."
- April 2006:** 8th Annual Quilt Show; Ann Pitt is again this year's quilt show chair. Linda Wood Mason Breast Cancer Fund is this year's recipient of the charity quilt. Sharon Stroud visits guild and presents a trunk show and workshop.
- June 2006:** Guild now has a guild pin featuring the guild's sugarhouse logo; each current member and future member receives one pin free of charge. Susan Bruce holds the copyright to the logo; she gave permission for its use on the pin.
- April 2007:** 9th Annual Quilt Show; Sally McIntyre is the quilt show chair. Make-A-Wish Foundation is the recipient of the charity quilt. George and Virginia Siciliano from Pennsylvania visit guild and present a trunk show and workshop.
- November 2007:** Quilters Treasure of Rindge, NH, presents trunk show and workshop.
- April 2008:** 10th Annual Quilt Show; Sally McIntyre is this year's quilt show chair. New award categories are introduced: vendor awards; and small/baby/crib quilt awards for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place. Franklin County Humane Society is this year's recipient of the charity quilt.
- May 2008:** Deb Tucker visits guild again and presents trunk show and two workshops.

- April 2009:** 11th Annual Quilt Show; Sharon Perry and Bonnie Evans are this year's quilt show chairs. Franklin County Relay for Life is this year's recipient of the charity quilt. "I Spy Quilts on Main Street" is introduced as a feature of the quilt show with downtown businesses displaying quilts in their storefront windows. It is the brain-child of guild members, Gail Darling and Sally Krupp.
- November 2009:** Sharon Schamber visits the guild. She presents an amazing trunk show and two workshops: machine quilting; and piece-liqu  technique.
- April 2010:** 12th Annual Quilt Show; Sharon Perry and Bonnie Evans are this year's quilt show chairs. Franklin-Grand Isle Habitat for Humanity is this year's recipient of the charity quilt. "I Spy Quilts" is so successful in 2009 that additional businesses ask to be included.
- November 2010:** Kim Diehl visits the guild. She presents a wonderful trunk show and two workshops: one highlighting her invisible machine appliqu ; and the other demonstrating her paper-piecing technique.
- February 2011:** Guild's official 20th "birthday." Martin Manahan, Mayor of the City of St. Albans, proclaims "February 2011 as the month to recognize the 20th Anniversary of the establishment of the Franklin County Quilters Guild." He encourages "all citizens in St. Albans and Franklin County to congratulate guild members on this milestone and thank them for their continued service to the St. Albans community, Franklin County, and the State Of Vermont."
- April 2011:** 13th Annual Quilt Show; Deb Aylward and Roberta Gilmour are this year's quilt show chairs. Laurie's House is this year's recipient of the charity quilt.
- September 2011:** In celebration of the guild's 20th year, guild president, Ann Jacobs, and program coordinator, Summer Ladd, issue a challenge to guild members to make a "Turning Twenty" quilt for the 2012 quilt show.
- April 2012:** 14th Annual Quilt Show; Summer Ladd and Roberta Gilmour are this year's quilt show chairs. The Walker Foundation and Marine Corps League are this year's recipients of two annual charity quilts made in 2012.
- October 2012:** Judith Brunn presents a trunk show of her many quilts.
- March 2013:** Carolyn Babcock, a Vermont quilter, presents of trunk show of her collection of mostly Civil War-era reproduction quilts.
- April 2013:** 15th Annual Quilt Show; Bonnie Evans and Sharon Perry are this year's quilt show chairs. Camp Ta-Kum-Ta is this year's recipient of the charity quilt. Jenny Doan, of Missouri Star Quilt Co. in Hamilton, Missouri, presents a trunk show and teaches several workshops.

- May 2013:** Sharon Shorey, a Vermont quilter specializing miniature quilts, presents a trunk show and workshop.
- June 2013:** Ann Jacobs steps down after the end of the membership year turning the reins over to Roseanne Terrill. Ann has the distinction of serving the most years (4 years) as guild president and longest consecutive tenure (4 years).
- October 2013:** Alicia Cardoza, a Vermont quilter, presents a trunk show.
- April 2014:** 16th Annual Quilt Show; Denise Chase and Dale McFeeters are this year's quilt show chairs. Montgomery Historical Society is this year's recipient of the charity quilt. Kay Berquist, of Vermont Quilt Designs, presents a trunk show and workshop.
- May 2014:** Becky Erdman, a Vermont quilter, presents a trunk show.
- February 2015:** Sandra Palmer, a Vermont quilter and certified quilt appraiser, discusses quilts and the value of quilt appraisals.
- April 2015:** 17th Annual Quilt Show; Denise Chase and Dale McFeeters are this year's quilt show chairs. Tim's House is this year's recipient of the charity quilt.
- May 2015:** Richard Cleveland, chairman of the Vermont Quilt Festival, presents a trunk show with guild members' quilts and discusses the textile history revealed in each quilt.
- November 2015:** Dan and Carol Perkins, of Threads Galore, Rangeley, Maine, present a trunk show and workshops featuring Deb Tucker's Studio 180 Designs patterns and specialty rulers.
- February 2016:** Guild's official 25th "birthday"
- April 2016:** 18th Annual Quilt Show; Diane Kane and Nancy LaPointe are the quilt show chairs. Martha's Kitchen is the recipient of the charity quilt. Pat Pauly, art quilter from Rochester, New York, presents a trunk show and workshop.
- November 2016:** Pam Weeks, quilt historian, presents a trunk show and workshops with some quilting history anecdotes included.
- February 2017:** Jessica VanDenburgh, of Sew Many Creations NY, presents a trunk show of her quilts and bags. She also teaches two bag workshops.
- April 2017:** 19th Annual Quilt Show; Diane Kane and Nancy LaPointe are once again this year's quilt show chairs. Sheldon Historical Society is this year's recipient of the charity quilt. A 2nd charity quilt is provided to Tim's House.

- October 2017:** Sonja Hakala, an author and quilter, presents "Stitching Together A Writer's Life."
- January 2018:** Anne Standish, of Cambridge, Vermont, presents a trunk show and workshop.
- March 2018:** Vermont Modern Quilt guild presents a slide and trunk show.
- April 2018:** 20th Annual Quilt Show; Nanc Ekiert and Nancy LaPointe are this year's quilt show chairs. Jim Bashaw Cancer and Catastrophic Illness Fund is this year's recipient of the large donation charity quilt.
- April 2019:** 21st Annual Quilt Show; Diane Kane and Nancy LaPointe are this year's quilt show chairs. Connor Roberts Foundation is this year's recipient of the large donation charity quilt. Sue Pritt presents "Sweet Season Quilts" trunk show and a workshop.
- June 2019:** Jessica VanDenburgh, of Sew Many Creations NY, presents a trunk show and a workshop on color and her fabric lines.
- October 2019:** Sue Pelland presents a trunk show on "Beyond Fabulous: Rotary Cut Appliqué" and the "Hearts and More" workshop.
- March 2020:** Remaining guild meetings through June 2020 are cancelled due to COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic.
- April 2020:** Annual Quilt Show is cancelled due to COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic.
- August 2020:** Executive Board meets on at a Zoom meeting to discuss the 2020-2021 membership year. The board votes to move the guild meetings to Zoom for the 2020-2021 membership year. The board also votes to cancel the 2021 Annual Quilt Show.
- September 2020:** First guild meeting held on Zoom. Jessica VanDenburgh, of Sew Many Creations NY, Zoom-bombs the guild meeting.
- October 2020:** Guild meetings continue on Zoom. Jenny Doan, and her husband, Ron, Zoom-bomb the guild meeting.
- November 2020:** Timna Tarr presents her "Flying Colors" trunk show and offers a selection of 4 workshops for guild members to take online.
- December 2020:** Guild hosts the first-ever Sew Along on Zoom to provide participants time to finish up those last minute Christmas gifts. Later in the same week, the guild hosted the Annual Holiday Party meeting on Zoom. Esterita Austin, Santa, and Mrs. Claus all Zoom-bomb the meeting.
- January 2021:** Natalie Good provides a quick overview of the process to make batik fabric. Marti DelNevo, Chairwoman of the Vermont Quilt Festival, Zoom-bombs the meeting to talk about the 2021 Virtual Vermont Quilt Festival at the end of June 2021. She encourages members to enter quilts, take classes and

lectures, and attend the show virtually. The guild hosts the Winter Blues Sew Along on Zoom later in the month. Participants are encouraged to make a comfort quilt during the sew along.

- February 2021:** Guild's official 30th "birthday." Helen Short provides a demonstration on how to make Doug Leko's quilt, *Mysterious*, at the monthly meeting. The theme for the meeting was a Pajama Party with most all members wearing pajamas to the meeting. Anne Standish, a local Vermont landscape quilter, Zoom-bombs the meeting. The guild hosts the Pajama Party Sew Along on Zoom the following Sunday. Helen Short continues work on her *Mysterious* quilt and provides tips on its construction as she works.
- March 2021:** Guild hosts the March Madness Sew Along on Zoom. Michelle Renee Hiatt, Studio 180 Certified Instructor, presents a trunk show on Zoom and leads a workshop the following Saturday, also on Zoom, to make her quilt pattern, *Periwinkle Swirl*.
- April 2021:** Annual Quilt Show is cancelled due to COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic. Guild hosts the Bunny Hop Sew Along on Zoom. Gudrun Erla Gisladdottir, of GE Designs, presents her "Stripology Mixology" trunk show and lecture on Zoom.
- May 2021:** Guild hosts the Cinco de Mayo Sew Along on Zoom. Stephanie McCall presents a trunk show on Quilt Restoration.
- June 2021:** Guild ends membership year in a pandemic with a 30th Birthday Celebration. Guild hosts 2 sew alongs, one on a weekend and the other on a weekday.
- August 2021:** Executive Board votes to cancel the 2022 quilt show.
- September 2021:** Ice Cream Social & Potholder Exchange IN PERSON
- October 2021:** Christmas in October with Member Demos IN PERSON
- November 2021:** Trunk Show featuring T-Shirt Quilts with Jean Anne Branch and Mary Jane Marchelewicz on Zoom. Church of the Rock closed its facility due to a COVID outbreak so guild moves meeting to Zoom.
- December 2021:** Holiday Fun on Zoom due to COVID numbers in Franklin County
- January 2022:** Bag Trunk Show on Zoom with Joan Radell of Bucklebee Toolbox; bag workshop with Joan Radell, Bucklebee Toolbox on Zoom
- February 2022:** Panel Palooza Trunk Show on Zoom with Cyndi McChesney, Cedar Ridge Quilting; Panel Palooza Workshop on Zoom with Cyndi McChesney
- March 2022:** Trunk Show on Zoom with Brita Nelson, The Questioning Quilter
- April 2022:** Annual Quilt Show is cancelled due to COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic. Trunk Show with Cathy Rayes and Diane Comeau, the two sisters behind CaDi Corners LLC IN PERSON; Sewcial Picnic bag workshop with CaDi Corners.

- May 2022:** Trunk Show with Laurel Schaap and Members' Garage Sale IN PERSON
- June 2022:** Dresden Plate Demo and vendor shopping with Kay Courson of Country Thyme Vermont IN PERSON
- September 2022:** Ice Cream Social, Potholder Exchange & Quilt Bingo
- October 2022:** Christmas in October with Member Demos
- November 2022:** Quilt of Valor (QOV) presentation by Lynn Carrier, QOV coordinator for Vermont. Members play 3 rousing games of "Strip Poker" AKA Left-Right-Center with $2\frac{1}{2}$ strips.
- December 2022:** Holiday White Elephant Gift Exchange
- January 2023:** Trunk Show on Zoom with Emily Taylor, Collage Quilter
- February 2023:** "Confessions of a Fabric Whisperer" Trunk Show on Zoom with Ellen Lindner, Adventure Quilter; double Reverse appliqué workshop with Ellen Lindner on Zoom
- March 2023:** Tips & Tricks for Quilting Studio Organization featuring guild members' studios
- April 2023:** Singer Featherweights and Other Vintage Sewing Machines with Barb & David Morgan
- May 2023:** Trunk Show of GE Designs quilts with Diane Comeau, Lucie Fortin, Sharon Perry & Deb Trahan; guild sew-in for BOM quilts, Stripology Rulers, and GE Designs patterns
- June 2023:** Potluck and Teacup Auction

Membership Year Chronology

- August** Hold at least one executive board meeting
- Check calendar for the November and December meetings to make sure the meeting doesn't fall in the Thanksgiving or Christmas week. Pick new date if needed and coordinate with Church of the Rock.
- Send out September newsletter in late August or early September.
- September** Ice cream social; guild buys novelty ice cream; VP picks up ice cream and any paper napkins
- Announce/vote on if/when to have food drive for the local food pantry
- November** Complete membership lists for all members
- Raffle tickets out to all members; mail out if necessary
- December** Holiday Potluck for program
- January** Monthly meeting held on Zoom
- As needed, send letters to charity organizations to solicit requests for charity quilts with deadline BEFORE March meeting
- January (or Feb or Mar)** Quilt Show planning meeting
- February** Monthly meeting held on Zoom
- March** Charity quilt finished and shown to guild members at meeting
- Next year's raffle quilt finished and shown to guild members
- Present ballot and vote on recipient for the next year's charity quilt; send letters to organizations as appropriate
- Ask for 3 volunteers to serve on nominating committee
- April** Quilt Show
- May** Present charity quilt to recipient organization
- Present slate of officers for the next membership year; need motion to accept slate.
- June** Potluck and teacup auction for program
- Vote on slate of officers; no motion needed
- Make sure program coordinator has reserved Church of the Rock for the upcoming year; this should be done by June for the next year.

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>PRESIDENT</u>	<u>QUILT SHOW CHAIR</u>	<u>CHARITY QUILT RECIPIENT</u>
1991	Almira Horton	----	----
1992-1993	Linda Goldeski	----	----
1993-1994	Barbara Mayo	----	----
1994-1995	Rhetta Huttlinger	----	----
1995-1996	Diana Walgreen	----	American Heart Association
1996-1997	Denise Christiansen	----	Vermont Kidney Association, Franklin County Senior Center & Northwestern Medical Center
1997-1998	Bonnie Evans	----	Franklin County Home Health, Franklin County Senior Center & Ronald McDonald House
1998-1999	Diane Forey & Kris Bachand	Denise Christiansen	John LeClair Foundation, Franklin County Humane Society & Northwestern Medical Center Chemotherapy Ward
1999-2000	Dale McFeeters	Denise Christiansen	United Way
2000-2001	Denise Christiansen	Denise Christiansen	Northwestern Medical Center Auxiliary
2001-2002	Ann Pitt	Denise Christiansen	St. Albans Free Library Capital Fund
2002-2003	Bonnie Evans	Denise Christiansen	Franklin County Relay for Life
2003-2004	Bonnie Evans	Susan Schurger	Alzheimer's Association of VT
2004-2005	Denise Christiansen	Ann Pitt	Camp Ta-Kum-Ta
2005-2006	Sharon Perry	Ann Pitt	Linda Wood Mason Breast Cancer Fund
2006-2007	Sharon Perry	Sally McIntyre	Make-A-Wish Foundation of VT & Green Mountain Habitat for Humanity Grand Isle- Franklin Chapter
2007-2008	Sharon Perry	Sally McIntyre	Franklin County Humane Society
2008-2009	Shirley Babcock	Bonnie Evans & Sharon Perry	Franklin County Relay for Life
2009-2010	Ann Jacobs	Bonnie Evans & Sharon Perry	Green Mtn Habitat for Humanity Grand Isle- Franklin Chapter
2010-2011	Ann Jacobs	Deb Aylward & Roberta Gilmour	Laurie's House
2011-2012	Ann Jacobs	Summer Ladd & Roberta Gilmour	Walker Foundation & Marine Corps League
2012-2013	Ann Jacobs	Bonnie Evans & Sharon Perry	Camp Ta-Kum-Ta
2013-2014	Roseanne Terrill	Denise Chase & Dale McFeeters	Montgomery Historical Society
2014-2015	Helen Short	Denise Chase & Dale McFeeters	Tim's House
2015-2016	Helen Short	Diane Kane & Nancy LaPointe	Martha's Kitchen
2016-2017	Helen Short	Diane Kane & Nancy LaPointe	Sheldon Historical Society & Tim's House

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>PRESIDENT</u>	<u>QUILT SHOW CHAIR</u>	<u>CHARITY QUILT RECIPIENT</u>
2017-2018	Diane Kane	Nancy LaPointe & Nanc Ekiert	Jim Bashaw Cancer & Catastrophic Fund
2018-2019	John Rouleau	Diane Kane & Nancy LaPointe	Connor Roberts Foundation
2019-2020	John Rouleau	2020 Quilt Show Cancelled due to COVID-19 pandemic	Franklin County Area Cancer Network
2020-2021	John Rouleau	2021 Quilt Show Cancelled due to COVID-19 pandemic	Franklin Carriage House & Grady's Golden Goodness
2021-2022	Laurel Schaap	Teri Brunelle & Helen Short	Fairfax Community Theater Company
2022-2023	Laurel Schaap	Teri Brunelle & Helen Short	Catholic Daughters of St. Albans
2023-2024	Laurel Schaap	Teri Brunelle & Helen Short	TBD (Voted on by guild members)



BLOCK OF THE MONTH (BOM) GUIDELINES

All fabric **MUST** be 100% cotton. If you do not have 100% cotton, you can still make a block for yourself to keep.

Please be careful to use white fabric when white is specified in the instructions and unbleached muslin when muslin is specified. Also, when a particular color is specified such as dark blue, please make sure you use dark blue and not a light or medium blue.

Pay attention to the grain line and try to avoid stretching the bias on diagonal pieces such as triangles.

Be accurate in the size of the block so that the winner will not have difficulty setting the blocks together.

If BOM blocks are raffled at the monthly meetings:

- Upon winning a set of monthly blocks, the winner will not be eligible to win another BOM raffle in that Guild year, running from September through June.
- You may make as many blocks as you want. If you make 3 blocks, you may enter your name in the basket 3 times.



GUIDELINES FOR GROUP QUILTS & PROJECTS (Raffle, Charity, or Other Projects)

FABRIC

1. The blocks are to be made of 100% cotton fabric unless otherwise stated for special effect (i.e. shiny tricot for a glitzy project).
2. For a scrap quilt, request each individual bring in X number of fabric pieces, of a specific size and color. Ask for more than you need so the fabric that is not the correct color or non-cottons can be put aside for another project. Then the fabric can be sorted and put into packets.
3. Over-estimate the amount of fabric needed. This allows for math and cutting errors.
4. Specify as narrowly as you can the color description (i.e. pastel vs. light). This makes monthly raffle blocks coordinate well.
5. If having members make blocks, be sure to put sufficient fabric in the packets to allow for cutting errors.
6. Blocks returned that are not the correct size, are non-cotton fabrics, or are not the correct size, will not be incorporated into the quilt. Always ask for 10 more blocks than you need. Several may not be usable.
7. All fabric and batting and construction of quilts made will be in a non-smoking, odor-free environment. This is **not** to say that smokers cannot work on individual blocks, but once blocks are returned, the construction and storage of the quilts shall be in a smoke-free and odor-free environment. Machine quilters guarantee a smoke-free environment to their customers, so we have to do the same. Smoke odor, like other strong odors such as kerosene, is very difficult to remove. This also applies to the storage of any ongoing projects, fabrics, or materials that belong to the guild from year to year.

PATTERN OR DESIGN FOR ANNUAL RAFFLE AND CHARITY QUILTS

1. Two or three different designs may be presented to the group for voting.
2. The main body of the project should be of easy or intermediate skill level so all members may participate. If some of the pattern calls for a more experienced skill level, volunteers for the more intricate section can be recruited.
3. If a more difficult design is chosen, there should be a demo of the construction given so we can challenge ourselves to something a little more difficult.

DIRECTIONS AND CONSTRUCTION

1. At least two people should sign-up for the project and work on it throughout the entire planning and construction. Keep each other apprised of the progress.
2. Have members sign out block packets as appropriate. Encourage prompt return of the blocks the following month. This keeps motivation high. Give yourself an extra month for stragglers, but warn them they may be nagged to death.
3. Keep the size appropriate for the project. Anything bigger than a queen is unmanageable and not too many people have king-sized beds.
4. Be sure to give clear instructions in the packets and give appropriate demos before passing out the packets.
5. Plan to have the quilt ready for quilting at least **two** months before it is needed to allow for shipping and delays at the machine quilters.

RAFFLE QUILTS

1. Get photo of the quilts to be raffled for everyone selling tickets.
2. Everyone must sign out and be responsible for the tickets taken. All ticket stubs, as well as unsold tickets are to be returned before the raffle. It is **fraudulent** to omit any paid tickets.
3. Be sure to have enough tickets printed.

COMPLETION DEADLINES

1. Annual Large Donation **Charity Quilt must be completed** (quilted, bound, and labeled) by the March meeting of the year it will be given away. The quilt is displayed at the quilt show in April and given to the recipient organization at the guild's May meeting.
2. **Raffle Quilt must be completed** (quilted, bound, and labeled) by the May meeting. The Raffle Quilt will be given away the following April. This timing allows maximum advertising and ticket selling.

Remember: These quilts represent all of us and should be acceptable to all of us. Don't take criticism of your idea personally.



QUILT SIZE & INFORMATION FOR GUILD COMFORT QUILTS (Size, Gender, Ages)

Denise Chase is the guild's Comfort Quilt coordinator.

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

Fire/Disaster:

Size: Twin up to queen size

Gender: Male and female

Age: All ages, adults and children

Home Health:

Size: 48" x 60", 40" x 48" for wheel-chairs, 36" X 40" up to 40" x 48" for babies and toddlers

Gender: Male and female

Age: All ages, adults, children, and infants

Hospice:

Size: 48" x 60" up to 60" x 72"

Gender: Male and female

Age: Primarily adults, but some children; some are military veterans (could make a patriotic quilt)

Purple Heart/Quilts of Valor (QOV):

Size: Lap or throw size up to twin size in patriotic colors & fabric; recommended size for QOV is 60" x 80", minimum of 55" x 65" and maximum of 72" x 90"

Gender: Male and female

Age: Adults

Spectrum Youth & Family Services:

Size: Lap/throw size up to twin size, 50" x 70" up to 60" x 80"

Gender: Male and female

Age: Youth through young adults (14 - 24)

Welcome Home Program:

Size: 36" x 40" for toddlers and babies; twin size, 50" x 70" up to 60" x 80"; and queen size, 80" x 90"

Gender: Male and female

Age: All ages, adults and children

**BYLAWS OF THE
FRANKLIN COUNTY QUILTERS GUILD INC.
OF VERMONT**

**ARTICLE I
NAME**

The name of the Guild shall be known as the Franklin County Quilters Guild Inc. of Vermont. The name of the Guild's newsletter shall be known as the Sugarhouse Gazette. The Articles of Incorporation, as approved by the Vermont Secretary of State on March 4, 2015, and effective on March 2, 2015, are in the Appendix to these bylaws.

**ARTICLE II
PURPOSE**

Section 1:

The purpose of the Guild shall be to promote an interest in the art of quilting for the members and for the benefit of the community.

Section 2:

Effective March 2, 2015, the Internal Revenue Service determined the Guild is a public charity and is tax exempt as defined under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC). As such, donors can deduct contributions they make to the Guild under IRC Section 170.

**ARTICLE III
MEMBERS**

Section 1:

1. All persons 18 years of age and older who are interested in the art of quilting shall be eligible to join the Guild. Any person interested in joining may attend two meetings as a guest before they must pay dues in order to continue attending meetings.
2. Quilters ages 9 through 17 may join the Guild under the following conditions:
 - a. They must be sponsored by a member 18 years of age or older and whose dues are current.
 - b. They must attend Guild meetings with their sponsoring member or another member 18 years of age or older.
 - c. They must strive to enter at least one quilted item into each annual quilt show.
 - d. They must participate regularly in show and tell at the monthly Guild meetings.
 - e. They must actively participate in monthly Guild meetings under Roberts Rules of Order and under accepted standards of public decorum.
 - f. Members under the age of 18 may not serve as a Guild officer or committee chairperson or serve on the Nominating Committee.
 - g. Members under the age of 18 may not make any expenditures of Guild funds or monies.
 - h. The membership for any member under the age of 18 can be terminated at any time by vote of the majority of the Guild's Executive Committee.

Section 2:

The annual dues shall be payable by all members at the September meeting of each year. The executive committee will determine the amount and notify members at or prior to the September meeting. The membership chairperson shall notify members two months in arrears and those whose dues are not paid within one month thereafter shall be automatically dropped from the membership.

Section 3:

The dues will not be prorated. In order to receive newsletters and be able to participate in special workshops, the full dues must be paid regardless of when a-member joins or rejoins.

Section 4:

Any member of the Franklin County Quilters Guild shall be eligible to take part in the workshops by quilt instructors paid for either in part or all by the Guild if:

1. They are the current president or program chair or;
2. They have been a paid member for the entire previous year, and
3. They have attended 4 out of 10 meetings, and
4. They have sold 2 books of raffle tickets and contributed to one of the following fund raising activities: providing fabric and/or blocks for the raffle and charity quilts; somehow participated d in the quilt show; and other group fund raising.

If there is space in the workshop, then there will be a lottery for the available spaces with interested members. If there is still space remaining, anyone else may take the workshop at a fee to be determined by the Guild at that time.

ARTICLE IV OFFICERS

Section 1:

The elected officers of the Guild shall be the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Project Coordinator(s) and Program Director(s). These officers shall comprise the Executive Committee. The past president shall serve as ex-officio member of the Executive Committee. The officers shall perform the duties prescribed by these bylaws and by the parliamentary authority adopted by the Guild.

Chairpersons and coordinators include but are not limited to: membership chairperson; quilt show chairperson(s); newsletter editor; annual charity quilt coordinator(s); raffle quilt coordinator(s); and other charity quilt coordinators as deemed necessary to conduct the business of the Guild. The chairpersons and coordinators shall perform their duties under the direction of the president..

Section 2:

Nominations for officers will take place at the regular meeting in May. Officers shall be elected by a show of hands vote at the annual meeting in June. See Article VIII, Section 1 for the nominating committee protocol.

Section 3:

Officers and chairpersons will serve a one-year term. Officers and chairpersons may serve more than one term consecutively. New officers and chairpersons shall assume their duties at the end of the annual meeting in June.

Section 4:

All elected officers may issue and sign receipts, as requested, for the donation of monies or goods to the Guild. Such receipts shall include the date of the donation, a description of the donation, and the amount or value of the donation.

ARTICLE V DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS AND CHAIRPERSONS

Section 1:

Duties of the President shall include:

- Preside at all meetings
- Call meeting to order at the appointed time
- Introduce guests and new members at each meeting

- Announce business to the membership
- Be informed of communications
- State and put all questions properly brought by the membership
- Decide all questions of order
- Preserve order and decorum
- Provide signature when necessary
- Provide a President's Message to the Newsletter Editor no later than the last Wednesday of the month
- Request a Nominating Committee of at least three members no later than the March meeting.

Section 2:

Duties of the Vice President shall include:

- Preside and perform the duties of president in the absence of the president
- Schedule meeting location and time, in coordination with the President and Program Director(s), for all Executive Committee meetings and all monthly guild meetings
- Coordinate supplies and set up meeting room for potluck dinners at the December and June meetings.

Section 3:

Duties of the Secretary shall include:

- Keep the public informed of guild meetings through public notices
- Keep minutes of the meeting
- Provide the membership with copies of previous minutes for review if requested
- Provide electronic copy of the minutes for Executive Committee meetings and monthly guild meetings to the newsletter editor no later than the last Wednesday of the month
- Preside in the absence of the president and vice president
- Conduct correspondence as directed
- Maintain hard copies of all past meeting minutes and correspondence generated.

Section 4:

Duties of the Treasurer shall include:

- Receive and deposit all monies due the Guild within 7-10 days of receipt. If unable to meet this requirement, the monies should be given to the president to deposit.
- Disperse funds as needed to conduct guild business
- Keep bookkeeping records of such monies and funds
- Maintain all documents related to incorporation in and tax exempt status with the State of Vermont
- Maintain all documents related to 501(c)3 status with the Internal Revenue Service
- File electronic IRS Form 990-N or IRS and State income tax returns as required by law
- Ensure proper documentation is presented for items for payments
- Pay rent for the use of the hall in a timely fashion
- Read the treasurer's report at each meeting
- Provide electronic copy of the Treasurer's Report to the Newsletter Editor no later than the last Wednesday of the month

Section 5:

Duties of the Program Director shall include:

- Solicit teachers, and/or speakers for guild programs
- Inform the treasurer before all programs of monies due the speaker or teacher
- Coordinate monthly programs throughout the guild year
- Coordinate monthly drawings for door prize and charity quilts
- Maintain birthday basket of fat quarters.

Section 6:

Duties of the Project Coordinator shall include:

Organize monthly raffle blocks (block of the month)

Organize other projects such as block or fabric exchanges, mystery quilts, challenges, and progressive quilts.

Section 7:

Duties of the Membership Chairperson shall include:

Collect membership dues at the September meeting and as new members join in coordination with the Treasurer

Notify members who are in arrears with their dues

Compile a list of members' names, addresses, email addresses, and telephone numbers

Distribute the membership list by the November meeting

Update the membership list as needed

Provide electronic copies of the membership list to the President and newsletter editor whenever updates are made.

Section 8:

Duties of the Newsletter Editor shall include:

Publish the Guild's newsletter monthly, September through June, at least one week prior to the scheduled Guild meeting

Organize the following items, at minimum, in each newsletter:

List of Guild officers, chairpersons, and coordinators

Schedule of monthly meetings to include start time

President's message

Minutes of previous month's meeting(s)

Treasurer's Report for current month

Instructions for block of the month and/or other projects as needed.

Maintain hard copies of all past newsletters.

**ARTICLE VI
MEETINGS**

Section 1:

The regular meeting of the Guild shall be held on the third Wednesday of each month during the months of September through June unless alternative plans are agreed upon by the membership. Any change from the usual meeting time and/or place shall be announced at the previous meeting and in the newsletter.

Section 2:

The regular meeting in June shall be known as the annual meeting and shall be for the purpose of electing officers, receiving reports of the officers and committees, and for any other business that may arise.

Section 3:

The Executive Committee shall meet at least once prior to the September meeting to prepare for the coming year and as often as necessary thereafter. The President shall invite any chairpersons or coordinators to the Executive Committee meetings as deemed necessary to conduct the business of the Guild.

Section 4:

Fifty-one percent of the paying membership of the Guild present at the monthly meeting shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE VII COMMITTEES

Section 1:

The President shall request a Nominating Committee of at least three members no later than the March meeting. It shall be the duty of this committee to solicit candidates for the offices of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Program Director, and Project Coordinator.

Section 2:

The committee will accept nominations from the floor in May and will present a slate of candidates at the annual meeting in June.

Section 3:

Standing or Special committees shall be appointed by the President as necessary to carry out the business of the Guild. The President shall be an ex-officio member of all committees.

ARTICLE VIII GUILD FINANCES

Section 1:

Checks for payment to the Guild shall be made payable to the Franklin County Quilters Guild or FCQG.

Section 2:

Income received on behalf of the Guild shall be turned in to the Treasurer and shall not be offset by expenses incurred.

Section 3:

All monies due the Guild shall be deposited within 7-10 days of receipt.

Section 4:

Any expenditures in excess of \$100 must be pre-approved by a majority of the membership present at the monthly meeting.

Section 5:

Members shall submit receipts for reimbursement to the treasurer monthly using the approved reimbursement form.

Section 6:

Payment for workshops shall be made at the time of signup. No refunds shall be given. Alternates will make private arrangements with the paid attendee.

ARTICLE IX PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

The rules contained in Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the Guild in all cases in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws and any special rules of order that the Guild may adopt.

ARTICLE X AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS

These bylaws may be amended at any regular meeting of the Guild by a two-thirds vote, provided the amendment has been submitted in writing by/at the previous regular meeting or has been published in the newsletter prior to the vote.

Bylaws approved unanimously by membership October 20, 2000

Addition of Article III, Section 4, approved unanimously by membership September 15, 2005

Addition of Article III, Section 1, Paragraph 2, approved unanimously by membership June 16, 2010

Changes to Articles I-VII, IX and X, addition of Article II, Section 2, addition of Article IV, Section 4, addition of Article V, Sections 7 & 8, addition of Article VIII, Guild Finances, and addition of Appendix approved unanimously by membership June 17, 2015

APPENDIX
ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
FOR
FRANKLIN COUNTY QUILTERS GUILD INC.
OF VERMONT

First: The name of the Corporation shall be Franklin County Quilters Guild Inc. of Vermont.

Second: The principal office of the Corporation is located in Saint Albans, Franklin County, Vermont.

Third: Said corporation is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational, and/or scientific purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

Fourth: The names and addresses of the persons who are the initial officers of the corporation are as follows:

Helen Short, President, 12 Burnell Terrace, St. Albans, VT 05478

Kristen Bachand, Vice President, PO Box 49, St. Albans Bay, VT 05481

Deborah Dusablon, Treasurer, 117 Green Point Road, North Hero, VT 05474

Kay Benedict, Secretary, 24 Glen Ridge Lane, St. Albans, VT 05478

Fifth: No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article Third hereof. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

Sixth: Upon the dissolution of the corporation, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.