

Franklin County Quilters Guild

SUGARHOUSE GAZETTE

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🌲 President's Piece 🌲

Happy New Year!

I greeted the New Year deeply involved in Bonnie Hunter's mystery quilt, En Provence. My craft room is cluttered with 4-patches, half-square triangles, hour-glasses, tri-recs, and yellow 3½-inch squares. This project does not qualify as "quilting quickly", but it is very intriguing and satisfying. This is the first Bonnie Hunter quilt I have attempted but I am in love with her. Although Sharon Perry invited her be part of the 2019 program, Bonnie responded to say her calendar for guild would not open until January 2019. Sharon will try again...so stay tuned!

Kay Benedict is offering a chance to win a prize of precut fabric for completed quilt entries with picture received PRIOR to the January 18th meeting. You may mail them to Kay, 24 Glen Ridge Lane, St. Albans, VT 05478, or submit the form and picture via email, kayben1@yahoo.com. The quilt registration form is available on the guild's website, franklincountyquilters.org.

Probably the best Christmas present at the meeting was having Dale McFeeters back in the saddle as the Project Coordinator. Despite her absence for a few months, Dale has already introduced the mystery quilt, "Under Wraps." Clues will be handed out at the meeting and posted on facebook. Welcome back Dale!

I want to thank everyone for their generous donations to the Swanton Food Shelf and Martha's Kitchen. Christmas is a difficult time of year for many people, and your generosity provided food and comfort to many during a stressful time.

Our January program is a trunk show by our own Denise Chase, a very talented and skillful quilter. The doors will open at 600 pm, and the meeting will start at 6:30PM.

Yours in Quilting,
Helen Short

2016 – 2017 President



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2016 – 2017 Guild Calendar

September 21st Ice Cream Social

October 19th Christmas in October

November 18th Busting the Myths –
Quilt History Truths
with Pam Weeks (6:30 pm start!!!)

November 19th Strips & Bits Workshop
with Pam Weeks

November 20th Quilt-As-You-Go
Workshop with Pam Weeks

2016 – 2017 Guild Calendar

December 21st Holiday Potluck

**January 18th Trunk Show
with Denise Chase
(Open at 6:00 pm; mtg at 6:30 pm)**

February 17th Trunk Show
with Jessica VanDenburgh

February 18th Workshop
with Jessica VanDenburgh

February 19th Possible Workshop
with Jessica VanDenburgh

2016 -2017 Guild Calendar

March 15th Lessons Learned
from a Long-Armer (tentative)
Quilt Show Prep

March 31st Quilt Show Set-Up

April 1st & 2nd Quilt Show

April 19th New Tips & Tricks Trunk
Show with Sunny Laurel Sisters

May 17th Members' Garage Sale

June 21st Potluck &
Teacup Auction

FRANKLIN COUNTY QUILTERS GUILD Minutes of December 21, 2016

Present: Total attended 48; 1 new member
Members enjoyed a potluck dinner followed by the business meeting which was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Helen Short, President.

Secretary's Report for November meeting: Motion to accept by Linda Nadeau, seconded by Sharon Perry. Approved

Treasure's Report for September: Motion to accept by Sharon Perry, seconded by Margaret Miller. Approved

New Business:

- Thank you note from Hospital for the donation to Palliative Care Fund at NMC.

Committee Reports

Quilt Show:

- Nancy reported that everything is on schedule for the Quilt Show.
- This year challenge quilt is re-purpose, re-use, and re-cycle. Materials that have been previously used as another object are to be used. The quilt should be no larger than 30" X 30". Description of materials used should be included in description. Kay Benedict has posted ideas on facebook.
- There are 27 quilts entries as of the meeting date. Members are encouraged to enter a quilt. Entry forms are on the guild website. There will be another Early Entry Challenge in January for those who have registered a quilt since the October meeting and BEFORE the January meeting. The prize is 13 batik fat quarters and 3 spools of matching thread.
- Raffle tickets were handed out to all members. If members need more to sell, they are available to be picked up Cowles on Main St. in St Albans.

Library:

- Pam Salazar encourages members to sign out library books. The Guild has over 200 books available.

Charity Quilts:

- Kits are available in the back on the table and available in different sizes.
- Penny LaRoche has finished the 2017 girl baby quilt and Beth Jessiman has the baby boy quilt.
- Sharron has made a basket of various sewing/quilting items. Member will get one chance for every charity quilt they make/donate.

The raffle for the basket of goodies will held at the December 2017 meeting.

Membership:

- We had one new member today. Please check on the back of your name tags for membership cards.

Projects

- The January block of the month (BOM) is Austin from www.quilterscache.com. Everyone is encouraged to make two blocks: one for the drawing; and one for a charity quilt. The colors are yellow, blue and white.
- Dale McFeeters also handed out instructions for the Mystery quilt. It requires 3 different colors of fabric; not recommended to use large print fabrics. If you have any question please call Dale 524-3616. The mystery quilt instructions are available online on the guild's facebook page.

Monthly Drawing:

- BOM Drawing: Rose Rixon and Carol Mahoney
- Door Prize: Helen Bicknell
- Charity Quilt: Carolyn Kittell

Show and Tell

Next meeting – Wednesday January 18, 2016; doors open at 6:00 pm, meet and greet at 6:30 pm, business meeting starts at 7:00 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20

Minutes submitted by Teri Brunelle, Secretary



January	???	Alyce	Bushey
January	1	Cathy	Choniere
January	2	Linda	Mahoney
January	14	Gwen	Guyette
January	20	Adrienne	Perrino
January	24	Carol	Stanley
January	25	Alice	Rouleau

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR JANUARY 2017**FRANKLIN COUNTY QUILTERS GUILD
Treasurer's Report -- January 18, 2017**

Opening Balance		\$2,567.87
Funds collected		
	<i>Total Funds Collected</i>	\$0.00
		<i>Sub-Total</i> \$2,567.87
Funds paid out		
Gerald Perry, Room set-up for Jan		\$35.00
	<i>Total Funds Paid Out</i>	\$35.00
	Grand Total	\$2,532.87

2016 YTD Collections: \$6,055.55

Respectfully submitted,
Deborah L. Dusablon, Treasurer

GUILD WEBSITE HOME TO FRANKLIN COUNTY BARN QUILT TRAIL

The FCQG website's home page has a link to the Franklin County Barn Quilt Trail which resides on the guild website. The barn quilt trail can be found here:

<http://www.franklincountyquilters.org/fcbqt/index.html>

SECOND SPECIAL EARLY ENTRY DRAWING FOR QUILT REGISTRATION

Kay Benedict is offering a second early entry drawing for quilt registrations. You can find the registration form here: <http://www.franklincountyquilters.org/fcqrregistration.pdf>. Kay will share all the details at the next few guild meetings. If you want to participate, you **MUST SEND** your **COMPLETED FORM**, along with a photograph, **TO KAY** either **VIA SNAIL MAIL OR EMAIL BEFORE THE JANUARY MEETING**. See the form for the details about sending your form(s) to Kay.



Deadline for articles for next newsletter:

Wednesday, January 25th, 2017

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



GUILD MEMBER, DENISE CHASE, FEATURED AT JANUARY MEETING

Pictured above are some of Denise Chase's spectacular quilted creations. Denise will be showing her collection of the quilts she has made over the years at the January meeting.

Denise does it all...from hand-appliqué, hand-piecing and hand-quilting to machine-piecing and machine-quilting. Her quilts are treasures to behold. Denise has the distinction of winning the most Mayor's Award ribbons over the past 17 years of FCQG quilt shows...maybe she'll be able to tell us the exact number during her trunk show.

This is a **NOT TO BE MISSED** meeting as a very talented quilter and artist in our guild shares her many years of quilting with us. Come and get inspired!

SIGN-UP CONTINUES FOR FEBRUARY BAG WORKSHOPS

Jessica VanDenburgh, of Sew Many Creations in NY, will be bringing her "bag" magic our way as the guest speaker at the February meeting. To accommodate weekend workshops, **the February 2017 meeting will be held on Friday, February 17th**, with workshops on Saturday, February 18th, and Sunday, February 19th.

Jessica will be teaching the *Prima Diva Clutch* at the Saturday workshop, and she'll feature the *Road Trip Bag* in the Sunday workshop. You will be able to complete your bag that day! Workshops will be \$30 for full-day workshops (8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.) for members and \$35 for non-members.

Guild members must sign-up for the workshops no later than the January meeting; full payment is due at the time of sign-up. Following the January meeting, any open spaces in the workshops will be offered to surrounding guilds in VT, NY and NH.

As a note, you will be required to purchase the bag pattern from Jessica for each workshop you are taking. The patterns are \$10 and may be purchased from her website, at the trunk show on Friday, or at your workshop. She provides homework instructions prior to the workshop, so you will not need the pattern until the workshop.



JANUARY 2017 BLOCK OF THE MONTH PATTERN: AUSTIN

Pattern from www.quilterscache.com

Colors for the block are as shown in the block pictured at left
If you have any questions, call Dale McFeeters, 524-3616.

Click the link below for the Austin block pattern
<http://www.quilterscache.com/A/AustinBlock.html>

Be sure to continue to page 2 at this link:

http://www.quilterscache.com/A/AustinBlock_Page2.html



QUILT SHOW: 79 DAYS AND COUNTING

The 2017 Quilt Show is less than 3 months away, and planning continues behind the scenes. With the renovations finished, the quilt show will return to its original venue at St. Albans City Hall Continue reading to see how you can help.

- **We need quilts!!!** It's all about the quilts!!! As of the December guild meeting, we had 27 quilts registered, and we need more to fill the Parish Hall. The deadline to register your quilt is the February meeting! You can find the registration form at this link, <http://www.franklincountyquilters.org/fcqqregistration.pdf>, or on our facebook page.

- **We need strong, young women or men!!!** We need people to help with the pick-up and unloading (on Friday) and loading and return (on Sunday) of the quilt poles. We'll take husbands, daughters/sons, grand-daughters/grand-sons or sisters/brothers to help move the poles. This is a great way for high schoolers to earn some community service hours!

- **We need donations!!!** The **Teacup Auction** needs items for the Auction table. Table runners/toppers, matching placemats and napkins, bags and totes, wall-hangings, gift baskets, and quilt kits have all been popular sellers in the past. If you have an item to donate, bring it to a meeting and give it to Sally Krupp. We also need **fat quarters** for the basket of FQs as a prize for the raffle. And we need donations for the **door prize**...tea, lotions, coffee, maple syrup, etc.

- **We need your raffle tickets!!!** Penny LaRochelle asks that each member return the raffle tickets and money for the tickets in an envelope with the member's name written on the outside. Penny wants to be sure to properly credit the returned tickets. As a reminder, each member is required to sell (or buy) two books of raffle tickets to remain a member in good standing.

- **Don't forget to complete and enter your Challenge Quilts!!!** Kay Benedict has issued a challenge to all guild members to complete a quilt to "Repurpose, Reuse, Recycle" by incorporating fabrics and/or embellishments that have been previously used in something other than a quilt-type project. There's still plenty of time to make something for the challenge. Instructions can be found on the 2nd page of the registration form.

- **Don't forget to schedule an appointment for a quilt appraisal!!!** Sandra Palmer will be doing appraisals during the quilt show again this year. The appraisals Sandra completes are useful if a quilt is ever damaged or lost. Without an appraisal, insurance companies will only pay to replace the materials used to make the quilt. If a quilt is appraised, the insurance company must work with the appraised value for an insurance settlement.

The success of the guild's quilt show truly depends on the help of many volunteers. There are plenty of jobs available, so please be sure to sign up for a job (or jobs) which fit your schedule and physical abilities.

RECIPE CORNER: NO-FAIL SUGAR COOKIES

The newsletter editor found this recipe when I was looking for a good sugar cookie which would hold its shape when making intricate cut-out cookies. This recipe is also a favorite of former guild member, Deb Aylward, who now lives in Florida. Deb suggested I include the recipe in the newsletter again as it's been many years since I posted it in a past newsletter.

Here's Deb's testimonial. "I think you should post that awesome sugar cookie recipe again! My hubby made some sugar cookies but not your recipe. I tried to roll it out and cut shapes and promptly put it back in the fridge for him to do. I'll never roll out any other sugar cookie again if it is not yours! I passed it along to all my Girl Scout troop this year – after making a batch for the girls to decorate at our Christmas party on Monday night. They all loved them – tasted great and the shapes were wonderful."

Make sure you let the oven preheat to 350°F for at least ½ hour before baking these or any other cookies.

2 cups butter	6 cups flour
2 cups sugar	3 teaspoons baking powder
2 eggs	1 teaspoon salt
2 teaspoon vanilla extract or desired flavoring (I like almond myself)	

- Cream butter and sugar together until light and fluffy. Add eggs and vanilla. Mix well. Combine dry ingredients and add a little at a time to butter mixture. Mix until flour is completely incorporated and the dough comes together. Chill for 1 to 2 hours (or see hint below).
- Roll to desired thickness and cut into desired shapes. Bake on ungreased baking sheet at 350 degrees for 8 to 10 minutes or until just beginning to turn brown around the edges.

HINT: Rather than wait for your cookie dough to chill, take the freshly made dough and place a glob between two sheets of parchment paper. Roll it out to the desired thickness then place the dough and paper on a cookie sheet and pop it into the refrigerator. Continue rolling out your dough between sheets of paper until you have used it all. By the time you are finished, the first batch will be completely chilled and ready to cut. Reroll leftover dough and repeat the process! An added bonus is that you are not adding any additional flour to your cookies.

Don't forget to bring:
 - \$30 cash or check, payable to FCOG, for February workshops
 - Items for Show and Tell and UFO Challenge
 - Checked out library books
 - Completed quilt registration forms

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