

# Franklin County Quilters Guild

## SUGARHOUSE GAZETTE

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Nancy Orcutt

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Home Health Quilts: Alyce Bushey  
Family Center Quilts: Denise Chase  
Laurie's House Quilts: Denise Chase  
Purple Heart Quilts: Jennifer Burt  
Quilts of Valor: Roseanne Terrill

Hello Everyone,

I have heard wonderful things about the January meeting, sorry I missed it. Thank you Rose for chairing the meeting and Joanne for opening the doors and taking care of the details. It was truly a team effort.

Ten of us participated in the sew-in for the Quilt of Valor on January 26<sup>th</sup>. Thirteen quilts were completed. There were a few over-achievers in our presence! Thank you, Bonnie, for all your preparation prior to the sew-in, from cutting out the kits to making delicious homemade soup and bread. Once the machine quilting is finished, the quilts will be given to the VA Hospital in White River Junction for the injured military recovering in the hospital. What a rewarding day! These quilts are our way of saying thank you for your service to our country.

The details for Jenny Doan's visit have been finalized. Mark your calendars for a trunk show during our April 17<sup>th</sup> meeting (begins at 6:30pm), which includes demonstrations similar to the ones we enjoy on YouTube and two workshops on Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup>. Please see Margaret Miller's article for all the details.

Our February meeting will feature Carolyn Babcock as our guest speaker discussing reproduction fabrics and quilts. Carolyn is an accomplished quilter, completing her quilts entirely by hand. Despite doing only handwork, I'm told Carolyn sews so many quilt tops that many of her quilts are reversible. Sharon Perry, a close friend of Carolyn's, has asked her to bring ALL of her quilts...sounds like a fun-filled and quilt-filled evening.

See you the 20<sup>th</sup> of February. The doors open at 6:30pm.

Happy Stitching,  
-Ann Jacobs

#### 2012 – 2013 Guild Calendar

September 19<sup>th</sup> Ice Cream Social  
& Silent Auction

October 17<sup>th</sup> Trunk Show  
with Judith Brunn & Silent Auction

November 28<sup>th</sup> Presentation by  
Mountain Fiber Folk

December 19<sup>th</sup> Holiday Potluck  
& Yankee Swap (6 pm start)

#### 2012 – 2013 Guild Calendar

January 16<sup>th</sup> First & Worst Quilts  
with Guild Members

*February 20<sup>th</sup> Quilt Show Prep  
Trunk Show with Carolyn Babcock*

March 20<sup>th</sup> Seeing Red...or Not  
Redwork Demo (Kit provided)

April 5<sup>th</sup> Quilt Show Setup

April 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> Quilt Show

April 17<sup>th</sup> Trunk Show  
with Jenny Doan

#### 2012 -2013 Guild Calendar

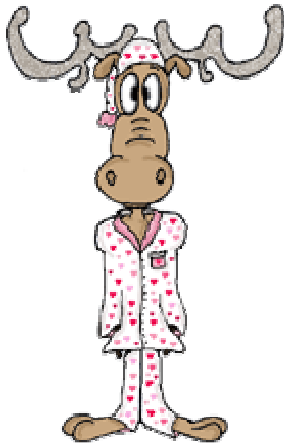
April 18<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> Workshops  
with Jenny Doan

May 17<sup>th</sup> Trunk Show  
with Sharon Shorey

May 18<sup>th</sup> Workshop  
with Sharon Shorey

June 19<sup>th</sup> Potluck  
& Teacup Auction

# Be My Valentine!!!



## FRANKLIN COUNTY QUILTERS GUILD

Minutes of January 16, 2013

Present: Total attended 37, including two new members: Carol Mahoney and Gail Paris

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Roseanne Terrill, Vice President

Secretary's Report: Motion to accept by Sharon Perry, seconded by Joanne Sweet

Treasurer's Report: Motion to accept by Sharon Perry, seconded by Gerda Thibault

### Old Business

- T3 (Tips, Tricks and Techniques)
  - Use Ricky Tims' Stable Stuff for paper piecing; can be fed thru printer, doesn't have to be removed, washes very soft if left in - Diane Forey
  - Pineapple block demo - Maggie Stockwell
  - Surgeon's knot demo for tied quilts - Joanne Sweet
  - Use rubber door stops, or rolled/folded towel, under back of sewing machine to tilt it forward for better visibility - Joanne Sweet
  - Use scrap batting for a portable design wall - Roseanne Terrill
  - Half Hex Template demo for hexagons and braids without Y seams - Roseanne Terrill
  - Use 5 gallon "Bucket Jockey" from Home Depot for storing and transporting supplies - Elaine Magnan
  - Use tool box for storing and transporting supplies - Gerda Thibault
  - Orvus Paste available for less \$ and in large containers at horse supply stores - Sharon Perry

- Quilt Show
  - Volunteer sign-up sheet was circulated.
  - Several merchants are doing advertising for us and may decorate their own windows.
  - Hannaford wants to hang charity quilts again.
  - Silent auction has only two items so far.
  - Thirteen quilts have been registered for the show. Kay Benedict's phone number changed to 782-5708 (to be changed on registration forms).
  - Demo table could use some of our T3 demos - Sign up with Margaret. Vendors are also being encouraged to demo their products at the demo table.
  - Kris Bachand has finished most of the ribbons.
  - Quilt Show meeting Saturday, January 19
- Work Day to make quilts for veterans scheduled for Sunday, January 26
- Raffle Quilt - "Share" blurb and photo on facebook for big return!
- There will be no more newsletter notice emails. Look for newsletter on website a week or more before next meeting.
- Thank You card from Kate Laddison of NMC for First Baby of 2013 quilts

### New Business

- Sign-up began for Sharon Shorey workshop (miniature sampler quilts, paper-pieced) scheduled for Saturday, May 18 at Church of the Rock. Limited to 15 people, \$30 non-refundable.
- April meeting will be trunk show by Jenny Doan of Missouri Star Quilt Co., with weekend workshops to be scheduled.
- Raffle Quilt 2014: Denise Chase needs more 6 1/2" squares (two identical cream, two identical medium or dark).
- Charity Quilt 2013: Char and Christy could use more 2 1/2" strips (contrasting light and medium/dark).

**Mystery Quilt** Part 5 was distributed.

**Show and Tell** - Four charity quilts, and other quilts and projects

### Monthly Drawings

- Door prize won by Rolande Fortin
- Charity Quilt drawing won by Alyce Bushey

**Next meeting:** Wednesday, February 20, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. Guest speaker will be Carolyn Babcock on using reproduction fabrics.

**Program:** "First or Worst" quilts by guild members

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Kay Benedict, Secretary



**FEBRUARY PROGRAM:  
REPRODUCTION FABRICS  
AND REPRODUCTION QUILTS**

Carolyn Babcock, of Montgomery Center, will be the guest speaker for the February meeting. She will provide a short presentation about reproduction fabrics and delight us with many of her quilts made entirely with handwork...no rotary cutters or machines involved!!! Carolyn enjoys making reproduction quilts, especially those of the Civil War era. While she uses no "modern day" quilting tools, Carolyn has made so many quilt tops many of her quilts are reversible.

Carolyn has won several awards at the Vermont Quilt Festival including a special award for the Best Hand-Quilted Sampler Quilt. Her quilt, *Wild Nights*, composed of 9 mariner's compasses, was one of only 28 quilts juried into a special exhibit at the New England Quilt Museum in 2006. *Best of New England Guilds*, curated by Anita B. Loscalzo, celebrated exceptionally talented quilters living in New England.

**MYSTERY QUILT REPLACES  
BLOCK OF THE MONTH THIS YEAR**

Nancy Orcutt is this year's Project Coordinator. Instead of creating a Block of the Month (BOM) program for this membership year, Nancy will present a mystery quilt each month. The mystery quilt is called "Seven Easy Pieces" by Piece by Number. If you are in need of a copy of the instructions handed out at a previous guild meeting, please contact Nancy, 524-4511 or [nlorcutt08@gmail.com](mailto:nlorcutt08@gmail.com).

**TIPS, TOOLS, OR TECHNIQUES (T<sup>3</sup>)**

The Tips, Tools, or Techniques (T<sup>3</sup>) feature at each meeting continues to grow bigger and bigger each month. In January, seven guild members shared nine different tips (see meeting minutes above). Several of the tips and techniques shared can be viewed in tutorials available on the Missouri Star Quilt Company at <http://www.missouriqltco.com/>

Speaking of the Missouri Star Quilt Company...

**JENNY DOAN IS COMING!**

Last fall when Jenny Doan and her wonderful tutorials were mentioned at a meeting, Deb Dusablon casually stated, "She's my sister-in-law." Little did we know that we would all benefit from this family connection.

Here are the details of our April visit from Jenny Doan. On Wednesday April 17<sup>th</sup>, Jenny will do a trunk show at the Church of the Rock in the Sanctuary. Her show will start promptly at 6:30 so come early for a good seat. Jenny will demo a few of her techniques and show the resulting quilts. We're encouraging her to bring the rulers/templates for purchase. We'll be sending out information and inviting other guilds for a \$10 per person guest fee.

If you have completed one of Jenny's tutorials, you are encouraged to bring your project along. At the end of the show, we'll have everyone show their projects. That should be a great tribute to Jenny and show stopper in itself!

In addition to the trunk show and demo on Wednesday, we've arranged for two classes on Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, and are limiting class size to 20. Jenny will show two techniques at each class. She'll have the rulers and templates if you need them. You will need fabric, machines, sewing supplies, etc. We suggest you bring a task light to light up your sewing space at the church.

You may sign up for either the morning or the afternoon class and be put on a waiting list for a second class if we have openings. Only our guild members will have this opportunity. The fee per class is \$25, payable to FCGQ at the February meeting and after by mail to Margaret Miller, 1824 Reynolds Road, St Albans, VT 05478. If you are away from home and wish to reserve your spot, please send your check and class request in time to arrive by Thursday, February 21<sup>th</sup>, or later. Include your email or phone so we can contact you. Or have your friend sign you up on Wednesday night.

The Saturday morning class will be *Dresden Plate* and the afternoon class will be *Summer in the Park*. The second choice for each class will be voted on at the February meeting. We'll offer three choices and the top two will be included in one of the classes. So, stay tuned and make sure you come to the February meeting!

**FEBRUARY 2013 TREASURER'S REPORT****FRANKLIN COUNTY QUILTER'S GUILD  
Treasurer's Report -- February 20, 2013**

<b>Opening Balance</b>		<b>\$3,019.15</b>
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## Funds collected

Silent Auction	\$472.00
Membership	\$45.00
Raffle tickets (YTD: \$566.00)	\$125.00
Sharon Shorey workshop	\$330.00
QS Pole reimbursement	\$52.47
Coupon donation	\$11.00
Sale table	\$6.00

<i>Sub-Total</i>	\$1,041.47
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<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,060.62</b>
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## Funds paid out

Church of the Rock, Feb rent	\$35.00
Gerald Perry, Room set-up for Feb	\$25.00
Chamber of Commerce, QS advertising	\$40.00
Christy Mulyca, QS Raffle posters	\$15.59
Nancy Orcutt, BOM copies	\$14.31
Bonnie Evans, (1) ink cartridge	\$43.99
Sharon Perry, Web Hosting 2012-2013	\$47.52
Cincinatti Insurance Co, Ins payment 2013	\$334.00

<i>Sub-Total</i>	\$555.41
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<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$3,505.21</b>
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Respectfully submitted,

Deborah L. Dusablon, Treasurer  
02/20/13

 *Happy Valentine's Day* 

**Deadline for articles for next newsletter:**

**Wednesday, February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2013**

Please email articles to Sharon Perry, [vtquilter@gmail.com](mailto:vtquilter@gmail.com), or mail to PO Box 517, Montgomery Center VT 05471



## QUILT SHOW: 52 DAYS AND COUNTING

The 2013 Quilt Show is only 52 days away, and the planning and preparations now quick into high gear. Although there is a committee overseeing the planning, we depend on all guild members to ensure the quilt show is a huge success. Continue reading to see how you can help.

- **We need QUILTS!** It's all about the quilts!!! As of this newsletter, we only have 16 quilts registered, and we need many more to fill City Hall. Kay Benedict has once again volunteered as the Quilt Registration coordinator wants to have the quilts registered sooner rather than later. So let's help her out and get ALL the quilts registered at the February meeting. The committee challenges each guild member to enter at least one quilt. But don't stop there; we need lots more quilts to fill up the gym at the City Hall. As a reminder, **registered quilts will need to be dropped off on Friday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, between 3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.** If you're not available to drop your quilt(s) off during these hours, please have a friend bring your quilt(s) to City Hall.

- **We need volunteers!!!** Bonnie Evans still needs a few members to fill white glove positions, and Margaret Miller needs a few members to volunteer to do a demo at the quilt show. Please see Bonnie if you can white glove at the show **OR** see Margaret if you have a quick demo to share with attendees at the show.

- **We need donations!!!** The Silent Auction needs more items for the **Silent Auction** table. Table runners/toppers, matching placemats and napkins, bags and totes, wall-hangings, quilt kits, and gift baskets have all been popular sellers in the past. If you have an item to donate, bring it to the guild meeting. We also need **fat quarters** for the basket of FQs we use as a prize for the raffle. If you have any fat quarters, please give them to Gwen Guyette.

- **We need your raffle tickets!!!** Dale McFeeters is the raffle ticket coordinator again this year. She 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. Dale wants to be sure to properly credit the returned tickets and money to the correct member and avoid making

unnecessary telephone calls looking for unreturned tickets. As a reminder, each member is required to sell (or buy) two books of raffle tickets to remain a member in good standing.

## QUILT TIPS

- When washing large pieces of fabric, such as backing, fold the fabric into 4<sup>th</sup>s or 3<sup>rd</sup>s, and baste along the right and left edges and down the middle. This makes it much easier to "untangle" after washing and drying. It also helps to reduce wrinkling.
- If you pay attention to the grain line while pressing your quilt projects, everything will come out square. Just remember to press with the straight grain of the fabric as much as possible; the selvage edge runs on the straight grain. Cross grain and bias both stretch, the straight grain doesn't.
- For those who use silk thread when doing appliqué but get frustrated because the thread keeps slipping out of the needle, try this. After you thread the needle, pull the thread through so one end is only about 4" from the eye of the needle. Tie a double knot immediately behind the eye of the needle. You'll find that it won't hinder your appliquéing as the knot is smaller than the end of the needle.
- Take photos and keep a written record of all your completed quilts. Make sure you label each of your quilts properly too on the back, so there is always a permanent record of who, when, and for whom the quilt was made.
- Use different widths of masking tape to guide you in an easy way to quilt parallel lines without marking the quilt top.
- If you're a new quilter, take the time to learn good practices and techniques. Once you have the basics right, your skills will naturally develop.
- Maintain your machine! There's nothing more frustrating than a breakdown when you're in the middle of sewing.
- When prewashing fabrics, clip the corner of each piece to prevent a big, tangled, spider web mess when the machine stops!
- Dark chocolate is a quilter's BFF...enjoy some!!!

**ON THE WEB...VALENTINE'S DAY PATTERNS**

**PATCHWORK HEARTS:** [http://quilting.about.com/od/quiltpatternsprojects/ss/heart\\_quilt.htm](http://quilting.about.com/od/quiltpatternsprojects/ss/heart_quilt.htm)

**VALENTINE BANNER:** <http://fredashive.blogspot.com/2008/01/free-pattern-valentine-flagbanner.html>

**CANDY BOX HEART (PAPER-PIECED BLOCK):** <http://piecebynumber.com/candyboxheart.htm>

**TABLERUNNER:** [http://www.mccallsquilting.com/content\\_downloads/Nine-Patch\\_Heart\\_Block\\_7515.pdf](http://www.mccallsquilting.com/content_downloads/Nine-Patch_Heart_Block_7515.pdf)

**ENBROIDERED PAISLEY HEARTS:** <http://embroidery.about.com/od/Embroidery-Patterns-Projects/ss/Paisley-Hearts-3-Piece-Pattern-Set.htm>

**2014 RAFFLE QUILT:FABRIC NEEDED**

Members are asked to donate squares of fabric for the 2014 Raffle Quilt. Fabric needed: 6 1/2-inch squares, two of the same fabric, any color for the mediums/darks; 6 1/2-inch squares, two of the same fabric, creams/beiges for the lights. Bring your donations to the February meeting; Sharon Perry will accept your donations for Denise Chase.

- Don't forget to bring:
- Quilt Registration forms for quilt show entries
- Check or cash (\$25) for Jenny Doan Workshops
- Fabric Squares for 2014 Raffle Quilt
- Monies and completed tickets for 2013 Raffle
- Items for Show and Tell

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