

Franklin County Quilters Guild

SUGARHOUSE GAZETTE

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President's Piece

Hello Everyone,

I want to thank Nancy LaPointe for the trunk show she gave at our January meeting. I enjoyed her journey as she learned to quilt. I will smile to myself for a long time when I think about the size of the cutting board she purchased in order to get it into her suitcase and onto the airplane. Cutting on that board would have discouraged many from making more than one quilt. We're very fortunate that it didn't discourage her.

Kudos to the nominating team. We have a slate of officers for next year. A big "Thank You" to our members who tossed their hats in. The railroad was instrumental in developing St. Albans thus making it a railroad town. Members agreeing to take offices will be elected. After all, St. Albans has to continue to earn its reputation.

You won't want to miss our February meeting. Sharon and Rose have surprises in store for us. During the February meeting we will learn what the UPS and Fed Ex trucks have been delivering to Sharon's home on Hazen's Notch Road and why Rose's house is filled. They started planning February's meeting right after our June meeting last year. Remember, while you don't have to be present to win the grand prizes, you must be there for the rest. **Doors will open at 6:00 pm; the meeting and festivities begin at 6:30 pm!!!**

February's meeting will also be the deadline for registering your quilts for April's show. I was pleased to see so many of you had signed up to volunteer at the Quilt Show. By the time I saw the list circulating at January's meeting, many posts had been filled. The show will be great this year, even though it is a little smaller. I'm already looking forward to our show next year in the newly renovated City Hall.

Judging by the posts on the guild's Facebook page, many members have been busy making their 48, 2½-inch, half square triangles for the Mystery Quilt. I talked with one member who plans to make this quilt for each of her sisters. That's faith that the quilt will look stunning!

Sincerely,

Helen Short, 2015-2016 President

2015 – 2016 Guild Calendar

September 16th Ice Cream Social

October 21st Christmas in October
(6:30 pm start!!!)

November 20th Trunk Show
with Dan Perkins (6:30 pm START!)

November 21st Workshop
with Dan Perkins at NMC

November 22nd Workshop
with Dan Perkins at NMC

December 16th Holiday Potluck
(6:00 pm start!!!)

2015 – 2016 Guild Calendar

January 20th Trunk Show
with Nancy LaPointe

February 17th IT'S A S-U-R-P-R-I-S-E!!!
(Festivities start promptly at 6:30 pm)

March 16th TBA
Quilt Show Prep

April 1st Quilt Show Set-Up

April 2nd Quilt Show

April 3rd Quilt Show

2015 – 2016 Guild Calendar

April 29th Trunk Show
with Pat Pauly

April 30th Workshop
with Pat Pauly

May 1st Possible Workshop
with Pat Pauly

May 18th Members' Garage Sale

June 15th Potluck &
Teacup Auction (**6:00 pm start!!!**)

FRANKLIN COUNTY QUILTERS GUILD

Minutes of January 20, 2016

Present: Total attended 51 (no new members, two guests)

Business meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Helen Short, President

Secretary's Report for December meeting: Motion to accept by Sharon Perry, seconded by Dale McFeeters. Approved.

Treasurer's Report for January: Motion to accept by Sharon Perry, seconded by Bonnie Evans. Approved.

Committee Reports:**Quilt Show**

- At meeting time, 50 quilts had been registered for the show.
- The winner of the January Early Entry Challenge was Bonnie Evans.
- Diane Forey distributed raffle tickets. Each guild member in good standing must sell at least two books of tickets. Please return the money to Diane in an envelope with your name on it.
- Bonnie Evans circulated a volunteer sign-up sheet for the show.
- Carolyn Kittell brought posters and flyers for members to take and distribute.

Charity Quilts

- In December, Fire Quilts were given to two families, one in Franklin, the other in Highgate. Eleven quilts were donated to Home Health, and five to Laurie's House.
- There are finished Fire Quilt tops that need quilters.

Projects: The Mystery Quilt was to begin the weekend following the meeting, with clues to be revealed on Facebook monthly. First step: Make 48 HSTs, 2 1/2" unfinished.

Library: The theme for the month was educational books.

Programs

- The monthly "birthday gift" for all meeting attendees was a 25% Off coupon for use at Quilting With Color quilt shop in Williston on February 20th and 21st.
- We will have a food drive at the February meeting. Each item or \$2 cash donated = 1 entry in the BIG drawing.

- Pat Pauly Workshop choices for April 30th and May 1st to be posted on Facebook for members to vote.

New Business

- Thank-yous were received from Martha's Kitchen for the holiday donation, from Northwestern Medical Center for the New Year's baby quilts, and from Sharon Pudvah for a breast cancer quilt.
- Penny LaRoche will make the 2017 New Year's baby girl's quilt, and Chris Jessiman will make the boy's quilt.
- Bonnie Evans volunteered to chair the Nominating Committee. Dale McFeeters and Gerda Thibault will also serve on the committee.
- Nanc Ekiert asked that members bring 7 1/2" x WOF strips to the February meeting for the 2017 Charity Quilt. The desired colors (dusty blues and greens) were shown.

Program

- Trunk show by our own Nancy LaPointe

Monthly Drawings

- Door Prize: Roberta Gilmour
- Charity Quilts: Elaine Magnan
- Birthday drawings: Alice Rouleau for January, Becky Mandeville for July

Show and Tell

Next meeting - Wednesday, February 17th, 2016, **starts promptly at 6:30 pm!!!!!!!!!!!!** Program: CELEBRATION OF THE GUILD'S 25th BIRTHDAY with LOTS OF PRIZES!!! (Don't forget to bring donations for the food drive.)

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Kay Benedict, Secretary

Happy
Valentine's Day



ENTRY INTO 25TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION DRAWINGS

As a reminder each guild member will have at least one entry into the February drawings. Members can increase their chances of winning in a few other ways. Here are the ways members' names will be entered into the drawings:

- 1 entry for each paid member
- 1 entry for each monthly meeting attended
- 3 entries for each charity quilt made*/donated**
- 2 entries for guest you bring who becomes a member (To qualify for 2 entries, new member cannot have been a guild member in previous 10 years)
- 1 entry for every volunteer position at the quilt show you sign up for at the January guild meeting

*A question came up about "making" a charity quilt and whether or not only making a quilt top or only quilting an already-made quilt top qualifies for 3 entries. After much thought and some suggestions, a guild member can enter her/his name 3 times for every 2 quilt tops where she/he has only made the quilt top or 3 times for every 2 already-made quilts which she/he only quilts.

**To qualify for a charity quilt donation and entries into the February drawing, the quilt must be made for and donated to the Franklin County Quilters Guild for the guild's charitable efforts and supported organizations/events.

EVEN MORE WAYS TO ENTER THE 25TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION DRAWINGS

Would you like to earn even more extra entries into the February drawings for the awesome prizes donated so far with more to come? Here are 3 additional ways:

- **For every food item brought to the February meeting or \$2 donated (for the food shelf) at the February meeting, your name will be entered once.** So you would be able to enter your name 5 times if you brought 5 separate food items or donated \$10, or any combination of the two.
- **If you return the required 2 packets of 6 raffle tickets and money (\$10) before or at the February meeting, your name will be entered once. If you return more than the required 2 packets before or at the February meeting, you**

will receive 1 entry for every additional packet (& money) returned. As an example, if you returned 7 packets (& money) at the February meeting, your name would be entered 6 times...once for the first 2 returned and once for each of the additional 5 packets returned. And remember it is packets of 6 raffle tickets returned...

- **If you bring an item, to donate for the quilt show's Teacup Auction, to the February meeting, you will receive 2 entries for each separate item, or collection of items, donated.** For example, if you donated a wall-hanging you would receive 2 entries. If you donated a set of 4 placemats with matching napkins, you would also receive 2 entries.



February	8 th	Sally	Krupp
February	19 th	Rita	Dean
February	23 rd	Pam	Salazar
February	27 th	Gerda	Thibault

...and many more!!!



Waiting for love to arrive...

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 2016**FRANKLIN COUNTY QUILTERS GUILD****Treasurer's Report -- February 17, 2016**

Opening Balance	\$3,265.87
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Funds collected	
QS Raffle tickets	\$50.00

<i>Total Funds Collected</i>	\$50.00
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<i>Sub-Total</i>	\$3,315.87
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Funds paid out	
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Gerald Perry, Room set-up for Feb	\$35.00
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Helen Short, Agenda copies, Charity quilt fabric/batting	\$170.45
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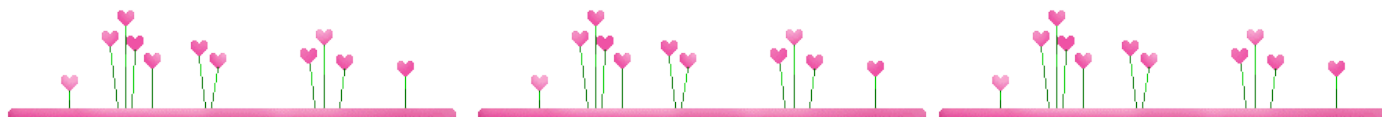
Retd ck deposit correction for Jan 2016 (s/b \$15.00)	\$15.00
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<i>Total Funds Paid Out</i>	\$220.45
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<i>Grand Total</i>	\$3,095.42
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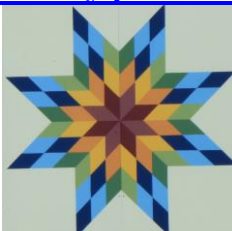
2016 YTD Collections: \$585.00

Respectfully submitted,
Deborah L. Dusablon, Treasurer



VISIT THE FRANKLIN COUNTY BARN QUILT TRAIL ON THE GUILD'S WEBSITE AT

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



Deadline for articles for next newsletter:

Wednesday, February 24th, 2016

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



QUILT SHOW: 52 DAYS AND COUNTING

The 2016 Quilt Show is less than 2 months away, and planning continues behind the scenes. Continue reading to see how you can help.

- **We need quilts!!!** It's all about the quilts!!! As of the January guild meeting, we had 50 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 donations!!!** The **Teacup Auction** needs more 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. If you have any fat quarters, please give them to Gwen Guyette at the meeting. And we need donations for the **door prize**...tea, lotions, coffee, maple syrup, etc.

- **We need your raffle tickets!!!** Diane Forey 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. Diane wants to be sure to properly credit the returned tickets. Dale McFeeters will be collecting the returned tickets and money at the February meeting. As a reminder, each member is required to sell (or buy) two books of raffle tickets to remain a member in good standing. Also, if you return your 2 books, along with the money, you can enter your name once into the special February drawing. And for each book of tickets and money you return after those first two, you can enter your name one time.

- **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 celebrate the guild's 25th Anniversary. There's still plenty of time to make something for the challenge. Instructions can be found on the second page of the registration form.

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.

QUILT TIPS FROM KIM DIEHL

- To easily give any quilt an old-fashioned, vintage feel, simply substitute muslin for the background prints called for in the directions. Your quilt will instantly exude traditional charm.
- When arranging your blocks for placement into a quilt top, always position pieces with strong hues in the corners. This will clearly define and anchor your quilt center.
- When you begin a new project, take a moment to wind three or four bobbins. You'll save time later!
- Instead of using a single piece of fabric for your appliqué background, try substituting a simply pieced background of two or more neutral prints for added interest and impact.
- To achieve consistent seam allowances when cutting appliqué pieces, place a small strip of $\frac{1}{4}$ " masking tape on the end of your thumbnail to use as a visual guide.
- To increase your accuracy, when you seat yourself at your sewing machine, position your chair squarely in front of the needle. This may seem overly simple, but sitting at even a slight angle to the needle can distort your view as you sew and cause variances in your seam allowances.
- When "un-sewing" a seam, a clean eraser or the sticky side of a length of masking tape can be lightly rubbed over any remaining threads to loosen and remove them from the cloth.
- To save time as you press, position your ironing board next to your sewing machine at table height. You'll eliminate extra steps.

Don't forget the **Special FCQG Event at Quilting With Color** on Saturday, February 20th, and Sunday, February 21st. Jennine Poulin has graciously given each member a 25% off coupon to be used at this event.

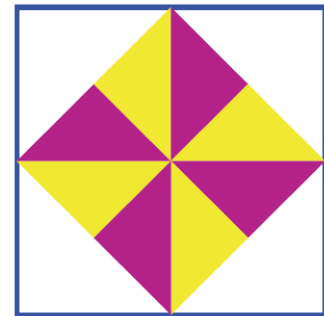
If you didn't receive your 25% off coupon at the January meeting, you can pick one up at the February meeting. Or, you can email Sharon Perry at vtquilter@gmail.com and she will email one to you.

Quilting With Color

Franklin County Quilters Guild

CONGRATULATIONS

On Celebrating Your 25th Birthday!



Quilting With Color, Williston Vermont's newest quilt shop would like to help celebrate your birthday. As a member of the Franklin County Quilters Guild, you will receive a **25% off coupon** at the February meeting, which can be used the weekend of **2/20/16 - 2/21/16** on your total purchase for the day.

At Quilting With Color, you will find a bright and cheery shop filled with a wide variety of warm and welcoming colors and textures of fabrics. We have many blender fabrics and unique fabrics not seen in other shops, as well as many books, patterns, notions and gifts to choose from.

I hope to see you on the weekend of 2/20/16 - 2/21/16.

Once again, CONGRATULATIONS on Celebrating Your 25th Birthday!
Here's to 25 more!

Best Wishes,
Jennine K. Poulin, Owner

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Rules and form for the 2015 - 2016 UFO (Unfinished Object) Challenge
can be found at <http://www.franklincountyquilters.org/fcggufochallenge.pdf>

FEBRUARY MEETING: IT'S A S-U-R-P-R-I-S-E!!! (AND IT STARTS PROMPTLY AT 6:30 PM!!!)

You don't want to miss the meeting on Wednesday, February 17th...there will be lots of fun and lots of prizes. Look on page 3 of this newsletter for extra ways to enter the B-I-G drawing. As a reminder, you do NOT have to be present to win the top 5 prizes, but you must be there for the remainder of prizes.

There's not much else to reveal...as you know, IT'S A S-U-R-P-R-I-S-E!!!

ART QUILTER PAT PAULY TO VISIT IN LATE APRIL



Pat Pauly, an art quilter from Rochester, New York, will be the guild's guest speaker on Friday, April 29th, and will discuss *The Heritage of Traditional Quilts and their Influence in Contemporary Design*. She will teach 2 workshops: *The New Big Leaf* on Saturday, April 30th; and *The Skinny Line Leaf* on Sunday, May 1st.

As reflected on Pat's website, she is "known for her improvisational technique. Pat Pauly uses bold color and unusual juxtapositions of printed and painted fabric."

As described in her artist's statement, "Quilt National 1983 exhibited Pat Pauly's first quilt. She hit the ground running, and continues to construct works that are strong and graphic. Creating works that evoke natural forms, while remaining abstract, Pauly uses any method of construction that will meet her goal. Pauly exhibits internationally and is in private and corporate collections. Pauly...is a frequent lecturer on the relationship of traditional quilts to contemporary works, and curates exhibitions of art quilts. Pauly's workshops focus on design, color theory, construction, as well as when to apply the rules, and when to toss them out. **Sign-ups will begin at the February meeting.**



The Big Leaf



The Skinny Leaf

DON'T FORGET for the next meeting...

1. Non-perishable food items or monetary donations for food drive...**REMEMBER there are extra entries for donations!!!**
2. Completed quilt registration forms which can be found at www.franklincountyquilters.org and on the guild's facebook page...the **February meeting is the deadline for quilt entries**
3. **\$35 cash or check (payable to FCQG) to register for each Pat Pauly workshop**
4. **7 1/2" x WOF strips in dusty blues and greens for the 2017 Charity Quilt**
5. Completed UFOs for UFO Challenge
6. Completed Charity Quilts
7. Items for Show and Tell