

# Franklin County Quilters Guild

## SUGARHOUSE GAZETTE

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### President's Piece

Hi Everyone,

With our Quilt Show deadlines lurking, I have been very busy trying to complete my quilts for the show as well as an auction item. My Mystery quilt top is finally completed and a picture was emailed to Kay. The paperwork will be in the mail tomorrow (3/5). Since we "spring ahead" early this year, I will use that extra hour to machine and bind the quilt. (EDITOR'S NOTE: Should we tell Ann she actually lost an hour?) Then on to my auction item which needs to be completed for our March meeting. I lost a month of sewing time somewhere, can anyone relate? Remember, the deadline for sending Kay the quilt forms is March 13, 2013. Her address is 24 Glen Ridge Lane, St. Albans, VT 05478.

The March meeting has a number of deadlines: Sally Krupp needs all the auction items for the show; Gwen Guyette is in need of fat quarters for the basket; and Dale McFeeters needs your raffle tickets – the money for the sold tickets and the unsold tickets. If there are any available seats for either of Jenny Doan's workshops by the March meeting, you can sign up then or the spots will go to the members on the waiting list.

Our guest speaker for the March meeting is Carolyn Babcock who will discuss reproduction fabrics and quilts.

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

-Ann Jacobs

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Nancy Orcutt

#### Quilt Show

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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

#### 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 (POSTPONED)

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

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

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

#### 2012 -2013 Guild Calendar

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

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

# Luck o' the Irish!!!



## FRANKLIN COUNTY QUILTERS GUILD Minutes of February 20, 2013

Present: Total attended 38, including one guest: Jan Young

Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Ann Jacobs, President

Secretary's Report: Motion to accept by Joanne Sweet, seconded by Linda Nadeau

Treasurer's Report: Motion to accept by Roseanne Terrill, seconded by Margaret Miller

Jenny Doan workshops - Members voted for Half-Hex to be added to Dresden Plate morning workshop, and Serendipity to be added to Summer in the Park afternoon workshop.

### Old Business

T3 (Tips, Tricks and Techniques)

- Piece together scraps, then cut into shapes (Quiltmaker magazine March/April) - Ann Jacobs
- Miniatures using a grid and interfacing instead of foundation piecing (Paula Doyle demos on YouTube and TQS) - Margaret Miller
- Frixion gel pen for marking, comes out with heat of iron - Margaret Miller
- Fabric bargains at Frank's Bargain Center in Claremont, NH, open on Sunday - Margaret Miller
- Use self-stick floor tiles to make templates (Quilting Quickly magazine) - Joanne Sweet

- Use plastic salad containers to store scraps and precuts - Roseanne Terrill
- Use washers on end of mechanical pencil to mark templates - Nance Ekiert
- Thread bargains at Kava in Montreal - Nance Ekiert

### Quilt Show

- Downtown businesses are enthusiastic; most are staying open Sunday.
- Needleman's is almost set for charity quilt display.
- Only 8 items so far for Silent Auction; need items by next meeting.
- Need fat quarters for raffle basket.
- Raffle tickets to be turned in by next meeting.
- Nance Ekiert offered a few easels to use for signs.
- 20 quilts registered, plus a big stack of forms turned in. Deadline in 3 weeks. Forms available for members' quilts, separate forms for antique quilts, and printed instructions for making sleeve.

### New Business

Green Mountain Quilters Guild meeting on Saturday, May 18 at 10am at Knights of Columbus Hall in Barre. Pam Druhen will be presenting on Color Confidence.

Alyce Bushey and Elaine Magnan showed a finished charity quilt and handed out a few kits.

**Show and Tell** - Six charity quilts; other quilts and projects

### Monthly Drawings

Door prize won by Janet McCarthy

Charity Quilt drawing won by Elaine Magnan

Sign-up began for Jenny Doan workshops in April.

**Next meeting** - Wednesday, March 20, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. Guest speaker will be Carolyn Babcock on using reproduction fabrics (postponed from tonight, due to weather)

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Kay Benedict, Secretary



Here  
Comes  
Peter  
Cotton  
Tail!!!



**RESCHEDULED FROM FEBRUARY****MARCH 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. One of her quilts, *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 provided monthly steps month for a mystery quilt. 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 February, five guild members shared eight different tips (see meeting minutes above). One of the tips and techniques shared can be seen at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sfSPSSS1Pa0>.

**SUGARING SEASON IS HERE!**

With the sunny days and the warming temperatures, the maple sap has started to flow. Let's hope this sugaring season is better than last year's!!! If you want a taste of the "sweet stuff," visit a local sugarhouse and watch maple syrup being made during Vermont's Maple Open House Weekend on March 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>.

Here are some recipes using maple products:

***RECIPE CORNER*****MAPLE BALSAMIC VINAIGRETTE****Ingredients**

1 teaspoon dry mustard	1 clove garlic, minced
½ teaspoon dried basil	1 cup extra virgin olive oil
3 tablespoons balsamic vinegar	1 teaspoon salt
2 tablespoons maple syrup	½ teaspoon freshly
1 tablespoon lemon juice	ground black pepper

**Directions**

In a small bowl, combine mustard, basil, garlic, salt, and pepper. Add vinegar, maple syrup and lemon juice. Whisk together. Add olive oil and whisk until emulsified. A perennial favorite in our house!!!

**EASY MAPLE DIP****Ingredients**

1 oz. softened cream cheese  
1/3 c. maple syrup

**Directions**

With a mixer, beat the two together and serve with your favorite fruits or veggies. Excellent to use with sliced apples, but make sure you have enough!

**Some notes for cooking with maple syrup:**

- When substituting maple granulated sugar for white sugar use ½ cup maple sugar for each cup of white sugar.
- To substitute for maple syrup for sugar in cooking, use only ¾ cup maple syrup generally to each cup of sugar. To substitute maple syrup for granulated sugar in baking, use the same proportions, but reduce the other liquid called for in the recipe by 3 tablespoons for every cup of syrup substituted. One pint of maple syrup has the sweetening power as one pound of maple sugar.
- When mixing, combine syrup with liquid in recipe or melt shortening, then mix thoroughly with liquid shortening.

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

Opening Balance		\$3,505.21
Funds collected		
Raffle tickets (YTD: \$743.00)	\$177.00	
Sharon Shorey workshop	\$90.00	
Jenny Doan workshop	\$800.00	
	<i>Sub-total</i>	\$1,067.00
	<i>Total</i>	\$4,572.21
Funds paid out		
Church of the Rock, Mar rent	\$35.00	
Gerald Perry, Room set-up for Mar	\$25.00	
Chamber of Commerce, QS advertisement	\$40.00	
Regal Art, QS posters	\$54.98	
Staples, QS raffle tickets	\$62.33	
Bonnie Evans, BOM copies	\$10.98	
Nancy Magnant, Fabric for charity & monthly gift bags	\$50.62	
	<i>Sub-total</i>	\$278.91
	<b>Grand Total</b>	\$4,293.30

2013 YTD Collections: \$1636.47

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah L. Dusablon, Treasurer  
03/20/13



*Happy St. Patty's Day*

**QUILT TIP**

- Use non-fusible lightweight interfacing as the foundation for paper piecing. The interfacing washes nicely; it is very light, with no bulk. Plus you don't have to tear away the paper leaving more time for sewing!
- Having trouble threading your needle? Don't lick the thread...instead lick the eye of the needle!

**Deadline for articles for next newsletter:**

**Wednesday, March 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: 24 DAYS AND COUNTING

The 2013 Quilt Show is only 24 days away, and we're in the final countdown to filling City Hall with all our beautiful creations. 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!** The deadline for registering quilts is Wednesday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, a week before the March guild meeting. In order to register your quilts, you should mail your registration forms to Kay Benedict, 24 Glen Ridge Lane, St. Albans, VT 05478. 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!!!** Check with Bonnie Evans to see if she still has any positions open for manning the quilt show. Also, Margaret Miller might need a few members to volunteer to do a demo at the quilt show. Some of the Tips and Techniques shared at the guild meetings might be perfect for a demo at the quilt 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 and give it to Sally Krupp. 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.

## CELEBRATE AMERCIA ON NATIONAL QUILTING DAY MARCH 16, 2013

*By Freda Jones, National Quilting Day Coordinator*

The official 2013 National Quilting Day pattern, Nine Patch Stars and Stripes, was designed by Kathy Lichtendahl of Powell, Wyoming. National Quilting Day is recognized annually on the third Saturday of March. For 2013, that's March 16. Use this pattern to create a donation to an organization supporting veterans, people serving in the military, or their families. If red, white, and blue isn't your preferred palette, other combinations certainly work for this charming design. Get inspired and get quilting! You can find the FREE pattern at:

[http://nqaquilts.org/free-projects/files/QQ\\_Projects2012\\_webCelebrateRv1.pdf](http://nqaquilts.org/free-projects/files/QQ_Projects2012_webCelebrateRv1.pdf)

National Quilting Day was established in 1991 by a resolution passed at the NQA Annual Meeting; 2013 will mark the 22nd annual celebration. Over the years, quilters have created ways to commemorate the place quilting holds in our lives. Some celebrate for the entire month. In fact, some calendars refer to March as National Quilting Month. It's more fun to celebrate for a month, rather than just one day!

Send photographs and short stories of your completed National Quilting Day projects, events, and celebrations to [nqdcoordinator@naquilts.org](mailto:nqdcoordinator@naquilts.org). The collective efforts of all quilters will be displayed at the 44th Annual Quilt Show, June 2013, in Columbus, Ohio. Please include your name, e-mail address, and phone number. Thank you for joining in the celebration of quilting!

With ALL this MUD,  
Spring can't be far behind!!!





## ON THE WEB...PATTERNS FOR MARCH

SCRAPPY SHAMROCK: <http://www.quiltingassistant.com/shamrock.html>

HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S SURPRISE: <http://moonlightquilts.com/patterns/free-st-patricks-quilt-pattern.pdf>

SHAMROCK WALLHANGING: <http://www.bhg.com/holidays/st-patricks-day/crafts/shamrock-wall-hanging/>

VINTAGE SHAMROCK: <http://www.quilterbydesign.com/StarAppliquePdf/Shamrock.pdf>

CRAZY PATCH EASTER EGG: <http://www.patchpieces.com/files/crazyeggs.pdf>

STRUTTIN' CHICK: <http://www.patchpieces.com/files/struttinchick.pdf>

CARROT TABLE RUNNER: [http://www.allpeoplequilt.com/projects-ideas/table-toppers-runners/carrot-table-runner\\_1.html](http://www.allpeoplequilt.com/projects-ideas/table-toppers-runners/carrot-table-runner_1.html)

### MARCH DEBUT OF EMBROIDERY PATTERNS FOR *BRIDGES OF FRANKLIN COUNTY*

The patterns are here, the patterns are here! The long-awaited debut of the embroidery patterns for the guild's stunning 2013 Raffle Quilt is finally here. Bonnie Evans will have the quilt on display and the raffle tickets and embroidery patterns for sale at Yankee Pride on Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the Vermont Shop Hop. For the remainder of the Shop Hop, the quilt will be hanging at Countryside Fabrics. Countryside Fabrics has graciously offered to also sell the embroidery patterns.

If possible (i.e. we don't sell out and cannot print more before next Wednesday), we'll have a few pattern sets for members to see and purchase at the March guild meeting. If you are interested in having a pattern set available for you to purchase, please contact Sharon at [vtquilter@gmail.com](mailto:vtquilter@gmail.com) or 326-3135. She will make sure there are enough sets for any advance orders. Patterns for ALL 12 bridges **AND** the quilt layout pattern, as a set of 7 pattern packages, will be priced at \$60.00.

**Editor's Note:** The quilt layout pattern is currently **NOT** available for distribution but will be unveiled at the quilt show.

## 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 March meeting. If Denise Chase isn't at the meeting, Sharon Perry will accept your donations for her.

**Don't forget to bring:**

- Fat Quarter Donations for the FQ Basket
- Silent Auction Donations
- Monies and completed tickets for the 2013 Raffle
- Fabric Squares for the 2014 Raffle Quilt
- Items for Show and Tell

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