

Franklin County Quilters Guild

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President's Piece

Happy Spring! The Franklin County Quilters Guild is an organization founded more than 25 years ago by quilters interested in sharing the quilting experience. We come together monthly to enjoy a presentation from an invited guest or a trunk show given by one of our members, or to share a meal. Included in our monthly meetings is a business meeting.

At the March 2018 meeting, many members politely voiced their opinion that the business portion of the meeting is something that they are not interested in. They would like to have more time at our monthly meetings to get to know the other quilters, have a conversation with their tablemates, and learn more about quilting. There are several options for our meetings:

- The business meeting could
 - be held at on a different day than the membership meeting,
 - be held online,
 - or be held on the same day, just prior to the membership meeting.
- The business meetings would be run by the Executive Committee [President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Project Coordinator(s) and Program Director(s)] and would be open to all members.
- The monthly membership meeting could
 - be held at on a different day than the membership meeting,
 - include an invited guest,
 - have members sharing quilting tips,
 - have both a guest and member sharing,
 - and include other ideas!

During the membership meetings, I'm anticipating that a short amount of time would be spent on important announcements to keep everyone informed of upcoming events, such as classes that are sometimes offered through FCQG. I'm also thinking the sharing of our charity quilts and personal projects would still be a part of the membership meetings. Of course, the membership meetings would be open to all members. This is your guild. Please join us for our April meeting and voice your opinion as we continue the discussion. We want to hear from you!

At our April meeting on Wednesday, April 18th, we'll hear about and see FCQG's member Kay Benedict's quilts as she presents a Trunk Show. Kay participated in an art quilt class that I took this winter. I saw Kay's eye-catching choice of fabrics for her class project and am excited to see what she will be sharing on the 18th! Doors open at 6:00 PM, with a start time of 6:30 PM. Please come and meet fellow quilters, be a part of our meeting, and help us to grow our guild!

Regards,
Diane Kane, 2017-2018 President

2017 – 2018 Guild Calendar

September 20th Ice Cream Social
(6:00 pm start!!!)

October 18th "Stitching Together
a Writer's Life"
with Sonja Hakala, Author/Quilter

November 15th French Rose Quilt
with Rose Rixon

December 13th Holiday Potluck, Gift
Exchange and Food Shelf Donations
(6:00 pm start!!!)

2017 – 2018 Guild Calendar

January 19th Trunk Show
with Anne Standish

January 20th Workshop
with Anne Standish
"From Photo to Wall Hanging"

February 21st Trunk Show
with Sharon Perry

March 21st Slide & Trunk Show
with Vermont Modern
Quilt Guild

2017 -2018 Guild Calendar

April 6th Quilt Show Set-Up

April 7th & 8th Quilt Show

April 18th Trunk Show
with Kay Benedict

May 16th Members' Garage Sale

June 20th Potluck &
Teacup Auction (6:00 pm start!!!)

FRANKLIN COUNTY QUILTERS GUILD

Minutes of March 21, 2018

The evening began with a well-received presentation by the Vermont Modern Quilt Guild. The presenters, Trista Dufresne, Kaitlin Delano, and Pam Salazar, provide an array of traditional vs. modern quilt samples. The VMQG schedules meeting on the morning of the 2nd Sunday of each month at the Vermont Commons School in South Burlington. The group is also excited about their Junior Guild group.

Meeting called to order at 7:40 pm by Diane Kane, President. Members Present 52; 2 guests.

Secretary's Report – Minutes for the February 21, 2018 meeting. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Sharon Perry, second by Mary Jane Marchelewicz. Discussion: correction was made to change from 2019 Charity Quilt to 2019 Raffle Quilt will be made by Denise Chase and the S&B group. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report – Report for March 2017 meeting. Motion to accept report was made by Sharon Perry, second by Jean Anne Branch. Motion passed.

Committee Reports

Programs: Jean Anne Branch announced the members' garage sale will be held at the May meeting. A sign up for free table space will be held at the next meeting.

Membership News

- Denise Chase noted that new members should plan to sign the FCQG quilt covering the front table.
- Helen Short initiated discussion relating to providing honorary membership to founding members. Motion to offer founding members a lifetime membership in FCQG made by Denise Chase, second by Carol Stanley. Discussion included impact to membership commitments and Facebook participation was held. Motion that the current motion be tabled so discovery of what lifetime membership means was made by Mary Jane Marchelewicz, second by Nancy LaPointe. Please contact Diane Kane if you would like to assist with this research.

2018 Raffle and Charity Quilts

- The charity quilt is ready to be hung at the Quilt Show. Sharon Perry quilted this community quilt of blue fabric and 4 patches that Jean Anne Branch and Carol Stanley pieced together. Included in this quilt is corner blocks made by Anne Jacobs. A representative from the Jim Bashaw Cancer and Catastrophic Illness Fund will be presented this quilt at the May meeting. The St. Albans messenger will publish articles on the Quilt Show and highlight the Raffle Quilt in a Saturday publication.

2019 Charity Quilt

- Let Diane Kane know if there are any Franklin/Grand Isle County charities that may be interested in receiving next year's charity quilt for fundraising. The

nonprofit will need to submit a letter to the Guild president for consideration. Guild members will vote in June on the charity to receive the 2019 Raffle Quilt.

Quilt Show

- Bonnie Evans indicated there are still spaces for more volunteers to sign up. The sign up list will be posted on the web site, listed by both the show date and by volunteer's name.
- Kay Benedict outlined requirements including drop-off of quilts for the show will be from noon to 2 pm on Friday, April 6, at City Hall.
- All quilts other than table runners will require a 4" sleeve. You can see a tutorial on making a sleeve in the February newsletter.
- Nanc Ekiert will have a display for charity quilts with signs reflecting charities that will receive the quilts.
- Gwen indicated she can accept donations for the tea cup auction on Friday during set up.
- Helen Short indicated there are more posters and flyers available to announce the quilt show.

Project: Members displayed their completed March Block of the Month pattern Brasstown Star. Helen Short announced the April BOM, Bear Tracks, pattern at <http://www.quilterscache.com/B/BearTracksBlock.html>. Natalie will present the block of the month in April.

Charity Quilts

- Elaine Magnan made a recommendation the Guild update the labels used on charity quilts. Options will be reviewed and brought to a future meeting
- Discussion led by Cindy Metayer requesting quilts for Camp Ta-Kum-Ta, summer camp for children with or formerly having cancer. Please contact Cindy if you would like to donate a quilt to this charity.

Other Business

- Diane Kane solicited volunteers for the nominating committee to identify candidates for 2018-2019 slate of officers. President Kane announced she wouldn't be seeking reelection due to personal commitments, and Secretary Metayer was also not available next year. Teri Brunelle announced her interest to again run for the position of Vice President.
- Discussion was held whether the Guild wanted to continue with a business meeting each month. This recommendation will be placed on the April meeting agenda for further discussion.

Drawings:

Block of the Month: Sue McGregor

General Membership Door Prize: Peggy Paradee

Charity Quilt: Elaine Magnan

Motion to adjourn made by Margaret Miller, second by Denise Chase. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Cindy Metayer, Secretary



Simonne	Boucher	April	7
April	Walker	April	19
Linda	Nadeau	April	25

...and many more!!!



GUILD MEMBER, KAY BENEDICT, FEATURED AT APRIL MEETING

Pictured above are two of Kay Benedict's spectacular quilted creations. Kay will be showing her collection of the quilts she has made over the years at the April meeting.

Kay's quilts are treasures to behold. She always seems to put a unique spin on all her creations.

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



QUILT TIPS

- The most important tool for quilting is your fabric collection. Build a good stash and then you'll always be able to find that special piece you need to complete a project.
- 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.
- Look around you - when designing patterns for your quilt, don't forget you can use everyday items to draw around. Plates, cups and saucers and even cookie cutters all make great templates.
- When doing stitch-in-the-ditch machine quilting, stitch as close to the seam as possible, so that your quilting stitch remains largely invisible.
- Be sure to wipe the blade and clean your rotary cutter properly after each cutting session, otherwise lint will build up on it and affect its cutting performance.
- Maintain your machine - there's nothing more frustrating than a breakdown when you're in the middle of sewing. The quickest job is to keep the bobbin case clean from lint - a quick brush and you're right to continue.
- Wool wadding is a good choice for hand quilting, as the lanolin in the wool helps the needle slide through more easily.
- When sewing by hand, if your thread tends to kink, you may be rolling the needle. The easiest way to prevent this is to rotate the needle every few stitches to 'unwind' the thread as you go.
- Plastic boxes for fresh berries make handy containers for sorting small fabric scraps.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR APRIL 2018**FRANKLIN COUNTY QUILTERS GUILD****Treasurer's Report -- April 18, 2018**

Opening Balance		\$2,469.99
Funds collected		
QS Vendor (1)	\$50.00	
QS Raffle tickets, preshow	\$1,096.00	
QS Raffle tickets, show	\$929.00	
QS Silent Auction	\$722.00	
QS Donations	\$722.41	
	<i>Total Funds Collected</i>	\$3,519.41
	<i>Sub-total</i>	\$5,989.40
Funds paid out		
Gerald Perry, Room set-up for Oct	\$35.00	
Bank service charge	\$6.00	
VT Modern Quilt Guild, Program & mileage	\$43.63	
Elaine Magnan, Charity quilt batting/backings	\$102.76	
Terri Brunelle, Membership name badges	\$13.78	
Kay Benedict, QS supplies	\$16.93	
Diane Kane, Program agenda copies	\$5.40	
Bonnie Evans, Charity quilt fabric	\$21.56	
Helen Short,	\$75.61	
Kay Benedict,	\$65.94	
Bonnie Evans, QS decorations	\$6.28	
Alyce Bushey, QS balloons	\$13.90	
	<i>Total Funds Paid Out</i>	\$406.79
	Grand Total	\$5,582.61

2018 YTD Collections: \$4,810.41

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>

Deadline for articles for next newsletter:

Wednesday, April 25th, 2018

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



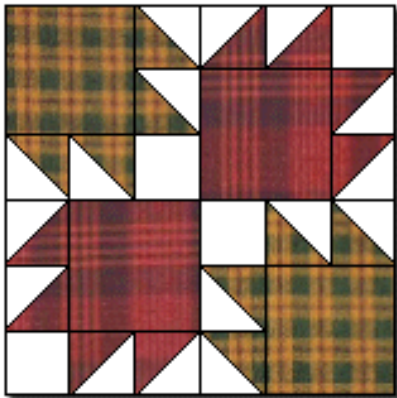
RICKY TIMS IS COMING TO VERMONT

Ricky Tims, a nationally-known quilter and musician, will be presenting his seminar called Quilt Luminarium in Burlington on May 3rd and 4th. It is a comprehensive quilt symposium that demystifies seemingly complex concepts, teaches mastery of unique techniques, and harnesses the power of the ever-elusive muse of creativity.

Quilt Luminarium will expand your quilting toolbox. The methods and techniques that are presented are diverse. Not only do you learn a variety of uncommon and sometimes

unorthodox techniques, you will also learn which technique is the most appropriate to use in any given situation. Ricky covers a variety of piecing, appliqué, design, quilting, and finishing techniques. You'll learn about color, fabric selection, and design. You'll learn how to take traditional patterns and make them uniquely yours and you'll discover how a pattern can work for any quilting genre.

Registration is open until April 20th. For more information, visit <https://www.rickytims.com/quilt-luminarium>.



APRIL 2018 BLOCK OF THE MONTH PATTERN: BEAR TRACKS

Pattern from www.quilterscache.com

Use your fabrics for the block(s) you will make and keep
If you have any questions, call Helen Short, 752-8019.

Click the link below for the block pattern

<http://www.quilterscache.com/B/BearTracksBlock.html>

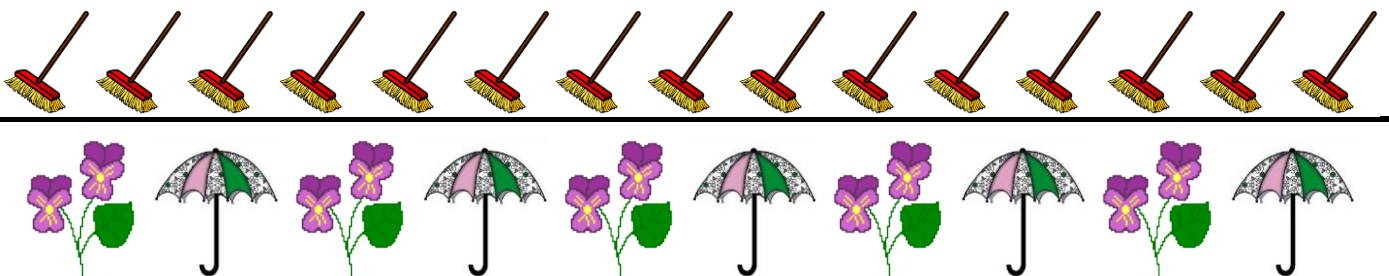
Be sure to continue to page 2 for the supplies at this link:

<http://www.quilterscache.com/B/BearTracksBlock Page2.html>

APRIL SPRING CLEANING IN THE SEWING ROOM BRINGS MEMBERS' GARAGE SALE IN MAY

As a heads-up, the program for the May guild meeting, on May 16th, will be a garage sale for all guild members. Last year's garage sale was such a H-U-G-E success, members voted to have another garage sale this May. This sale will provide an opportunity for members to sell (or purchase) gently used quilting-related items no longer needed by the owner. **Let Jean Anne Branch know at the April meeting if you'd like a table. There is NO FEE to have a table!**

If your spring cleaning includes organizing your quilting room, be sure to set aside those gently-used quilting items for the garage sale. As they say, "One quilter's 'trash' is another quilter's treasure."



20th ANNUAL FRANKLIN COUNTY QUILT SHOW WINNERS ANNOUNCED

The Franklin County Quilters Guild hosted their 20th annual Quilt Show at the St. Albans City Hall on April 7th and 8th. The quilt show brought Over 650 people to downtown St. Albans to vote for their favorite quilts displayed at the show.

Mayor Tim Smith came by on Saturday morning to select his favorite quilt out of over 100 entries for the Mayor's Award. He selected a quilt made by Diane Forey entitled, "Words to Live By". Denise Quint, the show's founder, also selected this quilt for the Founder's Award. The Guild's President Diane Kane chose "Pink Sampler" by Nancy LaPointe for the President's Award. "Twilight Hopscotch" by Nadine Froebel won Ann Jacobs Award in memory the guild's longest serving president.

The Quilt Show attendees voted for their favorite quilts for the People's Choice Awards. Denise Chase's "Cathedral Windows" won first place, "Words to Live By" by Diane Forey won second place, and "My First Embroidered Quilt" won third place in the bed quilt category. In the lap/crib quilt category "Flowers All Year" by Shirley Babcock was People's Choice favorite followed by "C. D. Waters' US Army Story" by Anza Myers and "Forest Creatures" by Helen Short. The attendees chose in the wall hanging category "Dance of the Dragonflies" by Bonnie Evans for first place, "Corn Flower Siesta" by Rita Dean, second place and "Atlantic Fly Way" by Connie Evans, third. Nanc Ekiert's miniature quilt entitled "Into the Woods" won first place followed by "Vermont Splendor" by Bonnie Evans and "Cordon Blue" by Kay Benedict. This year's Challenge was to use black, white and one other color fabrics in a quilt that measured no more than a 120 inch perimeter. The Challenge Quilt winner was "Midnight Flight" by Nanc Ekiert, second place went to "On the Last Day" by Kay Benedict, and third was "Practicing Scales" by Kris Bachand.

The Quilt Show's vendors selected their favorite quilts. Appraiser Sandra Palmer chose "Scrappy is Better with Flowers" by Rita Dean. Blissful Bags chose "Stars and Feathers" by Rita Dean. Country Thyme fabric's favorite quilt was "Let it Snow" by Diane Forey. Sunny Laurel Sisters and Thread Connections selected "Cathedral Windows" by Denise Chase. The quilt "Words to Live By" by Diane Forey was Sewing Machines and More's favorite.

This year our show's sponsors were invited to come to the show and select their favorite quilts. Handy Toyota's favorite quilt was "Sisters by Choice" by Christy Mulyca. Yankee Pride selected "Hotsie Dotsie" by Margaret Miller. The Sportsman's Club of Franklin County and the American Legion, Green Mountain Post #1 chose "Jewels of the Universe" by Rolande Fortin. People's Trust company selected "Dear Jane" by Teri Brunelle. Mountain View Dairy Equipment chose Maggie Stockwell's quilt, "Woodsville" which had a cow displayed in the design. The American Vietnam Veterans of American, Chapter 753, selected "My First Embroidered Quilt" by Rolande Fortin. The VFW Post 758 chose Anza Meyer's quilt, "C. D. Waters' US Army Story" which was constructed out of the soldier's fatigues and other memorabilia. Shirley Babcock's quilt entitled "Flowers All Year" was selected by Tanneberger Veterinary Hospital. "Words to Live By" by Diane Forey was chosen by Franklin County Rehab and Sassy Scissors as their favorite quilt in the show. We are grateful to our quilt show sponsors for helping to defray the costs of the quilt show. This year's attendees donated over \$700 so the guild can continue our charitable endeavors of making and donating quilts to Home Health, Bags of Love, Breast Cancer, Quilts of Valor, Laurie's House, and people who experience Fires and Other Disasters.

Don't forget to bring to the April meeting:

- *Thoughts on structure of meetings*
- *Thoughts on lifetime membership for charter members*
- *Completed Program survey*
- *Items for Show & Tell (to include BOM) and UFO Challenge*