

Franklin County Quilters Guild

NEWSLETTER

Saint Albans, Vermont



September 2009

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Quilt Show

Bonnie Evans

Sharon Perry

Charity Quilt Coordinators

Alyce Bushey: Home Health

Denise Chase: Laurie's House

Bonnie Evans: Breast Cancer

Pat Johnson: Family Center

Jen Letourneau: Purple Heart

President's Message

As we near our first guild meeting for 2009-2010, I hope summer will be extended through October or even November, but I sure am excited to get back to meeting with my quilting friends on a regular basis. On August 19th, the new Executive Board met, and I realized while putting that agenda together the number of people involved in making the guild a success. We have an excellent team of volunteers on the front lines as well as numerous volunteers in the background. Thank you ALL for volunteering and making the guild a success!

At the beginning of each year since joining the Franklin County Guild three years ago, I have set goals for myself. The first year, my participation was limited because of a new job and a new home to decorate. So, my goals were to make a charity quilt, attend the meetings each month and bring food for the food bank. Last year, I added the block of the month and chairing the charity quilt display committee for the quilt show. I made all the blocks, but not always by the meeting deadline. This was such a fun experience for me. If you did not have the time to participate last year, I highly recommend it. My goals for this year are: make at least one charity quilt; attend all meetings and bring food for the food bank; participate in the block of the month (submitting them at the meeting); and chair the quilt show charity display committee. I challenge each and every member to set goals for yourselves this year! If your time is limited, I challenge you to start with a charity quilt. Wouldn't it be awesome for our final tally in June 2010 to show that ALL members completed at least one charity quilt?

See you soon, Ann Goergen-Jacobs

2009 – 2010 Guild Calendar

September 16th Ice Cream Social

October 30th Trunk Show*
with Sharon Schamber

October 31st & November 1st
Workshops with Sharon Schamber

November 18th Christmas Gift
Ideas with Member Demos

2009 – 2010 Guild Calendar

December 16th Holiday Potluck*
with Gift Exchange

January 20th Quilt Show Prep
with Paper-Piecing Demo

February 17th Trunk Show*
with Froncie Quinn

March 17th Final Quilt Show Prep
with possible Vendor (TBA)

April 10th – 11th Quilt Show

2009 – 2010 Guild Calendar

April 21st Appliqué Techniques
with Member Demos

May 19th Perennial Swap*
Shopping with Garden of Stitches

June 16th Potluck*
Teacup Auction

* indicates 6:00 pm start

BLOCK OF THE MONTH EXCHANGE

If you have already checked out the first block of the month (BOM) included in the newsletter, you have probably already guessed our theme for the year. This year's blocks will be dedicated to our treasured Lake Champlain in honor of the 400th year celebration. We hope you will be patient with us and contact us with any questions, concerns or confusion. We have designed or adapted many of this year's blocks to more accurately reflect the lake itself or fit the finished quilt, should you chose to put them all together. The finished project will be a fairly large wall quilt.

We have tried again to vary methods and encourage members to try new things while doing our best to stay within the comfort level of all guild members. If some seem too difficult, please give us a call! We'll help you out.

The first block is one of the more difficult to make sure the pieces are in the right place and direction. But if you lay it out first, it really goes together easily and quickly. Since Champ is the icon of the lake, we really wanted him to have the honor of being the first block.

We have been busy shopping and promise to wow you with block focus fabrics. Please remember that the fabric provided is only for the block you plan to exchange, so there will be some continuity in the blocks for the winners. You should use fabric of your own choosing for your personal blocks.

For those who like to plan ahead, you will need a number of sky and water fabrics, a variety of greens, browns, black, white, and a few other scraps thrown in. You may reach us at the following: Alyce Bushey at 527-7291; Mary Ellen Therrien at 782-1958; or Elaine Magnan at 527-7835 or email emagneo@peoplepc.com.



Welcome back
to another year of
quilting with
Franklin County
Quilters Guild

AWARD-WINNING QUILTER TO VISIT GUILD IN OCTOBER

Sharon Chamber, of Payson, Arizona, will be the guild's guest speaker for the October meeting. As a note, the October meeting will begin at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, October 30th.

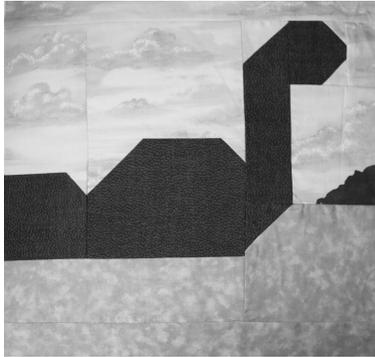
According to www.americanquilter.com, "Sharon has been a rising star in the quilt world ever since she directed her many talents and boundless energy into quilt-making about ten years ago. Her quilts have won major awards in shows across the country, and she is the only person to have won two consecutive Best of Show awards at the annual AQS show in Paducah. She has published several books, including Piece-by-Piece Appliqué, as well as patterns and DVD tutorials. A recent prestigious award was being named a Master Quilter by the National Quilting Association in June 2008."

The meeting program will feature Sharon's trunk show. Sharon will also be teaching two workshops: Feathers That Fly (domestic machine quilting) on Saturday, October 31st; and Piec-liqué on Sunday, November 1st. The workshops will both cost \$45 per person which includes a \$15 class handout fee. The newsletter editor has taken two classes with Sharon and advises the handout fee is well worth the cost. In addition to paper handouts, Sharon includes a DVD of the entire class in the handouts. So if you miss anything in class, you can review the DVD at your leisure, anytime night or day.

Babette Coons, Program Co-chair, will sign up guild members for the workshops at the September meeting. If you want to sign up, please bring \$45 (check, payable to FCQG, or cash) for each workshop to the meeting. Spaces will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information about Sharon Chamber, please visit her website at www.sharonschamber.com.



SEPTEMBER 2009 BLOCK OF THE MONTH: CHAMP



Be patient! Careful cutting makes for easy, quick sewing. Lay each piece out where it belongs as you cut, following the diagram. It is easier to start with the water, then Champ, then the sky. Be VERY CAREFUL to place pieces in the proper direction, especially C, L, M, O and R as they can look almost like squares. If you use directional fabric, keep that in mind as you cut also. If you follow these simple suggestions, sewing the block becomes simple. We welcome phone calls for questions, so please call if you need assistance or something is unclear. Our phone numbers are included in the BOM article on page 2 of this newsletter.

Mary Ellen has enlarged the pattern for those who wish to make a large Champ for the center of their own quilt. Let her know at the September meeting if you would like that version also.

Cutting requirements:

Water: Med/dark blue
 S 1 ½" X 12 ½"
 P 2 ½" X 8"
 R 5" X 4 ¼"

Champ: Dark green to brown
 L 3" X 3 ¼"
 M 5 ½" X 4 ¼"
 N 6 ½" X 2"
 O 2 ¾" X 2 ½"
 Q 2" square

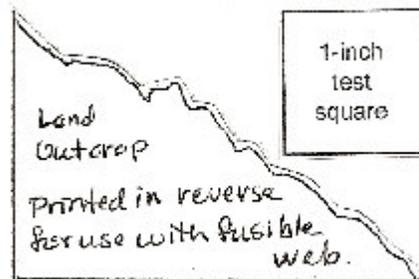
Sky: Pale blue

A 1 ½" X 12 ½"
 B 3" X 5 ½"
 C 5 ½" X 4 ½"
 D 2" square
 E, H, J 1 ¼" square (3 in all)
 F 1 ½" square
 G 1 ½" X 2 ¾"
 I 2 ¼" square
 K 3 ½" X 4 ¼"

Distant land outcrop: Focus fabric dark green
 Steam-a-Seam 2

½-inch black button for eye

|-----1"-----| on copy to be used



|----- 2 13/16"-----| on copy to be used

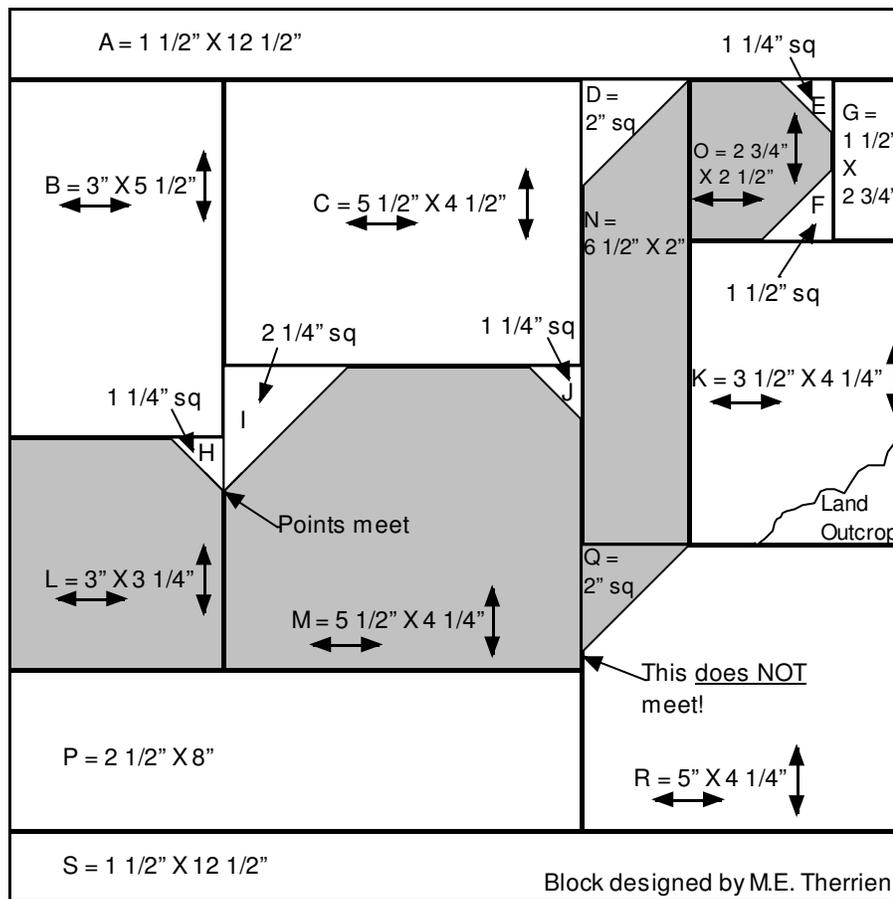
NOTE: Use the "1-inch test square" above to properly size the "Land Outcrop" for your own Champ block. Once you print out this page, measure the test square above. If it measures 1 inch, the pattern is sized correctly, and you can use it to make your pattern piece.

If it measures larger or smaller than 1 inch, you will have to make a copy. Measure the square and divide one by that measurement. For instance, if the square measured ¾ inch, divide one by 0.75 which equals 1.33. You would need to enlarge the copy to 133%. OR as another example, if the square measured 1 ¼ inch, divide one by 1.25 which equals 0.80. You would need to reduce the copy to 80%.

SEPTEMBER 2009 BLOCK OF THE MONTH: CHAMP (cont.)

Directions:

1. Mark a diagonal line on the small squares (D, E, F, H, I, J) and sew to the larger squares. These will become units Unit 1 = L & H, Unit 2 = M & I & J, Unit 3 = N & D, Unit 4 = O & E & F (Close measurements, be sure the head is positioned tall and pieces added to the right side with the larger triangle on the bottom) Unit 5 = R & Q
2. Sew unit 1 to sky piece B.
3. Sew unit 2 to sky piece C.
4. Sew these two sets together and add water piece P to bottom.
5. Sew unit 4 together with sky piece G.
6. Fuse land outcrop to K, then add sky piece K to bottom of head section.
7. Join this section to unit 3, then add unit 5 to bottom of this.
8. Sew sky piece A to top, water piece S to bottom.
9. Sew a 1/2" black button on for his eye.

Lake Champlain Mystery Quilt: Champ Block**FOR SALE:**

John Flynn Portable Quilting Machine Frame—NEW!!! Will sell for \$50 OBO; same product selling for \$100 on eBay. Machine or hand quilt large pieces with no basting! Five-inch-wide patterning, outlining or channel quilting; comes with 48" rails—ready for quilts up to 38"; fits most machine up to queen size quilt with longer rails. Not attached to your table or machine. Comes with video and complete PVC pipe set up. Call Lorraine Pike, 849-6683, or email lipike@wildblue.net, for more info.



It's Harvest Time!!!

GUILD ADOPTS MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR 2009 – 2010 MEMBERSHIP YEAR

Starting with this newsletter, guild members will receive a guild newsletter every month for the next 10 months. However, except for the September and January editions, the newsletter will only be available as a PDF file on the guild's website. Each member will have to download and print a copy for her use. For those members who do not have internet access, the guild asks that you "buddy up" with another guild member with internet access and request that they print you a copy of the newsletter each month.

Each newsletter will include minutes from the previous meeting and the treasurer's report for the upcoming meeting. Guild members are asked to read the minutes and treasurer's report prior to the meeting and/or bring a copy of the newsletter along to the meeting. There will only be a limited number of copies of both at each meeting. The executive board agreed to try to reduce the amount of copying within the guild. At over \$1000 per year, it has become extremely costly to make copies of monthly meeting documents for every member. As a note, copies of the block of the month pattern will still be available at each meeting and will also be posted on the guild's website where possible.

The following guild members do not have email. Maybe another guild member who works with or lives near any of the members below could step forward and offer to print a copy of each month's newsletter for them.

Alyce Bushey
Susan Flanders
Joan Jettie
Jeannette LaPierre
Linda McNall
Mary Ellen Therrien
Gerda Thibault

***Deadline for articles
for October newsletter:
Friday, September 25th***

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

2010 CHARITY QUILT

Kris Bachand and Carol Stanley are the 2010 Charity Quilt coordinators. Habitat for Humanity will be the recipient of the quilt once it is completed. Guild members voted on the pattern of their choice at the June meeting. Kris and Carol are now looking for fabric donations to make the quilt.

Here are the requirements for the fabric:

2 inch strips of creams, tans and off whites (no whites!!) solids, tone-on-tones or printed muslins work.

2 inch strips of medium to darks (except red) solids, tone-on-tones and small to medium prints.

Members can bring the fabric strips to the September meeting or drop them off at 34 High Street in St. Albans if they are in town.

FRANKLIN COUNTY QUILTERS GUILD

Minutes of June 17, 2009 Guild Meeting

The meeting started with a delicious potluck.

WELCOME: by Shirley Babcock, Pres. to 31 quilters present. **Guests:** Jo Whiteman and Kathy Champagne.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Motion to accept, Peggy Burbank, seconded by Roseanne Terrill.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Motion to accept, Gerda Thibault, seconded by Marge Taylor.

OLD BUSINESS: Shirley acknowledged a donation of \$38.00 from FCQG for the Food Shelf.

A. **Slate of Officers** was presented for a vote:

President:	Ann Goergen-Jacobs
Vice President:	Gwen Guyette
Secretary:	Roseanne Terrill
Treasurer:	Deb Dusablon
Programs:	Babette Coons and Sally Krupp
Project Coordinator:	Alyce Bushey, Elaine Magnan, Mary Ellen Therrien
Membership Chair	Susie Perry
State Guild Rep:	Sharon Perry
2010 Charity Quilt:	Kris Bachand and Carol Stanley
Family Center:	Pat Johnson
Home Health:	Alyce Bushey
Laurie's House:	Denise Chase
Purple Heart:	Jen Letourneau
Breast Cancer:	Bonnie Evans
Quilt Show:	Sharon Perry and Bonnie Evans
Silent Auction:	Nancy Orcutt and Peg Burbank
Vendors & Demos:	Lorraine Pike
I Spy Quilts:	Gail Darling
2011 Raffle Quilt:	Peg Burbank and Committee
Raffle Tickets:	Gail Darling

Motion to elect slate of officers as read was made by Shireen Melton, seconded by Gisele Nolan. Motion carried. Shirley Babcock expressed appreciation to the slate of officers. Guild members gave a round of applause to Shirley for her commendable efforts as President.

B. 2010 Charity Quilt: Kris Bachand and Carol Stanley presented a sample of two choices for the 2010 Charity Quilt. Members urged to vote on their choice.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. BOM Program for 2009-2010 membership year: Alyce Bushey, Elaine Magnan and Mary Ellen Therrien. Elaine explained block choices. Elaine and Mary Ellen "showed" quilts sewn from BOM blocks. Elaine made a request for \$150.00 to buy fabric for the coming year's BOM. Motion to grant request made by Shireen Melton, seconded by Roseanne Terrill. Motion carried.

B Breast Cancer Quilts: Bonnie Evans mentioned she still has some kits for sewing. She made a request for permission to buy batting and backing for Breast Cancer Survivor Quilts. Motion to grant request made by Gerda Thibault, seconded by Joanne Sweet. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

--Staples Business Rewards Reminder: When making a purchase it is only necessary to give name of Franklin County Quilters Guild to receive credit.

--Champlain Valley Quilters Guild is sponsoring a bus trip to Keepsake Quilting and the "Ladies of the Lakes" Quilt Guild show on Saturday, August 1. Cost is \$44 and includes admission to the show. Bus will leave from Knight Lane in Williston at 7 am and return about 7 pm. For more information, call Ruth Whitaker, 985-2950.

--Vermont Quilt Festival at CV Expo, June 19th - 21st.

--Request for a Purple Heart Quilt was made for a young man, Nathan W. Tuttle, wounded in Iraq. He lost sight in one eye and is depressed. Motion to award a quilt was made by Bonnie Evans, seconded by Joanne Sweet. Gerda Thibault will contact family and notify Ann Goergen-Jacobs so this can be on the September agenda.

FOOD SHELF DRAWING: Bonnie Evans; Susie Perry will deliver this evening's food collection to the St. Albans Food Shelf.

BOM RAFFLE: Bonnie Evans

MONTHLY DRAWING: Gisele Nolan; **EXTRA PRIZE:** Judy Hamilton; **UFO PRIZE:** Nadine Froebel.

2009 - 2010 PROGRAMS: Sally Krupp gave a brief overview of 2009-2010 programs.

CHARITY QUILTS SHOW AND TELL: 2 Quilts

SHOW AND TELL: Beautiful as always!

PROGRAM: Silent Auction. A motion was made to split the proceeds (\$100.00) from the teacup auction to the Food Shelves in Fairfield and Enosburg Falls. Motion to accept was made by Gail Darling, seconded by Gisele Nolan. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, Rose Rixon

FRANKLIN COUNTY QUILTERS GUILD

Minutes of Executive Board Meeting

August 19, 2009

Present: Ann Goergen-Jacobs, Gwen Guyette, Roseanne Terrill, Deb Dusablon, Babette Coons, Sally Krupp, Alyce Bushey, Elaine Magnan, Mary Ellen Therrien, Susie Perry, Sharon Perry, Denise Chase, Bonnie Evans, Nancy Orcutt, Gail Darling

Proceedings:

Meeting called to order at 6:05 pm by President Ann Goergen-Jacobs

Scheduled Programs:

- September 16, 2009 – Ice Cream Social
- October 30, 2009 – Lecture/trunk show by Sharon Schamber on her machine appliqué technique and beautiful machine quilting. Note: Meeting to begin @ 6:00 p.m.
- October 31st & November 1st, 2009 – Classes taught by Sharon Schamber
 - Saturday, October 31st: Feathers That Fly
 - Sunday, November 1st: Piec-liqué
- November 18, 2009 – Four 'in-house' demos of wine bags, coasters, table runners and ornament and gift tags. There may also be some local vendors present.
- December 16, 2009 – Pot Luck Dinner & Gift Exchange; all gifts are to be hand made. Note: Meeting to begin @ 6:00 p.m.
- January 20, 2009 – Quilt show prep; there may also be some local vendors present.
- February 17, 2009 – Lecture by Froncie Quinn, renowned for her reproduction of historic quilt patterns & fabrics found in museums throughout Vermont and New England
- March 17, 2009 – Final quilt show prep; there may also be some local vendors present.
- April 21, 2009 – Various appliqué & paper piecing demos.
- May 19, 2009 – Perennial swap and, on that line, Diane Rainey and/or Sheryl Schenker from Garden of Stitches will be there to show case their products to include their Seed Packet specialty.
- June 16, 2009 – Last meeting of the season. Teacup Auction and Pot Luck Dinner. Meeting starts at 6:00 p.m.

Block of the Month: This year the block of the month has a theme, Lake Champlain. For those who like to think ahead, purchase fabrics that work well for landscape scenes. Due to copy right issues/restrictions, block of the month instructions will still be printed and handed out at meetings.

Membership: Susie Perry cannot attend the September meeting. Sharon Perry, Denise Chase & Alyce Bushey

UPCOMING EVENTS

16th Annual Bennington Quiltfest, September 19th – 20th, 2009: Features new and vintage quilts, demonstrations, quilt raffle, door prizes, challenge quilts, vendors, and food service at Mount Anthony Union High School, 301 Park Street, in Bennington, VT. Show hours: Sat, 9-5; Sun: 9-4. Admission is \$5; children under 18 are free.

A Harvest of Quilts, October 10th – 11th, 2009: Sponsored by the Common Threads Quilt Guild of Lamoille County. Features over 100 quilts, demonstrations, silent auction, challenge quilts, quilt raffle with other great prizes, and vendors at Peoples Academy, 202 Copley Avenue, in Morrisville, VT. Show hours: Sat, 10-5; Sun, 10-3. Admission is \$5.

Champlain Valley Quilt Guild of New York Quilt Show, October 10th – 11th, 2009: Features over 400 quilts, quilting demonstrations, merchants' mall, silent auction, and refreshments at Bailey Avenue School, 50 Bailey Avenue, Plattsburgh, NY. Show hours: Sat, 10-5; Sun, 10-4. Handicapped accessible. For more info, email Debbie Patnode, dpatnode@charter.net

Green Mountain Quilt Guild, Fall Meeting, October 17th, 2009: Features members' show & tell, workshops, door prizes, vendors, and soup buffet provided by members of the executive board members at the Bethel School in Bethel, VT. Meeting starts at 10 am.

A Quilters Gathering, November 5th – 8th, 2009: Exhibits, vendors market, special events, lectures, workshops, free quilting classes at the Nashua Radisson on Spit Brook Road. Show hours: Thu- Sat, 10-6; Sun, 10-3; open to the public. Daily admission is \$10; \$15 for multi-day pass.

Ladies of the Lake Quilt Show, November 14th – 15th, 2009: Sponsored by the Champlain Valley Quilt Guild of Vermont. Features themed challenge quilts in honor of the 400th anniversary of the discovery of Lake Champlain, contest quilts, silent auction, quilt raffle, handmade crafts, merchant mall, demonstrations, special exhibits and refreshments. Show hours: Sat, 10-5; Sun, 10-4. Admission is \$6

