

Franklin County Quilters Guild

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President's Piece

There is a chill in the air today, a few trees are turning red. Yesterday I heard some geese gathering as they get ready to fly south for the winter. It's almost time for our September meeting. I hope you are excited as I am in all that the Franklin County Quilters Guild has to offer this coming year! Jean Anne Branch, Mary Jane Marchelewicz & Kris Kilburn have been busy planning our programs, including a few guest speakers and some of our own talented quilters! We'll learn about this year's programs at our September meeting.

Membership chairs Mary Ellen Therrien & Helen Short, along with Sharon Perry, have put together a membership packet giving us information about the guild. You'll each get a packet once you sign up for the year. Remember: dues this year are \$20. Elaine Magnan, Carol Mahoney, & Penny LaRoche of our communication committee have reviewed the communication survey results and found most who responded prefer email as their source of notifications. Any urgent messages will be provided through email (for example, cancellation of a meeting due to weather). Otherwise, you can find guild information in our monthly newsletter on our web page www.franklincountyquilters.org. If you don't have email, please buddy up with someone who does who will share information with you.

I can't wait for all of you to see the 2018 Raffle Quilt that Denise Chase has been creating! If blue is your color, you are sure to love this quilt! We have a new Block of the Month idea; Helen Short will give all the details at the September meeting. And believe it or not, the Quilt Show chairs Nanc Ekiert & Nancy LaPointe are already busy organizing for our show next April! We are still looking for a Librarian to keep track of our books that members enjoy checking out.

I look forward to seeing everyone at our September 20th meeting for the Ice Cream Social. Doors open at 6:00 pm to allow time to catch up with each other, with ice cream served at 6:30 pm. In lieu of donating canned goods at our meeting, please bring items for the "Bags of Love" project, including disposable diapers (all sizes) and toiletries (baby wipes, diaper cream, shampoo [tear-free for younger children], toothpaste and brushes, deodorant, body wash or soap, hair products-brushes, combs, hair ties/barrettes).

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 20th 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 23rd Trunk Show
with Sarah Ann Smith,
"Sarah by the Sea"

2017 -2018 Guild Calendar

March 24th Workshop
with Sarah Ann Smith

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 June 21, 2017

Present: Total attended 29, including 2 guests

Business meeting called to order at 6:45 p.m. by Helen Short, President

Secretary's Report for May 2017 meeting: Motion to accept by Donna Blouin, seconded by Sharron Perry. Approved.

Treasure's Report for May 2017: Motion to accept by Sharron Perry, seconded by Helen Bicknell. Approved.

New Business:

The members voted on approving the officers for next year. Motion accepted by Dale McFeeters; and seconded by Krissy Kilburn.

2018 Charity Quilts – Nominees were the Northwestern Medical Center Valet Service and the Jim Bashaw Cancer and Catastrophic fund. The quilt will go to the Jim Bashaw Fund.

Quilt Show – Kay would like early entries for next year show! The form will be on our website. Please measure after the quilt has been quilted. The Challenge Quilt will be announced at the September meeting. If you enter your quilt now through the September meeting you will be entered for a chance at the December drawing.

Charity Quilter Coordinator – Gerda has step down from the Breast Quilt coordinator, and the guild needs someone to fill the position.

June's Tea Cup Auction – The guild had previously voted on donating \$200 per year for the next 5 years to the Northwestern Medical Center. The Tea Cup auction raised \$224.00 and \$45.00 for the Georgia Food Shelf

Communication Team – Penny LaRochelle, Elaine Magnan and Carol Mahoney agreed to volunteer to come up with a way to better inform the members that aren't on Facebook. Penny presented everyone with a survey to fill out to see what member would prefer.

Block of the Month – Helen Short handed out survey for next year Block of the Month. She's looking for ideas of how to change the program to have more member participate.

Show and Tell

Monthly Drawings

- BOM: Rolande Fortin
- Door Prize: Krissy Kilburn
- Charity Quilts: Sue McGregor

Next meeting – Wednesday September 20, 2017

Motion to adjourn by Marilyn Jessiman, seconded by Denise Chase. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Minutes submitted by Teri Brunelle, Secretary



September	1 st	Jennifer	Burt
September	2 nd	Teri	Brunelle
September	4 th	Beverly	Cook
September	10 th	Jeanette	LaPierre
September	12 th	Helen	Bicknell
September	12 th	Dale	McFeeters
September	13 th	Nadine	Froebel
September	13 th	Monica	Kelley
September	19 th	Anza	Myers
September	23 rd	Donna	Blouin
September	27 th	Sherry	Sica
September	28 th	Carolyn	Kittell

...and many more!!!



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FRANKLIN COUNTY QUILTERS GUILD
Executive Team Meeting
Minutes of August 30, 2017

Present: Diane Kane, Mary Ellen Therrien, Nanc Ekiert, Linda Nadeau, Bonnie Evans Jean Ann Branch, Mary Jane Marchelewicz, Kris Kilburn, Claudia Moeykens, Helen Short, Nancy LaPointe, Sharon Perry, Elaine Magnan, Dale McFeeters, Denise Chase, and Teri Brunelle

Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Diane Kane, President

Programs

Programs are all set for the year. Bonnie Evans made a motion to accept the programs as presented and the cost associated with each speaker. Nancy LaPointe seconded. Motion carried. A complete list of the guild programs can be found at the bottom of page 1 in the newsletter.

Membership

Helen would like to hand all new and current members a packet which would include Bylaws, About Us, Short FCQG History, President, Quilt Show Chair(s), Charity Quilt recipient(s), Guidelines for Block of the Month and for Group Projects, Charity Quilt Sizes, and copy of recent/current Sugarhouse Gazette for new members. Mary Jane Marchelewicz made a motion to approve having copies printed for all new current and new members; Linda Nadeau seconded. Motion carried.

Communication

Elaine Magnan presented the results of the communication survey. Most members preferred being notified by email if time sensitive such as cancellation notices for meetings, etc. All other information will be provided in the newsletter. Sharon Perry reminded everyone that the newsletter will always be posted no later than one week before the scheduled meeting.

Fundraising

Bonnie and Nanc have sent out letters to area business for donation toward to our Quilt Show. So far, they have raised \$1500 for the Quilt Show. Ribbons will be given for gold, silver and bronze donations and the company will judge their favorite quilts and award ribbons.

Quilt Show

The show is scheduled for April 7th & 8th, 2018. The poles and hall have been booked. Quilt appraiser, Sandra Palmer, will be back this year to appraise quilts at the show.

Projects

Block of the Month: Helen Short has some new ideas for the block of the month. She will be presenting the new approach at the September meeting.

Charity Quilts

Elaine Magnan and Alyce Bushey had put together quilt kits and are ready for the year. Denise Chase would like twin-size quilts for Laurie's House. Helen Short would like queen-size quilt for Fire and Disaster Quilts. Bags of Love are in good shape for quilts. We're encouraging members to use good quality fabric for all charity quilts.

2018 Raffle and Charity Quilts

Denise Chase has finished the 2018 Raffle Quilt; it is stunning in shades of blue to teal. The 2018 Charity Quilt is not yet assigned to any members to make.

New Business

The guild needs a volunteer for the Library. There was also discussion about getting a member to step forward and be the guild's historian.

Linda Nadeau made a motion to adjourn; Sharon Perry seconded. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Teri Brunelle (in the absence of Cindy Metayer)

GUILD LIBRARIAN NEEDED

Pam Salazar has stepped down as the Guild Librarian. The guild needs a new Librarian to maintain the library list, store the guild library books and sign out books as they are requested by members.

If you're interested in filling this position listed above, please contact Diane Kane.



TREASURER'S REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 2017**FRANKLIN COUNTY QUILTER'S GUILD****Treasurer's Report -- September 20, 2017**

Opening Balance \$2,291.01

Funds collected

Teacup Auction	\$224.02	
Food shelf donation	\$48.00	cash
Gold Sponsorship; Handy Toyota	\$200.00	
Gold Sponsorship; Yankee Pride	\$200.00	
Gold Sponsorship; Sportsman's Club	\$200.00	
Silver Sponsorship; Franklin County Rehab	\$100.00	
Silver Sponsorship; Sassy Scissors	\$100.00	
Bronze Sponsorship; Peoples Trust	\$50.00	

Total Funds Collected \$1,122.02

Sub-Total \$3,413.03

Funds paid out

Gerald Perry, Sep room set-up	\$35.00	
Gerald Perry, Mar room set-up (correction)	\$35.00	
Bonnie Evans, Food & misc for June mtg	\$40.79	
NMC Capital Campaign, First installment	\$200.00	
Bonnie Evans, Luncheon misc	\$24.09	
Georgia Food Shelf donation	\$48.00	cash

Total Funds Paid Out \$382.88

Grand Total \$3,030.15

2017 YTD Collections: \$5557.25

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, September 27th, 2017

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

SPECIAL EARLY ENTRY DRAWING FOR QUILT REGISTRATION

Kay Benedict is again offering an early entry drawing for quilt registrations. You can find the registration form here: <http://www.franklincountyquilters.org/fcqqregistration.pdf>. Anyone who registers a quilt for the show prior to the September meeting will be entered into a special drawing in December.

If you want to participate, you **MUST SEND/BRING** your **COMPLETED FORM**, along with a photograph, **TO KAY** either **VIA SNAIL MAIL, EMAIL, OR IN PERSON BEFORE OR AT THE SEPTEMBER MEETING**. See the form for the details about sending it to Kay.

2017 - 2018 UFO UNFINISHED OBJECT CHALLENGE

Fill out the list below and return to Kris Bachand at the September meeting, the earliest meeting you can, or e-mail me one at bachandkris@yahoo.com.

Here are the “rules”:

- It must have been started at least a year ago this coming September. If you have been working on it on a regular basis it's a Work In Progress – not a UFO. If you started it a year ago this last November put it on the November line or after. Just to be clear, these are guidelines, I really don't care, and I don't think anyone else will check. If you don't know where it is, found it at the bottom of a pile, or you started it more than a year ago I think we can agree it's a UFO. If you started it more than 20 years ago, congratulations, YOU are my favorite!!
- You must show and tell, provide a picture of, or a witness to the completion of the quilt.
- **NO** points collected unless/until I have a paper copy of your list (feel free to mail it to me PO Box 49, St. Albans Bay, VT 05481)
- ONE additional point to the first person to give me a completed UFO list
- ONE point for each finished UFO
- ONE additional point for any UFO shown in the month it is listed
- ONE additional point if you donate it to one of the charities
- TWO points for each additional UFO finished in a month
- FIVE points for anyone who completes every UFO on their list. This could involve some serious strategy on your list making plans.
- The participant with the most points after the June 2017 meeting can let me know the name of their favorite quilt shop and I will get you a \$25 gift certificate.

**No matter what, the less UFOs there are in the world,
the warmer and more beautiful a world it will be.
So let's sew!**

2014 Winner - Carol Stanley

2015 Winner - Kay Benedict

2016 Winner - Carol Stanley

2017 Winner - Helen Short

GOT SCRAPS?

Do you have useable scraps left from your projects and don't know what to do with them all? Mary Ellen Therrien has a solution for you. She has started to make “crumb” quilts. You can learn more about crumb quilts here: <http://quiltville.com/crumbspf.html>. She's willing to take any fabric scraps (100% cotton and useable size) off your hands and use them to make quilts. You can give them to Mary Ellen at the meeting.

FCQG 2017 - 2018 UFO Challenge

Name_____

September_____

February_____

October_____

March_____

November_____

April_____

December_____

May_____

January_____

June_____



AVOID THE LONG LINE & POSSIBLY WIN A PRIZE: PAY YOUR DUES EARLY

The September meeting marks the start of the 2017-2018 membership year. Dues are \$20 this year and are payable at this month's meeting. Mary Ellen Therrien and Helen Short are the new Membership Co-Chairs, and they will be ready to collect dues at the meeting. To avoid the long line which usually forms as guild members pay their dues, you can mail a completed membership form, along with a check for \$20 payable to FCQG, to Helen Short, 12 Burnell Terrace, St. Albans, VT 05478. The membership form can be found here: <http://www.franklincountyquilters.org/fcqgmembershipform.pdf>.

ANYONE WHO MAILES THEIR COMPLETED MEMBERSHIP FORM AND PROPER PAYMENT TO HELEN TO ARRIVE BEFORE THE SEPTEMBER MEETING WILL BE ENTERED INTO A SPECIAL DRAWING.

Mary Ellen and Helen will also have a "membership packet" for each member at the September meeting. These packets have useful information about the guild. Be sure to pick up your copy at the meeting.

AUTHOR AND QUILTER FEATURED AT OCTOBER MEETING

Sonja Hakala, an author and quilter, will be the guest speaker at the October meeting. She is also the founder of the Parkinson's Comfort Project.

On her website, www.sonjahakala.com, Sonja writes, "I was ten when I decided I wanted to be a writer. That's the same year I discovered the world of books at my town library, a place I still think of as 'to Ali Baba's cave.'"

"Now with almost 30 years of experience as a professional writer and book publishing expert, my career continues with my Carding novels, quilt books, and publishing how-tos. I also lecture and teach at quilt guilds, libraries, writers groups and other organizations in New England.

"I am also the founder of the Parkinson's Comfort Project. The Project gathers and distributes handmade quilts to people with Parkinson's disease, a degenerative neurological condition that afflicts more than a million people in the U.S. To date, the

Project has received donations of exquisite quilts from around the country, and has distributed over 300 quilts."

Her presentation, "Stitching Together a Writer's Life," is a trunk show with a difference. Along with a collection of quilts featured in her how-to books, she'll bring the books themselves, using them to tell the story of how books brought her to quilting.

A HARVEST OF QUILTS

The Common Threads Quilt Guild of Lamoille County is holding its 8th quilt show, "A Harvest of Quilts," on October 7th & 8th, 2017, at the Peoples Academy Gym in Morrisville. The show is put on in the odd numbered years as a fund-raiser and an opportunity for guild members to showcase their work. The funds raised support the activities of the guild, both in the promotion of quilting and the provision of Sunshine Quilts to shut-ins, nursing homes, and fire victims in the local area and beyond. The guild now has over 60 members who share a love of quilting and service to the community.

The 2017 show will include one hundred quilts, all made by guild members. Every show has included a challenge for the guild members. This year Carolyn Babcock has challenged guild members to make a quilt entitled "M is for" The "M" can stand for anything the quilter chooses and can be specific such as "M is for Moose" or general such as "M is for My First Quilt." Visitors to the show also can purchase chances in the Teacup Auction and shop quilt vendors and a boutique of items created by guild members.

The guild also creates a set of raffle quilts for each show, one queen size quilt, one lap quilt, and one table runner. Tickets will be available at the show with the winners drawn on Sunday afternoon. The show is October 7th & 8th, from 10 am to 4 pm on Saturday and 10 am to 3 pm on Sunday. It will be in the gym at Peoples Academy in Morrisville. Admission is \$2. Come and enjoy the creativity of our members! (Quilters may even get ideas for their next project!)

ITEMS NEEDED FOR BAGS OF LOVE

This past summer “Bags of Love” were given out to a few dozen children. While there is still a good supply of quilts for the bags, other items are needed. The executive board decided to support replenishing the “Bags of Love” for the guild’s charitable drive at the September meeting. Needed items (new in original packing) are as shown below:

Toothbrushes	Ponytail holders	Phone cards
Toothpaste	Baby soap	Stuffed animals
Floss	Baby shampoo	Dolls
Shampoo	Baby lotion	Activity kits (beads, etc.)
Soap	Stationery	Toys
Hairbrush sets	Journals	Coloring books
Comb sets	Pens	Crayons
Deodorant	Decks of cards	Disposable diapers
Bubble Bath	Disposable cameras	Baby wipes

UPCOMING EVENTS

24th Annual Bennington Quiltfest, September 16th – 17th, 2017: Sponsored by the Quiet Valley Quilters Guild at the Mount Anthony Union Middle School, 747 East Road, Bennington. Show hours: Saturday, 9 am – 5 pm; Sunday, 9 am – 4 pm. Admission \$7, Children 12 and under free. Features new & vintage quilts, demonstrations, Quilt Raffle, door prizes, Challenge Quilts, vendors, guild boutique, People's Choice Awards, and special exhibits. **Handicapped Accessible.**

Treadle to Technology, September 30th – October 1st, 2017: Sponsored by the Champlain Valley Quilters' Guild of New York at the SUNY Plattsburgh Fieldhouse, 167 Rugar Street, Plattsburgh, NY. Show hours: Saturday, 10 am – 5 pm; Sunday, 10 am – 4 pm. Features over 300 Quilts, vendors, gift shop of handmade items, and more!

37th Annual Essex Fall Craft Show, October 27th – 29th, 2017: At the Champlain Valley Expo, Essex Junction. Show hours: **Friday, Noon – 6 pm; Saturday, 9 am – 6 pm; Sunday, 10 am – 4 pm.** **Price of admission** includes entry into the Vermont Antique Expo and Sale on the same weekend.



DON'T FORGET for the next meeting...

1. **Completed membership form**
2. **\$20 Cash or check payable to FCQG for dues**
3. **Items for Bags of Love**
4. **2017 – 2018 UFO Challenge completed form**
5. Completed UFOs for UFO Challenge
6. Completed Charity Quilts
7. Items for Show and Tell