

# Franklin County Quilters Guild

## SUGARHOUSE GAZETTE

### Saint Albans, Vermont

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Jean Anne Branch  
Cindy Metayer

#### Vice President

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#### Secretary

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#### Treasurer

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#### Newsletter

Sharon Perry

#### Programs

Helen Short  
Cathy Carlson

#### Project Coordinator

Sandy Lane

#### Membership

Penny LaRochelle

#### Quilt Show

Diane Kane  
Beth Mouser

#### Website

Scott Perry

#### Comfort Quilts Coordinator

Denise Chase

#### 2026 Raffle Quilt

Denise Chase & Helen Short

#### 2026 Charity Quilt

BINGO Quilt made by  
FCQG members

#### President's Piece

Welcome to another year of change for our Guild!

Our group might be described as fluid. We seem to be ever-changing while continuing to thrive and welcome new members. The last year marked the first co-presidency in many years and we are proceeding with that model. Cindy Metayer and I are excited to work together for the benefit of the Guild. Thank you all for your vote of confidence.

Our newly established meeting place has plenty of room to grow, welcome speakers, and have activities that allow us to move about. The American Legion is happy we meet here, even allowing us to use the sound system (a welcomed relief for most of us) and encouraging us to purchase beverages if we like.

Now, more changes for 2025/2026! A committee of three has reviewed and updated the bylaws and presented them to the Executive Committee. You will be asked to read them, provide feedback, ask questions and vote to accept the changes. The goal is to make our bylaws more general while addressing all required areas.

We also are in a transition year incorporating the meeting month changes you accepted last year. This year, our Guild will blend the remaining months of 2025 with the entire meetings of 2026. This plan puts us on track for our new scheduling. Add to that many exciting and fun-filled program events for all to enjoy!

As we move forward, may we treat each issue with respect for those who are working diligently to keep the Guild lively and involved. Perhaps we can consider adopting the United Nation's theme for Peace Day (September 21), "Act Now for a Peaceful World"! Any act or word that promotes a peaceful environment will enhance our purpose and help us to move forward.

Piece by piece,

Jean Anne Branch  
2025-2026 Co-President

Cindy Metayer  
2025-2026 Co-President



#### 2025 – 2026 Guild Calendar

**September 10<sup>th</sup> Novelty Ice Cream  
Social and "Snip, Rip, Drop, & Pass"**

October 17<sup>th</sup> Stripology Trunk Show  
with Linda Leszczynski

October 18<sup>th</sup> Stripology Workshop with  
Linda Leszczynski (Making the Zoe quilt by  
GE Quilt Designs)

November 12<sup>th</sup> Panel Play Brown Bag Exchange  
(November 2026 Reveal)

December 10<sup>th</sup> Holiday Potluck  
with Gift Exchange and Canned Goods for  
Vermont Family Foods MTG STARTS AT 6PM

January: NO MEETING

#### 2025 – 2026 Guild Calendar

February: NO MEETING

March 11<sup>th</sup>: What Do Judges Look for When  
They Examine Your Quilt? with Denise Chase

April 8<sup>th</sup>: TBD

April 10<sup>th</sup>: Quilt Show Set Up

April 11<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>: Quilt Show

May 13<sup>th</sup>: The Process of Getting Your Quilt  
into a National Quilt Show with Linda Wells

June 10<sup>th</sup>: Pot Luck and Trunk Sale

July 8<sup>th</sup>: The Temperature is Burning  
Strip Poker

August 12<sup>th</sup>: TBD

#### 2025 – 2026 Guild Calendar

September 9<sup>th</sup>: Novelty Ice Cream  
Social and TBD

October 9<sup>th</sup>: "Thread, What's the Big Deal"  
with Nina Clotfelter

October 10<sup>th</sup>: How to Free Motion Quilt on  
Your Domestic Machine Workshop  
with Nina Clotfelter

November 11<sup>th</sup>: More with Panel Play (Reveal)  
and QOV Presentations

December 9<sup>th</sup>: Pot Luck  
with Gift Exchange  
and TBD

**Franklin County Quilters Guild**

Co-Presidents: Jean Anne Branch and Mary Jane Rossi

Location: American Legion, 100 Parah Drive, St. Albans, VT

**Minutes from the General Meeting**

Wednesday, June 11, 2025

**The meeting was called to order at 6:12 pm by Jean Anne Branch for our monthly meeting.** She greeted all members in attendance with a warm welcome. She then told stories about her youth with her cousin the theme of "Blessings Instead of Burdens." She read us a wonderful quote that came from her cousin.

**Consent Agenda:** A motion was made by Dale McFeeters and seconded by Diane Kane to accept the May 14th Secretary's Report and the June Treasurer's Report. All in favor, motion carried.

**Mary Jane Rossi proceeded:****Announcements:**

- Mary Jane announced Connie Lane passed away on June 7. Denise Chase then told us about the events around Connie's passing and the history of their friendship. She had many heartfelt words about Connie's influence in her life and how Connie positively affected her community and many other lives. This loss leaves a big hole.
- Connie's funeral will be held at 3pm at St. Paul's United Methodist Church on June 28th.

**Voting On Proposed Slate of Officers:**

- Jean Ann read the slate of proposed Officers on and asked for a motion. Nanc Ekiert made a motion that was seconded by Peggy Paradee, then asked for any discussion.
- Mary Ann took the mike and spoke about how she enjoyed working with Jean Anne as a team and thinks that we should be looking at filling many of the various positions in the guild the same way. She noted that she took the position to support Jean Anne and feels the best way to go forward would be to have a new person this year that would take Mary Ann's position so they can become comfortable with the position. Next year, someone new would replace Jean Anne and so on.
- Mary Jane proposed that the motion be amended to replace her and add Cindy Metayer as co-president. Denise Chase moved that the slate of officers be amended to add Cindy Metayer, Penny LaRochelle seconded. Motion carried.
- Jean Ann asked for a vote on the amendment. All in favor, motion carried. Jean Ann then asked for a vote on the slate of Officers. All in favor, motion carried.

2025-2026 Official Slate of Officers  
and Program Coordinators

Co-Presidents: Jean Anne Branch &amp; Cindy Metayer\*

Vice President: Bonnie Evans

Secretary: Deb Trahan\*

Treasurer: Deb Dusablon

Newsletter: Sharon Perry

Programs: Cathy Carlson, Helen Short\*

Project Coordinator: Sandy Lane\*

Membership: Penny LaRochelle

Quilt Show: Diane Kane\*, Beth Mouser

Comfort Quilt Coordinator: Denise Chase

\*Denotes new position in 2025-2026

**Programs (Cathy Carlson, John Rouleau):** Cathy described the "Trunk Sale" being held in the left side parking lot. John will be at a table in the back selling tickets which will be used to buy the available items.

**Membership (Penny LaRochelle):** Penny announced 71 paid members and no guests. Present at meeting: 40

**Block of the Month (BOM) (Carol Stanley):**

- Carol Stanley presented a sample of the September Block of the Month called "Maple Leaf" and can be found in the Quilter's Cache. You should make block using fall colors with a white-on-white background.
- Instructions will be posted on the FCQG website under "Projects".
- Members are encouraged to bring completed blocks to the September meeting.
- June BOM: Approximately 63 blocks. Winner: Holly Bressette
- It was announced that one paper copy of the BOM will be set on each table at future meetings. You can take a picture of the printed copy for reference. This will save on cost and an excess of printed copies.

**Jean Anne Proceeded:****Quilt Show (Beth Mouser/Diane Kane):**

- Members were reminded that the dates of the quilt show will be April 11th and 12th.
- City Hall and the poles have been reserved for those dates.
- Volunteers are needed for vendors & for decorating the lobby. Mary King volunteered for vendors; Andrea Blaisdell & Paula Fisher volunteered for decorating the lobby.

**Comfort Quilts (Denise Chase):**

- There are two kits available to be taken. Five quilts are available to be quilted. Denise noted this is a great time to take them as there is an extra two months to get them done!
- Denise noted that there is a family that lost their home to a fire in November and are getting ready to move into their new home. They will need a queen and have a toddler and a baby girl. During show and tell of comfort quilts, there were three quilts picked out for the family.

**New Business:**

- It was announced that a woman's (Sue Smith), mother had passed; Sue will be having a sale of her mother's quilting fabric/supplies on June 22 from 9-12, on Decker Road.
- Carol Stanley had a woman contact her about some quilt tops she has that she would like finished. Carol thinks that she may want them tied rather than quilted and wasn't sure what she would be willing to pay for it to be done.

**Drawings:** Membership Winner: Bonnie Evans; Comfort Quilt: Helen Short; Projects: Carol Stanley saved all of the entries for projects for the year to pick the name of someone who did not win during the year for a special gift from her. Deb Dusablon was the winner.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by \_\_\_\_\_ and 2nd by \_\_\_\_\_. The motion carried, and the meeting adjourned at 7:50pm.

**Show-n-Tell:** Amazing!! Some really beautiful items shown.

Respectfully submitted,  
Deb Trahan, Acting Secretary

**TREASURER'S REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 2025****FRANKLIN COUNTY QUILTERS GUILD****Treasurer's Report -- September 10, 2025**

Opening Balance	\$12,186.01
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## Funds collected

Trunk Sales	\$273.00
QS 26 Vendor Fee	\$50.00
Oct Stripology Workshop (7)	\$175.00
<i>Total Funds Collected</i>	<u>\$498.00</u>

<i>Subtotal</i>	\$12,684.01
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## Funds paid out

Jean Anne Branch, Gift card	\$100.00
Bonnie Evans, June mtg buffet supplies	\$26.02
Denise Chase, Comfort quilts batting	\$160.00
Cadi Corners, Comfort quilt quilting & batting	\$223.99
Beth Mouser, QS '25 gift cards for set-up/take-down help	\$110.00
Insufficient Funds, ck#245 (trunk show)	\$20.00
Nina Clotfelter, Threads Contract fee	\$150.00
<i>Total Funds Paid Out</i>	<u>\$790.01</u>

<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$11,894.00</b>
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2025 YTD Collections: \$5,486.00

Respectfully submitted,  
Deborah L. Dusablon, Treasurer

**ICE CREAM SOCIAL AND "SNIP, RIP, DROP AND PASS" AT SEPTEMBER MEETING**

Join us for some scrap fun! Bring 1 yard of any Batik fabric and scissors. We'll be snipping, ripping, dropping, and passing along to the next guild member. At the end of this activity, members will have approximately 7 pieces of fabric measuring from ½ yard to 4½" x 5½". When choosing your Batik fabric, make sure it's one you love as it will be the largest piece you'll have. Members will take these pieces of fabric and create something interesting! We'll also be enjoying novelty ice cream for the Ice Cream Social at the meeting.

***Don't forget the new meeting location is at the American Legion, 100 Parah Drive, St Albans, on September 10<sup>th</sup>, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month.***



## MONTHLY MEETING FORMAT

Unless otherwise noted, the monthly guild meeting will follow the following format for in-person meetings.

- 6:00 pm Doors open  
 Sign in at membership table  
 Sign up for monthly drawing if you haven't won this year  
 Sign up for BOM raffle if you made one  
 Sign up for comfort quilt drawing if you made a comfort quilt
- 6:30 pm Business Meeting  
 Program for the evening  
 Short Break as appropriate  
 Show and Tell



### Franklin County Quilters Guild Executive Committee Minutes for 08/15/2025 Meeting

**Present:** Jean Anne Branch, Sandy Lane, Penny LaRochelle, Bonnie Evans, Cindy Metayer, Cathy Carlson, Mary Jane Rossi, Sharon Perry, Helen Short, Deb Dusablon, and Denise Chase

**Bylaws Rewrite:** The need to rewrite the Bylaws was triggered by the following changes: meeting date; meeting site; and the months of guild meetings. A list of "Standing Rules" was also written. By not putting the 'rules' in the Bylaws, it will help keep our Bylaws more generic and reduce the number of required Bylaw changes. Copies were passed out for review. Executive Committee members were asked to review the proposed Bylaw changes and Standing Rules by 8/30/2025 and communicate to Sharon Perry any needed edits or that they are okay as they are written by the end of the day on 08/30/2025.

**Dues for 2025-2026:** Due to the guild's change in the months we will meet in, there will be four extra meetings in 2025-2026. Membership needs to replace lanyards and name tags as members do not consistently turn theirs back in, and new pins need to be ordered as the supply is very low and some members have misplaced theirs. Therefore a motion was made by Mary Jane Rossi, seconded by Helen Short to increase the dues to \$25. Motion carried

**Membership:** Penny LaRochelle indicated she would like to order more FCQG pins for new members. Also, some members have lost their pins. The guild ordered the current pins almost 20 years ago; the company used then is no longer in business. Penny has found several other companies which make lapel pins like the guild's pins. Helen Short made a motion that we give the Membership Chair authority to purchase the needed pins; Mary Jane Ross seconded. Motion carried.

**Programs:** The planned programs are "fluid", in other words, "subject to change".

- September 2025: Novelty Ice Cream Social and "Snip, Rib, Drop, and Pass." Members will need to come to the meeting with a full yard of batik fabric.
- October 2025: Stripology Trunk Show by Linda Leszczynski followed the next day by a Stripology Workshop.

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- April 2026: TBD
- May 2026: The Process of Getting Your Quilt Into a National Quilt Show by Linda Wells
- June 2026: Pot Luck and Trunk Sale
- July 2026: The Temperature is Burning Strip Poker
- August 2026: TBD
- September 2026: Novelty Ice Cream Social and TBD
- October 2026: "Thread, What's the Big Deal" by Nina Clotfelter. Saturday Workshop on "How to Free Motion Quilt on Your Domestic Machine" with Nina Clotfelter
- November 2026: More with Panel Play and QOV Presentations
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**Access to Email:** The co-presidents, membership chair, program co-chairs, and communications person have access to send out Guild emails.

**Quilt Show Coming to Vermont, June 18 – 20, 2026:** It will be held at the DoubleTree in South Burlington. There will be free admission and free parking. Several Vermont quilt guilds are being invited to showcase their organizations. Denise Chase, Sharon Perry, and Helen Short will organize our booth and display. We plan to have the 2027 Raffle Quilt on display and will sell tickets. Other quilts made by guild members will be displayed as well.

### Other Matters:

It was reviewed whose names are on the Guild's checking account and whom should be removed and added.

Ideas were brainstormed about how to be welcoming to new members and keep all members engaged.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen Short for Deb Trahan who was on a big river in Canada

### STRIPOLOGY TRUNK SHOW & WORKSHOP IN OCTOBER

The guild will host Certified Stripology Instructor Linda Leszczynski in October. She'll have a trunk show featuring quilts using patterns from GE Quilt Designs on Friday, October 17<sup>th</sup>. There will also be a workshop on Saturday, October 18<sup>th</sup>; participants will be making the Zoe quilt. Both the October meeting and the workshop will be held at the Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in Swanton.

If you want to take the workshop, the cost is \$25. You'll need to have a copy of the Stripology Mixology 3 book or the Zoe pattern from the GEasy Class Pack-Vol 1 and a Stripology XL or Squared ruler. Please contact Helen Short, [hshortvt49@gmail.com](mailto:hshortvt49@gmail.com), to sign up. Once registered with payment, you will be given the fabric & cutting instructions.





Join in the fun and make 25 quilted projects by the end of 2025 and your name will be entered into a special drawing held in December 2025. If you'd like to participate, fill in your name and 25 projects you'd like to finish this year on the list below. This is your list...you can add to it throughout the year if need be to have 25 projects or you can remove a project, or swap out projects, etc...you just have to have ***25 Finishes in 2025*** AND you must show each project at one of the guild's monthly show and tell. You can show multiple projects in one month. You also don't have to show a project every month, you just have to have ***25 Finishes in 2025!*** You will maintain your own list, but you must let Sharon Perry know you are participating.

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**BLOCK OF THE MONTH (BOM)**

The block featured at the June meeting is called Maple Leaf; instructions for the block can be found [here](#). Carol Stanley, last year's Project Coordinator for the guild, says to use cream on cream fabric for the background and fall colors for the leaf and stem. Bring your blocks to the September meeting. Sandy Lane will take over from Carol as the new Project Coordinator this membership year.

If you turn a block in, you get to enter your name in the BOM Drawing. You can make as many blocks as you want and enter your name a corresponding number of times. You can only win the blocks one time in a membership year which for this year runs from September 2025 through December 2026. If you win, you're asked to continue making the monthly BOM so the other winners have a similar number of blocks.

**SUNSHINE CARDS FOR GUILD MEMBERS**

If you know of a guild member who is in need of encouragement or comfort due to an illness, bereavement, etc., please contact Diane Comeau, 802-310-1837. She will send out an appropriate card.

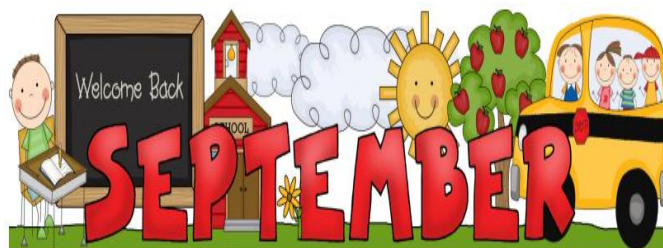


**IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR  
AGAIN...MEMBERSHIP DUES TIME!**

September marks the start of a new membership year for the guild. This membership year will run from September 2025 through December 2026.

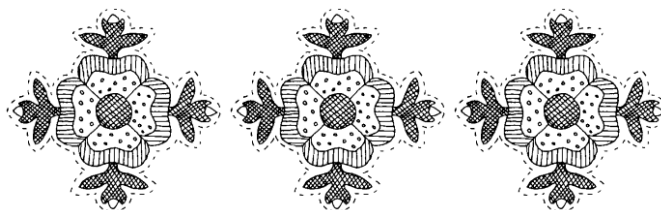
Here are the details for this year's dues:

- The 2025-2026 membership form can be found [here](#).
- Your completed membership form and your \$25 check, payable to FCQG, should be sent to Penny LaRochelle. Penny's address is included on the membership form. You can also pay your dues at a meeting; please still fill out the form for guild records.



Teri Brunelle	September	2
Beverly Cook	September	4
Sarah Reed	September	8
Helen Bicknell	September	12
Dale McFeeters	September	12
Gale Weld	September	12
Carol Parks	September	27

*...and many more!!!*





## RECIPE CORNER

### CORN PUDDING

¼ cup granulated sugar  
3 tablespoons all-purpose flour  
2 teaspoons baking powder  
1½ teaspoons salt  
6 large eggs  
2 cups whipping cream  
½ cup unsalted butter, melted  
6 cups fresh corn kernels (about 12 ears)  
2 tablespoons chopped chives  
Preheat oven to 350°F; lightly grease 13x9-inch baking dish.

Combine sugar, flour, baking powder, and salt; set aside.

Whisk together eggs, whipping cream, and butter in a large bowl. Gradually add sugar mixture, whisking until smooth. Stir in corn.

Pour mixture into prepared baking dish.

Bake at 350°F for 40 to 45 minutes or until set. Let stand 5 minutes. Garnish with chives, if desired.

### BLACK BEAN AND CORN SALSA

2½ fresh corn kernels (from 5 ears)  
1 tablespoon olive oil  
2 teaspoons ground cumin  
1 cup chopped red bell pepper (from 1 medium pepper)  
2 (15-oz.) cans black beans, drained and rinsed  
1 cup chopped tomatoes (5 oz)  
1 cup chopped red onion (5 oz)  
½ cup chopped fresh cilantro  
3 tablespoons fresh lime juice (from 2 limes)  
1 tablespoon finely chopped jalapeño chile, seeded  
¾ teaspoon kosher salt

Heat a medium cast-iron skillet over medium-high until hot. Add corn and oil; cook, stirring occasionally, until corn is browned, 5 to 7 minutes.

Add cumin; cook, stirring occasionally, until fragrant, about 1 minute. Remove from heat; stir in bell pepper until combined.

Add beans, tomatoes, onion, cilantro, lime juice, jalapeño, and salt to corn mixture; toss gently to combine. Let stand 10 minutes. Serve.

### CREAMED CORN PASTA

6 ears fresh corn, shucked  
½ cup heavy whipping cream  
4 thick-cut bacon slices, chopped  
1 medium yellow onion, finely chopped (1½ cups)  
3 large garlic cloves, minced (about 1 tablespoon)

2 oz. Parmesan cheese, grated (about ½ cup), plus more for serving  
1 lb. penne pasta  
1 tablespoon chopped fresh thyme  
1½ teaspoon kosher salt, plus more for salting water

Place 1 ear of corn over a large bowl. Using a peeler, shave the edges of the kernels off into the bowl. Scrape remaining corn kernels and milk from cob with a spoon into bowl with corn kernel tops, reserving cobs. Repeat with remaining corn (yield should be about 1½ cups kernels and milk). Stir in whipping cream; set aside.

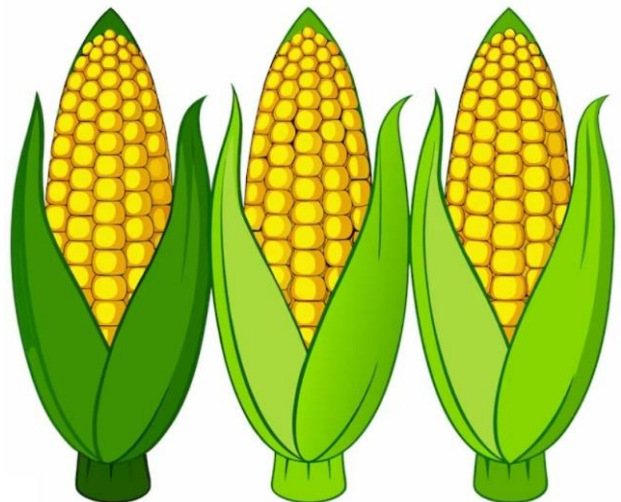
Add cobs to a large pot, and cover with water; salt generously. Bring pot with corn cobs to a boil over high; let boil 20 minutes.

Meanwhile, place chopped bacon in a large skillet; cook over medium-high, stirring often, until crisp, about 10 minutes. Transfer bacon to a paper towel-lined plate, reserving drippings in skillet.

Add yellow onion and garlic to skillet; cook over medium, stirring often, until tender, about 5 minutes. Stir in corn kernel mixture, and reduce to medium-low. Cook, stirring often, until slightly reduced, about 5 minutes. Stir in Parmesan cheese until melted. Remove from heat.

Add pasta to pot with corn cobs and boiling water, and cook according to package directions for al dente, about 10 minutes. Drain pasta, reserving 1 cup cooking liquid. Discard corn cobs.

Transfer cooked pasta to skillet with corn mixture. Cook over medium, stirring constantly and adding reserved cooking liquid ¼ cup at a time, as needed, until sauce clings to pasta, about 3 minutes. Remove from heat, and stir in fresh thyme and salt. Top with bacon, and serve with additional Parmesan cheese.





## SEPTEMBER

by Annette Wynne

Golden in the garden,  
Golden in the glen,  
Golden, golden, golden  
September's here again!  
Golden in the tree tops,  
Golden in the sky—  
Golden, golden, golden  
September's going by!

### FEATURED VIDEO TUTORIAL FOR SEPTEMBER:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R2x68BTlfug>

Pint Size Table Runner – September  
Shabby Fabrics



### LINK TO BARN QUILT TRAIL OF NORTHERN VERMONT

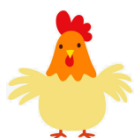
<http://www.barnquiltsfornorthernvermont.org/>

**NEWSLETTER IDEAS WANTED:** Do you have a recipe you'd like to share with guild members? Or maybe you've found a great quilting website or blog you'd like to share. Or you've visited a quilt shop within an easy drive which had bargains or a fabric selection no quilter should miss. If so, send an email to [vtquilter@gmail.com](mailto:vtquilter@gmail.com), and the newsletter editor will do her best to include it in the next newsletter. Although welcome, your input doesn't have to be a complete article. It could be a few bullets which convey your message. The editor will fill out the article as needed.

#### Deadline for articles for next newsletter:

**3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month, September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

Please email articles to Sharon Perry, to [vtquilter@gmail.com](mailto:vtquilter@gmail.com),  
or mail to PO Box 517, Montgomery Center VT 05471



*September is National Chicken Month*



*"All the months are crude experiments, out of which the perfect September is made." ~Virginia Woolf*