

# Franklin County Quilters Guild

## SUGARHOUSE GAZETTE

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### President's Message

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Joanne Sweet: Breast Cancer  
Pat Johnson: Family Center  
Jen Letourneau: Purple Heart  
Rose Terrill: Quilts of Valor

Hello Everyone,

As for me, getting back to regular guild meetings was just what I needed in September. I sure enjoyed seeing all of you and spending a little time catching up.

The UFO Committee chair has been filled by Nancy Orcutt. Thank you Nancy! Since the September meeting, many of my dreams (no kidding) have been about finishing my UFOs and making them a priority. I can't seem to get them in my queue on my own; too many new temptations get in my way. A UFO challenge is obviously a requirement for me!

Thank you also to Roberta Gilmour for accepting the co-chair position of the Quilt Show. We'll put your talents to good use.

Our October meeting is four demonstrations to help with our Christmas gift list. There will be something for everyone from beginners to seasoned quilters with excellent options for gift giving during the holidays.

See you October 20<sup>th</sup>.

Happy Stitching.

-Ann Jacobs

**2010 – 2011 Guild Calendar**

**September 15<sup>th</sup>** Ice Cream Social

**October 20<sup>th</sup>** Christmas in  
October (Members' demos)

**November 12<sup>th</sup>** Trunk Show\*  
with Kim Diehl

**November 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>** Workshops  
with Kim Diehl

**2010 – 2011 Guild Calendar**

**December 15<sup>th</sup>** Holiday Potluck  
with Gift Exchange

**January 19<sup>th</sup>** Quilt Show Prep

**February 16<sup>th</sup>** Scrap Swap

**March 16<sup>th</sup>** Final Quilt Show Prep  
with Scrap Swap Revealed

**April 2<sup>nd</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup>** Quilt Show

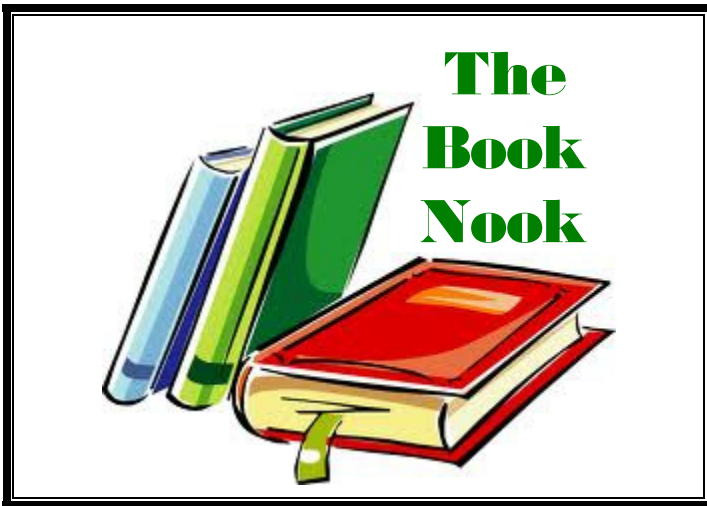
**2010 – 2011 Guild Calendar**

**April 20<sup>th</sup>** Trunk Show\*  
of Guild Members' Vintage Quilts  
with Richard Cleveland

**May 18<sup>th</sup>** Members' Tips & Tricks

**June 15<sup>th</sup>** Potluck  
Teacup Auction

\* indicates 6:00 pm start



Here are just a few of the most recent additions to the FCQG library:

THE THIMBLEBERRIES BOOK OF QUILTS is a classic for traditional quilt makers. It includes a special feature - fun and festive projects for Christmas!

QUILTING IN THE LIMELIGHT: The Life, Art & Techniques of an Award-Winning Quilter is a colorful and inspiring book by master quilter Philippa Naylor. (Visit [www.thequiltshow.com](http://www.thequiltshow.com) for an in-depth feature about her life and quilts - and it's FREE for non-members.)

THE QUILTER'S ULTIMATE VISUAL GUIDE: From A to Z - Hundreds of Tips and Techniques for Successful Quilt making is an encyclopedia of techniques in words, diagrams, and illustrations.

Another practical reference book, TIPS FOR QUILTERS: A Handbook of Hints, Shortcuts, and Practical Suggestions from Experienced Quilters, covers every aspect of the quilt maker's craft.

A complete list of resources in our library can be found on the FCQG website. To request an item, email Kay Benedict at [kayben1@yahoo.com](mailto:kayben1@yahoo.com).

### QUILTERS RETREAT AT JAY PEAK

Come join us for this PREMIER weekend at the new Tram House Lodge at Jay Peak, November 5 - 7, 2010! For one all-inclusive fee you can select from your choice of classes, or simply plan to come, enjoy the fellowship of friends, old and new, finish holiday projects, or just relax.

The weekend will include accommodations in the new Tram House Lodge, meals, from Friday dinner

through Sunday breakfast, at Alice's Table, free valet parking, and a tram ride to the top of Jay Peak. A lecture, "Sew You Know," will follow dinner on Friday evening where you will learn lots of tips and techniques about your sewing machine, including using specialty feet, which needle to use with which specialty thread, machine accessories and built-in options.

We are pleased to offer two half-day classes on Saturday with Adele Scott, from Orleans, MA. Adele is a former sewing machine shop owner, life long quilter, designer, lecturer and teacher. On Saturday morning we will offer "Appliqué and More . . . Pillow Project." You will learn mock needle turned appliqué, strip two color prairie points, an easy zipper and how to prevent "dog-eared" corners. Saturday afternoon will feature a Patchwork Handbag. Kits will be available for both classes. Classes will be limited to the first 20 enrollees.

Sunday morning will include show and tell and an unspecified event following breakfast. Sometime during the weekend we will also take advantage of the exquisite beauty of Jay Peak and surrounding views from the tram to the top of the mountain.

Registration is limited to the first 50 registrants. So sign up early. Total cost of the weekend is \$325 per person. This includes your deluxe room, 5 meals, tram ride, lecture, a class (if you want), with lots of time to sew and have fun.

This event is sponsored by Country Thyme VT, PO Box 408, 60 Route 111, Derby, VT 05829. Call Kay at 802-766-2852 or email [cthymevt@aol.com](mailto:cthymevt@aol.com) for more information.

### BREAST CANCER QUILT KITS

Guild members are invited to help make kits for this year's breast cancer quilts on Sunday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, 1 - 5 pm, at Gerda Thibault's home. We will be cutting fabric and assembling the kits. Snacks and fabric will be provided. Bring your rotary cutters, cutting mats, and rulers and join in the fun. For more information, please call Joanne Sweet, 878-5928.

Joanne also has information about making turbans for breast cancer survivors. The American Cancer Society will provide all the fabric. Call Joanne if you're interested in making a few turbans.

**Quilting in America™ 2010 SURVEY  
SHOWS INDUSTRY WORTH  
\$3.6 BILLION ANNUALLY**

HOUSTON – May 20, 2010 – Quilting enthusiasts spend almost \$3.6 *billion* annually on their passion, proof that the vibrant art of quilting is both alive and thriving in the United States, even in the face of the recent economic challenges all across the country. According to the just-released Quilting in America™ 2010 survey, enthusiasts' spending has increased by 9% since the release of the last survey results in 2006.

"I'll admit, I was concerned that the news might not look good given the economic realities," says Karey Bresenhan, President of Quilts, Inc., which produces the consumer show International Quilt Festival and trade show International Quilt Market. The company, along with the consumer magazine *Quilters Newsletter*, published by enthusiast media company Creative Crafts Group, sponsored the independent survey. "But as a fifth-generation quilter myself, I should have known better. *Nothing* keeps quilters from enjoying something that allows them to explore both their talents and their creativity."

The survey results showed that numbers were up from 2006 in several other categories as well. The number of U.S. households with a "Dedicated Quilter" (one who spends more than \$600 annually on quilting supplies) is a little over one million (up 13%), and the average yearly expenditure is \$2442 (up 10%).

"The Dedicated Quilters have continued to spend and will keep on spending if we inspire them. They know what they like, and they like quilting!" Bresenhan adds. "They'll maintain that dedication to quilts as long as we make it fun and challenging and the industry suppliers continue to produce the new fabrics, magazines, books, and innovations that interest them."

The survey also reflected that the total number of quilting households in the U.S. is 16.38 million - a 14% decline from 2006 - almost all of which is attributed to casual quilters whose interests encompass other crafts. While the Dedicated Quilter has continued to spend, the past three years of economic uncertainty have meant that the casual

quilter has been less able or less willing to commit funds to a hobby. However, the average yearly expenditure among *all* quilting households is up a healthy 27%.

"Although the total number of people quilting in the U.S. has contracted, I think that the rest of the results are a positive sign given overall economic conditions," notes Tina Battock, Vice President, Group Publisher of Creative Crafts Group. "And the decline among casual quilters is a reminder to all committed to the long-term welfare of the quilting industry that we need to cast a broader net when looking for new consumers. Still, the core group of quilting enthusiasts retains its relative affluence and ability to direct discretionary spending towards its interests."

"We've also seen factual growth in the industry at International Quilt Market," Bresenhan adds. "At our spring 2010 show the total number of exhibitors and total number of booths have both increased by an average of 20% over last year's edition."

Quilting in America™ 2010 is the sixth in a series of studies done since 1994 with the intent of measuring the amount of time and money quilters spend on their hobby and profiling the key segments of the market.

Article is provided courtesy of Quilts, Inc.  
and *Quilters Newsletter*.

**Deadline for articles for November newsletter:**

**Wednesday, October 27<sup>th</sup>**

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

**NO SHOW AND TELL  
AT OCTOBER MEETING**

This month's guild meeting is all about "Christmas in October." There will be demonstrations by guild members for holiday gift ideas.

To ensure there will be enough time for the business meeting and the demonstrations, we will not have show and tell at the meeting. Please plan accordingly.

**OCTOBER 2010 BLOCK OF THE MONTH PATTERN:  
SHOOTING STAR 2**

Pattern from [www.quilterscache.com](http://www.quilterscache.com)

**Use fall colors with white on white or off-white background for the raffle blocks; make another block with fall colors and a black background for the Orphan Block Coordinator.**

**Click the link below for the Shooting Star 2 pattern  
<http://www.quilterscache.com/S/ShootingStar2Block.html>**

**FRANKLIN COUNTY QUILTERS GUILD**

Minutes of September 15, 2010

**Present:** Total attended 46, new members Connie Lane and Maggie Stockwell, returning member Roberta Gilmour, 2 guests.

**Proceedings:**

*Meeting called to order* at 7:07 p.m. by Ann Jacobs, President.

*Secretary's Report:* Minutes of June 2010 Meeting, motion to accept by Gisele Nolan, seconded by Carol Stanley. Minutes of August 2010 Executive Board Meeting, motion to accept by Rose Terrill, seconded by Diane Forey.

*Treasurer's Report:* adjusted balance \$2976.90, motion to accept by Gerda Thibault, seconded by Joanne Sweet.

*Announcements:*

- Ann Jacobs read thank-you notes from Laurie's House and from Franklin County Relay for Life.

- There is a check-in sheet at the door to be signed by members at each meeting.

*Old Business:*

- Gail Darling asked for follow-up regarding our inquiry about helping post Katrina. According to Nancy Orcutt and Sharon Perry, no response, probably due to trying to get their lives back together.

*New Business:*

- Harvest Fest in Enosburg: Bonnie Evans announced the event scheduled for end of week, including a quilt raffle to benefit breast cancer and diabetes.

- Quilt Show: Shireen Melton cannot do the quilt layout for this year's show. There are still a few other job openings. See Deb Aylward for details.

- New Year's Baby Quilt: Babette Coons and Suzanne Tracy volunteered to make it.

- UFO Chair - Nancy Orcutt volunteered.

- Raffle Quilt 2012 - Rose Terrill presented two quilt patterns, members voted during the Ice Cream Social. The pattern called "Pick and Choose" received the most votes.

- Charity Quilt 2011: Sally Krupp presented two quilt patterns, members voted during the Ice Cream Social. The easy scrappy one received the most votes.

- Guest Speaker in November: Babette Coons announced that Kim Diehl will be the speaker at our November meeting, scheduled for Friday, November 12 at 6:00 p.m. Members began signing up for Kim's workshops, scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 13, "Lone Star" and Sunday, November 14, "Bittersweet Briar," both from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at St. Albans Town School. See Kim's website for more details.

Quilt Donation: Gerda Thibault suggested we donate an orphan quilt to ??? . Motion made by Sharon Perry, seconded by Babette Coons. Motion carried.

- Monthly "For Sale" Table: Sharon Perry suggested that we use our guild as a venue to get rid of our quilt-related "stuff" with proceeds going to the guild. Motion made by Bonnie Evans, seconded by Joanne Sweet. Sharon will be in charge of the "For Sale Table."

- Reusable Grocery Bags: Gerda Thibault showed simple bags she made to donate to the Swanton Food Shelf and offered to work up a pattern and make copies for guild members.

- Charity Quilt Labels: Sharon Perry has ordered two stamps for labeling all the quilts the guild gives out.

*Block of the Month:*

- This year's theme is pinwheels. For next month, choose a fall color and a white (or white on white) background. (Or make one with white background and one with black background.) Fabric should be 100% cotton; block should be 12 1/2 inches unfinished (no smaller!).

- For September block drawing, 13 on white and 6 on black were turned in. Bonnie Evans won the drawing.

*Monthly Drawings:*

- Door prize won by Nadine Froebel.

- Charity quilt drawing won by Mary Ellen Therrien.

*Programs:*

- Summer Ladd prepared a 15-question get-acquainted activity for the Ice Cream Social. Sharon Perry was the winner, with the most correct answers. Ann Jacobs was runner-up.

- Next month's program will be demonstrations by several guild members. There will be projects appropriate for beginning, intermediate, and advanced quilters.

*Other Business:*

- Show and tell

- Next meeting: Wednesday, October 20 at 7:00 p.m.

*Meeting adjourned* at 8:55 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Kay Benedict, Secretary

**MONTHLY MEETING FORMAT**

6:30 pm	Doors open Sign-up for raffle BOM block Sign-up for monthly drawing Pick up name tag
7:00 pm	Business meeting Show and Tell Short break as appropriate Program for the evening

**FRANKLIN COUNTY QUILTER'S GUILD**  
**Treasurer's Report --- October 20, 2010**

Opening Balance		\$2,976.90
Funds collected		
Dues	\$725.00	
<i>Total</i>	\$725.00	
	<i>Total</i>	\$3,701.90
Funds paid out		
Church of the Rock, Oct rent	\$35.00	
Gerald Perry, Room set-up for Oct	\$25.00	
SATEC, Nov 14&15 rental	\$520.00	
The Quilt Lady, Raffle quilt quilting	\$169.54	
CVQG, Quilt Show 2011 pole rental	\$200.00	
WRBQ, Ad for Charity Quilt 2011	\$75.00	
Sharon Perry, City Hall Rental deposit QS 2011	\$50.00	
Susie Perry, Membership copies	\$12.88	
<i>Total</i>	\$1,087.42	
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>\$2,614.48</b>

2010 YTD Collections: \$3924.26

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah L. Dusablon, Treasurer  
 10/20/10

***“FOR SALE” TABLE FEATURED AT GUILD MEETING***

*Do you have extra quilt-related items cluttering your sewing space? Are you at a loss about what to do with your items? The guild has a solution for you. Bring your gently used items to the guild meeting to donate to the “For Sale” table at the back of the room; proceeds will benefit the guild. Sharon Perry has agreed to host the table each month at the monthly guild meeting. So don’t throw anything away...bring it to the guild! **Note: For the October meeting, Bonnie Evans will be hosting the “For Sale” Table.***

**QUILT TIPS**

When assembling scrap blocks for a quilt, lay out your blocks and take a digital photo. The photo shows if you have too many dark blocks together or too many light ones together. Rearrange the blocks and take another photo.

Use an empty fabric bolt board, and pin 3 wide elastic bands around the board. When you travel to classes, slide your rotary rulers under the elastic bands. The strength of the board will protect your rulers from breaking.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Green Mountain Quilt Guild, Fall Meeting, October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2010:** 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.

**Quilting in the Land of Milk and Honey, October 23<sup>rd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>, 2010:** Features the traveling 2010 Hoffman Challenge, over 100 quilts, vendors, raffle quilt, and raffle baskets at Middlebury Union High School, Route 7, Middlebury, VT. Refreshments also available. Show hours: Sat, 10-5; Sun, 10-3. Admission: \$5; show your guild membership card for \$1 off your admission cost!

**Homage to Grandmother Quilt Show, October 30<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup>, 2010:** Sponsored by Champlain Valley Quilt Guild of VT. Features contest quilts, silent auction, quilt raffle, handmade crafts, merchant mall, demonstrations and special exhibits. Lunch, refreshments, and ample free parking available on site. Show hours: Sat, 10-5; Sun, 10-4. Admission: \$6.

**A Quilters Gathering, November 4<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>, 2010:** 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.

## FOR SALE

Pinnacle Quilting Frame with a Juki TL98Q sewing machine. Used very little, in excellent condition. Can quilt up to a king-size quilt on frame. Lots of extra, sure-stitch regulator, cloth leaders, plastic pattern perfect, Quilt CAD program, Gracie Laser and additional patterns. Cost new \$5,000, asking \$3,000. If interested and would like more information, call Rolande at 802-933-4469 or email [rolandeeafortin@gmail.com](mailto:rolandeeafortin@gmail.com)

- Don't forget to bring:*

  1. Check or cash (\$15) for membership
  2. Membership form (filled out)
  3. Completed block of the month
  4. Items for "For Sale" Table
  5. Food shelf donation

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