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Hi Everyone,

I hope all of you enjoyed Judy Brunn's Truck Show. I sure did. She sure completed a lot of lovely quilts in less than 10 years of retirement. If my first quilt was hand-quilted, I'd still be working on it and I'm not kidding.

The past month, I have been looking for ideas for Christmas gifts. I've gone through a lot of quilt magazines for ideas with some success. I'm testing one that uses scraps and if it turns out to be successful, I'll share it with you at the meeting. If you have any ideas for Christmas, please bring them to the meeting to share.

You are all welcome to join us November 11th, 18th, and 25th from 10am to 5pm at Northwestern Medical Center's conference room. You can stay all day or just for a few hours and work on Christmas projects, charity quilts or whatever you're working on at this moment in time. It is a nice way to get away from chores (nothing tugging at you from home), to get to know more guild members plus work on a project. Need a project? Alyce and Elaine will have charity quilt projects on hand. Hopefully, you can join us for at least one Sunday in November.

Our next meeting is a presentation by Kathy Giroux and Carole Farmer from Mountain Fiber in Montgomery. The doors open at 6:30pm. Remember, the meeting is on November 28th, the 4th Wednesday of November!

See you then.

Happy Stitching,
-Ann

2012 – 2013 Guild Calendar

September 19th Ice Cream Social
& Silent Auction

October 17th Trunk Show
with Judith Brunn & Silent Auction

**November 28th Presentation by
Mountain Fiber Folk**

December 19th Holiday Potluck
& Yankee Swap

2012 – 2013 Guild Calendar

January 16th First & Worst Quilts
with Guild Members

February 20th Quilt Show Prep

March 20th Seeing Red...or Not
Redwork Demo (Kit provided)

April 5th Quilt Show Setup

2012 -2013 Guild Calendar

April 6th & 7th Quilt Show

April 17th TBA

May 15th TBA

June 19th Potluck
& Teacup Auction

FRANKLIN COUNTY QUILTERS GUILD

Minutes of October 17, 2012

Present: Total attended 55, including three new members (Sue Trombley, Jean Ann Branch, and Monica Kelly) and three guests

Proceedings

- Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Ann Jacobs, President
- Secretary's Report: Motion to accept by Dale McFeeters, seconded by Marge Taylor
- Treasurer's Report: Motion to accept by April Walker, seconded by Peggy Burbank

Old Business

- Mystery Quilt - Nancy Orcutt had instructions for Part 2 available.
- Quilt Show -
 - Bonnie Evans suggested that we forego I Spy this year. Motion to accept by Carolyn Kittell, seconded by Gisele Nolan.
 - Bonnie announced that Sandra Palmer will do appraisals at our show both days.
 - Bonnie has flyers and posters with the raffle quilt on them. Raffle tickets are now available.
 - Margaret Miller has lined up all the vendors for the show.
 - Kay Benedict will have registration forms available at each meeting. Hard copies only this year, no electronic submission of forms (jpg photos can still be submitted by email). Christy will try to put a copy of the registration form on our facebook page.
 - Carolyn Kittell suggested that we include some antique quilts in the show.
- T3 (Tips, Tricks and Techniques) - Bonnie Evans showed and explained the "1600 Inch Quilt," and had instructions available.
- Charity Quilts - Alyce Bushey has kits for Home Health quilts and 2 kits for Irene quilts.
- Charity Quilt 2013 - Christy needs more light and dark strips (2 1/2" x 18")
- Char Mulyca thanked all who participated in her 60th birthday quilt.

New Business

- Silent Auction - At the September meeting, \$250 in bids were made. The auction continues through November.
- UFOs - Diane Forey volunteered to chair the project for this year.
- Quilting Days at the hospital - The conference room has been reserved for Oct. 28 and Nov. 4 from 11am -5pm for charity quilts or personal projects.

Program

-Judith Brunn of Sharon Springs, New York presented a trunk show of her many impressive quilts. A few of the resources she recommended are Quilt Mania magazine, *Reasons for Quilts* by Edyta Sitar, and *Civil War Legacies* by Carol Hopkins.

Monthly Drawing

-Monthly door prize won by Kay Benedict

Show and Tell

-Next meeting: Wednesday, November 28, 2012 (the 4th Wednesday of the month!) at 7:00 p.m. with guests Kathy Giroux and Carole Farmer of Mountain Fiber Folk of Montgomery Center. The silent auction will conclude.

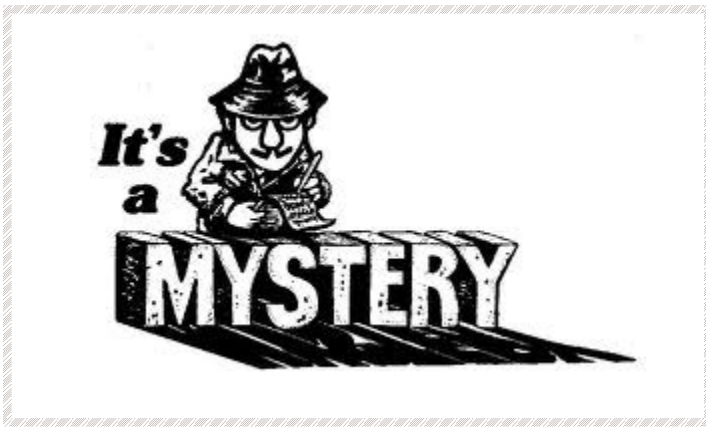
Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Kay Benedict, Secretary

Look Out for Moose in the Woods

**QUILT TIPS**

- For ripping out stitches: if you take your seam ripper and cut every fourth stitch on the stitching line, when you pull the two pieces apart it goes really fast.
- Use a rotary cutter for taking seams apart instead of a seam ripper; it's much easier to find when needed.
- Chocolate is a quilter's BFF!!!



MYSTERY QUILT REPLACES BLOCK OF THE MONTH THIS YEAR

Nancy Orcutt is this year's Project Coordinator. Instead of creating a Block of the Month (BOM) program for this membership year, Nancy will present a mystery quilt each month. The mystery quilt is called "Seven Easy Pieces" by Piece By Number.

If you are in need of a copy of the instructions handed out at a previous guild meeting, please contact Nancy, 524-4511 or nlorcutt08@gmail.com.

TIPS, TOOLS, OR TECHNIQUES (T³)

The Tips, Tools, or Techniques (T³) feature at each meeting is a BIG hit with members. In October, Bonnie Evans demonstrated how to make the 1600 Quilt. If you missed the meeting or can't remember all the steps, check out this video on the internet: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2bEJLnaZQOU>

Guild members are invited to share a new tip, tool or technique at each guild meeting. If you've learned a new technique, or purchased a new quilting tool, or have a great quilting tip, bring them to the guild meeting and share with your fellow members. Just let Ann Jacobs know before the meeting starts that you have a T³ item to share.

Quilting Online: Free Motion Quilting

What is your favorite way to finish a quilt? Do you take the time to quilt it by hand? Send it out to a long-arm

quilter? My personal choice is to quilt it using my domestic sewing machine. But straight-line quilting with a walking foot isn't always the best option for my quilt top designs. Free motion quilting is the answer!

Yes, there's a bit of a learning curve, but it's great fun! These online resources make it easier to build your machine quilting skills:

Popular blogger SewCalGal (sewcalgal.blogspot.com) is hosting a FMQ Challenge throughout 2012, and it's not too late to get on board. A tutorial by a notable quilting expert is posted on the blog monthly. For example, Diane Gaudynski was featured in February with a lesson on feathers, and in this month's tutorial Sarah Vedeler teaches spirals. Progress photos are shared on a dedicated facebook page, where a lively exchange of ideas and tips can be found. There are drawings for prizes as an additional incentive to participants who complete monthly challenges. SewCalGal estimates some 2,000 quilters are taking part in the challenge, many of these learning FMQ for the first time.

The Free Motion Quilting Project from 29-year-old Leah Day (so young, and already so accomplished!) started as a collection of 365 quilting designs. The entire collection can be found at freemotionquilting.blogspot.com sorted by difficulty level, and each design is accompanied by a video tutorial. This year, Leah's Free Motion Quilt Along engages a community of quilters through photo sharing and weekly Q&A. Leah also joins other Craftsy instructors by offering a new FMQ class at craftsy.com.

Continue the discussion about online learning and free motion quilting on our guild's facebook page.

MONTHLY MEETING FORMAT

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

*For select meetings, doors will open at 5:30 pm, and the meeting will start at 6:00 pm (usually the September, December, and June meetings or as stated in the President's Piece).

**Guild members are asked to sign up for the monthly drawings and pick up name tags BEFORE the business meeting begins at 7:00 pm.

NOVEMBER 2012 TREASURER'S REPORT**FRANKLIN COUNTY QUILTER'S GUILD
Treasurer's Report -- November 28, 2012**

Opening Balance		\$3,190.80
Funds collected		
Membership Dues	\$150.00	
<i>Total</i>	\$150.00	
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Funds paid out		
Church of the Rock, Nov rent	\$35.00	
Gerald Perry, Room set-up for Nov	\$25.00	
Rolande Fortin, Hurricane Irene fabric	(\$4.37)	
Sandra Palmer, Appraisal of QS quilt	\$40.00	
Dale McFeeters, Quilt Show copies	\$73.36	
St. Albans City, Quilt Show banner	\$40.00	
Yankee Pride, Gift certificate for Oct presenter	\$100.00	
Regal Art Press, Quilt Show fliers/posters	\$162.08	
Bonnie Evans, Craft Show	\$15.00	
Nancy Orcutt, BOM copies	\$21.07	
Nancy Magnant, Fabric	\$101.17	
<i>Total</i>	\$608.31	
Grand Total		\$2,732.49

2012 YTD Collections: \$5035.77

Respectfully submitted,
Deborah L. Dusablon, Treasurer
11/28/12

QUILT TIPS

- Need a reason to buy more chocolate???...recycle the container. You can use the M&M mini tubes (clear ones if you can find them) to store needles, buttons, bobbins, or anything small that could get misplaced.
- Pick up clip-style pant hangers at thrift stores and use them to hang finished and unfinished projects. Your projects will hang straight and you won't to iron crease marks from folding.
- When you are cutting several different sizes of pattern pieces at a time, keep small pieces of paper and pencil nearby. Label each pile with how many and the measurements of each (for example, 5-2" squares). It saves a lot of frustration and panic when it's time to sew everything together.

UPCOMING EVENTS

HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR, November 24th, 2012: Sponsored by the South Congregational Church, Main Street, St. Johnsbury, VT. Show Hours: 9 am – 3 pm.

COUNTRY CRAFTERS CRAFT FAIR, November 24th, 2012: Sponsored by the St. Johnsbury Area Lions Club, St. Johnsbury Academy Fieldhouse, St. Johnsbury, VT. Show Hours: 10 am – 3 pm.

32nd ANNUAL WINTER FESTIVAL OF VERMONT CRAFTERS, November 24th – 25th, 2012: Sponsored by the Greater Barre Craft Guild at the Barre Auditorium, Barre, VT. Show Hours: Saturday, 9 am – 5 pm; Sunday, 10 am – 4 pm.

Deadline for articles for next newsletter:

Wednesday, December 5th, 2012

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

*Don't forget to bring:
Items for Show and Tell*

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