

Franklin County Quilters Guild

SUGARHOUSE GAZETTE

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President's Piece

Hello Everyone,

I've just been bitten by the scrap quilt bug. My first endeavor was a string quilt. I used pages from an old phone book as my foundation and let the fabrics fall at will. I've mixed batiks in taking a hint from a quilting video clip about children playing in the sand box and getting along. I also took a workshop in scrap quilting at a Sunny Laurel Sisters and have another quilt ready to sandwich and quilt. I'm looking forward to the next scrap quilt class at this quilt shop for more ideas.

After about 10 years of quilting, I've amassed a lot of scraps tucked around my sewing room. This is actually my segue to programming for our guild. Our programs are excellent. Let's face it, we come to meetings to see our friends, become inspired and learn new techniques. The business portion of the meeting is a necessary evil. It would be great to have at least one 'understudy' to this year's program committee so they could become familiar with the procedures. If we want to get a couple of top-notch programs a year we need to plan ahead as many presenters are booked at least a year ahead. If you feel called to this endeavor, please contact me. I feel two members working on program is a successful formula, therefore another person would be chosen for next year to work with this year's understudy.

At October's meeting our members' talent and generosity were again evidenced by Nancy Dulude from Home Health leaving with 19 quilts for their patients and by members demonstrating items we can make for Christmas. On November 20th we will be treated to Dan Perkins' trunk show and many of us will learn new quilting techniques in his workshops on the 21st & 22nd. Doors will open at 6 pm with the **business meeting starting promptly at 6:30 pm...½ hour earlier than usual!!!**

Sincerely,
Helen Short, 2015-2016 President

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Denise Chase

Elaine Magnan

Helen Short

Gerda Thibault

2015 – 2016 Guild Calendar

September 16th Ice Cream Social

October 21st Christmas in October
(6:30 pm start!!!)

**November 20th Trunk Show
with Dan Perkins (6:30 pm START!)**

**November 21st Workshop
with Dan Perkins at NMC**

**November 22nd Workshop
with Dan Perkins at NMC**

December 16th Holiday Potluck
(6:00 pm start!!!)

2015 – 2016 Guild Calendar

January 20th Trunk Show
with Nancy LaPointe

February 17th S-U-R-P-R-I-S-E!!!

March 16th TBD
Quilt Show Prep

April 1st Quilt Show Set-Up

April 2nd Quilt Show

April 3rd Quilt Show

2015 – 2016 Guild Calendar

April 29th Trunk Show
with Pat Pauly

April 30th Workshop
with Pat Pauly

May 1st Possible Workshop
with Pat Pauly

May 18th Members' Garage Sale

June 15th Potluck &
Teacup Auction (6:00 pm start!!!)

FRANKLIN COUNTY QUILTERS GUILD

Minutes of September 16, 2015

Present: Total attended 68. Three new members: Kris Kilburn, Sherry Sica, and Diane Comeau.

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

Secretary's Report for September meeting: Motion to accept by Nancy Orcutt, seconded by Denise Chase. Approved.

Treasurer's Report for October: Motion to accept by Donna Blouin, seconded by Peggy Paradee. Approved.

Home Health representative Nancy Dulude spoke about Home Health's expanded services. Clients include both men and women, and all ages including babies. Nancy's talk was followed by charity quilt Show & Tell, and a large stack of quilts was given to her.

Committee Reports

Programs - Sharon Perry and Rose Rixon

- Sharon showed the tools that are needed for the Dan Perkins workshops in November. Neither workshop has filled, so remaining spaces will be opened up to other area guilds after the meeting.
- The monthly "birthday gift" for all meeting attendees was a page of paper piecing patterns for ornaments.
- A Junior Program Chair is still needed.
- Helen Short raised the idea of having future programs before the business meetings. Let her know if you have strong feelings one way or the other.

Quilt Show - Diane Kane and Nancy LaPointe

- Sally Krupp reported that the Silent Auction is accepting small, handmade, quilt-related items.
- Eighteen quilts have been registered. Entry forms are on the website and on our facebook page. A few hard copies are also available.
- Early Entry Challenge for those who have already registered a quilt: Margaret Miller won the drawing. There will be another drawing in January.
- Challenge Quilts - Forty-four silver fat eighths have been claimed by members at \$1.00 each. More will be purchased for members who have requested it. Details of the challenge can be found on the entry form.

Projects - Christy Mulyca

- A 6-part mystery quilt designed by Judy Hopkins will be posted on our facebook page. "Summer Breeze" will finish at approx. 40" x 48" and will be a 2-color quilt requiring 1 1/2 yards of light fabric and 1 1/8 yard of dark fabric. Interested participants will register online. Christy will post clues periodically, to finish in January.

Charity Quilts -

- Home Health - Elaine Magnan showed a new pattern "Hopscotch" which has no borders. Kits are available.
- Laurie's House - Denise Chase. Kits are available.

- Breast Cancer - Gerda Thibault. Helen Short reported for Gerda that the County Courier will be doing an article. We have some quilts made up, but we need more. Helen suggested that supplies for all three layers of these quilts be provided by the guild, as they are for other charity quilts. A motion was made by Sharon Perry that the guild provide the fabrics to make the top and backing and provide the batting; seconded by Pam Salazar. Approved.

- Fires & other disasters - Kris Bachand and Helen Short. We presently need a couple of twin-size quilts to have on hand. Let them know if you would like to make one and need fabric, batting, etc.

Raffle and Charity Quilt 2016 - 2017

- 2016 Raffle Quilt - Denise Chase and Connie Lane. Diane Forey is exploring alternatives to Staples for printing raffle tickets.
- 2016 Charity Quilt - Summer Ladd and Roberta Gilmour. They expect it to be finished this weekend.
- 2017 Raffle Quilt - Rita Dean, Helen Short, and Elaine Magnan. Still in progress.
- 2017 Charity Quilt - Nanc Ekiert, Gerda Thibault, and Linda Nadeau. Not yet started.

Membership - Char Mulyca

- As of this meeting, there are 73 current members.

Library - Pam Salazar

- We have more than 160 books. Pam brought a number of them and distributed them among the tables. She has a checkout notebook for members who want to sign out books.

Newsletter and Website - Sharon Perry. No report.

Sunshine - Carolyn Kittell

- Let Carolyn know if someone needs a card. Her email address is ckittell@franklinvt.net. Or phone her.

UFO Challenge - Kris Bachand - No report.

Old Business - None

Monthly Drawings

- Door Prize: Penny LaRochelle
- Charity Quilts: Christy Mulyca
- Birthday Celebration: Cindy Metayer

Show and Tell

Next meeting - Friday, November 21, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. Program: Trunk show by Dan Perkins, Certified Instructor for Studio 180 Design.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Kay Benedict, Secretary



ENTRY INTO 25TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION DRAWINGS

As a reminder each guild member will have at least one entry into the February drawings. Members can increase their chances of winning in a few other ways. Here are the ways members' names will be entered into the drawings:

- 1 entry for each paid member
- 1 entry for each monthly meeting attended
- 3 entries for each charity quilt made*/donated**
- 2 entries for guest you bring who becomes a member (To qualify for 2 entries, new member cannot have been a guild member in previous 10 years)
- 1 entry for every volunteer position at the quilt show you sign up for at the January guild meeting

*A question came up about "making" a charity quilt and whether or not only making a quilt top or only quilting an already-made quilt top qualifies for 3 entries. After much thought and some suggestions, a guild member can enter her/his name 3 times for every 2 quilt tops where she/he has only made the quilt top or 3 times for every 2 already-made quilts which she/he only quilts.

**To qualify for a charity quilt donation and entries into the February drawing, the quilt must be made for and donated to the Franklin County Quilters Guild for the guild's charitable efforts and supported organizations/events.

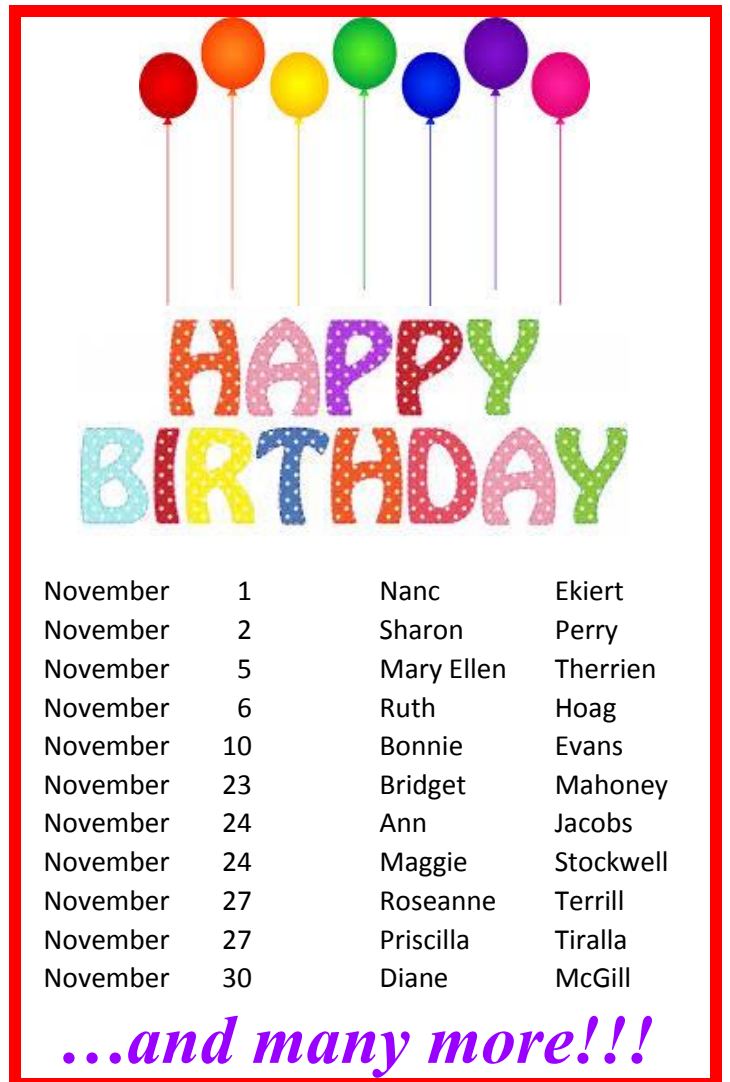
EXTRA ENTRY(IES) IN 25TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION DRAWINGS

Would you like to earn an extra entry into the February drawings for the awesome prizes donated so far with more to come? **Make your own fabric name tag for the guild and wear it to the December meeting...** your name will be entered one time. And if you **include the FCOG logo on your name tag**, your name will be entered into the drawing one more time. Just make sure you show Sharon Perry so she can make a note (or take a picture) for the additional entry or entries.

QUILT TIPS

- Use pipe cleaners to clean the nooks and crannies in your sewing machine. They grab the lint and dust...just throw them away when you're done.

- When cutting quilt pieces, save a small strip of selvage with the printed names of the fabric collection and fabric company. If you happen to run short, you have the information needed to find more fabric.
- Save scraps of stabilizer and use them between 2 lengths of ribbon to test decorative stitches. The stitched ribbon can then be used as a bookmark.
- Use a garden kneeling pad when arranging blocks or layering backing, batting, and quilt top on a floor. It's more comfortable for your knees than the hard floor.
- Before starting a new quilt, transfer the cutting instructions to a dry erase board. As you cut, erase that size and move on. It's easier than looking at the instructions in the magazine.



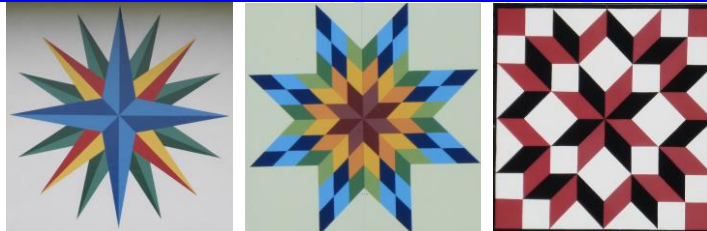
TREASURER'S REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 2015**FRANKLIN COUNTY QUILTERS GUILD
Treasurer's Report -- November 18, 2015**

Opening Balance		\$3,888.23
Funds collected		
Membership dues	\$525.00	
Workshops	\$550.00	
Bridge pattern sales	\$114.00	
Fabric - Fat 1/8s	\$43.00	
	<i>Total Funds Collected</i>	\$1,232.00
		<i>Sub-Total</i> \$5,120.23
Funds paid out		
Gerald Perry, Room set-up for Nov	\$35.00	
Nancy Orcutt, Fabric	\$12.00	
Rose Rixon, Postage for donations	\$49.00	
Elaine Magnan, Charity quilt batting	\$78.69	
Rita Dean, Fabric	\$114.42	
Helen Short, Agenda/handouts: Sep/Oct	\$14.84	
	<i>Total Funds Paid Out</i>	\$303.95
	Grand Total	\$4,816.28

2015 YTD Collections: \$5,565.55

Respectfully submitted,
Deborah L. Dusablon, Treasurer

VISIT THE FRANKLIN COUNTY BARN QUILT TRAIL ON THE GUILD'S WEBSITE AT
<http://www.franklincountyquilters.org/fcbqt/index.html>



  **Happy Thanksgiving**  

Deadline for articles for next newsletter:**Wednesday, November 25th, 2015**Please email articles to Sharon Perry, vtquilter@gmail.com, or mail to PO Box 517, Montgomery Center VT 05471

**Rules and form for the 2015 - 2016 UFO (Unfinished Object) Challenge
can be found at <http://www.franklincountyquilters.org/fcggufochallenge.pdf>**

**INSTRUCTIONS FROM ALICE ROULEAU'S DEMO
Paper-piecing Christmas Ornaments**

Using a large needle (80/12 is okay, 90/14 is better) in your sewing machine and short stitches (1.5/5) help to make the small pieces tight, and also make it easier to remove the paper when stitching is done.

It is good to have:

- Stiff card to help with creasing, such as a postcard or index card.
- Ruler with ¼ inch markings along the edge for trimming fabric.
- Seam ripper for removing extra stitches.

1. Cut pieces big enough to cover seam allowances on all sides—at least one inch larger than the actual pattern piece. Make sure fabric and stitching go all the way to the outside seam allowance.
2. Plan to add pieces in the numbered order. Pin the first piece right side out on the back of the paper pattern. Hold it up to the light to be sure there is enough overlap around the corners. Pin it. Turn to front of paper pattern. Use stiff card to crease the pattern line between pieces 1 and 2. Trim fabric to ¼ inch beyond paper crease. Position second piece right sides together with the first piece.
3. Stitch on the paper side, starting about three stitches before the pattern line and three stitches after. These can easily be removed with the seam ripper as you crease the next line.
4. Press the seam just stitched. Crease for the next piece. Trim; position new piece, right sides together; stitch.
5. Repeat: press, crease, trim, position, stitch—until all pieces have been added.

There are many online tutorials. The two below looked good:

<http://www.caroldoak.com/weblog/?p=28>

www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xv2gKMx9CCM

FINISHING INSTRUCTIONS FOR CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS:

Remove paper from ornament. Cut a coordinating piece of backing fabric the same size as the ornament. Cut a piece of thin batting (or flannel) the same size as the ornament. Cut a 6-inch piece of ribbon, string or twine.

Layer paper-pieced ornament with backing fabric, right sides together. Fold ribbon in half, slide looped end of ribbon in between paper pieced fabric and backing fabric; pin in place. Add batting (or flannel) on the bottom. First one to find this line and the next gets an additional slip for the special event. Let's see who really looks over this publication in detail. Using a ¼-inch seam allowance, stitch around outside of ornament, leaving 1½" opening on one side of the ornament; remove pin as you come to it. Clip corners. Turn ornament inside out and iron. Sew opening with a whipstitch using matching thread **OR** topstitch around ornament ⅛-inch inside edge.

Links for more paper-pieced ornaments:

<https://quiltersconnection.ca/wp-content/uploads/2013/04/Stocking-Ornament.pdf>

<http://www.caroldoak.com/userfiles/file/FreePatternSnowman.pdf>

<http://www.caroldoak.com/pdfs/3HolidayOrnamentBlocks.pdf>

http://www.quiltersworld.com/newsletters/images/2013/20801313-17/PaperPiecedGifts_new.pdf

<http://www.quilterscache.com/images21/ornament4.gif>

2015-2016 MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE NOW DUE

If you haven't renewed your membership yet, you'll find a membership form on the guild website at <http://www.franklincountyquilters.org/fcqgmembershipform.pdf>.

Fill out the form and either bring it to the October meeting or mail the completed membership form below, along with a check for \$15 payable to FCQG, to Char Mulyca, 1382 Pleasant View Road, Richford, VT 05476. If you have any questions for Char you can email her at ctcquilts@yahoo.com or call her at 848-9072.

DAN PERKINS' TRUNK SHOW AT NOVEMBER MEETING

The November meeting will feature a trunk show by Dan Perkins, co-owner of Threads Galore Quilt Shop in Rangeley, Maine, which he and his wife opened in 1996. Dan is an award-winning quilter as is his wife, Carol. Dan likes to create and piece the quilt tops and Carol finishes off his creations with amazing quilting on her longarm quilting machine.

Dan describes his start in quilting on the Threads Galore website. "I started quilting in 1995, about the time my wife, Carol, and I opened Threads Galore Quilt Shop in Rangeley, Maine. Almost from the very beginning, I felt the need to design my own 'patterns' and to not follow those designed by others. I have no idea how many quilts I have made over the years. I would have to say, though, that the majority have been of my own design.

I have exhibited in many quilt shows and have been awarded multiple ribbons. These shows range from the annual Maine Quilts to the Machine Quilter's Expo (MQX) with several ribbons from MQX. My proudest moment was receiving the Viewer's Choice Award at Maine Quilts a few years ago for a reversible quilt of my own design called 'Shattered Nine Patch Squared'. This quilt would have been nearly impossible to accomplish without Studio 180's Tucker Trimmer Tool."

Dan's quilts have also been displayed and won awards at the Vermont Quilt Festival. In addition to making stunning quilts together and running the quilt shop, Dan and Carol also own the Quilt Inn right next door. After a year-long restoration, Dan and Carol opened the Quilt Inn Rangeley Retreat

Center in 2003. As Dan and Carol describe on their website, it is "a gathering place for quilters from all around the country to share their love of quilting, away from the bustle of daily life. The Quilt Inn guests – whether here for a day or a week – greatly inspire us with their creations." There are several guild members who make an annual trek to Rangeley for a week-long retreat each year, and one guild member has been going to retreats at the Quilt Inn for 8 years. All those members highly recommend a retreat at the Quilt Inn!!!

In addition to his quilting "addiction," Dan is also an avid gardener. This newsletter editor always marvels at all the gardens he has created on the property in Rangeley. His greenhouse is amazing in size and in what it holds. He even keeps it heated during the winter. Read about his gardening adventures at www.threadsgalore.com/dan.htm.

So, come to the November meeting and see firsthand all the beautiful quilts Dan and Carol have created as a team together. They are jaw-dropping and awe-inspiring works of art.

Dan and Carol also plan to bring some inventory from the Threads Galore Quilt Shop for our shopping pleasure. Make sure you have plenty of money to shop through all of the beautiful items they will be selling at the guild meeting on Friday and at the workshops on Saturday and Sunday.

Finally, there are a few spaces available in the Sunday workshop, Summer Solstice. There's still time to join in the fun even if you wait until the meeting to sign up. You can use Saturday to do the prep work for the workshop.



UPCOMING EVENTS

24th Annual Christmas Arts & Crafts Fair, Saturday, November 14th, 2015: Sponsored by the Dailey Memorial Library at the North Country Union Junior High School, 57 Junior High Drive, Derby. Show hours: 10 am – 3 pm. Admission: Adults, \$1; children are FREE. For further information, call 802-766-5063.

Lamoille Harvest Craft and Vendor Show, Saturday, November 14th, 2015: At the Lamoille Union Middle School, Hyde Park. Show hours: 10 am – 4 pm.

Craft Vermont, Friday, November 20th – Sunday, November 22nd, 2015: Annual fine craft and art show at the Sheraton Conference Center in Burlington. Show hours: Friday, 10 am – 8 pm; Saturday, 10 am – 6 pm; Sunday, 10 am – 5 pm.

35th Annual Winter Festival of Vermont Crafters, Saturday, November 28th – Sunday, November 29th, 2015: Sponsored by the Greater Barre Craft Guild at the Barre Auditorium, Barre, VT. Show Hours: Saturday, 9 am – 5 pm; Sunday, 9 am – 3 pm.

2015 Fall and Winter Holiday Market, Saturday, December 5th, 2015: At 75 Maple Street, Essex Junction. Featuring local artisans, crafts and gifts. Show hours: 10 am – 2 pm.

DON'T FORGET for the next meeting...

1. Completed membership form and \$15 cash or check, payable to FCQG, if you haven't renewed your membership yet
2. Completed quilt registration forms which can be found at www.franklincountyquilters.org and on the guild's facebook page
3. Cash, checkbook or credit card to shop at Threads Galore Quilt Shop at the meeting and at the workshops
4. Completed UFOs for UFO Challenge
5. Completed Charity Quilts
6. Items for Show and Tell