

Franklin County Quilters Guild

SUGARHOUSE GAZETTE

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Denise Chase

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2020 Charity Quilt

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President's Piece

Dear Quilt Guild Members,

I am writing to you during the daylight hours, so as not to be influenced by any stray spirits of hobgoblins lurking in the dark corners of this Halloween Eve. I hope you enjoy seeing youngsters in their costumes coming to your doorstep. I look forward to it every year.

The flowers in the yard are in quick retreat: one lone clematis blossom is clinging to the vine and a few beleaguered zinnias are still holding out a little color. Otherwise, the view out of my window is turning brown and dark. The lawn is littered with leaves with more joining them every minute. However, we can still raise our spirits with the bright colors we use in our quilting.

I would like to comment on last month's meeting. Not only did Sue Pelland bring an interesting program to the meeting, but also it seemed to me that the meeting throughout was quite lively and energetic. It felt like some of the élan of past meetings had returned. Perhaps it was just a function of sitting classroom style, but it was very enjoyable whatever the cause.

I am looking forward to Kay's and Nanc's program *Intro to Art Possibilities*, especially as I try to think my way through to a challenge quilt for the Storm at Sea theme.

The Block of the Month squares looked so great lined up on the table at our last meeting and I look forward to seeing new ones in November. I hope to see you then.

John Rouleau, 2019 - 2020 President



2019 – 2020 Guild Calendar

September 18th Ice Cream Social
(6:00 pm start! Doors open at 5:30 pm)

October 18th Beyond Fabulous: Rotary
Cut Appliqué with Sue Pelland

October 19th Hearts and More
Workshop with Sue Pelland

**November 20th Intro to Art Quilts:
Art Possibilities with
Kay Benedict and Nanc Ekiert**

November 23rd Ornament Workshop

2019 – 2020 Guild Calendar

December 18th Holiday Potluck Party
(6:00 pm start!!!)

January 15th Project Linus
with Joyce Irvine

February 19th Cathedral Windows
with Denise Chase

March 18th Daytime Workshop
and Evening Trunk Show with
Michelle Hiatt, Studio 180 Instructor

April 3rd – 5th Set-Up & Quilt Show

2019 – 2020 Guild Calendar

April 17th Quilt Restoration
with Stephanie McCall

April 18th Quilt Consultations
with Stephanie McCall

May 20th Trunk Show
with Diane Comeau & Cathy Rayes

May 23rd Workshop
with Diane Comeau & Cathy Rayes

June 17th Potluck & Teacup Auction
(6:00 pm start!!!)

FRANKLIN COUNTY QUILTERS GUILD Minutes of October 18, 2019

The meeting was called to order by the President at 6:30 pm. Penny announced currently there are 50 paid members for the 2019-2020 year and that 39 were present at the meeting. There were also two guests.

The **Consent Agenda** passed by voice vote on the motion made by Sharon Perry and seconded by Nanc Ekiert. The Treasurer announced that the financial report would be adjusted next month to indicate that no money was paid for room set-up as the meeting was being held at NMC.

Quilt Show:

Fundraising for Quilt Show Sponsors: Helen Short made an announcement about quilt show sponsors and passed the letter out for members to take to businesses they frequent. The letter will be posted on our website or you may contact Helen at hshortvt@comcast.net and she will send it to you.

Quilt Show Challenge: The *Challenge* this year is *Storm at Sea* in honor of Alice Rouleau. See our website for size limits. Kay previously sent out several ideas of layout variations.

Teacup Auction: Gwen Guyette will head up the *Teacup Auction*. It's time to start thinking about what members want to donate to be auctioned off during the Quilt Show.

Quilt Entries: Kay Benedict announced that she had received 2 entries for the show. They both arrived on the same day and she gave a gift to Helen Short and Helen Bicknell who sent their entries in early.

Comfort Quilts: Denise Chase announced that a Fire Quilt had been given out and Adrienne Perrino said that her group had donated Shepherd's Bags to the children affected by the fire. Some has contacted the Guild about donating fabric that was his mother's who can no longer quilt. Denise will follow up.

Membership: Penny LaRoche reported that there will be new name tags next month and thereafter if a member does not have theirs, they will pay 25 cents to be put towards the Guild's good works.

Programs: At the November 20th meeting Kay and Nanc will present a program entitled "*Intro to Art Possibilities*." On Saturday, November 23rd, there will be an ornament making workshop. The Guild will have a decorated tree at this year's Festival of Trees. The beneficiaries of this year's festival are Martha's Kitchen and the Northwest Food Shelf.

2020 Raffle Quilt: Denise Chase and Sharon Perry are making the 2020 Raffle Quilt. They had enough batik fabric donated to make another quilt so Denise and Sharon have volunteered to make the 2021 Raffle Quilt.

2020 Charity Quilt: Members brought in strip of five 2½" blocks and individual 2½" squares for a Double

Irish Chain quilt. JeanAnne Branch and Carol Stanley are still accepting donations of the strips and individual squares.

Projects: Twenty-two bags were brought in by members for the Challenge Bag Swap. The recipients will now make a quilted item for the member whose bag of fabric they drew, due at the May meeting. The November BOM is *All Hallows Variation* found on Quilters Cache. The colors are orange and white and either black or yellow.

October Program: The program was by Sue Pelland on Rotary Cut Appliqué. She was a dynamic speaker and showed many of her quilts.

Respectfully Submitted,
Helen Short, Secretary



November	2	Sharon	Perry
November	5	Mary Ellen	Therrien
November	8	Kris	Bachand
November	10	Bonnie	Evans
November	24	Maggie	Stockwell
November	28	Nanc	Ekiert

...and many more!!!



QUILTING SEASON

*begins November 16th
(which also happens to
be opening day of rifle
season for deer)*



2020 Charity Quilt

JeanAnne Branch and Carol Stanley have volunteered to make the 2020 Charity Quilt. The pattern they have chosen is the Triple Irish Chain pictured above. The quilt will be given to the Franklin County Area Cancer Coalition at the May 2020 meeting.

JeanAnne and Carol are asking for donations as follows:

- Five 2½” squares sewn together in a strip with all seams pressed in one direction. Please **NO** white or gray fabrics. Members can donate as many strips as they want.
- Up to 20 extra 2½” squares. These should **NOT** be sewn together.

Please bring your sewn strips and individual squares to the November meeting and give them to JeanAnne or Carol.

NOVEMBER PROGRAM FEATURES ART QUILTS AND ORNAMENT-MAKING

Our November 20th program for the guild meeting is a presentation by Kay Benedict and Nanc Ekiert – Intro to Art Quilts: Art Possibilities. We are sure to be inspired by these two.

Also in November we will be preparing to decorate a tree for The Festival of Trees. This year the Festival of Trees benefits Martha’s Kitchen & the Food Shelf.

Bring a handmade ornament to the November meeting or if you have time in this busy season, get together at Natalie Good’s house on Saturday, November 23rd, 10:00 am - Noon or whenever, and we will make some ornaments.

A tree skirt has been donated. Natalie has lots of holiday fabric (won at the Teacup Auction) and a

few ideas but feel free to bring a pattern with you. Natalie’s address is 12 Lakemont Drive off Fairfield Hill in St Albans, 802-782-6819. Bring your sewing machine if possible but not necessary for some ornaments.

We will be decorating the tree on Thursday, December 5th at 10:00 am at City Hall. Come if you are able.

NOVEMBER 2019

BLOCK OF THE MONTH PATTERN: ALL HALLOWS VARIATION BLOCK

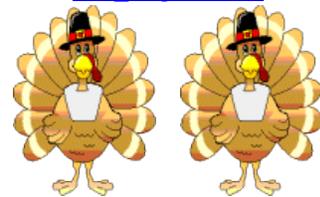


Pattern from www.quilterscache.com

If you have any questions,
call Helen Bicknell, 285-6741, or
Lucie Fortin, 782-8260.

Click the link below for the
All Hallows Variation Block pattern
<http://www.quilterscache.com/A/AllHallowsVariationBlock.html>

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Happy Thanksgiving



TREASURER'S REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 2019**FRANKLIN COUNTY QUILTER'S GUILD
Treasurer's Report -- November 20, 2019**

Opening Balance		\$8,280.05
Funds collected		
Membership dues	\$160.00	
Sue Pelland Workshop	\$410.00	
Rent reversal recorded from Oct mtg (held @ NMC)	\$35.00	
	<i>Total Funds Collected</i>	\$605.00
	<i>Sub-Total</i>	\$8,885.05
Funds paid out		
Gerald Perry, Nov room set-up	\$35.00	
Natalie Good, Motel for Sue Pelland	\$130.90	
Sue Pelland Design, Trunk show/ workshop	\$1,147.22	
	<i>Total Funds Paid Out</i>	\$1,313.12
	Grand Total	\$7,571.93
	<i>Comfort Quilt/ Supplies Donations</i>	<u>(\$158.09)</u>
	Guild Funds Available	<u><u>\$7,413.84</u></u>

2019 YTD Collections: \$6,792.81

Respectfully submitted,
Deborah L. Dusablon, Treasurer**LINK TO FRANKLIN COUNTY BARN QUILT TRAIL**

The Franklin County Barn Quilt Trail, previously found on the FCQG website, can now be accessed at <http://www.barnquiltsofnorthernvermont.org/>.

Deadline for articles for next newsletter:**Wednesday, November 27th, 2019**

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

**November 11th**

QUILT TIPS

- Toe separators used for pedicures are perfect for holding bobbins and keeping thread from unraveling. They stack neatly and you can see the thread colors at a glance.
- Save scraps of stabilizer and use them behind ribbon to test decorative stitches. The ribbons are fun to use on scrapbook pages.
- If you've lost the cap to your seam ripper or it keeps falling off, replace it with a wine cork.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Vermont Hand Crafters Craft Vermont, November 22nd - 24th, 2019: Annual fine craft and art show at the DoubleTree Conference Center in Burlington. Show Hours: Friday 10-8; Saturday 10-6; and Sunday 10-5. Admission is \$8 for a 3 day pass. Sunday only \$5. Children under 12 free. Click [here](#) to get \$1 off by printing and bringing the coupon with you to the event.

Northeast Kingdom Craft Fair, November 30th, 2019: The Northeast Kingdom Craft Fair will be held at Northern Vermont University - Lyndon Campus's Rita Bole Gym. Over 50 vendors will be selling hand-crafted items such as felted hats, jewelry, home decor, wood items, all-natural body products, aprons, stained glass, cement leaf castings, decorative glassware, bags and totes, paintings, ornaments, primitive dolls, specialty food items, maple and honey products, fleece and quilted items, puppets, woven baskets, fiber art, batik designs, Vermont wreaths, and more. Enjoy some lunch or homemade baked goods in the Rotunda Cafe, where the proceeds will go to a non-profit organization. For more information contact Carolyn at 802-751-5075, or visit us on Facebook @ Northeast Kingdom Craft Fair! Open to the public, with FREE admission.

39th Annual Winter Festival of Vermont Crafters, November 30th – December 1st, 2019: 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.

11th Annual Festival of Trees, November 30th – December 8th, 2019: A week-long event ushering in the Holiday Season with activities, entertainment, dancing, and more in downtown St. Albans. Visit www.vtfestivaloftrees.com/ for more information.

Holiday Market, December 7th, 2019: Explore artisans and vendors selling handmade gifts, clothing, woodcrafts, jewelry, mead, wine, and more at the Champlain Valley Expo. Show hours: 11:00 am – 6:00 pm.

Collins Perley Craft & More Holiday Blizzard, December 7th – 8th, 2019: Craft show with over 50 vendors at the Collins Perley Sports and Fitness Center. Show hours: Saturday, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm; Sunday, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm. FREE admission.

DON'T FORGET for the next meeting...

1. **Completed membership form**
2. **\$20 cash or check, payable to FCQG. for dues**
3. **Strips of five 2½" squares and up to 20 individual 2½" squares for 2020 Charity Quilt**
4. **Handmade Christmas ornament (if you can't attend November 23rd workshop)**
5. Completed Charity Quilts
6. Items for Show and Tell

