

Franklin County Quilters Guild

SUGARHOUSE GAZETTE

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Laurie's House Quilts: Denise Chase
Purple Heart Quilts: Jennifer Burt
Quilts of Valor: Roseanne Terrill

Hello Everyone,

The Mountain Fiber Folks have inspired me to try wool on my next appliquéd quilt. I hope Kathy and Carol inspired you in some way also.

I love this time of year and my 6 tree skirts are really keeping me busy. All the tree skirts are in various degrees of progress and yes, I'm running very late. I'm a mush for a happy ever after movie, so binding the tree skirts while watching a Christmas Hallmark movie is a wonderfully productive evening! I hope your Christmas projects are going well.

This past weekend, I was in Maine quilting with friends and we sold 8 books of raffle tickets. Even at this time of year, it's difficult for people to say no to such a gorgeous quilt! In most cases, showing the picture to a family member, friend or co-worker is all that is required.

Remember, our **meeting on the 19th begins at 6 pm with the doors opening at 5:30 pm.** Please bring a salad, main course or dessert to share and a gift to swap.

See you then.

Happy Stitching,
-Ann Jacobs

*****A SPECIAL REQUEST: Some guild members are extremely sensitive to***
strong fragrance odors. We would ask that everyone be mindful of the
amount of perfume or other fragrances you wear to the guild meetings.
Our noses thank you!!!**

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 (6 pm start)**

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

Merry Christmoose!!!



FRANKLIN COUNTY QUILTERS GUILD Minutes of November 28, 2012

Present: Total attended 43, including two guests

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Ann Jacobs, President

Secretary's Report: Motion to accept by Joanne Sweet, seconded by Nance Ekiert

Treasurer's Report: Motion to accept by Roseanne Terrill, seconded by Gisele Nolan

Old Business

Silent Auction - Final bids were made, and Bonnie distributed items to winning bidders.

T3 (Tips, Tricks and Techniques)

Twisted Sister - Ann Jacobs

Alternative to safety pins, made out of foam board and straight pins - Joanne Sweet

Quick and easy table runners - Kay Benedict

Northwestern Medical Center conference room has been reserved for Dec. 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30 from 10am - 5pm for charity quilts or personal projects.

Charity Quilts

Alyce Bushey delivered 3 more Irene quilts, and 21 quilts and blankets for Sandy victims. She has more Home Health and Irene quilt kits available.

Denise Chase has no more charity quilts, but Susie Perry has quilts for Laurie's House.

New Business

Quick ideas for Christmas Gifts

Table runners, from Fons & Porter Love of Quilting magazine - Ann Jacobs

Place mats, from Quilters World magazine - Ann Jacobs
Column quilts, from Sewing with Nancy Zieman video - Margaret Miller

UFOs - Diane Forey distributed forms for participants

Raffle Quilt 2014 - Denise Chase showed two designs; guild members voted for pinwheel barn-raising. Fabric needed: 6 1/2-inch squares, two of the same fabric, any color, lights/mediums/darks.

Mystery Quilt - parts 2 and 3 were distributed

Cowles Quilting - open house Dec. 1st and 2nd

Program

Kathy Giroux and Carol Farmer of Mountain Fiber Folk in Montgomery, Vermont introduced the guild to wool felting. They had a drawing for a bundle of treasures from their shop; Jamie Baron won the drawing.

Show and Tell

Monthly Drawings

Charity Quilt drawing won by Denise Chase

Monthly door prize won by Mary King

Next Meeting: Wednesday, December 19, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. Bring a dish for the pot luck supper, and bring a gift-wrapped item (\$10 limit; handmade or quilting related encouraged) for the Yankee Swap.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Kay Benedict, Secretary

QUILT TIPS

- Before rolling or turning a quilt to quilt the next area, use a lint roller to remove any bits of thread and dust. It is especially good if you have a cat as cat hair flies around and lands on the quilt.

- When you have used only part of a pack of batting, measure the remaining piece and mark the measurements on the outside of the bag. When you need a small piece, you have only to check the outside of the bags to see if you have one large enough.

- If you have trouble threading the eye of the needle, try turning the needle and thread through the other side of the eye. One side of the eye is always bigger than the other.

- When cutting fabric into quilt pieces, spray starch it and iron it first. The fabric holds its shape, and there is less distortion when sewing especially if it is a soft fabric.

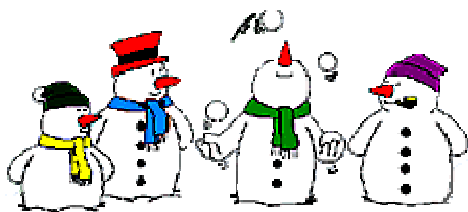
- To piece together two curved patches, it's easier to sew with the convex (outer) curved patch on the top.



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.



A Quilter's Dream Come True!

'Twas the night before Christmas,
And the quilts were not made.
The threads were all tangled, the cookies delayed.
The stocking weren't hung, the pantry was bare.
The poor weary Quilter was tearing her hair.
Stacks of fat quarters, tipped over in streams.
Visions of Log Cabins had turned into dreams.

When what to her wondering eyes should appear,
But a bus full of quilters with all of their gear.
They went straight to work with just a few mutters,
Sorting and stitching and brandishing cutters.
The patterns emerged from all of the clutter,
Like magic the fabrics arranged in a flutter.

Log Cabins, Lone Stars, Flying Geese & Bear Tracks
Each quilt was a beauty, even the backs.

Her house how it twinkled, her quilts how they glowed.
The cookies were baking, the stockings were sewed.
Their work was all done, so they folded their frames,
And packed up their needles, without giving their names.
They boarded the bus, and checked the next address.
More quilts to be made, another quilter in distress.

She heard one voice echo, as they drove out of sight,
Happy quilting to all and to all a good night!

TIPS, TOOLS, OR TECHNIQUES (T³)

The Tips, Tools, or Techniques (T³) feature at each meeting continues to be a BIG hit! In November, Ann Jacobs demonstrated the Twisted Sister block while Joanne Sweet shared a tip using straight pins and foam board as an alternative to safety pins. Kay Benedict also showed some quick and easy table runners.

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.

MONTHLY MEETING FORMAT

December meeting starts at 6 pm!!!

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.

DECEMBER 2012 TREASURER'S REPORT

FRANKLIN COUNTY QUILTER'S GUILD Treasurer's Report -- December 19, 2012

Opening Balance		\$2,732.49
Funds collected		
Membership Dues	\$45.00	
QS Vendors (5)	\$200.00	
Raffle tickets	\$310.00	
<i>Total</i>	\$555.00	
	<i>Total</i>	\$3,287.49
Funds paid out		
Church of the Rock, Dec rent	\$35.00	
Gerald Perry, Room set-up for Dec	\$25.00	
Kathy Giroux, Guest speaker wool/felting	\$100.00	
Carol, Farmer, Guest speaker wool/felting	\$100.00	
Bonnie Evans, Staples, Craft Show booth	\$40.90	
Nancy Orcutt, Nov BOM copies	\$22.90	
<i>Total</i>	\$323.80	
Grand Total		\$2,963.69

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah L. Dusablon, Treasurer
12/19/2012

QUILT TIPS

- Using spray starch on the backing of your quilt is a popular trick to help the quilt move more easily through your machine when quilting by machine.
- It is best to select a busy print for the backing if you want your quilting stitches to be less easily seen from that side.
- Stick a small stack of Post-It Notes beside the presser foot as a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance guide.
- Learn the difference between half-square triangles and quarter-square triangles. Then learn the calculations for adding seam allowances (finished dimension + $\frac{7}{8}$ " for half-square triangles and + $1\frac{1}{4}$ " for quarter-square triangles).
- Sew the hanging sleeve onto your quilt while attaching the binding.
- Make your binding when you finish sewing the quilt top together while you still have your sewing machine and fabric out. Once sewn, wrap the binding around an empty toilet paper tube (so it doesn't crease). This small step will ensure that you don't accidentally use your binding fabric for something else.
- Quality counts! Get the right tools, and use high-quality, 100% cotton fabrics!

ON THE WEB...CHRISTMAS PATTERNS

PEPPERMINT STAR QUILT: http://www.freespiritfabric.com/graphic-elements/gallerys/t207_1.pdf

SECRET SANTA STOCKING: http://www.unitednotions.com/fp_secret-santa-stocking.pdf

PRESENTS A PLENTY: <http://www.hoffmanfabrics.com/EDocs/Site10/Presents%20of%20Plenty%20Pattern.pdf>

FROSTY THE SNOWMAN: <http://www.hoffmanfabrics.com/EDocs/Site10/Frosty%20quilt%20pattern.pdf>

CHRISTMAS WONDER TREE:
<http://www.hoffmanfabrics.com/EDocs/Site10/Christmas%20Wonder%20quilt%20pattern.pdf>

SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS: http://www.marcusfabrics.com/images/project/spirit_of_christmas.pdf

FOR SALE: APQS Lenni long-arm quilting machine. This machine is about 3 years old and was only used during the last 1½ years. It is stitch-regulated and is on a 12-ft table so it can take any size quilt up to king size. It also comes with: a number of pre-wound bobbins; a Towa Bobbin gauge; a bobbin winder; a number of pantographs; and a Hartley Fence. You can find out more about the Lenni at APQS.com. For further information, contact Anne Harmon at 802-272-6812 or harmonyquiltsvt@gmail.com. This is a “gem” of a machine, great for a beginning long-armer but will stand up to business use too. Price is negotiable.

Deadline for articles for next newsletter:

Wednesday, January 2nd, 2012

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

- Potluck Dish
 - Yankee Swap Gift (\$10 limit)
 - Items for Show and Tell

Don't forget to bring:

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 c/o Sharon Perry
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