

STRIPS & PIECES



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December meeting

Tuesday, December 20, 2005 at 9:30 A.M at the Presbyterian Church, 4 Church Road, Bedford.

Bring a Pot-Luck dish with serving spoon or utensil, coffee mug, UFO or Ugly Block for the Yankee Swap, FIT and CHS quilts/tops, blue and white winter fat-quarter(s) for the fat-quarter raffle, Show-and-Tell, donations for guild raffles, \$ to buy raffle tickets.

January Board meeting

January 3rd, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. at the Quilt Patch, 133 Bedford Center Road. All Guild members are welcome to attend.

About our logo

- Our organization's logo, the Friendship Star, uses blue to represent sky and water, green for trees and land, and a solid block of gray to represent granite.
- The block was made by Pam Mikkola.
- Photography courtesy of Hanni Gartland

FROM THE PRESIDENT

LOIS TOURANGEAU

So many quilts to make; so little time. Whenever a new quilt magazine comes in the mail everything stops. It's time for a color and pattern "fix." How fortunate we are to be involved with a craft that brings so much beauty and pleasure into our lives.

We meet on December 20, getting ready to say goodbye to 2005. For me, the highlight of the year has been my return to New Hampshire and the opportunity to join with all of you in a wonderful, new venture. I look forward to sharing 2006 with our group of talented, creative quilters.

Lois



Cheater panel with border for F.I.T.

PROGRAM

PAM MIKKOLA

As it is so close to Christmas, we will wait until January to begin the next block of the sampler quilt. Instead, bring lots of Show-and-Tell and a project to work on. (Be sure to put your name on any tools you bring, so they will not get lost.)

There will be a Yankee Swap – bring a UFO or Ugly Block and see who gets to take it home.

Please bring any quilt-related item to donate for a raffle. It can be an orphan block, a duplicate book, patterns or something special you would like to contribute. The Guild will hold a raffle any time items are available. Tickets are three for one dollar or 50 cents each.

A Potluck luncheon will be served.

HOSPITALITY

DEBORAH TETLOW

Remember to bring your appetite and favorite "Pot-Luck" dish to share for lunch (include serving utensil). Debby will provide plates and utensils; you need not bring your own.

Coffee and tea will be provided at the Guild meetings. Bringing your own coffee mug will help YOU find your cup of coffee, and save BFQG \$\$.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

DOTTIE WILLIAMS

BFQG now has 43 members in good standing. At the last meeting, we had 31 members present and a good time was had by all.

Three new members joined last month: Nancy Crompton, Marty Deering, and Marsha Plumlee. If you need their addresses, etc., please ask Dottie.

If you have not as yet received your Membership Card, please see Dottie Williams at the sign-in desk at the next meeting.

Raffle tickets will be available at the sign-in desk at each meeting. You might want to bring some address labels to put on your tickets rather than filling them out by hand.

If your address, phone number, or email address changes, please let Dottie know as soon as possible..

NEWSLETTER AND WEB SITE

KATHLEEN BEACH

The Guild now has a web site: www.BFQG.org. David Beach is the Guild's WebMaster. Please contact him through Kathleen at BFQGWeb@seldensoft.com.

DEADLINE TO SUBMIT ITEMS FOR THE JANUARY NEWSLETTER IS JANUARY 5, 2006. Please submit all items for the newsletter as early as you can. The deadline for submission is 9:00 AM on the Thursday after the Board meeting. Email is preferred, but hard copy is OK.

If the Guild has your email address, you received this newsletter by email. The newsletter is also on the web., and the email contains instructions to access it. The newsletter on the web has a more professional layout and contains photographs and color graphics. (If you do not have email, the Newsletter staff will cover the cost of delivery by mail through March 2006. You need NOT provide stamped envelopes until further notice.)

SUNSHINE

DIANE TROTTIER

It was suggested that any members who have surgery or are admitted to the hospital or have the unfortunate loss of an immediate family member receive a bouquet of sunshine from the guild. The bouquet would consist of a fat quarter pack of floral fabrics with an appropriate card, along with a copy of the downloaded pattern called "Warm Wishes" off the internet. The Guild voted on and accepted this idea as a general procedure.

So far I have had no reports of anyone needing a bouquet, but I need your help with this. If you hear of a member who fits the criteria for

receiving a floral bouquet please contact me by leaving a detailed message on my cell phone at (603) 321-9445. Thank you and may you all have a very happy and healthy holiday season.



Warm Wishes (from quiltmaker.com)

COMMUNITY SERVICES

RITA SODERBERG

The Guild makes and donates quilts to Child Health Services (20 each year, all the same pattern, all at the same time) and to Families in Transition (F.I.T.) (a lap quilt for each child admitted to the program). Each F.I.T. quilt is unique – no two children receive identical quilts.

Most of this year's quilt tops for Child Health Services have been completed, and some of the quilts are tied. To all of you who participated, Thank You.

Some quilts for F.I.T. are also finished; we plan to deliver them the last week in December. There is ALWAYS a need for more F.I.T. quilts. Currently we most need quilts for children aged about 1 to 6 years. If you have never made a F.I.T. quilt, the information below may help you get started.

Make quilts for younger children large enough to be usable for at least 2 years. Do not make any quilt larger than 45-50 inches by 65 inches. The sizes below are only suggestions, but keep in mind that you must piece a backing for any quilt wider than about 40 inches.

Choose a block design and setting that are relatively simple. Cute panels and "cheater" fabric are acceptable; consider applying a separate border rather than having a one-piece top. See photos in this newsletter and at the Guild web site, www.BFQG.org, for examples of quilts that have been made for F.I.T.

Preparing quilt layers for quilting: Several volunteers quilt most of the F.I.T. quilts on a long-arm machine. Volunteers have also been supplying batting; currently you provide only the top, back, and binding. It is important that the top and back be "squared off" – straight on all 4 sides, same length on both sides, same width on top and bottom, top and bottom perpendicular to sides.

The ideal backing is 6 inches longer and wider than the top (3 inches extra all the way around). However, for charity quilts, long-arm quilters will try to work with a back that is only 2 – 4 inches longer than the top in one direction if it is 6 inches longer in the other. (It does not matter whether it is the length or the width that is a bit short.)

F.I.T. QUILT SIZE GUIDELINES				
Ages	Infant - 3 years	4 - 8 years	9 - 12 years	13 years and up
Width inches	36	36-40	40	40
Length	45	45-50	60	60
Fabric	Unisex		Age and gender specific	

RAISING FUNDS FOR THE GUILD

At its November Board meeting, the Guild Board decided to participate in Bedford's next Olde Towne Days (September 16, 2006) with a theme of "Autumn in New England." Members are asked to make miniature quilts for a miniature quilt auction. Please begin planning for it.

The guild will also raise money holding raffles at Guild meetings. At the December board meeting, raffle ticket prices were set at three for a dollar or fifty cents each. Pam Mikkola will run the raffle.

GUILD BY-LAWS

By-Laws committee members are Kathleen Beach (chair), Jeanne Glenfield, Lynda Caza, and Marty Deering. Give any of them suggestions for Guild By-Laws.



Group Project for FIT

NOVEMBER MINUTES

BEV DICKEY

1. Opening

- Meeting was called to order at 9:40 a.m.
- Presiding officer: Lois Tourangeau
- Lois welcomed the group
- The meeting minutes of October 18th were approved by consensus

2. Items for Information

- Guild's Officers:
- Introductions were made and vacant slots reviewed
- Debbie Tetlow offered to be Hospitality Chair
- Treasurer's Report:
- A checking account has been opened with a balance of \$645.00
- Membership:
- Membership Cards are available from Dottie Williams the Membership Chair and will be honored at various Quilt Shops for discounts
- Diane Trottier
- The sunshine offering cloth fat quarter floral bouquet and pattern of *Warm Wishes* was discussed with an example shown and approved – the pattern is available on the Quiltmaker site at <http://quiltmaker.com/patterns/patt83>

- Members should bring their own cups & utensils to reduce Hospitality costs
- Charities were discussed
- Kathleen Beach requested help with the By-laws committee
- Lois announced the dates for the 2006 Board and Guild meetings
- Board meetings will be the first Tuesday of the month
- Guild meetings will be the third Tuesday of the month
- Pam Mikkola discussed today's activity and the sampler quilt project
- Show & Tell
- December Christmas Party

- Pot luck on December 20th with a Yankee Swap UFO or Ugly Block
- Raffle will be a blue & white winter fat quarter
- Fat Quarter raffle was held

3. Items for Action

- None

4. Time of Adjournment

Adjourned at 10:45 a.m. to sew

5. Date and time of next meeting

December 20th, 2005 at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the Bedford Presbyterian Church

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