

# STRIPS & PIECES



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## Next meeting

Tuesday, March 21, 2006 at 9:30 A.M at the Presbyterian Church, 4 Church Road, Bedford.

**Bring** completed FIT quilts/tops, coffee mug, fat quarter(s) for the fat - quarter raffle, Show-and-Tell, \$ to buy raffle tickets, quilting supplies. Check the Hospitality column on page 2—is this your month to bring snacks?

## Next Board meeting

Tuesday, April 4, 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.
- Logo photograph is courtesy of Hanni Gartland.

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

LOIS TOURANGEAU

It's raw and rainy - it's March. Get a cup of tea or coffee and get sewing!! Statement from a young boy coming out of art class at the Currier Institute: "I just love to see what my hands make." The same holds true for any

form of art. We all love to see what our hands create. We are truly blessed that we can create. As always, I am excited to be learning new techniques from teachers who are tried and true. If you haven't taken a class for awhile, it's a wonderful way to get to know fellow quilters. I also use the opportunity to tell them about our guild and encourage them to come to a meeting.

A number of new proposals came before the Board at our meeting this week. One that we all think is very important is to put together a welcoming packet for new members. This will include our mission statement, cover some of the work that we do, and try to give a lot of

the information that we take for granted as "old" members - seven months old and counting!! Please give us any suggestions that you feel will help a new quilter ease into our group.



Jane and one of her lovely antique quilts

Check out [www.nhquilters.org](http://www.nhquilters.org), the website for the New Hampshire State Quilters Association. It is filled with lots of info about what is going around in the state. It's a good resource for tips and information.

At the last guild meeting, I stepped back and was delighted with what I saw. There is so much turmoil in the world - so much anger and violence, and here we were.

All working together, taking time to get to know one another, and generally having a good time. Maybe someone should take a look at the way our guilds work and do a case study?? Just a thought. Anyway, it is very heartwarming to me to be involved with this vibrant, cooperative group. Thank you.

## HOSPITALITY

DEBORAH TETLOW

The Guild provides coffee, tea, and juice at the regular Guild meetings. Bringing your own coffee mug will help YOU find your cup of coffee, and save BFQG \$\$.

Guild members volunteer to bring snacks. Karen Kopp and Linda Mullen are providing the refreshments for our March meeting.

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## MEMBERSHIP

DOTTIE WILLIAMS

18 members and 5 guests attended the February 21st meeting. Three (3) of the guests became new members. The Guild now has 44 members.

We raised \$12 in the Fat Quarter raffle last month.

If your address, phone number, or email address changes, please inform Dottie.

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## BUY "LOVE OF QUILTING" AND SUPPORT THE GUILD

Fons & Porter offers a Guild fundraiser subscription to their magazine, *Love of Quilting*. If you buy a year's subscription through the Guild at the regular price of \$20, the Guild gets to keep \$10. If you are interested, please contact Lois by March 21.

## PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

PAM MIKKOLA

We are very happy to have Miho Takeuchi as a guest lecturer and teacher for our March meeting. Miho will be sharing some of her wonderful kimonos and explaining the significance of the design.

Following her lecture and a break, she will be teaching the Japanese method of Sashiko quilting as well. If you would like to attend this class but have not paid for the required kit, a few extra kits may be available. (Kits are \$18.)

There will be no sampler block or

other organized activities this month as we are having our guest teacher. If you want to work on your own projects instead of attending the class, you are welcome to stay. Keep in mind that the class is in the same room, and keep the volume low!

The April meeting plans are not complete at this time. Please bring any show and tell or questions that you may have to the meeting. Quilters are very kind and anxious to share their skills.

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## FAT-QUARTER DRAWING

PAM MIKKOLA

If you wish to participate in the March Fat-Quarter Drawing, please bring a pastel (spring) fat quarter. You may then purchase raffle ticket(s) for a chance to win some of them. Only those who

bring fat quarters are eligible to purchase tickets and win fat quarters.

A list of Fat Quarter fabrics for the next several months is on page 4.

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## VOLUNTEER TO SERVE ON A COMMITTEE

You don't have to be a chair person to participate in the Guild organization. As the BFQG grows and gets involved in more activities, the Committee Chairs need assistance. If you have an interest in any committee activities, please contact the Chair of that committee. Examples: Help at the Membership table? Help set up refreshments and clean up after? Help plan programs and activities - or do "leg work" to prepare for them?

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## VOTE ON PROPOSED BYLAWS AT APRIL MEETING

At the April meeting, members will vote on the Guild Bylaws. This is a significant event in the organization of our Guild. A copy of the proposed Bylaws is included with this newsletter.

## COMMUNITY SERVICES

RITA SODERBERG

### F.I.T. to be Tied

At our last Guild meeting, a number of you helped “square” fleece in preparation for a blanket-tying event for Families in Transition children over school vacation week. We learned a couple of truths. First, many hands make light the work...and it still took over 2 hours to cut and fringe 6 blankets!! Second, there is no such thing as “squaring” fleece! And third, there are some great rulers for measuring and cutting fringe, which Kathleen Beach and Diane Trotter just happened to own. Many thanks to all who helped get the fleece ready.

The event took place at the Family Mill building on Second Street on March 3. Four girls, ages 7, 8, 12 and 13 took part and not only enjoyed the process but also the end product. It was a privilege to interact with them and helped personalize the giving of our quilts. I met a social worker while I was there and she shared with me that she has the opportunity to see many of our quilts “in use”. She says that it’s not uncommon for an outgrown baby quilt to be hung on the wall of the family’s apartment. Our quilts mean a lot to these families.

A year ago I made a quilt for my daughter’s 21st birthday. I was surprised at how emotionally invested I was in that project. But then, it was for someone I know and love. I hope that we can become emotionally invested in making quilts for Families in Transition. Even though the recipients will never know the individual(s) that made the quilt, I think they’ll still feel the love that went into it.



Mother Goose to FIT on 3/3

### Too Good to be True?

As the saying goes, “If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is.” But this time, we think it is true!! We have learned that P & B Textiles donates fabric to non-profit organizations. Rita Soderberg placed a call to P & B for specific details and learned that they will typically donate from 50 to 100 yards of various fabrics of their choosing. We will be sending our request in

writing and anxiously awaiting the shipment. In the meantime, consider visiting their website to learn more about them.



Two FIT quilts delivered on 3/3

## SPRING QUILT SHOWS 2006

April 19-22

### Machine Quilters Exposition

[www.MQXShow.com](http://www.MQXShow.com)

The Center of New Hampshire, Manchester.

Quilt show hours:

April 20, 10 am - 7 pm

April 21 & 22, 9 am - 5 pm

Admission \$10 (good for all days)

April 29-30, 10 AM—4 PM

### Amoskeag Quilters Guild

Memorial High School, Manchester

Admission \$5

May 5, 2PM- 8PM; May 6, 9AM-4PM

### Hannah Dustin Quilters Guild

Hudson Community Center

Lions Ave. in Hudson, NH

Admission \$5 (Senior Citizens and Children \$4)

## Quilt Shop Hops

Nine (9) area shops have scheduled a 4-day “Shop the Circle” North-of-Boston Spring-rime Shop-around on May 11—14. Register at any of the participating shops for a \$7.00 fee. One of the local shops is The Bunkhouse Quilt Shop; the owner, Wanda Makela, is a member of our Guild. Look for flyers at the Guild’s membership table.

The Guild-only mystery quilt shop hop planned for March 10 was cancelled. If you are interested, Faye Shedd will plan a hop for another date.

## DOOR PRIZES

Sue Trask (The Quilt Patch) and Janet-Lee Santeusano (Machine Quilters Expo) have donated door prizes for the March meeting. Be sure to sign in at the Membership table and to drop a ticket into the Door Prize can. Thank you to Sue and Janet-Lee for February door prizes as well.

FAT-QTR RAFFLE FABRICS	
April	Hot Kids’ Colors
May	Florals
June	Red/White/Blue
July	Ocean/Shore
August	Autumn Colors
September	Halloween
October	Thanksgiving
November	Christmas

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President	Lois Tourangeau	424-0417
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## NEWSLETTER AND WEB SITE

KATHLEEN BEACH

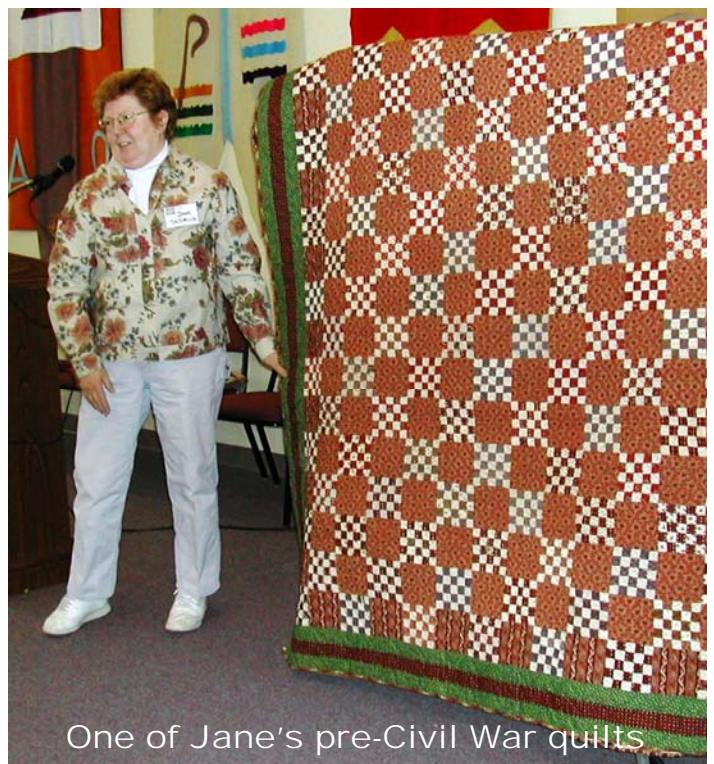
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The deadline for the April newsletter is **Tuesday, April 4**. Please submit all information on or before that date. NOTE: The deadline is 2 days earlier than before.

addressed legal (number 10) envelopes for the April and May newsletters. Or give Kathleen \$1, and she’ll do the rest.

The BFQG web site is [www.BFQG.org](http://www.BFQG.org). The newsletter is published on the web, and you receive an email notice each month when it has been posted.

Guild dues do not include costs to print and mail the newsletter. **If you wish to receive the newsletter by mail**, please provide stamped self-



One of Jane’s pre-Civil War quilts

# **Bylaws of the Bedford Friendship Quilt Guild**

## **Article I: Name**

The name of the organization shall be the Bedford Friendship Quilt Guild, hereafter referred to as BFQG or the Guild.

## **Article II: Purpose**

The mission of the BFQG shall be to assist quilters in the pursuit and development of their craft; to enhance their knowledge and enjoyment of quilting through the sharing of resources in an encouraging and supportive manner; and to participate in charitable projects through quilt making and quilt-related events.

## **Article III: Membership and Dues**

3.1 MEMBERSHIP: Membership shall be open to anyone interested in the mission of the Guild. Membership will not be denied to anyone because of age, race, sex, or religion. Upon payment of annual dues, members are entitled to all benefits of the Guild. Benefits include participation in Guild functions, electronic access to the Newsletter, and voting privileges at general meetings.

3.2 CHARTER MEMBERS: Members who join prior to September 2006 are charter members.

3.3 DUES: Dues shall be collected annually to meet the operational expenses of the Guild and will be reviewed by the Board as needed. Dues may be changed by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the active members present at any general meeting, provided that the proposed adjustment has been included with the notice of the meeting. Dues of renewing members are payable no later than the October meeting. New members may join at any time by written application and payment of dues.

## **Article IV. Meetings**

4.1 MONTHLY MEETINGS: Meetings shall be held on the third Tuesday of the month throughout the year, with exceptions for holidays, inclement weather, and conflicting schedules at the meeting hall. The September through May meetings shall be general meetings; the June, July, and August meetings shall be workshops only.

4.2 QUORUM: A quorum of all meetings shall be the members present. A simple majority of members present shall be accepted for the passage of any motion.

4.3 ANNUAL MEETING: The annual meeting of the Guild shall be in May. The Purpose of the Annual meeting of the members shall be for the election of Officers and Standing Committee chairpersons and for the transaction of other such business as may come before the meeting.

4.4 VOTING: Each member shall be entitled to one (1) vote on all matters submitted to a vote of the members.

## **Article V: Officers and Their Election**

5.1 OFFICERS. Officers of the Guild shall be the President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Nominees shall be elected at the annual meeting by a majority vote of members present. Officers may be removed from office at any meeting by a two-thirds vote of members present.

5.2 TERM: Officers shall hold office for a term of one year and shall be installed immediately following election. No officer shall serve more than three consecutive terms in the same office. Any vacancy shall be filled by vote of the Membership.

5.3 DUTIES: The duties of the officers shall be as follows:

PRESIDENT: The President shall preside over and direct all meetings of the Guild, call and preside over Board meetings, coordinate all officers and committees and shall carry out any duties as assigned by the Board. The President shall be an ex-officio member of all committees of the Guild.

VICE-PRESIDENT: The Vice-President shall assist the President as needed and preside over monthly meetings in the absence of the President. The Vice-President shall be chair of the BFQG Programs committee and shall coordinate all programs and activities of the Guild. The Vice-President is President-elect and shall move into that position at the end of the President's term(s).

SECRETARY: The Secretary shall record and keep a file of the minutes of both monthly and Board meetings and shall submit the minutes to the Newsletter committee for publication. The Secretary shall handle general correspondence and record keeping.

TREASURER: The Treasurer shall receive and dispense all monies for the Guild, keep a record of all receipts and expenditures, balance the checkbook, receive dues from the Membership Chair, and present a financial report at monthly Guild meetings. The Treasurer shall present an annual projected budget for approval by the Board and, at the annual meeting, by the membership. The Treasurer shall make available the books for an annual audit.

## **Article VI. Board of Directors**

6.1 MEMBERSHIP: The Board of Directors shall be comprised of the Officers, the immediate past president of the Guild, and the Standing Committee chairpersons. The past president shall be an ex-officio member of the Board. The Board shall handle the internal affairs of the Guild as a governing body of the organization. A majority of the members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum.

6.2 PURPOSE: The purpose of the Board of Directors shall be to decide all matters of policy and to administer routine business of the Guild.

6.3 MEETINGS: Meetings of the Board shall be held at such times as deemed necessary by the President. The general membership is invited to attend the meetings but not entitled to a vote.

## **Article VII. Committees**

7.1 STANDING COMMITTEES: The standing committees shall be Membership, Programs, Community Service, Hospitality, Quilt Show, Newsletter, Publicity/Historian, Library, Sunshine, and Web Master.

7.2 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS: Committee chairs are volunteer positions. However, the President may appoint a member to fill any vacancy. All committee chairpersons shall bring their recommendations to the Board for discussion and input, shall notify the newsletter committee of any pertinent information for the group or for the membership, and will participate in the annual budget process. Committee chairpersons shall appoint committee members as needed.

### **Article VIII. Fiscal Year**

The fiscal year of the Guild shall begin on June 1.

### **Article IX. Rules of Order**

The rules contained in Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, shall govern the Guild in all cases to which they are applicable, and in which they are not inconsistent with the bylaws or any special rules of order of this Guild.

### **Article X. Amendments**

The Bylaws may be amended by the membership. Any proposed change shall be presented at a monthly meeting, and the newsletter shall carry notice of the proposed change prior to the general meeting at which the vote will be taken. A two-thirds (2/3) majority of the members present shall be necessary for adoption of such change. Any new amendments will be published in the newsletter following the adoption.

### **Article XI. Disposition of Property**

The Board of Directors, upon dissolution of the organization, shall pay from the Guild treasury all liabilities of the Guild. In the event of dissolution, the Board of Directors shall dispose of all assets to the benefit of charitable non-profit or educational organizations.

## TIP OF THE MONTH

**Storing fabric:** Did you know that fabric needs to breathe? Treat it just the way you like to be treated. Not too cold, not too hot, not too moist and not too dry. Don't seal it in plastic. Cedar chests make good storage, but do not place your item directly next to the wood. Wrap it in a sheet or acid free tissue. Direct light is the worst thing for fabric or quilts. UV windows do protect fabrics and quilts. (From Julie Crossland, AQS Certified Quilt Appraiser)

**Setting Dye in Fabric:** If you have a brightly colored or multi-colored fabric, you may want to set the dye in the fabric so it does not bleed onto other fabrics or fade when washed. Soak fabric in a color-safe sink (stainless steel or finished porcelain) in hot water with 1/4 cup of vinegar for 1 hour. Rinse well two or three times. Hang or machine dry only until slightly damp, not completely dry. Stamp press with a hot iron. Do

not distort grain of the fabric by ironing with long strokes. (From Rachel T. Pellman, "Tips for Quilters")



Blue Batik - to FIT on 3/3/06