



Next Meeting

Tuesday, June 20, 2006 at 9:30 A.M at the Presbyterian Church, 4 Church Road, Bedford.

Bring completed FIT quilts/tops, coffee mug, quilting supplies, fat quarter(s) for the fat - quarter raffle, Show-and-Tell, \$ to buy raffle tickets.

Next Board Meeting

Not yet scheduled

Note the changes to our summer programs—see page 2.

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

What to say about this weather? Bah, humbug!! I hope you have projects to work on that give you a sense of accomplishment. When I am quilting, I can turn my back - literally - on what's happening outside my window. It helps for awhile, anyway.

The Board is continuing to work on making

BFQG your Guild. You will find a questionnaire included in this newsletter. I urge you to read it and think about your responses. Printed copies of the questionnaire will be available at the June meeting. They will be collected at the end of the meeting. We are not trying to put anyone on the

spot. You can respond anonymously. We want and need your input!

Blessed Be, Lois

Editor's note: If you cannot attend the June meeting, *please* complete the questionnaire and give it to a member who does plan to be there or mail it to the Guild. Your feedback is very important. The Guild address is:

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Questionnaire
What changes would YOU make to our Guild? - See page 3.



Easy-to-piece quilt. Make the quilt and the squares as large or small as you like—and as bright or muted, light or dark, traditional or contemporary.

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 to each meeting.

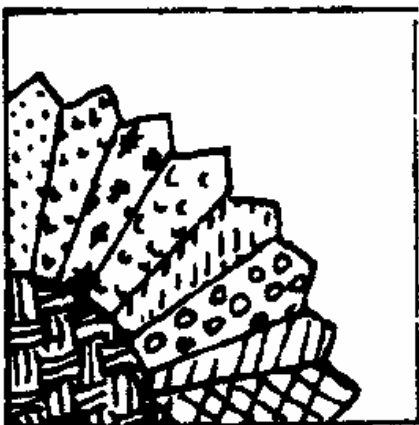
If you have not already done so, sign up with Debby to bring refreshments to the July and August meetings.

MEMBERSHIP

DOTTIE WILLIAMS

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

SAMPLER BLOCK #4—DRESDEN FAN



PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

PAM MIKKOLA

JUNE 20, 2006

As the weather didn't cooperate for our meeting last month, we have rescheduled our Warm Wishes quilt project for our June meeting. This is a very easy project and we will gladly get you started at the meeting. Gather up your tools, sewing machine and fabric and be on your way to a new quilt. If you have questions, please call me and I will gladly answer them if I can.

Photos, fabric requirements, and complete instructions are on the QuiltMaker web site.

Also, instructions and templates for the Sampler Block, Dresden Plate, will be provided.

If you choose not to make a Warm Wishes quilt and would like to help tie some quilts for FIT, you will find quilt layers, embroidery floss, and curved needles at the meeting..

JULY 18 AND AUGUST 15, 2006

Our July meeting will be our workshop, formerly scheduled for June, to teach basic cutting and piecing skills while making a quilt for FIT. It is a skill-building workshop where new quilters will be able to work on quilt-making techniques by making small quilts. Please see Rita Soderberg's article for what to bring.

"Seasoned" quilters can polish their current skills or learn a new technique as well as help our newbies.

If you wish to come and work on your own projects, that works as well.

At the August meeting, the emphasis will be on preparing boutique items for our boutique this fall. If you prefer, bring one of your own projects (It's a great time to get help) or work on a charity quilt.

As always, you are welcome to come just for tea and cookies and a chat as well as to get inspired. Show and Tell is always a must.

JULY 12 QUILT RETREAT

PAM MIKKOLA

To keep us excited about quilting through the summer, we are going to have a little retreat at The Quilt Patch. It will take place on July 12 from 10:00 - 4:00 at a cost of \$35.00 plus the price of a kit of \$35.00. The Coventry Cottage wall quilt is on display at The Quilt Patch. Space is limited, so please contact Pam to reserve your spot ASAP. Some pre-workshop cutting is necessary so that we can get lots accomplished on July 12. Come and join us for a fun day of quilting and friendship.

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR MEMBERS OF BFQG

1. What are your hopes/expectations from BFQG (e.g., meeting with and meeting other quilters, having fun, developing/improving quilting skills, teaching/assisting others, show-and-tell, contributing to charity projects, working on projects as a group,)? Circle or prioritize the above and/or add to them:

2. What programs have you most liked in the past year? _____

3. What could we do differently? _____

4. Would you like a separate day for workshops? ___Yes ___No

5. Should we continue with the fat quarter drawing? ___Yes ___No What changes do you suggest, if any?

6. Are we trying too hard to raise money within the guild? ___Yes ___No If "Yes," what suggestions would you make for outside fundraising?

7. Suggestions for activities in conjunction with the Guild; Check those you are interested in:

___ Mystery Quilt, ___ Secret Sister, ___ Round Robin, ___ Other: _____

8. What else would you like to see included in our Guild Programs?

If you wish, add more comments/feedback on the flip side of this page.

QUILT SHOWS 2006

June 30-July 2: Vermont Quilt Festival 30th Anniv.

Champlain Valley Expo
Essex Junction, VT
<http://vqf.org>

July 28-30: Maine Quilts

Augusta, ME
<http://www.mainequilts.org>

August 3-6: Lowell Quilt Festival (IMAGES)

Tsongas Arena
Lowell, MA
<http://www.lowellquiltfestival.org>

August 17-20: Mancuso World Quilt Show

Radisson Center of NH
Manchester, NH
<http://www.worldquilt.com>

November 2-5: A Quilter's Gathering

Sheraton Hotel
Tara Blvd., off Rte. 3 at NH Exit 1
Nashua, NH
<http://aquiltersgathering.com>

FAT-QUARTER DRAWINGS

Bring fat-quarters and get a chance to win some!
Fabric themes for the coming months are below.

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| June | Red, White, & Blue |
| July | Ocean/Shore |
| August | Autumn Colors |
| September | Halloween |
| October | Thanksgiving |
| November | Christmas/Holiday |

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NEWSLETTER

KATHLEEN BEACH

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Strips and Pieces will not be published in July or August.

Please submit all information for the next newsletter by **Thursday, September 7**.

The newsletter is published on our web site, www.BFQG.org, and you receive an email notice each month when it has been posted—provided your email address is in the Guild's Yahoo Group. Be sure the

Membership Chair has your current email address.

Guild dues do not include costs to print and mail the newsletter. If you wish to receive the September issue of *Strips and Pieces* by mail, please provide stamped self-addressed envelopes. Bring them to a summer meeting or mail them to the Guild at the address on the last page of the newsletter.

GET READY TO ROLL UP YOUR SLEEVES AT THE JULY MEETING

RITA SODERBERG

The Guild’s July meeting will be a workshop to launch our efforts to produce quilt tops for FIT over the summer. If inexperience has made you reluctant to jump in, there will be step-by-step guidance from cutting to assembling. The quilt tops will be simple and probably finished by the end of the meeting. Experienced quilters....we need you as well!

The donated fabrics from P & B Textiles have arrived and will be available, as well as flannel fabrics donated by Pam Mikkola. In addition, you are encouraged to

consider donating 2 half-yard cuts of fabric that is “kid-focused”.

Please bring your own rotary cutter, ruler(s), cutting mat, scissors, pins, seam ripper, and SEWING MACHINE if possible. (Please bring an extension cord and surge protector if you’re bringing your machine.) Several ironing boards and irons would be helpful.

Group projects are fun, so gather your tools, roll up your sleeves and get ready to sew!

CHECK YOUR STASH

RITA SODERBERG

Volunteer to make a quilt for a boy or a girl in a specific age range. Look for FIT donation guideline cards to select from at the June, July and August meetings. You may select a card for a boy or girl ages Infant – 3 years, 4-8 years, 9-12 years, or 13 years and up. It might be a good idea to check your stash to see which age/gender your stash would work best for.

These cards will also serve as reminders of size guidelines for FIT quilts, based on the age of the child.

We have delivered approximately 50 quilts to FIT since December, 2005. We are waiting for a new list to begin

working on. It would be great to have a variety of quilts stockpiled and ready to deliver to cut down on the delivery time. If each of us makes one FIT quilt top this year, this will be fairly easy to accomplish.

There will be several quilts available to hand-tie at the June meeting. If you’re not working on a Warm Wishes quilt at the meeting, consider helping us tie a quilt. No experience required!!

| FIT 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 | | |

From the Editor: No meeting in May means no photos of the meeting. So here are two from my spring vacation.



The Great Smoky Mountains on a beautiful day in late April.

My husband grew up in New Orleans. This is the kitchen of the house he lived in for 15 years, as we saw it on April 26. (That's a refrigerator on top of the cabinets.) The house and others nearby appear to be abandoned.



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