



Next Meeting

Tuesday, July 18, 2006 at 9:30 A.M at the Presbyterian Church, 4 Church Road, Bedford.

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

Next Board Meeting

To be announced.

July Newsletter: “Extra” Edition

Because the May meeting was cancelled, the Guild conducted business as the June meeting. This special July issue contains minutes of the June meeting and a bit of new information about the July workshop.

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

If someone wants to build the ark, I will bring food!! Seems as if the whole country is in dire straits from either flooding or drought. What I do love about this time of year - the farmer's markets are open, local produce is coming in and it's time to make strawberry jam. I've made two batches this week and now am getting ready to head to Vermont to the Quilt Festival. It's being held in an air conditioned building this year, and should be just wonderful. I'll tell you all about it at the July meeting.

One other good thing about this time

of year is that my calendar is looking empty enough that I might even get caught up on some of the quilts that I started in classes this past year.

For those of you who missed the June meeting, one of the announcements was that we delivered the quilt to Lisa Readman. There is a picture of her in this newsletter. She was very happy with our gift.

Enjoy whatever sun we get! Have a fun Fourth of July and I'll see you at the July meeting.

Blessed Be, Lois

FIT QUILTS - NEW KIDS; JULY WORKSHOP

RITA SODERBERG

For our next few months' efforts, Rita recently received a list of children (39 of them) who are new to the FIT program. 21 of them are three years old or younger: think SMALL! Four boys (no girls) are older than twelve years of age; They need larger masculine quilts. Kids of both genders are aged 4—12.

The Guild's July meeting will be a **workshop** to produce quilt tops for FIT. If you think of yourself as a quilting “beginner,” please come for 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 donate 2 (or more) half-yard cuts of fabric that is “kid-focused”.

Please bring your rotary cutter, ruler(s), cutting mat, scissors, pins, seam ripper, thread AND SEWING MACHINE, along with an extension cord and surge protector. 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!

HOSPITALITY

DEBORAH TETLOW

The Guild provides coffee, tea, and juice at 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. Rita Soderberg and Tommi Hall will provide the refreshments for our July meeting.

If you can bring refreshments to the **August** workshop, please sign up with Debby.

MEMBERSHIP

DOTTIE WILLIAMS

20 members, including 1 new member, and 1 guest attended the June meeting.

We raised \$19 in the Fat Quarter raffle.

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

DOOR PRIZE

The Little Quilt Shop, in Amherst, NH, donated a pack of fat quarters for a door prize at the June meeting. Jill G was the lucky winner. THANK YOU to Shirley Collins for the door prize and for attending the meeting and telling about her shop.

JULY AND AUGUST WORKSHOPS

PAM MIKKOLA

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Our July meeting will be our workshop 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.

“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.

AUGUST 15, 2006

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.

“FREE” FIT FABRIC IN JULY

KATHLEEN BEACH

Several sources have donated fabric for use in FIT quilts. Some of this fabric, including that from P&B Textiles, will be at the July meeting for your use both during the workshop and at home. Pam is bringing pre-washed flannels—enough variety and yardage that perhaps everyone who attends the workshop can make a quilt from it!

Rita requests that each of us bring at least two half-yard cuts of fabric to share. (One and a half yards of a focus fabric is ample for many quilt tops, using it in the borders as well, and one-half yard is usually enough to use as one of the supporting fabrics.)

If you have fabric that has been donated for charity, or if you’d like to share some of your own, please bring it to the July meeting, and then, at the meeting, look though the stash for some you can use in a FIT quilt. Think of it as an informal fabric swap for your charity quilts.



Nine-Patch and Snowball for FIT

Minutes - June 20th, 2006
Fellowship Hall of the Bedford Presbyterian Church

1. Opening

- Meeting was called to order at 9:50 a.m
- Presiding officer: Lois Tourangeau
- Lois welcomed the group
- Attendance – 19 members + 1 guest and 1 new member
- Lois introduced our guest speaker, Shirley Collins, owner of The Little Quilt Shop in Amherst. She answered questions about her shop.

2. Business Meeting

- Nominations – none heard from the floor, the current officers agree to serve a second year. Voted on and accepted.
- Community Service
 - Rita went over guidelines for the different sizes for FIT quilts. Color coded sheets will be available for age and gender specific requirements.
 - FIT has 39 new children needing quilts. Target date for completion will be 6 months.
 - The Warm Wishes quilt was delivered to Lisa Readman and a picture is available. She was delighted by our gift.

3. Items for Information

- Denim Shirts – shirts with the Guild Logo are available for \$30 (\$5 going to the Guild) –
- Boutique items were discussed. The date for Old Town Days is Saturday the 16th of September, with a rain date of the 17th. We will have a workshop to do Boutique items at the August guild meeting. Diane Trottier offered a wool appliqué for display for the table.
- Pam announced there will be a Quilt Retreat at The Quilt Patch on Wednesday July 12th. We will be making the Coventry Cottage wall hanging.
- Show & Tell
 - Lois - FIT quilt, Watercolor Basket.
 - Diane – New baby Grandson's Bug Quilt and a Mystery quilt.
 - Rita - quilt for daughter's 21st Birthday (Warm Wishes)
 - Karen - FIT dog quilt and crazy nine patch
- Fat Quarter raffle was held
 - Barb K. and Debby T. won the Fat Quarters.
 - Door prize was won by Jill G.

4. Time of Adjournment

10:45 a.m. to sew.



Lisa Readman with the quilt the Guild made for her.

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