

STRIPS & PIECES



Volume 2 Issue 2

October 2006

Next Meeting

Tuesday, October 17, 2006
at 9:30 A.M at the
Presbyterian Church, 4
Church Road, Bedford.

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

Next Board Meeting

Tuesday, November 7, 2006
at 10:00 AM at the home of
Rita Soderberg (note new
location).

In this issue:

**Responses to Guild
Questionnaire:**
page 4

**Members to vote on
expenditure:**
page 1

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 repre-
sent granite.

The block was made by Pam
Mikkola.

Logo photograph is courtesy
of Hanni Gartland.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

LOIS TOURANGEAU

It was wonderful to have new mem-
bers at the September meeting. I sin-
cerely hope you like our guild and plan
to stay involved. The Shop Hop was a
lot of fun. We have come up with a
new twist on the "Your husband called
and said you can buy anything you
want." By the end of the second day,
it was "The bank called and said to

stop NOW!!" There were lots of new
ideas available at the shops, and the
weather was wonderful. What could
be better - back roads in NH in the
fall with friends and our favorite activ-
ity - stroking and buying fabric for the
next inspirations.

Blessed Be, Lois

HELP WANTED!!

"Many hands make light
work." (Other, somewhat
contradictory adages also come to
mind, but surely they do not apply?) If
you are not already working on a
committee or helping to plan/produce
other Guild activities, think about
what you can do to improve the Guild.

Read the feedback from the Guild
Questionnaire (page 4 of this
newsletter); does something in
particular appeal to you? And look for
the sign-up sheet at the next few
meetings; it will list just some of the
tasks where help is needed. Some
require very little extra time. If you
hesitate, enlist others to share the
responsibilities

Also, two committees, Publicity and
Hospitality, lack Chairpersons. Both
these committees are ideal for
teamwork – two or more of you
working together.

VOTE ON GUILD EXPENDITURE

The historic Bedford Presbyterian
Church has requested that the
Bedford Friendship Quilt Guild
make a donation to its building
Preservation Fund, to mark the
175th anniversary of the Church's
sanctuary. The BFQG board
recommends that we donate \$600
over a three-year period (\$200 per
year). (The Church requested the
amount of \$1,000 over a three year
time period.)

Please consider this
recommendation. The Guild will
vote on it at the October meeting.
Bear in mind that currently we are
not required to pay rent for the
space we use for our meetings at the
church.

HOSPITALITY

DEBORAH TETLOW

The Guild provides coffee, tea, and juice at Guild meetings. Bring your own coffee mug and save BFQG \$\$.

Guild members volunteer to bring snacks to each meeting. Rita Soderberg and Lois Tourangeau will provide the snacks at our next meeting.

Hospitality needs a new Chair. Because of other commitments, Debby is resigning. Contact any board member for more information.

MEMBERSHIP

DOTTIE WILLIAMS

22 members, 2 new members, and 1 guest attended the September meeting.

Members will receive a current membership list at the November meeting. Be sure to renew by October 17 to ensure your name and address are on that list.

Complete the application form on the last page of the September newsletter, or fill out a form at the October meeting. Annual dues are \$20 (\$15 if you are a "senior.") To receive "Strips and Pieces" by mail, add \$7.

QUILT SHOWS 2006

November 2-5: A Quilter's Gathering

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

PROGRAMS

PAM MIKKOLA

Do you have a suggestion for a Guild program or workshop? Is there a topic that you are willing to teach in a workshop or teach/tutor a smaller group? Please send it to Pam. She welcomes all your ideas.

At the **October** meeting, Diane Trottier will teach a workshop on wool appliqué. The project is really cute and a "welcome" addition to your home or as a wonderful gift.

For **November**, Julie Crossland, Founder and Chair of the New Hampshire Quilt Documentation Project has graciously accepted our invitation to speak to us. She will discuss the documentation process and how to take care of our quilts. Julie has requested that members bring quilts made before 1976 so that she can share information about their age and value. She is a certified quilt appraiser and is willing to give a written appraisal of our quilts for a fee of \$40.00 per quilt. We will have our gathering time as usual at 9:30 and then go to Julie's presentation following. Our business meeting will take place following our speaker. Please let me know if you will be bringing quilts for discussion or appraisal.

In **December**, we will have a Christmas Pot Luck luncheon and have a Yankee Swap of small quilt-related gifts. Plan to share a holiday story with your quilting sisters on that day as well as bring any Christmas or Holiday quilts for Show and Tell. We will also have a "FIT Quilt Assignment" party as part of the meeting; everyone can participate in deciding who gets each quilt, and Rita will deliver them before Christmas.

At each meeting, you may choose to work on FIT quilts or your own projects. Bring a bag lunch and quilt to your heart's content until 2:00 in the afternoon.

QUILT RETREAT: OCTOBER 20—22

BFQG members have an opportunity to attend a retreat together in Rutland, Vermont. Space may still be available.

The Vermont Classic weekend is October 20 - 22 at Maple Crest Farm, circa 1808. The cost for the weekend is \$335.00. The package includes Lodging, Wine and Cheese Reception, Meals: Friday evening - Sunday lunch, Ice Cream Social, Workshop, Personalized Attention.

What better way to see the fall color in beautiful Vermont than with your quilting friends?

Please call Pam at 472-9225 for details.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

RITA SODERBERG

As I mentioned in the September newsletter, it is my goal to deliver a quilt to all 35 children on our current list from Families in Transition following our December guild meeting. So, a gentle push is on to meet this goal. We have 20 quilts stockpiled as of this writing. Our biggest need is for quilts for girls in the infant-3 year group. Our next emphasis is for boys in the same age group. We also need a couple more quilts for boys age 13 – 18 years.

While you're absolutely welcome to turn in a completed quilt, ready to give to a child, this is not required. I, for one, still haven't learned to machine quilt so my version of a completed quilt is a tied quilt or one quilted by one of our volunteer "long-armers". I try to provide a "tying station" at each guild meeting and encourage you to bring in your quilt top and backing (sometimes we remember to bring batting) and let your fellow quilters help you tie the quilt. Or bring it and request that someone else quilt it.

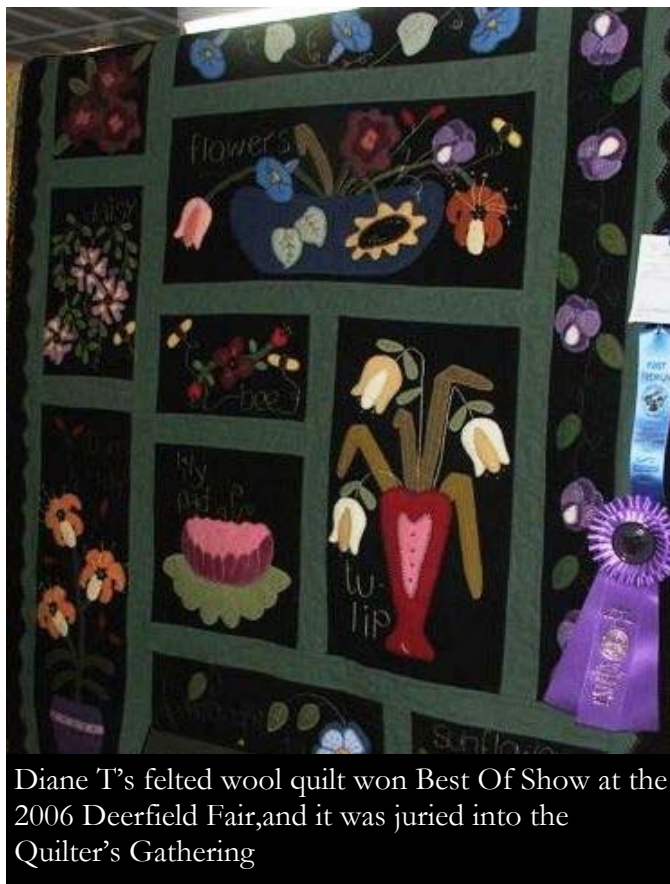
Our November meeting will be partially dedicated to finishing any quilts that come in so that they will be ready to be assigned at our December meeting and delivered to the children before Christmas.

We generally tie the quilts with embroidery floss. Please consider supplying 2 or 3 skeins of an appropriate color. If you're bringing a quilt top to be finished at the November meeting, please bring the binding (2 ¼ or 2 ½ inches wide) as well, or make sure that the backing is wide enough (2 inches) to fold to the front.

I feel like Santa Claus whenever I deliver a bag of quilts to F.I.T. But it's really all you "elves" that should feel the joy of giving. Thanks to each of you for your generous gift of time.

OCTOBER WORKSHOP

DIANE TROTTIER



Diane T's felted wool quilt won Best Of Show at the 2006 Deerfield Fair, and it was juried into the Quilter's Gathering

Diane Trottier will teach a workshop on the technique used in her "Wooly Flower Sampler". The workshop will be a "Welcome Friends Pineapple" felted wool wall hanging. The class is full.

If you enrolled and cannot attend, OR if you did not enroll and would like to attend, contact Diane. If possible she will arrange a "swap."

Note that you must felt the wool prior to the workshop.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact Diane (phone 622-8791).

NEWSLETTER

KATHLEEN BEACH

This year, anyone who chooses may receive the newsletter by US mail: submit your membership renewal form with "Newsletter delivery" marked as "US mail" and add \$7.00 to your dues payment. Printed copies are black-and-white.

If your email address is in the BFQG Yahoo! Group, you will receive an email when the newsletter is posted to the web. To add your email address to our Yahoo! Group, go to the web site, www.bfqg.org, click on "Email List," and follow the instructions. Or send me an email (<mailto:ksbeach@hotmail.com>).

Thank you for your expressions of sympathy following the death of my mother-in-law. She was a very dear friend; for the past 20 years, we lived - by choice - about 30 minutes apart, first in Texas and then in New Hampshire..

RESPONSES TO GUILD QUESTIONNAIRE

Thanks to the 12 of you who completed the Questionnaire. If you would have suggestions, including stating what you like and do not want to change, put it in the Guild Suggestion Box at any meeting—or fill out a Questionnaire. Following are the responses:

Hopes and Expectations:

- Charity projects – 12
- Meeting with and meeting other quilters – 10
- Developing and improving skills – 8
- Having fun – 6
- Show and Tell – 6
- Working on projects as a group – 6
- Teaching and assisting others – 5

Favorite Programs:

- Sashiko – 4
- Jane's display of historical quilts – 4
- Sampler quilt – 1

Should we have a separate day for workshops:

- No – 7
- Yes – 5

What can we do differently:

- More time to work together on charity quilts
- Doing well for a new guild – continue to keep it fun
- Be better organized
- Ask for input from members who are in other guilds
- Have a pre-announced, organized project at

FAT-QUARTER DRAWINGS

Everyone who brings fat quarters will receive one FREE raffle ticket for each fat quarter contributed. Anyone may purchase fat-quarter raffle tickets. They are 50 cents each, or 3 for \$1.

Fabric themes for the next two months:

October	Thanksgiving
November	Christmas/Holiday

each meeting

Mail newsletter to all – raise dues to cover costs

Change Fat Quarter raffle – give fabric donors a free ticket and let everyone buy tickets

Suggested guild activities:

- Mystery quilt – 8
- Round robin – 2
- Block of the Month exchange – 1
- Secret sister -1
- Classes – 1
- Make a large quilt to have in library or town hall

Suggestions for programs:

- 2nd Sashiko class – continuation of previous workshop
- Members ask someone they know who has a skill to present at the meeting (coordinate with program chair)
- More instruction to do special quilt
- Teach a new skill

SUNSHINE

DIANE TROTTIER

News from Sunshine and Shadows this month: we have had three of our guild members suffer the loss of a loved one. Kathleen Beach's Mother in Law Jane passed away, a memorial service has been planned for October 12th. Debby Tetlow's Mother passed away earlier this month. Linda Mullen's Father passed away in late summer.

Please join me in offering some sunshine to these members during this stressful time in their lives. If anyone would like more information regarding memorial service for Jane Beach please contact me at 603-622-8791 and I will be glad fill you in.

Also if you know of any member needing some warm wishes please contact me in writing (mailto:dmtrrottier@comcast.net) and remember to mention which guild this is regarding.

Piecefully, Diane Trottier

GUILD MEETING MINUTES—September 19th, 2006

BEV DICKEY

Fellowship Hall of the Bedford Presbyterian Church

1. Opening

Meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Presiding officer Lois Tourangeau. Lois welcomed the group

Attendance: 22 members + 1 guest and 2 new members

Introduced Wanda Makela owner of Bunkhouse Quilt Shop, who reported on her new shop and all the scheduled activities and benefits.

2. Business Meeting

Library

Judy announced that the size of the library at present does not warrant the need of a rolling cart.

Community Service

Rita announced that we have a goal of 35 finished FFT quilts by December's meeting for delivery. We have about 20 at present. The most needed category is girls infant to 3 yrs.

Rita announced she had the items left over from Olde Town Days. We will either keep them for a future sale or the owners may take them back.

3. Items for Information

Olde Town Days

We have colored squares that the children did and we will sew them together and hang the quilt(s) in the children's library.

Pam announced there are still openings for the Quilt Retreat, October 20-22nd.

Show & Tell:

Helen.

Diane Trottier –A quilt as you go Cathedral Windows that she will teach a class on.

Faye- Quilt she did three for commission.

Susan, Lisa, and Norma. Children's quilt.

Fat Quarter raffle was held: Diane T. And Judy Z. won the Fat Quarters.

Holly B. won the Door prize, a Tee Shirt.

4. Time of Adjournment

11:30 for UFO presentation.

5. Date and time of next meeting

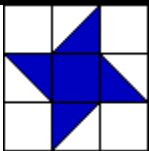
October 17th, 2006 at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the Bedford Presbyterian Church

NEW BOARD MEETING LOCATION

For the past year, the BFQG Board's meetings have been at The Quilt Patch. Sue Trask is now expanding the number of classes at the shop and needs the space. Therefore, the Board will now meet in members' homes. On November 7, it will meet at Rita Soderberg's new home. In December, the Board will meet at Pam Mikkola's.





THANK YOU, SUE, for allowing the Guild to meet in your shop's classroom for the past year.

Bedford Friendship Quilt Guild Board Members		
President	Lois Tourangeau	424-0417
Vice President	Pam Mikkola	472-9225
Treasurer	Nancy Dodson Becki Kuhns	249-9029 488-1957
Secretary	Bev Dickey	471-9062
Librarian	Judy Zarlenga	483-5180
Membership	Dottie Williams	673-8150
Community Service	Rita Soderberg	472-5895
Sunshine	Diane Trottier	622-8791
Hospitality Chair	OPEN	
Newsletter Editor	Kathleen Beach	673-7362
Quilt Show	Faye Shedd	424-7103
Publicity/Historian	OPEN	



FRIENDSHIP STAR

This block, the Guild's logo, has been a Block-of-the-Month. To make it in other sizes, use the chart below. Select the finished Block size and substitute the Block components in that column for the sizes given in the Block directions.

Block Component/Finished Block Size	3"	4-1/2"	9"	12"	15"	18"
	one 1-1/2" square of the focus fabric	one 2" square of the focus fabric	one 3-1/2" square of the focus fabric	one 4-1/2" square of the focus fabric	one 5-1/2" square of the focus fabric	one 6-1/2" square of the focus fabric
	four 1-1/2" squares of the background fabric	four 2" squares of the background fabric	four 3-1/2" squares of the background fabric	four 4-1/2" squares of the background fabric	four 5-1/2" squares of the background fabric	four 6-1/2" squares of the background fabric
	one 1-7/8" x 3-3/4" rectangle of the focus	one 2-3/8" x 4-3/4" rectangle of the focus	one 3-7/8" x 7-3/4" rectangle of the focus	one 4-7/8" x 9-3/4" rectangle of the focus	one 5-7/8" x 11-3/4" rectangle of the focus	one 6-7/8" x 13-3/4" rectangle of the focus fabric
	one 1-7/8" x 3-3/4" rectangle of the background fabric	one 2-3/8" x 4-3/4" rectangle of the background fabric	one 3-7/8" x 7-3/4" rectangle of the background fabric	one 4-7/8" x 9-3/4" rectangle of the background fabric	one 5-7/8" x 11-3/4" rectangle of the background fabric	one 6-7/8" x 13-3/4" rectangle of the background fabric

From <http://www.quilt.com/BlockOfTheMonth/1997/FriendshipStar/OtherSizes.html>

Bedford Friendship Quilt Guild
 PMB #108
 176 Route 101 - Unit B3
 Bedford, NH 03110