



Next Meeting

Tuesday February 20, 2007
at 9:30 A.M at the
Presbyterian Church, 4
Church Road, Bedford.

Bring coffee mug,
completed FIT quilts, fat
quarters for the fat-quarter
raffle, Show-and-Tell,
supplies, material, equipment
for workshop or project

Next Board Meeting

Tuesday February 27, 2007
(the 4th Tuesday of the
month), at 10:00 AM at the
home of Rita Soderberg. **All
Guild members are
welcome at Board
meetings.**

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www.bfqg.org

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members, **email** it to:
BFQG@yahoo.com.
(Note: To send an email to
the group, you must be a
member of the group.)

FROM THE PRESIDENT

LOIS TOURANGEAU

Happy Valentine's Day every-
one!! I hope you are staying warm dur-
ing this cold winter weather. It was a
shame that we had to cancel The Janu-
ary meeting. I guess we are paying for
all those wonderful warm days we had
at the end of last year. I've been quilt-
ing, knitting and painting doors and
trim. I love doing these things, but
doors and trim are a pain. I find I
can't "edge in" as well as I used to -
which, of course, has nothing to do
with age!! The fresh, clean look of
new paint is worth it, though. I'd
much rather paint than do housework!

At each board meeting, we talk
about only having meetings four times
a year, and then proceed to talk for
over two hours. Seems like there are
still a lot of issues that a new guild has
to deal with. Here are some things I
need to share with you:

1. If the weather should be bad and it
happens to be a school holiday, call
me if you are not sure there will be a
meeting. If my phone keeps ringing,
that means my power is out, so try my
cell at 203-0930, or call Pam.
2. According to our by-laws, the May
meeting is for election of offi-
cers. Jane Sedrick has agreed to be
our Nominations Committee Chair. If
you would like to become a member
of the board, or have a recommenda-
tion for Jane, please let her know. I

know she will be happy to hear from
you. Jane has also volunteered to
write up profiles of our members to
put in the Newsletter. She will tell you
about it at the meeting. What a good
way to get to know each other better!

3. We are changing our board meeting
day to the fourth Tuesday of the
month. This will give board mem-
bers more time to get their informa-
tion to Kathleen for publication, and
will also give Kathleen more time to
get the Newsletter ready. Also, when
someone takes over publicity for the
guild, the meeting information will be
in the local newspapers a week before
the date of the meeting. (All the local
newspapers need a two week lead time
for publishing monthly information.)

So-----our next board meeting will be
Tuesday, February 27th at Rita Soder-
berg's at 10:00 a.m. All the board
meetings are open to our members, so
come see what we do and how we do
it!

4. Fat quarters - bring the Americana
fat quarters you had planned to bring
for the January meeting. .

Don't forget - Quilt Documentation
Day is the 17th.

See you on the 20th at the Guild meet-
ing.

Blessed Be, Lois

HOSPITALITY

HOLLY BOSINGER

The Guild provides coffee, tea, and juice at Guild meetings. Please bring your own coffee mug.

Guild members volunteer to bring snacks to each meeting.

Nancy Peach & Karen Kopp are bringing refreshments to the February meeting.

Sign up with Holly to bring goodies for specific dates. At last report, she needed one volunteer for March, one for April, and two for the remaining months of the year.

MEMBERSHIP

DOTTIE WILLIAMS

If your address, phone number, or email address changes—or is incorrect in the membership list, please inform Dottie.

TIP OF THE MONTH

Tip of the month: Once a day – or at least once a week? – eat a piece of Dove “Rich Dark Chocolate” – and consider the suggestion on the inside of the candy wrapper!

If you'd like to share a tip about quilting—or about life—send it to the Newsletter Editor.

SUNSHINE

DIANE TROTTIER

If you know of a serious illness or a death in the family of a Guild member, please email Diane at dmtrottier@comcast.net. Be sure to include the name of our Guild (BFQG will do)—Diane is Sunshine chair for two different guilds this year.

PROGRAMS

PAM MIKKOLA

Our January workshop is rescheduled for this month, since last month's meeting was “iced out.” And please note the tour planned for April.

February Program:

Diane Trottier will conduct her workshop for “quilt as you go” Cathedral Windows. If you have signed up for this workshop, remember to have your squares cut into the specific size for your particular project. I can't wait to learn this technique. For those of you who are not participating in the workshop, please stay and enjoy some special time to work on your own project with your quilting friends.

March Program:

After our business meeting, we will conduct rotating **Techniques** workshops. Members of the guild have volunteered to present various quilting techniques. Some of these techniques are Easy-Angle Triangle Squares, Fabric Folding, Binding, Hand Quilting, and Preparing Quilt Layers for Long-Arm Quilting. We will have 20 minutes at each station and then you will move to the next one. Plan to add to your quilting expertise. As some of these techniques use a sewing machine or rotary cutter, you are welcome as always to bring your sewing machine and notions.

April 10 Field Trip:

On April 10, the Guild is scheduled for a free tour of the Cranston Print Works plant in Webster, MA. We need at least 10 people to make the visit, and by March 21st we must let them know how many will attend. Sign up at the February 20 or March 20 meeting, or call me [Pam] to sign up or cancel. Some additional information from Cranston is on page 4. Please note that the plant is not handicapped-accessible and that you must be able to walk “at least” a mile.

FAT-QUARTER DRAWINGS

CONNIE MORIN

The fabric for February is “Americana” (originally scheduled for January). Everyone who brings fat quarters receives one free raffle ticket for each fat quarter contributed. Please bring new, quality cotton quilt fabric; it's OK to wash it first (but not required). Put your FREE tickets in a container labeled Donators of Fat Quarters. One ticket will be drawn from this group; then all the tickets (including the winner's) will be added to the container of purchased tickets for additional drawing(s).

Anyone may purchase fat-quarter raffle tickets. They are 50 cents each, or 3 for \$1. Get your tickets at the membership table and place them in the container labeled Fat Quarter Raffle Tickets.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

RITA SODERBERG

As a result of my article in the January *Strips and Pieces*, Barb Kuenzig, Karen Kopp, and Kathleen Beach have volunteered to help me organize and track the quilts for Families in Transition.

I would like to start a **new procedure** for F.I.T. quilts that are coming in to the guild meeting: If you bring a F.I.T. quilt top or finished quilt (or something somewhere in between) to the meeting, please bring it to the “team” right after you have signed in with Dottie Williams at the registration table. We will log your quilt and tag it for tracking purposes.

At each additional stage of its construction, the log will be updated; if you want to know what has happened to one of “your” FIT quilts, we should be able to tell you. (Please be sure to keep the tag on the quilt.)

If you want to “show and tell” your quilt during the meeting, you will still be able to do that.

By taking care of the incoming quilts before the meeting, we won’t be rushing to do it just before a workshop begins.

QUILT SHOWS

Machine Quilter's Expo (MOX)

April 11 - 14, 2007

www.MOXShow.com

Hannah Dustin Quilters Guild Show

May 4 - 5, 2007

www.hannahdustingg.org

Vermont Quilt Festival

June 29 - July 1, 2007

www.VQF.org

Southern NH Quilt Festival

July 20 - 22, 2007

www.southernnhquiltfestival.com

FIT QUILT SIZE GUIDELINES

Ages	Infant - 3 years	4 - 8 years	9 - 12 years	13 years and up
Width (inches)	36	36-40	40	45
Length	45	45-50	55	60
Fabric	Unisex		Age and gender specific	

2008 QUILT SHOW

FAYE SHEDD

A note from Faye:

As I’m enjoying the nice Florida sun, I’m thinking of ways to make our quilt show a little special.

Not everyone is able to make something for us to sell in our booth but I thought it would be nice to have a bake sale along with quilt items. So maybe someone would chair a group to bake some goodies and set up a few tables and chairs where our guests could buy coffee and tea and a nice baked treat while they sit and visit old quilting friends before they view our show and after. I’m sure it would make us a little money and be enjoyed as well. If someone would like to take this on, please let me know and I will help you get it started.

Meanwhile, even though I’m away right now I’m always looking around for new things to come up with

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NEWSLETTER

KATHLEEN BEACH

Each month, about one week prior to the Guild meeting, *Strips and Pieces* is posted to the Guild web site, www.BFQG.org.

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, click on “Email List,” and follow the instructions. Or send me an email (mailto:ksbeach@hotmail.com).

You may pay the Guild to receive the newsletter by US mail. See any Board member for details.. Note: Printed copies are black-and-white.

Please submit items for the newsletter **NO LATER THAN** on the Saturday that’s just over two weeks prior to the Guild meeting (depending on the calendar, that is the last Saturday of the prior month or the first Saturday of the meeting month.).

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for our show. We need everyone to take part in this to make it a success.

If anyone has any ideas that might help, please let us know. Every idea is deeply appreciated.

Happy Quilting, everyone.

Faye Shedd

P.S. If you haven't joined one of our committees, please pick one to work with and give them your much-needed support.

[Ed. note: BFQG Board members have discussed postponing the quilt show until 2009 and having a "death by chocolate" night in 2008. What do YOU think?]

Faye's Florida phone number is 1-813-633-9041; feel free to call her.

CRANSTON PRINT WORKS TOUR INFORMATION

Cranston Print Works Company is pleased to provide you with the following information about group tours at our Webster, Massachusetts manufacturing plant.

Tours begin at our Warehouse & Distribution Center where the greige goods are received and the finished goods are shipped. During the next two hours, your walk through the plant will follow the fabric process from the greige state through bleaching, printing, finishing, inspection and put up. At the conclusion of your tour, our video, "From Concept to Cloth: The V.I.P./Cranston Story," will be shown. Your visit to Webster will last approximately two and one-half hours.

Group sizes may range from 10 to 45 adults (children are not allowed due to safety reasons). One tour guide is provided for each group of approximately 10 people. All tours are provided free of charge.

We would like to bring to your attention the following items:

- We are located in an old mill complex that consists of many levels; there are no elevators and no provisions for the handicapped. Be prepared to walk at least one mile on concrete floors. We cannot stress enough the importance of being physically able to maintain the distance of the tour.
- The plant is not air conditioned.
- Company policy prohibits the use of cameras in our plant.
- A fully enclosed, sturdy leather shoe is recommended. Leather and canvas sneakers are considered appropriate footwear.
- Sandals, spike-heeled, open-toed or open-heeled shoes are not permitted.
- There is no fabric outlet store at this facility.

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