

STRIPS & PIECES



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Next Meeting

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

Bring coffee mug, FFT quilts, fat quarters for the fat-quarter raffle, Show-and-Tell, equipment/supplies for workshops.

Next Board Meeting

Tuesday March 27, 2007, at 10:00 AM at the home of Pam Mikkola. All Guild members are welcome to attend.

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<http://www.bfqg.org>

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

FROM THE PRESIDENT

LOIS TOURANGEAU

Yikes, what a gloomy day. When I first got up today, the snow was beautiful, but now this rain has spoiled everything. It just looks sloppy outside. My daylight lamps will come in very handy as I practice my stippling today. I think about how much quilting means to me - housework, not so much! - so I watch the dust bunnies pile up, sneeze a time or two and keep on sewing.

The Quilt Documentation event went very well. Julie Crossland was pleased with the turnout, as were our

guild organizers. Gals who came to help were Bev, Rita, Pam, Karen, and Barb. I'm sorry to have missed it; I had gone to Syracuse for a funeral and didn't get back until Saturday p.m.

Don't forget that we will be doing another documentation day, and this time offering appraisals to those who would like them. The date and place: Saturday, June 30 at the Bedford Old Town Hall. Let people know about it - it's good PR for our guild

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TRIP TO CRANSTON PRINT WORKS

PAM MIKKOLA

On Tuesday April 10 the Guild is scheduled for a free tour of the Cranston Print Works plant in Webster, MA. You must sign up for this tour by March 20. Please call Pam (Phone 472-9225), or sign up at the March 20 guild meeting.

The plant has no elevators and no provisions for the handicapped. Be prepared to walk at least one mile on concrete floors. Sandals, spike-heeled, open-toed or open-heeled shoes are not permitted. Refer to the February newsletter for further information regarding the tour.

We will meet at 8:00 AM and depart promptly at 8:15. (The plant tour begins at 10:00 AM.) Please meet outside Starbucks, in the Nashua shopping mall at Exit 6 of Everett Turnpike. We will carpool from there. If you are willing to drive your vehicle (or get someone else to drive it), please let Pam know, and let her know the number of people your vehicle can comfortably hold (count the driver, too).

Cranston will provide a light lunch and free gift for all who attend.

If you want to take a side trip before heading home, one place to consider is Wright's Factory Outlet. It is about a 30-minute drive from Cranston Print Works, at 559 Main St. Fiskdale, MA 01518.

HOSPITALITY

HOLLY BOSINGER

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

Guild members volunteer to bring snacks to each meeting.

Norma Miville is bringing refreshments to the next meeting.

Sign up with Holly to bring goodies for specific dates.

MEMBERSHIP

DOTTIE WILLIAMS

At least 22 members attended last month's meeting. (Please sign at the membership table; otherwise, you won't be counted.) We also had 5 guests, 4 of whom joined the Guild. Welcome to new members Betsy, Carol, Jeanne, and Sue Ann.

The Guild now has 39 members. Pick up an updated membership list at the March meeting.

We raised \$22 in the Fat Quarter Raffle.

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

LIBRARY

KAREN KOPP

Karen Kopp is the new BFQG Librarian. Last month, Judy Zarlenga had to resign because of personal commitments.

To check out or return books and periodicals, or to donate anything to the library, please see Karen.

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.

MARCH Program:

We will be conducting rotating Techniques workshops. Members of the guild will be presenting various quilt making techniques. We will have 20 minutes at each station and then you will move to the next one. Plan to do the circuit and see what you can add to your quilt making skills or pick one skill that you are particularly interested in a spend more than one 20 minute time period. Some of these techniques will require a sewing machine or rotary cutting tools.

The techniques and the Guild members that will be presenting them are as follow:

Pam Mikkola—**Hand Quilting**. Learn the traditional method of hand quilting using a hoop. If you wish, bring a quilt sandwich so that you can begin a practice piece to work on at home. Notions – 12 – 14" hoop, quilting needles (betweens), quilting thread and a THIMBLE (necessary for this method of quilting).

Diane Trottier—**Preparing the quilt layers for long-arm quilting**. Why is my long-arm quilter so picky? I do not understand why the back needs to be square! Why does she/he need so much extra fabric? Can someone please explain it all to me!! ...Do you find yourself asking these questions? If you do, be sure to attend the next BFQG meeting and find out. I will give a mini-demonstration and explain it ALL.

Lynda Caza—**Free Motion Quilting on a home sewing machine** – a demonstration. In FREE MOTION QUILTING, a darning foot is used and the feed dogs are lowered on the machine. After you pin or baste the "quilt sandwich", the quilt is moved with your fingers up/down and side to side while the machine foot pedal is operated at a steady speed. Stippling and meandering are two types of free-motion quilting.

Rita Soderberg - **Binding Basics**. Join me for a brief primer on the basics of making and attaching binding. I will focus on making bias binding using the continuous sew-and-cut method, and attaching the binding to the quilt with an emphasis on achieving good 90-degree corners. I will also demonstrate attaching binding to a scalloped edge.

Kathleen Beach – **Cutting Triangles using Acrylic Templates**. My favorite way to make triangle-squares, flying geese, etc., is to begin by doing all the cutting, including those pesky little corners, before sewing. You can cut squares, half-square triangles, and quarter-square triangles all from the same strip (e.g., no 2½", 2 7/8", and 3¼" strip widths to cut 3 different shapes). Also, there's no marking and no paper-piecing. I'll use the Easy Angle and Companion Angle to show you how. Bring your rotary cutter and try this technique.

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APRIL Program:

Under Faye Shedd’s direction we will make a stuffed rabbits. At Bedford Old Town Days this fall, we plan to raise money for the Guild by selling any rabbits that you donate. More info to follow on this project—in the April newsletter, look for a list of equipment and supplies.

For those of you not in a bunny mood, feel free to bring other projects or work on FIT quilts after the business meeting.

MAY Meeting:

Our May meeting will be election of officers and a Pot Luck Luncheon.

JUNE – JULY – AUGUST

We will meet as usual, because we can’t go three months without our getting together with our quilting buddies. We will not have a business meeting during the summer months but we will have fat-quarter raffles and snacks. We will plan to do some Little Quilt Workshops or work on your own projects. More to follow on the workshops.

Pam

FAT-QUARTER DRAWINGS
CONNIE MORIN

The fabric for March is “Spring.” 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. Purchase your tickets at the membership table and place them in the container labeled Fat Quarter Raffle Tickets.

COMMUNITY SERVICE
RITA SODERBERG

We received a new list of 14 children from F.I.T. The F.I.T. committee met a week ago to assign these children their quilts. We’ll bring them to the March guild meeting for one last look at them before we deliver them to the children.

If you’re wondering what age group to focus on, we are in need of quilts for the Infant-to-3 year old group and also for the older children...9 – 12 and Teens. In the Infant to three group, consider making the quilts unisex, appropriate for either a boy or girl. You may want to consult the suggested size guidelines below as you are planning the quilt.

If you have fabric (100% cotton, please) to donate for FIT quilts, or you’d like to peruse the fabric that has been donated, see Rita or Kathleen.

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		



NH Quilt Documentation Day at the library

Minutes—February 20, 2007

Bedford Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall

Opening: Meeting was called to order at 9:50 a.m. by Presiding officer Lois Tourangeau.

Committee reports:

Program Committee:

Today's program will be the rescheduled Cathedral Windows by Diane.

The March program will be a series of "mini classes."

On April 10 we will have a "Road Trip" to Cranston Mills in Webster MA. We will need a minimum of 10 for the tour of the Mills and lunch.

[Ed note: The guild will also meet at the church on April 17.]

Pam will be doing a Block of the Month from the Elm Creek Quilt series by Jennifer Chevernie. The blocks will be 6 1/2 inches.

Community Service: Rita explained the new "tracking system" for FIT quilts.

Treasurers Report- \$1,456.31

Nominating Committee- Jane Sedrick asked for volunteers and nominations for next year's slate of officers. Pam will be next year's President and all other positions need to be filled as the existing officers have served two years.

Quilt Show – Discussion was held as to delaying the event for a year. The opinion was 2008 was too soon for the Guild as new and small as it is to undertake. A new time of 2009 was approved.

Lois read a heartfelt note from former member Laura Street.

Guests - Kay Young, Tabby Burak, Betsey Woodward, Sue Ann Walker, Carol Klardie and Jeanne Braen were welcomed.

Items for Information

- Show & Tell: Connie-Friendship Signature Quilt. Jane- Wedding Quilt Double Happiness. Helen- Grandmothers Flower Garden. Rita- Handbag. Barb – FIT X2 Lois, Sara and Carol
- Fat Quarter Raffle was held. Winners were Jane and Holly. Proceeds from raffle were \$22.00

Linda Mullen thanked the guild for Warm Wishes.

Time of Adjournment: 10:50 A.M. for Cathedral Windows class.

Date and time of next meeting: March 20, 2007 at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the Bedford Presbyterian Church.

It's nearly time for election of next year's officers. Please consider serving or helping out in any of the positions on the Guild Board. Jane Sedrick is Nominating Committee Chairperson.

Bedford Friendship Quilt Guild Board Members		
President	Lois Tourangeau	424-0417
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2009 QUILT SHOW

FAYE SHEDD

At the March guild meeting, members voted to postpone the show until 2009.

A note from Faye:

Hello, everyone, from sunny Florida.

I am exploring several shops here and they are all very helpful with ideas on things that do well in their shows. Everyone is so friendly and eager to share their ideas with you.

I have seen and picked up some great little things to do with fabric while visiting the shows and shops. I'll share these with everyone when I get home.

At a beautiful quilt show in Tampa, they gave me some layouts and printed programs. They got a lot of local businesses to take ads in them, to defray the cost of printing. A big money maker was their tea room. Some of the guild members made sandwiches, salads and desserts for the public to buy and sit down to eat at decorated tables.

In their little corner boutique the hottest items were the table toppers, table runners, and pot holders. Aprons were also a great go – I noticed a lot of aprons for men, for outdoor cooking.

I'll see you in April.

Faye

SUNSHINE

DIANE TROTTIER

Sunshine news: A sunshine packet was sent to Laura Street and a card sent to Judy Zarlenga. If anyone hears or knows of someone that has had surgery, had a hospital stay or has suffered a recent family tragedy please let me know and remember to mention the name of this guild. Thank you. Diane Trottier 603-622-8791.

Also, I would like to take a moment to thank each and every one of you who were gracious enough to take the workshop that I offered this past month. I had a wonderful time and hope you all did as well. Remember to bring in your show and tell at the next meeting, also haven't seen too many of the pineapples completed, please bring those in for show and tell as well.

Diane

QUILT SHOWS 2007

If you want to get an idea of what a guild quilt show is all about, DO attend at least one of the Guild shows this spring. In the list below, they are the Concord, Hudson, and Lebanon shows.

Machine Quilter's Expo (MQX)

The Center of New Hampshire/Radisson Hotel

April 11 - 14, 2007

<http://www.MQXShow.com>

A Quilter's Garden 2007

Concord, NH

April 27 - 29

<http://www.capitalquiltersguild.org>

Hannah Dustin Quilters Guild Show

Hudson, NH

May 4 - 5, 2007

<http://www.hannahdustingg.org>

Northern Lights Quilt Guild 2007 Show

Lebanon, NH

May 18 - 20

<http://www.nlqg.org>

Vermont Quilt Festival

June 29 - July 1, 2007

<http://www.VQF.org>

Southern NH Quilt Festival

July 20 - 22, 2007

<http://www.southernnhquiltfestival.com>

NEWSLETTER

KATHLEEN BEACH

Each month, about one week prior to the Guild meeting, *Strips and Pieces* is posted to the Guild web site, <http://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 our 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.. (Printed copies are black-and-white.)

Please submit items for the next newsletter on or before **Saturday April 7.**

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and a wonderful way to find out what is stashed away in people's closets, attics and hope chests. (Does anyone actually have a hope chest anymore, or am I stuck in the wrong generation?)

Our thanks go to Diane for a great workshop. As you can tell, program ideas are already being presented for

next year. If you have any suggestions for classes or workshops, please let Pam or Linda Caza know. We want to keep you interested and having fun! Hope your homes stay dry - I'll be checking my basement a lot today.

Blessed Be, Lois



Gathering background information on Documentation Day



Barb showing off her long-arm quilting



What /S everyone looking at? (February Guild meeting)

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