

STRIPS & PIECES



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Next Meeting: Tuesday April 17, 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 workshop, library books.

Next Board Meeting : Tuesday April 24, 2007, at 10:00 AM at the home of Pam Mikkola. All Guild members are welcome to attend.

May Newsletter Deadline: Please send articles, photos, etc., for the next issue no later than Tuesday **May 1.**

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

LOIS TOURANGEAU

Dear Guild Members; if nothing else, this bout with acute bronchitis has been a lesson in patience. I thank you all for your thoughts and prayers. After ten days with my daughter, I finally came home, and am getting better little by little. I am so sorry to have missed the guild meeting - I love spending time with all of you. I'll be there this month, with bells on!!

Blessed Be, Lois



BUNNY RABBIT WORKSHOP

FAYE SHEDD

Faye will show you how to make bunny rabbits for the Guild to sell at the Quilt Show and at Bedford Old Town Days. (Or make a bunny for yourself.)

Bring a sewing machine, scissors, pins,

sewing thread, etc. (whatever equipment and supplies required for a sewing project). Heavier thread (e.g., quilting thread) is suggested for some of the hand sewing. If you like, bring lace for the dress, ribbon, embroidery floss, thin elastic, etc.—whatever you think of.

If you are making a bunny for the Guild, Faye will provide all the fabric and some ribbon, etc. And she plans to cut out some bunnies prior to the Guild meeting

If you want to bring your own fabric for a girl bunny, you will need a yard of muslin, 1 1/4 yards of material for a dress, and 3/4 yard for



Bunnies—small boy, big girl

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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.

Bev Dickey is bringing refreshments to the next meeting.

Sign up with Holly to bring goodies for specific dates.

MEMBERSHIP

DOTTIE WILLIAMS

22 members attended last month's meeting. We also had 1 guest, who joined the Guild. Welcome to new member Anne Marie. The Guild now has 40 members.

We raised \$17 in the Fat Quarter Raffle.

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

Membership lists (last updated in early March) are available at the Membership table.

LIBRARY

KAREN KOPP

If you would like to donate quilting magazines to the Guild, Karen will offer them for sale at \$.25 each and use the proceeds to purchase new books.

TIP OF THE MONTH

It's spring!! Treat yourself to a new rotary cutter blade.

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

PROGRAMS

PAM MIKKOLA

A big thank you goes out to all who demonstrated the various techniques at our March meeting. We had many favorable comments about the program and requests to repeat the format with different techniques. There is always a different method to make triangle units, apply binding and the list goes on.

Think about a technique that you might like to share with your guild. After all, that's what it's all about.

April Meeting:

As stated in our March newsletter, Faye Shedd will teach us how to make a stuffed rabbit. The plan is to raise money for the guild by selling any rabbits that you donate. For more information, including fabric, notions and equipment, see "Bunny Rabbit Workshop" on page 1.

Remember, you can always work on your own project or a quilt for FIT after the business meeting.

May Meeting

Our May meeting will be election of officers and a Pot Luck luncheon with some fun activities to tickle your funny bone. Please bring your favorite recipe to share.

We are also asking that you bring at least two show and tell quilts to share. Let's make this a very special meeting with our own trunk show. This is a great way to see patterns and fabrics used in different ways to spark our creativity.

June – July – August

We plan to meet at our usual time during the summer months. There will not be a business meeting but we will continue our fat-quarter raffles and snacks. We plan to have a Little Quilt Workshop at the June Meeting. Mark your calendars and plan to dedicate this time to your quilting addiction. Hopefully, the weather won't be as oppressive as it was last summer.

Future Planning

Please take some time before the meeting and think about what types of programs you would like to see next year. I am sure that Debbie Koczela, our new Vice President /Program Chair, and her committee would welcome any suggestions.

Rita demonstrates how to apply binding.



NOMINATING COMMITTEE

JANE SEDRICK

Nominations for Guild Board members will be held in April. The members below have agreed to serve if elected. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor. At the annual meeting in May, the Guild will elect officers and other Board members for the 2007-2008 fiscal year, which begins in June.

- President- Pam Mikkola
- Vice President- Deborah Koczela
- Treasurer- Diane Trottier
- Secretary- Jane Sedrick
- Librarian- Karen Kopp
- Membership- Barbara Haselton
- Community Service- Rita Soderberg
- Sunshine- Dottie Williams
- Hospitality- Holly Bosinger
- Newsletter Editor- Kathleen Beach
- Quilt Show- Faye Shedd
- Publicity- Lois Tourangeau

According to the Guild by-laws, the President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary may serve a maximum of two consecutive years. When the President steps down, she/he becomes an ex-officio member of the Board, and the Vice-President becomes President.

All Board members are encouraged to attend Board meetings. Next year, we hope to have quarterly meetings. (For the past 2 years the Board has met monthly except during the summer.)

Note to current Board: each outgoing member has been asked to write a job description for the incoming member.

FAT-QUARTER DRAWINGS

CONNIE MORIN

The fabric for April is scrap fabrics for the raffle quilt. Dark and medium fabrics in just about any hue except yellow should work well. 1800s reproductions and Thimbleberries are good examples.

You receive 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).

You may purchase additional raffle tickets for \$.50 each or 3 for \$1.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

RITA SODERBERG

Happy Spring to all of you! It's wonderful to experience the warmer temperatures, the longer days and the peace and quiet of not hearing the furnace running so often! (I'm tempted to use the money that Energy North isn't asking for to buy more fabric. What do you think?)

At this moment, things are somewhat quiet on the Community Services front. Fourteen quilts have been delivered to F.I.T., which completes the list we received in January. I will be asking them for a new list this month. As I mentioned in the March newsletter, our stockpile of quilts is adequate in most categories, with the exception of quilts for the Infants-to-3-year olds and the Teenagers. It would be great if some of you wanted to make one of those categories your focus for your next F.I.T. quilt. Please consider the size guidelines that appear in this newsletter as you plan your quilt.

Six of us will be attending F.I.T.'s Volunteer Appreciation Brunch on April 21. Look for a recap of this event in the May newsletter.

Thank you for your ongoing efforts of service to the wonderful communities we are a part of.



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		

MINUTES

BEV DICKEY

March 20, 2007

Bedford Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall

1. Opening: Meeting was called to order at 9:50 a.m. by Presiding officer Pam Mikkola, V.P.

2. Committee reports:

Programs

Today's program will be the Circuit Technique Lessons. The April program will be a Stuffed Bunny by Faye. Stuffing will be provided.

In April we will have a "Road Trip" on April 10th to Cranston Mills in Webster MA. We will need a minimum of 10 for the tour of the Mills and lunch. All those wanting to car-pool should meet at the Starbucks, Exit 6 by 8 A.M. We will leave promptly at 8:15 A.M. Please donate \$7.00 to the members that will be driving to cover the cost of gas. For those that are going on their own the tour will begin at 10:00 A.M.

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.

Treasurer's Report – \$1,624.35 Balance.

Membership - 23 members and one guest, Anne Marie Sweeney present.

Community Service - Rita reports that she has 14 quilts to go to FIT. She has them here for members to see before they are delivered. There will be an appreciation Brunch for all volunteers put on by FIT on April 21st from 10:30-12:00. Everyone is invited. Please RSVP to Rita by April 2nd if you would like to attend.

Library - Karen announced that there are some new books. She asks that members please fill out cards and to return those books that have been out for several months.

Nominating Committee- Jane Sedrick asked for volunteers and nominations for next year's slate of officers. Pam will be next year's President. We are in need of a secretary.

Quilt Show– Connie introduced the plan for the Raffle Quilt for 2009. It will be scrappy Friendship Star and Nine Patch with an Appliqué border. The blocks will be 9" finished and will have 81 blocks with a finished size of 104" X 104". We need to have the blocks be completed by May/June so it can be constructed over

the summer and go to the long arm quilter to be finished and ready to go on display by April 2008.

Members will be given instructions and the background fabric at the April meeting. They will need to supply the other fabrics which were suggested to be in the dark/medium reds, blues, green and darker gold family (Civil War). Members are asked to make one star and one nine patch. If you can, contribute some small pieces of your fabric to go into the appliqué pattern. We will work on putting the blocks together over the summer. If a member is unable to participate please let the committee know. Diane has volunteered to do the long arm quilting and Jane volunteered to make the label.

It was suggested that next month's raffle fabrics be in a Civil War theme so members can see the fabrics that will be used and get a head start. It was decided that fabrics should not be pre-washed, but if in doubt check a small piece for color fastness.

Connie requests a couple of volunteers to back her up when needed as she has started a part time job.

Sunshine- We will need to send a Warm Wishes to Lois as she is quite ill.

Hospitality- Holly requests volunteers for food for April/May.

3. Items for Information

Show & Tell

Jeanne- Painted shirt.

Jane- Mini Basket Wall Hanging for the Quilt Show Raffle (2009) What an Achiever!!!

Helen- Grandmother's Flower Garden.

Rita- 14 FIT quilts, Wool Pineapple wall hanging, Cathedral Window table topper.

Norma- Purse (daughter) and a Wall Panel with the kids birthday seasons.

Diane- New Grandson, Warm Wishes pattern.

Fat Quarter Raffle was held. Winners were Pam M. and Barb H. Proceeds from the raffle tickets were \$22.00

Kathleen announced that the Hannah Dustin Guild will be holding a Mini Quilt Auction on the 3rd of April if anyone would like to donate or purchase an item.

4. Time of Adjournment

10:55A.M. for Mini Workshop.

Date and time of next meeting: April 17th, 2007 at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the Bedford Presbyterian Church.

RAFFLE QUILT

CONNIE MORIN

After much discussion, the guild has decided to go ahead with the project of creating a quilt to be raffled at our first ever quilt show in the spring of 2009.

Although that date sounds like it's way off in the future, the goal is to have the quilt ready to show and sell tickets at various venues starting in the spring of 2008. That is only a year from now.

BFGQ is lucky to have several members who have been part of projects like this in the past and their knowledge of what needs to be done to get from here to there is going to be invaluable to the committee that has been formed to guide this project. Those committee members are Carol Klardie, Kathleen Beach, Nancy Dodson and Pam Mikkola, with me (Connie Morin) as the coordinator. Thanks to all of them for volunteering.

Prior to the March meeting, a sub-committee got together and selected the pattern and color scheme for the quilt. Our final choice is a quilt consisting of 81 main blocks and an appliqué border which will be designed by our own Pam Mikkola. There are only 2 block designs - one is our guild's logo, the Friendship Star, and the other is a 9-patch variation with 4-patches in the corners. The blocks are simple and easy to construct, requiring only squares and half-square triangles. Our color scheme is basically scrappy, with a lovely neutral background fabric that will be used in both blocks and in the appliqué border. The scrappy fabrics will be in the medium to dark ranges, using reproduction type prints (along the lines of the Thimbleberries fabrics). We are asking that you do not wash any fabric you purchase for this quilt. However

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SUNSHINE

DIANE TROTTIER

Sunshine news: Warm Wishes were sent to Lois Tourangeau.

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.

QUILT SHOWS 2007

Machine Quilter's Expo (MOX)

The Center of New Hampshire/Radisson Hotel
April 11 - 14, 2007
<http://www.MOXShow.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>

Please send news about quilt shows to the newsletter editor.

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.)

Bunny Rabbit Workshop (Continued from page 1)

bloomers. (Patchwork fabric - real or cheater - would be fun.)

Bunnies are stuffed with polyester fiberfill. Jane and Kathleen are supplying some; if you want to get rid of any, bring it in case it's needed.

If you have questions, please call Faye at 424-7103.

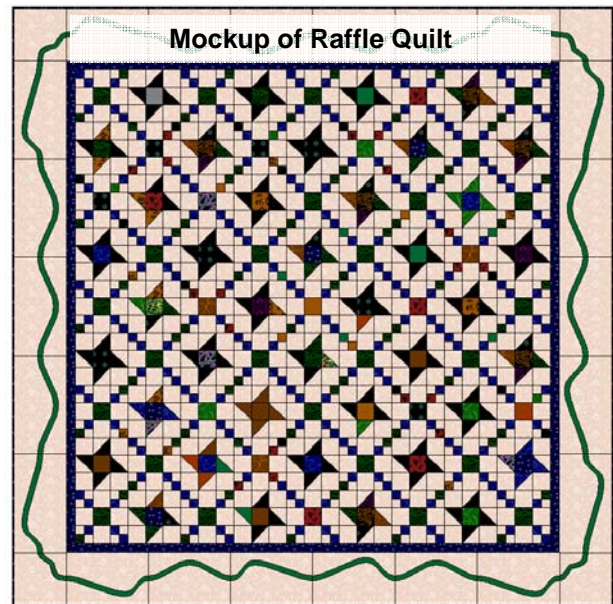
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you do need to test for color-fastness (see below). Also, it is OK if you want to use fabric you already have and it has been washed.

Sample blocks were displayed at the March meeting and a small 2 inch square of the background fabric was distributed to all at the meeting. Complete kits, with a fat quarter of the background fabric, cutting instructions, sewing instructions and a color-way sample, will be distributed at the April meeting.

All members are being asked to complete two blocks, one in each pattern. If you cannot attend the April meeting, please contact me (see your membership list for phone and email address), and I will make arrangements to get the kit to you. The blocks should be completed in time for the May meeting, with an absolute drop-dead date of the June meeting. If you cannot complete your blocks for some reason, please contact one of the committee members so that we can make arrangements for someone else to do so.

We will be scheduling several piecing workshops to occur between the April and May meetings. These dates and locations will be announced at the April meeting.



Future issues of the newsletter will have updates on our progress and next tasks, but if you have any questions in the meantime, please don't hesitate to contact one of the committee members.

Testing for color-fastness

You particularly need to do this with any / all of the dark fabrics you plan to use.

Cut a small square or strip from the fabric and soak it in a cup filled with very hot water (not boiling). Stir it around for a minute or so, then lift it out and squeeze it with a small scrap of white cotton fabric. If your fabric bleeds onto (discolors) the white fabric, either do not use it or try a technique to stop the bleeding (consult your quilting books, a quilt shop, and/or Pam).

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