



Next Meeting: Tuesday
May 15, 2007 at 9:30 A.M at
the Presbyterian Church, 4
Church Road, Bedford.

Bring coffee mug, FIT
quilts, Show-and-
Tell (everyone bring a quilt),
Pot Luck Luncheon items.
And don't forget items for
the "Guilt Relief Sale".

Next Board Meeting :
Details to be announced

June Newsletter Deadline:
Please send articles, photos,
etc., for the next issue no
later than Wednesday **June 6.**

BFQG on the Web:
<http://www.bfqg.org>
To send a note to Guild
members, email it to:
BFQG@yahoo.com.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

LOIS TOURANGEAU

Hello to my wonderful quilting friends! I can't believe this is my last message as president. The past two years have flown. As a group, our accomplishments have been many. Watching friendships develop within the guild during the past two years has been so much fun to see. Personally, I feel it has been an honor to be among you and be part of your lives. I thank you for hanging in as we all brought this fledgling group along. Your input and suggestions have been very welcome, and will continue to be in the future. I know your new board is excited to get busy, and will continue to bring you the kinds of programs that you enjoy.

Thank you so very much for all the wonderful things you have created, and for your spirit of cooperation and giving. All that you have done has helped make our guild a welcoming and friendly place. I leave you in very capable hands.

Blessed Be,
Lois



PROGRAMS

PAM MIKKOLA

Our May meeting is scheduled to be election of officers and a Pot Luck Luncheon. Please bring a favorite dish to share. It would be very nice to have a wonderful show and tell. Bring a favorite quilt you have made or one that has special meaning for you that someone else made.

Do you have patterns, books or other quilt related items that you bought thinking that you would get right to that project and find that it is taking up space in your "Quilt Studio"? Have you been drooling over that new fabric collection at the quilt shop but just can't do it because of all the projects on the shelf? We have a solution to your dilemma. Price those items fairly and bring them to the May meeting for the First Annual BFQG "Guilt Relief Sale". All proceeds will go to the Treasury to be used for Programs. Everybody wins. No more guilt. Whatever doesn't sell will go home with you.

JUNE, JULY AND AUGUST MEETINGS

Our June, July and August meetings will not have a business meeting. We will have snacks and Fat Quarter Raffles through the summer. We will work on a LITTLE QUILT WORKSHOP in June. Please bring a selection of coordinating fat quarters, sewing machine and notions, rotary ruler mat and cutter. I will have patterns and suggestions as well as instruction on how to down size blocks. It will surprise you how fast these little quilts go together. Plan this time just for you. Bring a bag lunch and stay until 2:00.

Plan to come to the July and August meetings with projects you are working on or FIT quilts in progress.

MEMBERSHIP

DOTTIE WILLIAMS

The April 24th meeting had 19 members present and 1 guest.

We raised \$14.00 on the fat quarter raffle.

OFFICER NOMINATIONS 2007-08

JANE SEDRICK

At the May meeting, guild members will elect officers and board members for the coming year. The current nominees are:

- 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



COMMUNITY SERVICES

RITA SODERBERG

Due to my inability to attend the rescheduled April guild meeting, much of what this article talks about may repeat what was covered at that meeting. I apologize. While I've noticed that my memory isn't what it used to be, I don't think that I've started repeating myself...yet!

Lois Tourangeau, Pam Mikkola, Connie Morin, Barb Kuenzig and I had the joy of attending the Families in Transition Volunteer Brunch on April 21. Our guild was presented with a framed certificate of appreciation for our beautiful quilts. I think for all of us the highlight was seeing several children there and recognizing the names on their name tags as being recipients of our quilts. Trust me, they were precious. Once again, a heartfelt thank you to each of you for your contribution to FIT.

Jane Sedrick and I have found ourselves to be on the same wavelength. While driving to the Cranston Printworks in April, she asked me if I had seen the article in the Union Leader several weeks ago about an organization that was making quilts for wounded soldiers. Not only did I *remember* seeing it, I had cut it out to investigate it. She thought it would be a good idea to look into it. Three days later, Quilts of Valor was front page news in the Union Leader and I decided that I would check out their booth at the MQX show that weekend. When I found my way to the QOV booth, who was standing there but Jane Sedrick!! Ladies, I think we're supposed to get involved in this effort.

Here is an excerpt from one of the handouts at the booth:

"The Quilts of Valor Foundation is all about reaching out to our wounded servicemembers through quilting. It is not about politics, it is about people! The QOVF was begun by Catherine Roberts in November, 2003, and to date has awarded over 9,000 quilts. A Quilt of Valor is a Lap-Sized Quilt made by a quilt-topper and a longarmer for a combat service member, whether wounded physically or psychologically.

"This special quilt starts its journey at the quilt-topper's home and then goes to the longarmer's home to be finished. After it has been bound, washed, and labeled, it then goes to its final destination where it is awarded by a military chaplain to the wounded service member.

"Most importantly, a QOV is not a charity quilt or tied or smaller than 50" x 60". It does not have cheap fabric. It is meant to last a lifetime!

"A QOV is our "Purple Heart" award for service, sacrifice and valor made by the combat wounded service member. It is our way of saying, "Thank You for your service, you have not been forgotten."

I encourage you to visit their website, www.qovf.org to learn more about the project. Collect your thoughts about our possible involvement and let's talk about it at the May guild meeting.

BFQG LOGO T-SHIRTS & POLOS

JANE SEDRICK

At the April meeting some members expressed interest in getting summer tee shirts or polos with the usual BFQG logo or the horizontal BFQG letters alternating with the friendship squares.

Since there are many styles available you can go to <http://www.americanthreadworks.com> and click on catalog, then tee shirt. My favorite is a line called "comfort colors" because it is garment dyed, very soft and comes in great colors.

Most embroidered tees are in the \$16.00 range, polos in the \$25.00 range and with \$5.00 going to the guild. If you wish to bring your own garment to have it logoed that is ok too. I can take orders at the May meeting. If you have any questions feel free to call me at 497-3586.

BEDFORD QUILTERS GUILD MEETING MINUTES

BEVERLY DICKEY

April 24, 2007

Bedford Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall

Opening

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

Program Committee:

Today's program will be Stuffed Bunnies for the Boutique by Faye.

The May program will be installation of new officers and a pot luck lunch.

June will be a mini quilt workshop.

During the summer there will be no planned programs and members may work on their own projects.

Pam went over the blocks and packets for the raffle quilt.

Bev spoke about the day trip to Cranston Mills and the Shop Hop. A great time was had by all.

- Treasurer's Report – not available.
- Membership- 19 members present.
- Community Service – Lois gave report on the FIT Volunteer Luncheon. The Guild received a plaque in recognition of our volunteer efforts.

Library Report- Karen announced that there have been magazines and patterns donated. We will sell these items for 25¢ or 6 for \$1. She asks that members please pick up items that have not been purchased during the meeting so they don't pile up.

New Business

- Jane Sedrick displayed her new Guild Tee Shirt. Members can check her website americanthreadworks.com for additional colors and styles.
- Beverly discussed the option of making Quilts of Valor after visiting the booth at the Longarm Quilt Show. As we are caught up and have a backlog of FIT quilts, this would be a worthwhile charity option. These quilts are often presented to the soldier at the same time as they receive their Purple Heart. Members can check out the site at qovf.org.

Faye also mentioned that another organization that would be grateful for quilts and donations is Paul Newman's camp for terminal kids.

Items for Information

Show & Tell

Helen- Wool Pineapple.

Susan- Kimono Quilt.

Lois- Quilting wall hanging.

Norma- Wool turtle.

- Fat Quarter Raffle was held.

Winners were Jane, Sue Ann, Winnie, Bev and Norma.

Time of Adjournment

10:25A.M. for Bunny Workshop.

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