



**Next Meeting:** Tuesday  
June 19, 2007 at 9:30 A.M at  
the Presbyterian Church, 4  
Church Road, Bedford.

**Bring** coffee mug, FIT  
quilts, fat quarters for the  
fat-quarter raffle, Show-and-  
Tell, equipment/supplies for  
small-quilt workshop, library  
books.

**Next Board Meeting :**  
Tuesday June 26 at 10:00  
A.M. at Pam's.

#### September Newsletter

**Deadline:** Please send  
articles, photos, etc., no later  
than Friday August 31.

#### Fat-Quarter Fabrics for June, July, and August:

June - *Stars and Stripes*  
July - *Days of Wine and Roses*  
August - *Flowers of Fall..*  
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#### BFQG on the Web:

<http://www.bfqg.org>

To send a note to Guild  
members, email it to:  
[BFQG@yahoogleroups.com](mailto:BFQG@yahoogleroups.com).

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

PAM MIKKOLA

Greetings Quilters,

Thank you for electing me to be your  
new President. I know that I have very  
big shoes to fill as Lois did a great job  
getting us started. We have a wonder-  
ful group of quilters in our guild and  
with your excitement and enthusiasm  
we will continue to grow, share and  
learn more about our quilting pas-  
sion. I am honored and look forward  
to a super year.

I understand that the meeting in May  
was lots of fun and I feel bad that I  
missed it. As indicated previously, we  
will have a "Little Quilt Workshop" at  
our June meeting. I will explain how  
to resize blocks to make them appro-  
priate for smaller quilts. I will bring  
several books with ideas and  
some little quilts as well.

Our July meeting will be dedicated to  
"Quilts of Valor" and August will be  
work on whatever you wish unless we  
come up with some other wonderful  
project. Remember to get in touch  
with Debbie Koczela with any ideas  
for programs, field trips or projects  
that you would like to have during the  
year.

Remember to check our BFQG yahoo  
groups website for any guild informa-  
tion during the summer as we will not  
have a newsletter in July and August.

Have a wonderful, safe summer and  
remember to take time to quilt. It will  
do your heart good.

Blessings,  
Pam

## LIBRARY

KAREN KOPP

**Please check to see if you have any  
items from our library and return  
them at the next meeting.** If you  
aren't sure whether your books have  
been checked in, please review the list  
that I'll have at the June meeting.

Numerous items have been checked  
out since early in the year.

Feel free to contact me if you have  
any questions.

## OLD TOWNE DAYS

The guild plans to participate in  
Bedford Old Towne Days again in  
2007. We will display the completed  
crayon quilts, made from the blocks  
the children colored last year.

The event is in September, prior to  
our guild meeting. You will receive  
more information at the summer  
meetings and by email.

## HOSPITALITY

### HOLLY BOSINGER

Even in the summer, 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.

Please sign up with Holly to **bring goodies in June, July, and August**—and even beyond..

## MEMBERSHIP

### BARB HASELTON

21 members attended last month's meeting.

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 Barb. Her email address is ronbarbh52@msn.com. (Note: Her email in your membership list may be incorrect.)

## GUILT RELIEF SALE

### CONNIE MORIN

The Guilt Relief Sale at the May meeting brought in \$36.90 and, hopefully, re-distributed some items to people who will actually use them.

Think about how often you would like to have such a sale. Give the Program Chair your thoughts.

## PROGRAMS

PAM MIKKOLA; DEBORA KOZCELA

### 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. Bring your lunch and stay until 2:00.

In June, we will have a Little Quilt Workshop. Mark your calendars and plan to dedicate this time to your quilting addiction. Bring a selection of coordinating fat quarters, sewing machine and notions, cutting mat, cutter, and rulers/templates. Pam will have patterns, suggestions, sample quilts, and more.

In July, we will work on Quilts of Valor. See details below.

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

## QUILTS OF VALOR

RITA SODERBERG

Members agreed at the May meeting to work on Quilts of Valor this summer. (See the May issue of *Strips and Pieces* for background details.)

At the July meeting, we will work together to make a QOV quilt top. The plan is to make a modified version of the “Warm Wishes” quilt, using the Friendship Star block along with a focus fabric block and the red/white/blue strip set block. The white fabric for the strip set and the Friendship Star block is being donated, as well as the red and blue fabric for the strip set, and the focus fabric for the focus blocks and the border.

Please bring red and/or blue fabrics for the Friendship Star block. Since I don't know how many will attend the July meeting, it would be nice if you could bring enough red and blue fabric to make 2 Friendship Star blocks. The same fabric can be used for the center square and the points, or an assortment of reds or blues could be used.



You can participate by cutting, sewing, and/or pressing. Take your choice and bring appropriate equipment/supplies. If you bring a sewing machine, bring a surge protector if you have one.

Be on the lookout for a Yahoo announcement with more details.

At left: Rita showed us her quilt-as-you-go Cathedral Windows a couple of months ago.

## 2007-08 BOARD

At the May annual meeting, members elected new officers and board members for the fiscal year beginning June 2007.

BFQG Board—2007-08		
President	Pam Mikkola	472-9225
Vice President	Deborah Koczela	497-3358
Treasurer	Diane Trottier	622-8791
Secretary	Jane Sedrick	497-8143
Librarian	Karen Kopp	472-2493
Membership	Barb Haselton	627-6040
Community Service	Rita Soderberg	472-5895
Sunshine	Dottie Williams	588-2664
Hospitality	Holly Bosinger	472-2271
Newsletter Editor	Kathleen Beach	673-7362
Quilt Show	Faye Shedd	424-7103
Publicity/Historian	Lois Tourangeau	424-0417

## FAT-QUARTER RAFFLE

CONNIE MORIN

Our fat quarter raffle for the May meeting made \$17.

The fat quarter theme for the June meeting is *Stars and Stripes* - flags, stars, fireworks, anything patriotic. The theme for the July meeting will be *Days of Wine and Roses* (grapes, roses, wine glasses and ??) and the August meeting will be *Flowers of Fall*. If anyone has a suggestion for a fat quarter theme they'd like for us to use, please let me know.

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

We have a new list from **FIT!!!** There are 16 children on the list. After taking a look at our inventory of stockpiled quilts, I've determined that we already have 8 or 9 of the children taken care of. What we need for boys are quilts for ages 1, 2 and 3 and a teenage boy age 17. Our needs in the girl's category are 3 quilts for teenagers. So if you're thinking about sewing for FIT this summer, please consider these age groups. In general, it would be good to stockpile more quilts in the infant to 3 year group and in the teenage group.

[NOTE: Kathleen keeps donated FIT fabric in her car. At any Guild meeting (if she's present), she'll be glad to bring it in for you. Also, if you'd like to donate fabric for FIT, she'll take it. Please give only 100% cotton fabric.]

All of you are aware of our second **Quilt Documentation Day**, scheduled for June 30 at the Old Town Hall. The hours are 9:30 to 3:30. Julie Crossland and her team will need help from us and has requested that our Guild provide 5 helpers for the morning session and 5 for the afternoon session. In addition, we provide lunch for them. If you're wondering how you can help, be looking for a Yahoo announcement with specific needs.

Our involvement with **Quilts of Valor** will begin at our Guild meeting in July. Thanks for your generous gifts of time, talent and fabric!!

Rita Soderberg

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—MAY 15TH, 2007

BEV DICKEY

**1. Opening:** Meeting was held in the Bedford Presbyterian Church Parlor. It was called to order at 9:50 a.m. by Presiding officer Lois Tourangeau.

**2. Old Business:** Minutes were approved, and new officers and board were elected. 2007-08 board members are:

President- Pam Mikkola  
 Vice President- Debbie Koczela  
 Treasurer- Diane Trotter  
 Secretary- Jane Sedrick  
 Librarian- Karen Kopp  
 Membership- Barbara Haselton  
 Sunshine- Dottie Williams  
 Hospitality- Holly Bosinger  
 Newsletter- Kathleen Beach  
 Community Service- Rita Soderberg  
 Publicity- Lois Tourangeau

### 3. Committee Reports:

*Treasurer's Report* – not available.

*Membership*- 21 members present.

*Community Service* – Rita states she still has not received a new updated list from FIT. [Ed. note: For an update, see Community Service column in this newsletter.] It is suggested [and agreed] that we make two Quilts of Valor. They are to be 50"X60" and of patriotic fabric. We will do this as a workshop for the July meeting. Connie has offered to donate the patriotic fabric in honor of her nephew that was injured in Iraq. Jane offered to embroider a Purple Heart on the quilts. Bev volunteered the white background fabric and will bring it to the June meeting. Rita suggested we do the quilts in a warm wishes and friendship star patterns.

*Newsletter*- Kathleen is still on the road, so no report. She will do the newsletter for just one more year.

*Old Towne Days*- We will do in September and display the crayon quilts from last year as well as the raffle quilt.

*Quilt Documentation Day*- Will be held in the Town Hall on June 30<sup>th</sup>. Members that volunteered to work are—Set-up: Connie, Rita, and Jill; A.M. helpers: Susan, Sharon and Diane; Afternoons: Barb, Debbie Lois and Faye.

*Lowell Quilt Museum*- Faye has flyers for the Lowell Quilt

Festival August 2nd-5th.

### 4. New Business

Jane Sedrick displayed her new *Guild Tee Shirt*. She has books so we can choose our style. [For more information, see page 3 of the May issue of *Strips and Pieces*.]

*Hospitality*- Holly requests signups for hospitality as her list is missing.

*Raffle Quilt*- Connie reports that 15 completed blocks have been turned in. She requests those that can please take extra block to complete. All blocks must be completed and turned in by the June meeting. She states there seems to be a problem with defects in the background fabric. Pam has designed the appliqué border design and requests that we put some of our block fabric in the bag so she can use it in the border design.

*Program*- Diane has offered to do a "Challenge" for next year. She gave some of the "rules" and showed items from previous challenges at other guilds. This was enthusiastically received.

### 4. Items for Information

#### *Show & Tell*

Norma- Jacket made by her daughter on the last quilt trip to Penn  
 Barb- Batik stars  
 Jane- Wedding Ring (for Mother's Day 28 years ago for her Mother)  
 Connie- Paducah Tulips. She also brought the catalog and pictures from the quilt show. She states she bought an antique quilt and will bring it next month..

*Fat Quarter Raffle* was held. 17 dollars were made. Winners were Linda and Barb.

Rita presented Lois with a rose bush and card with thanks from the group for her years as President.

**Time of Adjournment:** 11:15 A.M. to eat.

**Date and time of next meeting:** June 19th, 2007 at 9:30 A.M. in the Fellowship Hall of the Bedford Presbyterian Church.

## RAFFLE QUILT

CONNIE MORIN

**WOW!** The blocks that were turned in at the May meeting were really great. I just love seeing all the wonderful fabric combinations. We received 15 completed 2-block sets (both a Friendship Star block and a 9 Patch block), plus, somehow, we have 2 extra 9 patch blocks. That's 32 blocks completed of the 81 we need for the final top, so we are about 39% of the way there - **only 49 more** to go!

On a really positive note - every one of the remaining prepared kits were handed out at the May meeting. Many THANKS to everyone who took one and especially to those who took second and/or third kit sets.

If you'd like some help with construction, call any committee member—we'll be glad to assist you. [Committee members are Carol Klardie, Kathleen Beach, Nancy Dodson, Pam Mikkola, and Connie Morin.] If you have a kit and realize that you are not going to be able to complete the blocks, please call Connie or Pam and we will arrange to get it from you so someone else can work on it.

Also, if you need additional pieces of the background fabric for any reason (bad spot in your fat, or whatever), we have some (leftovers from the blocks already completed), so please call either Pam or me and we'll get it to you. And, if you are having trouble finding some of the darker fabrics, we have a bunch of 2 inch squares you could choose from so, again, contact either Pam or me.

REMEMBER we need **all blocks back** for the **June** meeting as we are scheduled to have the entire top pieced in time for the September meeting.

Once we have received all the blocks in June, we will be scheduling a time to do the layout of all the blocks and then a piecing workshop. More details to follow.

We also plan to finish the appliqué border by September. We have volunteers for the actual hand-appliqué; others can help with related tasks, such as cutting out shapes. Ask Pam what you can do.

This is going to be a great example of what our group can do - I can hardly wait to see the final product!

Connie 669-8453

Pam 472-9225

## QUILT SHOWS 2007

### Vermont Quilt Festival

June 29 - July 1, 2007

<http://www.VQF.org>

### Southern NH Quilt Festival

July 20 - 22, 2007

<http://www.southernnhquiltfestival.com>

### Lowell Quilt Festival

August 2—5, 2007

<http://www.lowellquiltfestival.org>

## QUILT SHOP HOP

NH QUILTERS' HARVEST HOP: October 4<sup>th</sup> through 7<sup>th</sup> 2007

Participating shops (all in NH): Apple Tree Fabrics, Hillsboro; The Chestnut Quilter, Manchester; The Constant Quilter, Andover; Golden Gese Quilt Shop, Concord; Pickering Farm, Richmond; Pine Tree Quilt Shop, Salem; The Quilting Corner, Tilton.

For \$7.50 you can get a passport at any of the participating shops.

Visit the website <http://www.harvesthop.com> for more details.

## 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.)

# BFQG QUILT SHOW

FAYE SHEDD

As you visit quilt shops and attend quilt shows this summer, look for specific ideas for the guild's quilt show boutique. Share these ideas with others, and bring anything you make to show-and-tell in September. Use your creative mind – share ideas – if you don't want to make it, someone else may.

Some general ideas:

Aprons – children's, men's, women's

Small doll quilts

Rag dolls

Make teddy bears from old chenille bedspreads

Patchwork stuffed animals

Potholders, placemats, table runners

Scenic wall hangings – different seasons

Pincushion – Faye can demonstrate – quite clever

Photo album cover



Faye can show you how to make this doll.

One of the highlights of Kathleen's vacation???  
(in west Texas)



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