



Next Meeting: Tuesday July 17, 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 QOV workshop, library books.

Next Board Meeting: Tuesday August 28 at 9:00 A.M. at Pam's.

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

Fat-Quarter Fabrics for July and August:

July - *Days of Wine and Roses*
August - *Flowers of Fall*.

BFQG on the Web:
<http://www.bfqg.org>

To send a note to Guild members, email it to:
BFQG@yahoo.com.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

PAM MIKKOLA

Greetings Quilters,

Just a quick note. Lois, Bev and I went on our yearly adventure to the Vermont Quilt Festival. We all came home inspired with all the wonderful quilts we saw. We managed to contribute to the Vermont economy as well. If you haven't been to the VQF, you should plan to attend next year. It is truly wonderful. Maybe we can make it a Field Trip.

Our Quilt Documentation day at the Bedford Old Town Hall was as wonderful as the last one. Thanks to Rita and all the gals that helped that day or contributed food for lunch. This is a wonderful community outreach program for our Guild.

Plan to attend our BFQG meeting on July 17 to help us construct a Quilt of Valor for our service men and women. If you have questions regarding what to bring, contact Rita or check last month's newsletter.

If you are away, please enjoy your summer and keep quilting.

Blessings, Pam

FIT NEEDS

RITA SODERBERG

We already have quilts for 8 or 9 of the 16 children on the current list of FIT kids. Please make a quilt top for a boy aged 1-3 (preferred size about 36" by 42" or larger) or

for a teenage boy or girl (size about 45" by 60"). Why not ask a friend to help you make a "teenage" quilt? It'll go together twice as fast..

Barb peeks over a FIT quilt



IN BRIEF...

Next Board meeting is on August 28, beginning promptly at 9:00 AM, at Pam's house. Everyone is invited; the week before, please let her know if you plan to attend.

Next year, the guild will begin operating on a **budget**. (Read more in the Treasurer's Report in this issue.) As of June 26, we had \$1583 in the Treasury.

Lois, as chair of the **quilt show boutique** committee, is looking for members to join her in small groups ("bees") to make items for that

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HOSPITALITY

HOLLY BOSINGER

If Holly cannot attend a meeting, Connie Morin will be her backup. (Holly has accepted a job offer but will continue to chair Hospitality. She will be at most meetings.)

Norma Miville will bring cheese and crackers to the July meeting..

We **need one more volunteer** to bring refreshments at each of the **July and August** meetings.

MEMBERSHIP

BARB HASELTON

19 members attended the June meeting.

We raised \$14 in the Fat Quarter Raffle.

Our new fiscal year began in June, and membership dues are payable in September. For the new year, the fee to mail the newsletter has changed to \$5.

An updated list of 2007-2008 members will be distributed at the November meeting. If you need a current list before then, please email Kathleen and she'll send you one.

SUNSHINE

DOTTIE WILLIAMS

Dottie's mother-in-law passed away recently, and last year's Sunshine chair, Diane, sent Dottie a fat-quarter pack in sympathy.

Dottie is away for the summer, but you can reach her via email.

QUILTS OF VALOR

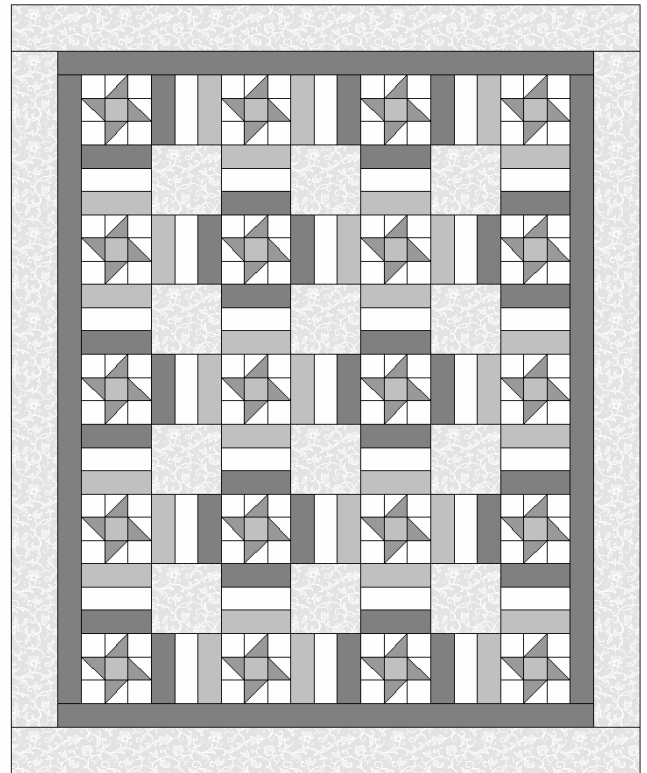
RITA SODERBERG

Just a reminder that our Guild meeting for July is a workshop (sweatshop?) focusing on producing one or more quilt tops for the Quilts of Valor Foundation. Information on this appeared in the June newsletter. As a reminder, you are asked to bring a fat quarter of blue and/or red. Or, scraps of blues and reds that would work-up nicely into a friendship star.

The blocks will be 6" blocks, so a whole fat quarter might be over-kill. (However, if the turn-out is low, then fat quarters would be a good thing.)

Connie and I are donating red and blue for the strip sets and a patriotic fabric for the plain squares and border. (Connie's fabric is honor of her nephew who was seriously injured in Iraq.)

The layout for combining the strip set blocks, the focus fabric blocks and the friendship star blocks will be similar to the one shown here.



In order for this to work, you **MUST** come prepared to **STAY and SEW**. That means bringing your sewing machine. We'll provide cutting mats and ironing stations. Bring your own rotary cutter and ruler, seam ripper, neutral thread, pins, and any other notions you would find helpful. It would be helpful if some of you brought extension cords and surge protectors.

See you on July 17 at 9:30 at the Presbyterian Church.

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boutique. She plans to schedule two groups: one will meet at night and the other during the day. Contact her if you are interested, and expect an email from her soon, with more details.

By August 28 (the next Board meeting), the **Quilt Show committee** plans to have a firm date and a venue for the 2009 show. Also, Faye will schedule a meeting of the committee sometime this summer, to move forward with plans for the show.

Lois, our **Publicity** chair, wants to contact **all** local area newspapers, encouraging them to publish our meeting dates, etc. If you live in a town/city other than Bedford or Merrimack and know the specific appropriate contact in any local newspaper, please send her this information.

QUILT DOCUMENTATION DAY

RITA SODERBERG

Many thanks to those who helped with the Quilt Documentation Day on June 30th. Approximately 30 quilts were documented by the two teams from the New Hampshire Quilt Documentation Project. If you're a subscriber to Fons and Porter's Love of Quilting Magazine, you would have recognized Gerald Roy who was helping out with the appraisals. (Mr. Roy lives in Warner, NH.) The weather that day was cool, hence Town Hall was comfortable, the food was plentiful and we all learn things when we're in the presence of Julie Crossland. It was a great day!!!



“Just a couple of quilts Faye whipped up”
 Above: Log Cabin
 Below: A Stack-and-Whack (yes, really)



TREASURER'S REPORT

DIANE TROTTIER

Hope everyone is enjoying their summer so far, we certainly have had nice weather. Changes have been made at the bank and I can officially take care of any expenses that you may need to have reimbursed on behalf of the guild.

I request that you not only turn in receipts for any expense but that you fill out a form (similar to the one below), so that the guild can better track income and expense. All you need to do is circle either expense or income, depending on which you are reporting, and then fill in the blanks. Thank you in advance for your co-operation regarding any income or expenses for the guild.

Also, we are asking each committee chair to turn in an estimated budget by the next board meeting on August 28th. This too will help the guild know where we are headed financially.

Thank you, Diane Trottier, Treasurer



Connie (on right) acquired this at the Paducah, KY, show

Bedford Friendship Quilters Guild			Income / Expense Report
Date	Name	Purpose	Amount
REPORTS MAY BE SUBMITTED IN PERSON OR BY MAIL TO DIANE M.TROTTIER 38 WHIPPOORWILL LANE BEDFORD,NH 03110. IF REQUESTING REIMBURSEMENT VIA RETURN MAIL PLEASE ENCLOSE A SELF ADDRESSED STAMPED ENVELOPE. THANK YOU, DIANE			

RAFFLE QUILT UPDATE

CONNIE MORIN

At the end of the June meeting we had 69 completed blocks - which only leaves 12 to go to meet our 81 block requirement! Several members have taken additional background fabric and are currently working on blocks, so we will not have any problems getting those last 12 in time to start the layout.

The committee will meet towards the end of July to do the layout - many thanks to Rita Soderberg for volunteering her house for this task. Once all the blocks have been placed and numbered, we will schedule a workshop in August to sew the strips together. It is going to be such fun to see all these great fabric patches come together into a beautiful quilt top.

Everything is right on schedule and we should have a beautiful quilt top to display at the Bedford Old Towne Days - just to whet their appetite for the final product, which we should begin showing and selling tickets for early next year.

QUILT SHOWS 2007

Southern NH Quilt Festival

Rivier College, Nashua . NH

July 20-22, 2007

<http://www.southernnhquiltfestival.com>

Lowell Quilt Festival

Lowell, MA

August 2-5, 2007

<http://www.lowellquiltfestival.org>

World Quilt Show New England

Manchester, NH

August 16-19, 2007

<http://www.quiltfest.com>



Some of you have been busy making mini-quilts



Quilt Documentation Day—June 30 At Bedford Town Hall

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