

STRIPS & PIECES



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Next Meeting: Tuesday
December 18, 2007 at 9:30
AM at the Presbyterian
Church, 4 Church Road,
Bedford.

Bring gift for Yankee Swap,
pot-luck dish for luncheon,
place setting, copy of this
newsletter, coffee mug, FIT
quilts, Show-and-Tell,
library books.

**Fat-Quarter Fabric for
December:** *Winter
Wonderland*

Next Board Meeting:
Tuesday February 5, 2008 at
9:00 AM at Pam's.

**January Newsletter
Deadline:** Please send
articles, photos, etc. by
Wednesday January 2.

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**Hospitality for
December:**
Everyone bring a

luncheon dish to share.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

PAM MIKKOLA

Greetings Quilters,

I am watching the snow fall as our first
Nor'easter of the season is upon us.
First I want to thank you all for your
generosity toward the Street family. I
am sure that Christmas will be a good
one for them. Quilters are awesome
people and we take care of our own.
Laura is getting her spirit back and
hopefully we will see her at a guild
meeting soon.

Thank you, Jane, for a wonderful Crazy
Quilt Workshop. We had great
participation with lots of beautiful
projects in the works. Please bring them
to Show and Tell. That is one of my
favorite parts of our meeting. I get
inspired to spend more time in my
"quilt studio." I am working on
resolutions for the New Year. I hope to
finish a project before I begin another
new one. Hopefully that works better
than my diet plan that I make every
year. Let's plan to bring in a completed
UFO to the January meeting along with
pertinent information like when you

started it and why it remained a UFO.

I savored my new *American Patchwork
and Quilting* magazine this weekend. I
especially enjoyed an article about Kay
England. She says to "quilt and be
happy. Enjoy the process. It's the
journey that's most important. It's more
about the doing than the done." I guess
if it works for Kay it works for us too.

Thank you to all who work hard to
make this guild a wonderful group to
belong to. You are most appreciated.

Our Christmas Pot Luck is always fun.
We all need a break from the Christmas
hustle and bustle of last minute gifts to
purchase, cards to write and that one
more batch of cookies to make. Plan to
set aside some time to relax and laugh
with your quilting sisters.

Lastly, may the blessings of Christmas
be with you and yours this year and
always and may the New Year bring
many opportunities to share, care, and
love. Isn't that what it's all about?

SPECIAL DECEMBER RAFFLES

At the December meeting we will
draw winners for the **Moda
Snowman quilt kit** and for the **Jinny
Beyer Christmas book**. Please
purchase your tickets before the
meeting - each ticket is \$1.00 or 6 for
\$5.00. Proceeds from the quilt kit will
go into the guild treasury as

undesignated
funds.
Proceeds
from the
book will be
spent on our
library.



Merry Christmas

HOSPITALITY

HOLLY BOSINGER

Holly cannot attend the next meeting; Lois is substituting for her.

Volunteers to bring refreshments for **January** - Evelyn Bonnin and Sharon Neveux.

If you find you cannot do the month you signed up for, please tell Holly or Lois as soon as possible so that someone else can step in.

MEMBERSHIP

BARB HASELTON

November meeting had 25 in attendance with two (2) guests. We welcomed a new member, Jess Kane. We all look forward to sharing fun projects with our newest member.

We also welcome back charter member Laura Street.

We raised \$11 in the Fat Quarter Raffle.

Please note 2 errors in the guild roster distributed last month: Tommi's birthday is March 2 and Lois's is June 16.

SUNSHINE

DOTTIE WILLIAMS

Whenever you hear of someone who needs a little SUNSHINE, please let me know.

Thanks,
Dottie

PROGRAMS

DEBORAH KOZCELA

Thank you, Jane Sedrick! What a great workshop we had at our November meeting. I do hope that all who participated had a great time. Perhaps the most fun was in "whacking a piece of fabric" to place on the design. Please bring your finished projects to share with us as they become completed.



In December* we will have our Holiday Potluck Luncheon. Please bring a dish of your choosing to share. It may be hot or cold and please remember to bring a warmer if it's a hot dish. To cut down on the paper waste, please bring your own place setting.

We will also have a Yankee Swap and we ask that you bring in a wrapped quilt-related gift costing no more than \$10.00. We will also have Show & Tell so don't forget to bring your projects to share with us.

In January we will have a redwork workshop taught by Pam Mikkola. The cost of this workshop will be \$10.00 plus an additional \$5.00 for a kit that Pam will prepare. Please see the notice below about this workshop. Signups will be at the December meeting.

I am also looking for people interested in giving quick 15 – 20 minute lessons for our March meeting. Please contact me by e-mail (dkoczela@verizon.net) if you are interested in sharing your expertise or time-saving tips with other guild members.

*A reminder that if Bedford schools are closed due to weather on December 18th, we will cancel our meeting as well.

REDWORK—JANUARY WORKSHOP

PAM MIKKOLA

Redwork Embroidery History: From Tea Towels to Quilts. Redwork embroidery began about 1880 and was popular from about 1910 to 1930. Outlined pictures were stitched with a simple stem stitch, a linear stitch that children can easily learn. Some patterns were simple, others intricate. Animals, flowers, toys and children were all popular themes. Pictures of famous buildings and people were stitched as well as playful storybook and nursery characters.

During the turn of the century redwork was used in quilts. Preprinted "penny squares" ready to embroider were sold, costing about a penny a square. The 1920's brought the use of more colors of threads in the embroidery work. Barbara Brackman (a noted quilt historian) wrote, "Floral baskets and bouquets, nursery rhymes and new themes of state

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birds and state flowers are typical subject matter for these quilts. For more information about Redwork please “google” Redwork Embroidery.

The Workshop: The cost for this workshop will be \$10.00. Proceeds will go to the guild. A kit with pattern, fabric, needle and floss will be available for an additional \$5.00. Supplies needed for the project are as follows:

A 5" - 6" embroidery hoop, small embroidery scissors, a red fine-line jelly-roll pen (to copy pattern onto fabric), or a mechanical pencil with a fine lead.

Please let me know if you will be taking part in this project so that I will know how many kits to prepare. Give it a try. This is a wonderful handwork project and very portable as well.

Pam Mikkola



November Crazy Quilt Workshop



Betsy, Connie, Nancy, Barb, Faye



RAFFLE QUILT UPDATE
CONNIE MORIN

Work has begun on the appliqué borders! We got a brief peek at them during the November meeting.

Next up on the To Do list are the pillow shams. Does anyone have a pattern or instructions for pillow shams? We need to see if we are going to have enough of the background fabric.

At the October meeting, the Guild voted to purchase a quilt display rack. We will use it when we begin making the rounds of other quilt shows to sell tickets for our raffle quilt.

And, before we can sell tickets, we need to compile a list of quilt shows and other venues where we can / want to display our quilt and sell tickets.

We want it to be completed in time to sell tickets at the Machine Quilters Exposition (MQX), in Manchester on April 14-19 of 2008. That will be our only opportunity to display it at that quilt show

If you have any suggestions of shows or other venues we should consider, please let me know as soon as possible. I plan to start contacting them in January to reserve a spot for our quilt. You can reach me at 669-8453 or by email at texasci@comcast.net.

Also, does anyone have suggestions for where / how to get the raffle tickets printed? I'm thinking we should be able to come up with something totally creative using some sort of 'make your own card' type of and print them ourselves – am sure it can be done, but I've never done it.

Guess that's all for this month.

Connie

MINUTES OF NOVEMBER MEETING

JANE SEDRICK

Minutes of the monthly meeting of Bedford Friendship Quilt Guild

Tuesday, November 27, 2007
Bedford Presbyterian Church

Meeting was called to order at 9:50am by President Pam Mikkola.

Minutes of the October meeting were accepted with no dissent as published in the November newsletter.

Treasurer was not present at meeting but treasurer's report was published in the November newsletter.

Pam noted Kathleen's excellent job on the newsletter.

Policies and Procedures: Pam asked if anyone had any comments or questions. Lois made a motion to accept the policies and procedures. Karen seconded the motion. Motion passed with no dissent.

Programs: December is the Christmas party. Bring gift for Yankee swap \$10.00 value. Also bring pot luck dish. Remember if you bring hot food also bring a crock pot or other means to keep it warm and extension cord if necessary. Also bring your own dish and utensils.

January Program will focus on Redwork. Pam will present program. More details in the January Newsletter.

Membership: 24 members present and 2 guests. New Membership list and membership cards now available. We want to increase our membership. Goal for everyone to try and bring one new member.

Community Service: Rita reported that the crayon quilts are on display at the Library and 3 quilts have bids. Bids of \$35, \$37 and \$50 have been taken. Bidding closes on December 1, 2007.

Rita announced that FIT will be raising money by gift wrapping at Barnes and Noble. Volunteers are needed. Check e-mail for details.

Quilt Retreat: Members who attended the quilt retreat reported that they had a wonderful time. A discussion followed about having a guild retreat or shop hop - Jeanne Braen volunteered to look into this.

Quilt Show Boutique: Lois handed out sheets with lists of possible items to make for the quilt show boutique. It was suggested that you include a value for items that you make. Boutique Bee is held at the Library on the first Monday of the month.

Quilt Show: Other work on the quilt show due to the holiday season is on hold until January.

Raffle Quilt: Work has begun on appliqué borders. Connie hopes to have quilt completed by March so we can sell tickets at spring events.

Library: New additions to Library are on display. Raffle tickets for "Christmas with Jenny Beyer " are on sale. Raffle will be at Dec. meeting.

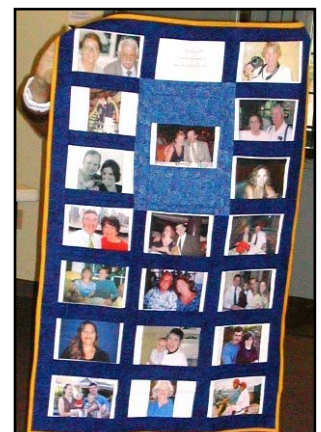
Pam discussed that our former member Laura Street could use some help. It was agreed to give her a complementary membership. Also anyone wishing to donate money or gift cards could put contributions in the box up front. Checks could be made out to Rita Soderberg.

Sue Ann brought samples of flame retardant batting for members to take.

Fat Quarter Raffle: A suggestion was made to bring 2 fat quarters to each meeting and one would be used to make fat quarter bundles for the quilt show boutique. December theme for fat quarters is Winter Wonderland. \$11.00 was collected for the fat quarter raffle. Winners were Evelyn, Faye, Norma and Helen.

Business meeting was adjourned at 11:10 for show and tell, refreshments, and Crazy Quilt workshop.

Respectfully submitted, Jane Sedrick



Purple hats for Oprah and a gift from friends

TREASURER'S REPORT

DIANE TROTTIER

On November 6, the Board updated a proposed 2007-08 budget (the Guild's first budget). It will be presented to members at the December meeting..

FAT QUARTER RAFFLE

CONNIE MORIN

It has been suggested that we begin bringing in 'double' fats starting in January. The extra fat quarter will be used to create a nice stash to use for the Boutique table at the Quilt show. So, for example, for January, where the theme will be Hearts and Stars (picking up both the Valentine's and President's Day holidays for February), you could bring one fat quarter of hearts and one of stars, or 2 fats of the same fabric. Also if you have any of those "Now what in the world was I thinking when I got this" fats (as I do), those can be donated for the Quilt show as well.

We had a wonderful collection of Christmas fats brought in for the November meeting – 22 different selections! There were 4 drawings this time, with 6 fats in 2 of the sets and 5 in the other 2 sets. Purchased fat raffle tickets netted \$11 for the Guild.

The fat quarter theme for December is "Winter Wonderland."

A *fat quarter* is made from a half yard of fabric: cut it down the middle, parallel to the selvage. Dimensions are about 18 inches by 22 inches. 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.

Christmas Raffle

Don't forget that we will be drawing the winner of the Moda Snowman quilt kit at the December meeting. The kit was donated by Debbie Koczela and all proceeds will go to the Guild. You can get your tickets at the beginning of the meeting - \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00, and a bargain at twice the price!



FIT QUILT UPDATE

RITA SODERBERG

As I write this article the snow is falling and the children in the surrounding communities are enjoying the cancellation of school. For those of us with no children at home, it's a perfect day to stay in and quilt. (But then what day isn't?) Unlike last December, it's really starting to feel like Christmas now.

This is a good time to say thank you for your continued efforts to produce quilts for the children of Families In Transition. Since we began tracking them earlier this year, you have made 23 quilts/quilt tops. Currently, we have 29 finished quilts in storage and 7 quilts lined up to be quilted. In October we delivered 31 quilts to children at F.I.T. I also sincerely thank those long-arm quilters who so generously give of their time and talent to quilt many of these treasures.



Sharon and her Crazy 9-Patch FIT Quilt

Our latest list from F.I.T. has 19 children on it. Since it's fun to play Santa, we'll don our Santa hats at the December Guild meeting on the 18th and assign quilts to as many of these kids as we are able to. It's possible that we won't have enough finished quilts in the Infant/3years category to provide for all seven children in that group at this time. The goal isn't to have the quilts delivered before Christmas. It is to provide the members with an opportunity to see the fruits of their labor and to personally chose a quilt for Connor, who's 4 years old, or for Alilyanna who is 4 months old, and the list goes on.



Little things by Faye, Nancy, Norma

LIBRARY

KAREN KOPP

Jane Sedrick has donated a copy of "Victorian Patchwork and Quilting" by Arlene Dettore and Beverly Maxvill. This is the book that inspired Jane's fun November workshop. Use the new technique you've learned to create the beautiful projects illustrated in this book!

Library Raffle

There will still be time to purchase raffle tickets for the Jinny Beyer Christmas book at the beginning of the December meeting. The winner will be chosen at that meeting. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. All proceeds from the raffle go to our library fund. Thanks for participating!

Karen



More Show-and-Tell
Rita's "Road Less Traveled" - front and back
Connie, Faye, and Jane with their quilts.



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CRAYON QUILT AUCTION

RITA SODERBERG

The four Crayon Quilts from Bedford's 2006 Old Town Day were displayed for a silent auction at the Bedford Public Library during the month of November. When bids closed on December 1, three of the four quilts had received bids of \$52, \$49, and \$35. (The fourth quilt received no bids.) The children's department of the Bedford Public Library will receive a check from our Guild for \$136.

NEWSLETTER & WEB SITE

KATHLEEN BEACH

Thank you for the show of appreciation of the newsletter at last month's meeting. Such a warm response!

Please bring your current copy of *Strips and Pieces* to the guild meeting each month.

About one week prior to the guild meeting, *Strips and Pieces* is posted to the BFQG web site and mailed to those members who pay for delivery.

You can access *Strips and Pieces* (any issue) by going directly to the web site (<http://www.BFQG.org>).

The **newsletter deadline** for items for the next issue appears on page 1 of each *Strips and Pieces*. Note that the January deadline is immediately after the holidays—on January 2.

EMAIL

If you **send an email** to the entire guild, please note that Evelyn B, Norma M, Winnie H, and Sarah H do not have access to email. Please call them to deliver your message.

When you **reply to an email** that is sent to the entire BFQG group, please reply only to the person to whom you wrote the reply, not to the entire group. You can change the "send to" address on your reply or to "forward" the email instead of "replying" to it. When you send an e-mail to the group, consider adding a line at the bottom with "If you wish to respond please e-mail me at [email address]."



Lois shows off her Quilt Retreat project



A "headless" Jeanne wearing her custom shirt (with apologies from the photographer)

TIP OF THE MONTH

Try placing a book under the foot that is not on the machine foot pedal. This helps keep your hips and spine aligned and reduces back strain when sewing for long periods. (From: Janet Jones Worley, Author of *Quilts for Chocolate Lovers*)

If you have a tip to share, please send it to Nancy Scopa or to the newsletter editor.

BFQG 2005
Holiday Lunch



FIT QUILT SIZE GUIDELINES				
Ages	Infant - 3 years	4 - 8 years	9 - 12 years	13 years and up
Width (inches)	36-40	40	40-45	45-50
Length	45	45-50	55	60
Fabric	Unisex	Age and gender specific		



NEW ENGLAND QUILT MUSEUM

SUE ANN WALKER

The museum will give a **20% discount to new members, through December 31, 2007**. Furthermore, your membership fee is tax deductible. Take 20% off Senior/Student \$20; Individual \$32; Family \$40.

Learn more about the museum and about member benefits at its website: <http://www.nequiltmuseum.org/>.

The next special exhibit at the museum, from January 19 through March 30, is *Puzzle & Board*—inspired by puzzles and board games.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

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