

STRIPS & PIECES



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**Next Meeting: Tuesday
May 20, 2008, at 9:30 A.M.**
at the Presbyterian Church, 4
Church Road, Bedford

Bring coffee mug, FIT
quilts, Show-and-Tell, items
for Guilt Relief Sale, potluck
dish and utensils for
luncheon.

**Fat-Quarter Fabric for
May:** Cream/mocha/taupe
(prints, solids, tone-on-tone)

Next Board Meeting: TBD

June Newsletter Deadline:
Please send articles, photos,
etc. by Tuesday, June 3.

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**Hospitality for
May:
EVERYONE!**
Bring dish of your
choice for luncheon.

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

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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

PAM MIKKOLA

Greetings all,

Thank you to the 25 out of 34 guild
members who completed the
questionnaire at the meeting in April.
Periodically, it is good to get the pulse
of the group and make positive
changes. One of the most common
requests was to have more time to
socialize and more time for workshops
and speakers. More communication
was requested. Generally, most of you
are happy with the Guild and enjoy the
meetings.

To answer your requests, we plan to
include the Board meeting minutes in
the newsletter. Remember that any guild
member is invited to the board
meetings. We are trying to meet
quarterly rather than every month. We
would like to have all committee chairs
put their information into the
newsletter and unless there is a specific
need for discussion, we will not take
time in the meeting for these committee
reports.

The time for the guild meetings will
remain the same beginning at 9:45. We
will attempt to have the business
meeting completed by 10:30. The
church has given us permission to
occupy the Fellowship Hall until 4:00
when we have a workshop or special
event. If you choose not to take part in
an activity, plan to stay and work on a
project of your choice.

Please consider being part of a
committee. Some of you responded
positively to this as well as to becoming
an officer of the guild. It is really good
to be on a committee to see what goes
on and then become the chair or co-
chair. Participation is important and
fun. You never know who will become
your new best friend.

Our raffle quilt chair, Connie, needs lots
of help selling tickets at various quilt
shows and venues from now until our
show in April of 2009.

We plan to have a suggestion box at
each meeting. Look for it at the
membership table. Feel free to submit a
suggestion or comment, good or bad,
anonymously or signed. We have a
wonderful, friendly and welcoming
guild. We are happy to see our
membership grow.

Remember to read the newsletter, as it
is our main means of communication.

Kathleen
continues to
make it fun to
read as well as
informative.

Happy
Quilting,
Pam



Winnie shows off her
jacket

POTLUCK LUNCH

LOIS TOURANGEAU

A Pot-Luck luncheon is planned for the May meeting. Everyone bring any dish of your choice, along with a serving spoon/utensil and a method to keep it hot/cold, if needed.

Also, please bring your own plate (or muffin tin?) and cutlery.

Please volunteer to provide snacks at the June, July or August meeting. There's no business meeting, but we still want to eat!!

MEMBERSHIP

ANNE-MARIE KENYON

36 members attended the last meeting. In addition to the 36 members we had 3 guests: Barbara Wallace, Yvette Tetrault and Janet Mahoney and 2 new members: Lillian Oczykowski and Leonora Isaak.

We raised \$27 in the Fat Quarter Raffle.

When you arrive at the guild meeting, sign in at the membership table and pick up your name tag.

The guild's new fiscal year begins on June 1. We will accept dues as early as the May meeting. Print an application form from the web site or get one at the membership table..

SUNSHINE

DOTTIE WILLIAMS

Wanda Makela, who had pneumonia, received note cards.

Be sure to let me know if anyone needs a little sunshine.

Dottie

PROGRAMS

DEBORAH KOZCELA

Our May program is a potpourri of potluck. This should be a very fun and relaxing meeting. See "PotLuck Lunch," at left, for details. We'll vote on the slate of officers for the next guild year. We will host the second annual "Guilt Relief Sale". (See page 6.)

Diane Trottier's challenge is due at the May meeting. If you completed the challenge, be sure to bring it in for us to see. We will schedule another challenge next year. Stay tuned for details.

I would like to thank Peggy Anne of Peggy Anne's in Concord for coming to our guild in October and I would also like to thank Jane Sedrick, Pam Mikkola and Cary Flanagan for conducting workshops this past year. We will put a lot of focus on our upcoming Quilt Show in the next few months but I am already working on a program line-up for next year. If you have a new technique or project you like to teach to the guild, please see me at the May meeting. I would like to finalize the programs for next year before the September meeting.

I'd like to thank all of the participants of the fabric swap. Your interest certainly exceeded my expectations! It didn't quite go as planned but we learned from our experience. I have heard a couple of members have worked on their quilts and I hope we see them at the meeting. We will have another fabric swap in December. I'll announce plans for that in September.

Upcoming summer programs: In June, Pam Mikkola will conduct a workshop on little quilts to help us get motivated for the auction to be held at the Quilt Show. If you haven't started your quilt yet, this is the meeting for you. In July, we will have a FIT workshop. The Community Service committee will be in charge of this meeting. For more information, see page 8. In August, we will have an informal "finish it up" program. This will be your inspirational meeting to finish that project so you can start a new one!!!

We have scheduled programs for the summer months but **please remember**, these projects are **not mandatory** and you can bring your own projects to work on. We have the room available to use. Let's all take full advantage of it. Consider it your own personal "bee" day.

Finally, if you like to be an active participant in programs for our Guild, please see me or Jane Sedrick at the meetings. Thanks to Nancy Peach for agreeing (okay, I roped her into it!!) to assist the Program Committee.



Two Nancys with their quilts.

RAFFLE QUILT TICKET SALES CONNIE MORIN

Thanks to 15 fantastic volunteers, we had a wonderful start on ticket sales for our *Blooming Friendship Stars* raffle quilt at the MQX show April 17th-19th. Our total sales for those 3 days was **\$426.00**. In addition, Pam sold \$48.00 in tickets at an event at her house on April 14th which gives us a total of \$474.00 in one week! Not bad at all!

Our next opportunity to sell at a quilt show is the **Southern NH Quilt Festival, on July 18-20th in Nashua**. We have first option on one of the 2 raffle ticket sales tables at this show but need to provide a list of white glove volunteers *before* they will confirm our spot. We will be required to provide **6 white glove volunteers**, one for each 2 hour shift, for each day that we want to sell at this show. In addition, we will need 2 volunteers for each of four 2-hour ticket sales shifts.

The suggestion has been made that we “make a day of it” – getting a group together to carpool down there for the whole day. Each of us could do 2 hours of sales and 2 hours of white gloving, then spend the rest of the time just enjoying the show.

Whatever we decide, unless I have all of the volunteers needed for Saturday, July 19th **signed up by the end of the May meeting**, I will probably have to tell them we can't participate. If we have a great response on signups, we could do Friday (the 18th) as well. But we are expected to be there all day for each day we choose to sell (for example, we can't say we just want to sell Friday afternoon). Be sure to **stop** by the Raffle Quilt table as you come in for the May meeting and sign up for this event.

After that we are signed up to sell at the **Lowell Quilt Festival – Images 2008 show in Lowell, MA on August 7th and 8th** (Thursday and Friday from 10 AM to 6 PM). Thanks to Sue Ann for doing the registration for us. We will be expected to provide 1 white glove volunteer for each 2-hour shift (4 shifts) for those 2 days. This is in addition to staffing our ticket sales table for those shifts. So we will need 3 volunteers per shift on those 2 days. All volunteers doing white gloving will be given a half-price admission for the day they volunteer. If you are just staffing the ticket sales table, you will be expected to pay full admission to the show.

The **Mancuso World Quilt Show comes to**

Manchester September 18-21st. The time commitment for this show is for all 4 days – white gloving and manning the ticket sales booth (see their requirements, below). Basically we will need **32** hours of white glove volunteer time and **60** hours ticket sales (30 hours times 2 people per shift).

“We would like to extend to your guild an opportunity to display and sell tickets for your raffle quilt at the **World Quilt Show XII – New England**. This event will draw thousands of quilters to New Hampshire and will provide you with an excellent opportunity for your fund raising event. The World Quilt Show will provide your guild with space to display your raffle quilt for all four days of the festival in exchange for 32 hours of white glove volunteer service. Volunteers have the option of filling eight (8) four- hour shifts, or sixteen (16) two-hour shifts. **Please note that all volunteers must pay either the pre-registration fee or the general admission so that they have proper identification to enter the show area, and we ask that all volunteers supply their own white gloves. (Quilt must be displayed all days of show.)**”

I have also contacted Amy at the **Quilter's Gathering** to see if we can sell at their show in Nashua **November 6-9th** and will update you on that as soon as I have more details.

In case you are wondering about other , non-quilt show sales opportunities, we will begin focusing on those starting in January 2009.

Now, a few words on **volunteer opportunities**:

At the MQX show, where we were not expected to provide white glove assistance, we only needed 50 hours of volunteer service. That should have translated to 25 volunteers each doing a 2 hour shift – which is not a huge commitment of time for a group with 44 members. In reality, we only had 15 volunteers. That meant we had to do more hours per volunteer. If we are going to sell at the events mentioned above, we must do better than that.

We can try different strategies to encourage participation - such as putting your name in a drawing for a gift basket for every 2 hour shift you volunteer for, forming car-pools, making it a group activity day, etc. - but it really comes down to **each of us stepping up to the plate to do our share**. If we cannot get the volunteer participation, we will not be able to sell at some of these venues. For example, I don't feel comfortable signing us

MINUTES OF APRIL MEETING

JANE SEDRICK

Tuesday, April 15, 2008
Bedford Presbyterian Church

Meeting was called to order at 9:50 by presiding officer Pam Mikkola

It was agreed by consensus to accept the March minutes as published in the April Newsletter.

Treasurer's Report was given by Diane Trottier. She noted that we have started to spend money on items for the quilt show. We were reminded to fill out forms when submitting monies or asking for disbursements. Connie moved to accept the treasurer's report. Bev seconded the motion. Treasurer's report was accepted as presented.

Questionnaires were passed out to take the pulse of members as to their feelings about the guild and ideas for future improvements. It is not necessary to sign your name to questionnaire.

Program committee: Today's program - Table runner using a Cary Flanagan pattern. Also a floral fabric exchange. Anne Marie showed sample quilt made from floral fabrics.

May Meeting - Pot luck lunch. Everyone bring a dish of their choosing. Remembering to bring serving utensils and extension cords for crock pots. Also bring in quilt challenge entries. Election and installation of officers.

June - Little quilt workshop

July - workshop making FIT quilts.

Membership: Anne Marie reported 34 members present. 2 new members have joined: Lillian Oczykowski and Leonora Isaak. Pam welcomed 3 guests, Barbara Wallace, Yvette Tetrault and Janet Mahoney, and encouraged them to join.

Community Service: Rita announced that the two Quilts of Valor we did last summer are complete and ready to be shipped. Faye did the long-arm quilting. In May, we will photograph guild members with the quilts. Diane volunteered to take them to her contact for shipment. Rita reported that the October list of children for the FIT quilts is complete. She has not yet received a new list. She described the FIT program for new members and guests. Also Rita received a large donation of fabric which can be used for FIT quilt workshop in

July.

Newsletter: Kathleen said the deadline for the next newsletter is May 6. She appreciated that items were coming in early. She also noted when sending files out to guild members use a .pdf format when possible as most people can read that or send file to her and she can convert it to .pdf. [Ed. Note: Diane T suggested an easier alternative: send notes as "text;" one way to do that is to copy them from your editor directly into your email.]

Sunshine: Jess Kane thanked members for thoughtfulness and receipt of sunshine packet after death in her family. Dottie had no other sunshine to report.

Hospitality: Lois reminded members to list any possible allergens on their pot luck dishes such as nuts or seafood etc.

Publicity: Lois showed counter cards that were printed about the guild and the April 2009 quilt show. Members were encouraged to take some and leave at places that they patronize.

Raffle Quilt: The completed raffle quilt was on display. It was noted that Diane did the long-arm quilting, Rita did the binding and Jane embroidered the label. Tickets will be sold at the MQX Show. Sign up sheet still available. Next meeting tickets will be handed out to members with photograph of quilt. Goal is to sell tickets at one venue per month. Contact Connie if you have suggestions of places to sell tickets.

Quilt Show: Meeting for Quilt show met prior to today's meeting. Next meeting will be at 8:15 prior to the May guild meeting. A walkthrough of the Old Town Hall is scheduled for today after the Guild meeting.

Library: Karen reviewed checkout procedure for new members. Sign card in book, give card to Karen, Maximum 2 books per month, return books at next meeting. Books are listed on the BFQG web site.

New Slate of Nominated Officers: President: Pam Mikkola, Co-Vice Presidents: Debbie Koczela and Jane Sedrick, Secretary: Rita Soderberg, Treasurer: Sue Ann Walker, Community Service: Faye Shedd and Tommi Hall, Library: Karen Kopp, Hospitality: Lois

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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	Anne-Marie Kenyon	232-3232
Community Service	Rita Soderberg	472-5895
Sunshine	Dottie Williams	588-2664
Hospitality	Holly Bosinger	488-5478
Newsletter Editor	Kathleen Beach	673-7362
Quilt Show	Diane Trottier	622-8791
Publicity/Historian	Lois Tourangeau	424-0417

Minutes of April meeting (Continued from page 4)

Tourangeau, Sunshine: Dottie Williams Publicity: Connie Morin, Historian: Lynda Caza, Newsletter: Kathleen Beach, Quilt Show: Diane Trottier

New Business: Sue Ann announced \$25, a bag sale of donated items at the Lowell quilt museum. April 26 12-6. She also thought that we might be able to combine a road trip in conjunction with the Lowell Images show in August.

Fat Quarter Raffle raised \$27.

Meeting was adjourned for show and tell and workshop at 10:45.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Sedrick



Rapt quilters at the April meeting..

FAT QUARTER RAFFLE

CONNIE MORIN

We had so many donations of really great DOTS for the April Fat Quarter Raffle that we ended up doing 5 drawings! The winners were Norma Milville, Tommi Hall, Nancy LeBoeuf, Betsy Woodward and Pam Mikkola. We added \$27 to the Guild treasury and had extra fats for our Quilt Show collection. Fantastic!

The theme for our May Fat Quarter raffle is Cream / Mocha / Taupe – prints, solids or tone-on-tone. Raid your stash and see what great pieces you might have.

We need some ideas for the June, July and August themes, so put those thinking caps on and jot down your ideas to leave in the jar at the Fat Quarter Raffle table when you come in for the May meeting.

Also remember – we are doing the drawing for the *Quiltscape* puzzle raffle at the May meeting. If you want a ticket, please purchase it as you come in.

A *fat quarter* is made from a half yard of fabric cut down the middle, parallel to the selvage. Dimensions are about 18 inches by 22 inches. Please bring new, quality cotton quilt fabric; it's OK to wash it first (but not required).

You receive one free ticket for each fat quarter you contribute to the raffle. You may purchase additional raffle tickets for \$.50 each or 3 for \$1.

Raffle Quilt Ticket Sales (Continued from page 3)

up for the Mancuso Show in September until I have a pretty solid commitment for the 92 hours of volunteer duty we need for that – and time slots are allotted on a first-come basis.

This group has always responded in an amazing way when someone else needs us – now we need to do the same for ourselves.

Many thanks to Drake Daniels of Quality Press in Nashua for winning the battle to get the picture of the Blooming Friendship Stars quilt. The wind was a problem that day, but he never gave up.

Musings from Messy Tessy

I hope that you had fun fondling your fabric last month. If you are following along, you must be seeing results of your labor. Small amounts of time yield big results. There are probably some who are not working on this at this time. Keep the notes and follow the plan when it suits you. I promise my feelings won't be hurt. If you have questions about the plan, please e-mail me at Messy.Tessy@comcast.net.

This month we are going to work on organizing the dreaded "UFO's" or "WIP's" (unfinished projects). For whatever reason, we as quilters seem to collect these. If you are a quilter who buys fabric for a project and works on it until the piece is completely bound before you begin another one, Congratulations!! You can rest this month.

For the rest of us, here is a plan. First, determine if you really like the project. Maybe it has served its purpose. If you began the project in a class, learned the technique and don't care if you ever do it again, you have my permission to send it to UFO Heaven. Consider donating the project to FIT. There are always quilts to be made with collections of orphan blocks. If you have fabric left from the project that you are not going to finish, put it back into your nicely organized fabric stash.

If you have several projects that are unfinished, congratulations!! You are not alone in your misery and guilt. Go through the projects that you really want to finish and put a date on them. You know how fast you work. Be realistic as to the completion date of these projects. Start small with the project that needs the least amount of work. It will get you going. I have found projects that I have totally forgotten about. Place all the pieces and parts along with the directions in a box and plan to finish them one by one according to the dates you have assigned them. Imagine the sense of accomplishment you will have as you crank out those projects. You may even have some Christmas gifts in the making.

There is an added bonus here. As you finish or eliminate the UFO's you will have more space for more fabric, books and patterns. Yippeeeeeee!!

*Have fun,
Tessy*

ANNUAL "GUILT RELIEF" SALE DEBORAH KZOCELA

Books, patterns, excess notions....oh my! We all have them. They do take up a lot of space in our quilt studios. We have the solution. Look over your stock and if there's something you'd like to sell, and bring it to the May meeting. Proceeds will go to the Guild Treasury to be used for future programs. Please price your items fairly. We'll have a special table set up for you to drop them off when you arrive.

Note: If your items are still available when you are leaving for the day, please take them home. We'll have another sale next May!

Board meeting minutes (Continued from page 7)

Profile one or two members each meeting.
Remind members that guests may be required to pay fee to hear speakers.
Ask members to help with specific tasks.
List committee chair names on committee reports to encourage members to know who they are.
Meeting was adjourned at 12:20.
Respectfully submitted,
Jane Sedrick

MINUTES OF BFQG BOARD MEETING

JANE SEDRICK

Minutes of the BFQG Board Meeting: Tuesday April 27, 2008
Home of Pam Mikkola

Members Present: P. Mikkola, D. Koczela, J. Sedrick, D. Trottier, F. Shedd, L. Caza, N. Peach, L. Tourangeau, K. Kopp, A. Kenyon, S. Walker, R. Soderberg, T. Hall

Meeting was called to order at 10:05 am

Minutes of last board meeting read and approved by consensus.

Treasurer's report- Diane Trottier: Starting balance of \$1842.82 ending balance of \$2570.46. Raffle quilt ticket sales \$474. \$30.00 will remain in cash box to make change. Treasures report was accepted.

Goal is to allow more time for fun, socializing and projects at the guild meetings. Reduce length of the business meetings. Committee chair should put reports into the newsletter so we do not need to take up too much time at the business meeting. Keep discussions brief when giving reports.

Membership – Anne-Marie Kenyon: It was decided to have roster and copy of newsletter available for new members to see at meetings. Also it was decided to restore suggestion box at sign in table. Karen noted that a suggestion box was included with the library materials. Anne-Marie agreed to take charge of reviewing suggestion box entries and see that they were routed to the appropriate committee chair.

Newsletter and Website- Kathleen Beach: Check with Kathleen to see if membership packet with sign-up could be put on website as a .pdf file that members could download to give to prospective members.

Remind guild that anyone can submit items to the newsletter. Board decided that although the board meetings are open to all members we should make the minutes available to all members. It was decided to post this thru yahoo groups. Trying to make board meetings quarterly.

Historian should maintain a copy of all newsletters. Ask membership if anyone with computer skills could help Kathleen with newsletter and website as an apprentice.

Future discussion about ads in monthly newsletter.

Sunshine - Dottie Williams: Wanda had pneumonia- she was sent note cards.

Program Committee for '08-09 - Debbie Koczela, Jane Sedrick, Nancy Peach, Sue Ann Walker. May - Pot luck, quilt challenge, election of officers, fun! Pam will not be at May meeting.

June - small quilt workshop.

July - FIT' quilt workshop.

August - UFO projects

September - Name badges

Quilt Show Committee - Diane Trottier: next meeting 8:15am prior to regular guild meeting. No summer meetings. Counter cards are out; encourage members to distribute some. Lois is publicity chair for quilt show. Sue Ann is looking into quilt rack rental. Need to get more members participating in quilt show and raffle ticket sales.

Offer to buddy up with someone or ask if some would sit at raffle table if they had a ride.

It was noted that we should keep records to aid future quilt show committees as to what worked and what did not to use as a guideline.

Raffle Quilt- Connie Morin : Sue Ann made her due diligence report on the Friedreich's Ataxia Research Alliance. (FARA) This is a non-profit group. She found all their tax returns and looked into all the principles. After a very comprehensive review Sue Ann feels they have passed the due diligence. Therefore the motion that was passed at the February meeting stands that at least 50% of the net profit from the raffle quilt will go to FARA.

For future charity funding, Sue Ann has prepared a nomination form and a score sheet for reviewing charity nominations.

Discussion followed concerning the **legal status of the BFQG**. We never filed a 501(c)3 to be legally classified as a nonprofit. As a start up we did not have funds available to do this. We do have an EIN (federal tax ID). A motion was made to look into filing as a 501(c)3 by Lois. Second by Lynda. Sue Ann agreed to look into filing a 501(c)3.

The **surveys** given out at the last meeting were reviewed. 25 surveys were turned in. 22 were happy with the time and format of the meeting, 22 felt they were informative, 21 liked the programs. 19 wanted field trips, 8 said they would consider leading a program. 19 said that they felt we had the right amount of community service.

Suggestions:

We have evaluation sheets after workshops.

Put handout not just on membership tables but all tables.

Consider room set up for each workshop and set up prior to each meeting.

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JULY FIT WORKSHOP

RITA SODERBERG

Let's hear it for SPRING!! I don't know about you, but in March I found myself doubting that we'd ever see green grass and leaves again! How quickly that has changed.

This column focuses on our FIT workshop coming up at the July 15th Guild meeting. The FIT committee met on May 1 to do some planning for the workshop. We looked at assorted donated fabrics and came up with several groupings to pre-cut kits from.

However, we need a rough idea of what the members would like to see at the workshop. Do you want to work from a pre-cut kit? Do you want to work independently on a quilt you have already planned? Do you have a specific technique that you've seen demonstrated that you would like to see used in a FIT workshop? If you'd prefer not to bring your sewing machine to the meeting, would you be willing to be a "trimmer" or a "presser"?

There are many ways to approach the July workshop. We will provide a sign-up sheet at the May meeting for you to indicate your preference. This is not a commitment, just a guideline for the committee to use for planning. By indicating your preference, we will know how many kits to cut, etc.

I am waiting for one quilt to be long-arm quilted and that will complete the October 2007 list. Those quilts will be delivered to FIT in May. At that time, (if elected) Tommi Hall and Faye Shedd will take over as co-chairs of Community Services.

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		

For additional guidelines on making FIT quilts, visit the "Community Services" page of the guild website, www.BFQG.org

QUILT SHOW CORNER

DIANE TROTTIER

We are off and running. Several of us were able to visit the Bedford Town Hall after the general meeting and workshop on April 15, and we now have a plan for displaying the wonderful quilts we are making.

Speaking of which, it is not too early to start thinking about how many quilts you will enter. Registrations for the quilt show will have a wide range of categories to enter quilts into, with one major stipulation for every quilt entered: it can not have been entered into **our** quilt show before. Since this is our first quilt show I do not think anyone can say that they can not enter a quilt in the show.

Please remember to talk up the quilt show wherever you go.

We will again have our next quilt show meeting before the general meeting on May 20, at 8:15am. If anyone would like to have a walkthrough of the Old Town Hall on that day, please let me know and I will see about scheduling another one.

Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions, ideas, or concerns regarding the quilt show. Thanks,
Diane Trottier, Co-Facilitator

Note: "Who's who" for the quilt show—a list of committees and members who have volunteered to serve on them—appears on page 10. Please add your name to this list!

"MY FAVORITE PASTIME"

DIANE TROTTIER

This is the deadline for turning in those challenge quilts. I hope you enjoyed this challenge and perhaps working out of your comfort zone and expanding your quilting repertoire. Please be sure to put a label on the back of the quilt entry with your name covered so that the viewers won't know whose entry they are voting for. It's part of the fun...

Also if you could bring your quilts in a bag I would appreciate it. I will accept them and prepare them for display so that everyone can vote on their favorite one. Diane Trottier

LIBRARY

KAREN KOPP

This month the library received 2 copies of the book *In A Twinkle- Youthful Quilt Designs* by Kay Mackensie, donated by Rita Soderberg. These kids' designs are cute, colorful, and quick to make. The small-sized quilts are mostly pieced with touches of easy appliqué.

A few overdue books and magazines are checked out from the library. Please remember to return your selections at the next meeting. If a book is lost or missing after 6 months it is your responsibility to either replace the item or pay its cost. I'll be reminding people at the May meeting.

ANNUAL MEETING

At the May meeting, the guild will elect officers and committee chairs for the 2008-09 fiscal year, which begins in June. The members below have agreed to serve. Please consider volunteering to help them.

Nominated Officers	
President	Pam Mikkola (second term)
Vice President	Debbie Kozcela and Jane Sedrick
Secretary	Rita Soderberg
Treasurer	Sue Ann Walker
Nominated Committee Chairs	
Librarian	Karen Kopp
Membership	Anne-Marie Kenyon
Community Service	Faye Shedd and Tommi Hall
Sunshine	Dottie Williams
Hospitality	Lois Tourangeau
Newsletter Editor	Kathleen Beach
Quilt Show	Diane Trottier & Faye Shedd
Publicity	Connie Morin
Historian	Lynda Caza
Web Master	Kathleen Beach

NEWSLETTER & WEB SITE

KATHLEEN BEACH

Strips and Pieces is published monthly 10 times a year, from September through June. About one week prior to the guild meeting, it is posted to the BFQG web site and mailed to members who pay for delivery.

You can access all issues of *Strips and Pieces* at the web site, <http://www.BFQG.org>

Other items on the web include the guild's **Bylaws** and its **Policies and Procedures**, guidelines for FIT quilt construction, contents of the guild library and a link to the Yahoo! Group.

The **newsletter deadline** for items for the next issue appears on page 1 of each *Strips and Pieces*. The deadline is about 2 weeks prior to the next meeting. Send your information to ksbeach@hotmail.com.

EMAIL

If you **send an email** to the entire guild, please note that Evelyn B, Norma M, Winnie H, and Sarah H do not use 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. **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]."

TREASURER'S REPORT

DIANE TROTTIER

If you have any outstanding expenses or revenues for this fiscal year, please submit them at the May meeting. Forms will be available should you need them.

The figures below were presented in detail and approved at the Board Meeting held on 4/28/08, if you wish to review them, details will be available at the May meeting. If you have any questions please contact me at dmtrottier@comcast.net

Thank you, Diane

Beginning Balance April 1, 2008	\$1,842.85
Income	899.00
Expenses	(171.39)
Ending Balance April 28, 2008	\$2,570.46

TIP OF THE MONTH

To reduce “bowing” of a strip-pieced strip, press with the strip perpendicular to the ironing board. And when strip-piecing more than 2 fabrics for a strip, alternate the direction in which you sew them

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



Ruth celebrates Spring.

QUILT SHOW COMMITTEES

DIANE TROTTIER

Admissions	Barb Haselton, Jeanne Braen, Dottie Williams
Program Book	Kathleen Beach, Tommi Hall, Barb Kuenzig
Program Book Advertising	Faye Shedd
Volunteer Coordinator and White Gloves	Sue Ann Walker
Boutique	Lois Tourangeau, Nancy Scopa, Karen Kopp, Susan Fewart
Little Quilt Auction	Pam and Paul Mikkola, Nancy Peach, Nancy Dodson
Quilt Registrations	Anne-Marie Kenyon
Publicity	Lois Tourangeau, Lynda Caza, Nancy Peach
Hospitality/Refreshments	Jane Sedrick, Karen Kopp, Rita Soderberg, Regina Fredrikson
Vendors and door prizes	Debbie Koczela, Connie Morin
Raffle Quilt	Connie Morin
Theme/Decorations	Bev Dickey
Set Up/Take Down	Nancy Peach, Linda Mullen, Diane Trottier
Co-Facilitators	Diane Trottier, Faye Shedd

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