

STRIPS & PIECES



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September 2009

**Next Meeting: Tuesday
September 15 at 9:30 A.M.**
in Fellowship Hall of the
Presbyterian Church, 4
Church Road, Bedford, NH

Bring Fat Quarters, \$ for
FQ raffle, your coffee mug,
FIT quilts and Show-and-
Tell.

**October Newsletter
Deadline: Tuesday
September 22, 2009**

HOSPITALITY

Volunteers to bring **snacks** for
September are as follows:

September -

Cary Flanagan

Nancy Peach

Elyse Groubis

Ruth Turner

Lucille Ducharme



BFQG on the Web:

<http://www.bfqg.org>

To contact most* Guild
members, send an email to:
BFQG@yahoo.com.

*About 8 members do not
use a computer. Please
contact them by phone.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I don't think that it was an accident
that our founding members chose to
put the word friendship in the name
of our guild. It has always been our aim
to be a warm and welcoming group.

When I walked in to that initial
September meeting I did not know
anyone. Before the first meeting was
over I knew that I would never feel like
an outsider, even though many there had
known each other for years. I had never
belonged to a guild before so I thought
this friendliness was not unusual. By the
way our membership has grown. I think
we have something unique, and I hope to
preserve it.

Imagine, it seems just a year or so ago
that the main topic of our board meeting
was how to increase membership. Now
our goal is how to keep that friendly
atmosphere. Since friendship is a two
way street here a few things we all can
do.

1. Volunteer for a committee. Nothing
major - I got to know some members
by selling raffle tickets together.

2. At just one meeting sit next to
someone you don't know...She might be
a former college classmate (it happened
to me).

3. Take part in Show and Tell. Some of
the best are small projects or short cuts
you have learned and PLEASE tell us
your name.

4. If something is bothering you tell
someone one on the board or put a note
in the suggestion box.

5. Visit a board meeting - they are open
to all members.

I look forward to seeing so many old and
new friends in September '09

Jane Sedrick,

GUILD MEMBERSHIP CAPPED

Because we don't want to outgrow our
meeting space at Bedford Presbyterian
Church, the Board and membership
agreed to cap the membership at 80. All
current members as of the May 19
meeting are guaranteed membership if
their dues are paid by September 15, 2009
and new members will be accepted
through the September 15, 2009 meeting.
Beginning in October, others who desire
membership will go on a waiting list.

Through attrition, we will eventually be
able to cap the size at 80 members.

Renew your membership by September
15 at a monthly guild meeting or by
mailing a membership form (available on
the web) and check to the Guild (to the
address on last page of newsletter) in
order to maintain your membership
status.

Anne-Marie Kenyon

HOSPITALITY

Hospitality volunteers to bring **snacks** for September are as follows:

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Nancy Peach

Elyse Groubis

Ruth Turner

Lucille Ducharme

MEMBERSHIP

WOW....we are up to 91 members. We signed up 7 new members during the summer months. Please help me welcome to the guild:

June: Pat Martin and Claire Morris

July: Helen Hickey and Eva Lynn (Evie) Loy

August: Donna McDowell, Joanne and Leo McClure

The board and membership have agreed to cap membership at 80. All current members are guaranteed membership if their dues are paid by September 15, 2009. We will be accepting new members through the September 15, 2009 meeting. Beginning in October, others who desire membership will go on a waiting list. Through attrition, we will eventually be able to cap membership at 80.

If you have not yet renewed your membership and wish to do so, please renew by the September 15, 2009 meeting. If you will not be at the meeting, you may forward your membership form (available at www.bfqg.org) and check to me at 249 Brent Street, Manchester, NH 03103.

I will be handing out 2009-2010 membership cards at the September meeting to everyone who has renewed.

Ann Marie Kenyon

PROGRAM NOTES

First of all let me tell you about the program for the **September** meeting – it's going to be great fun! We will start out with a "Getting to Know You" session that will be something more than the usual process of going around the room for "my name is ... and I've been quilting for..". Then we are having a **UFO Yankee Swap**. So you need to scour your sewing space for something you've started and just have no idea of how to (or no desire to) finish and bring it in. Please – **only one UFO per person** (I know, that's hard when you have as many as I do, but we have to have some limits and we're starting with one. The project should be in a non-see-through bag that can fully contain the materials and be closed so no one can see what they are getting. There is one other guideline ... If you bring in a UFO then you have to take one home. What we'd like to do is have a Show and Tell of the completed UFO's in March. Between now and then we'll decide what to do with the completed projects (back to original owner, kept by the person who completed it, raffled off – there are lots of options).

The program committee met in August and we've come up with a tentative program plan for the rest of this year (through the May 2010 meeting). This will be presented to the Board in early September and then to the general membership at the September 15th meeting. Based on the replies to the questionnaires completed last spring we are trying to include a variety of events such as speakers and workshops presented by well known quilters as well as workshops and skill building sessions presented by our own very talented members, road trips, fundraisers, just for fun entertainment programs and whatever else we can come up with. In addition, members are always welcome to bring their own project and work on it while enjoying the companionship of other Guild members.

One thing we noticed when discussing programs and activities is that the day seems to logically break out into 3 sections – the Business Meeting, Regular Activities (Fat Quarter Raffle, Block of the Month, Mystery Quilt, Round Robin Quilt, Show and Tell) and then the "Program". And of course, we have to have some time in there for those delicious snacks provided by our members and coordinated by the Hospitality committee!

In order to make transition from one section to another flow smoothly with our larger number of members, the committee is looking at some options for how we break out for "Program activities" after the business meeting and regular activities are over. We will need **volunteers for setup and cleanup** at each monthly meeting. The ladies who volunteered to help with setup for the September meeting are Debbie, Marti, Trudi and Lucille. At the September meeting, I will be looking for 3 or 4 other members who plan to stay for the full meeting to help with the cleanup tasks. As we were picking little pieces of fabric and threads off the chairs after the August meeting, someone (Pam, Sue Ann?) suggested that we bring some of those **lint picker-uppers** to each meeting. Great idea - so if you have one and can stay, please bring it with you.

Guess that's it for this month. See you in September ... **Don't forget your UFO!**

Cannie Morin



Left:
Marti Fraser displaying her calendar quilts.

Below is a "lasagna" quilt.

Great job!



SUNSHINE

Sunshine was sent to Regina Fredrickson and Denise Goodman in June, as well as Faye Shedd whose mother passed away.

Sunshine was sent to Lillian Oczykowski in July as she was recovering from surgery.



Sunshine was sent to Connie Richard on August 7. She injured her back in a bad fall. Sunshine was also sent to Margaret Brown on learning that her father passed away

Sunshine was sent to Shirley Marino, who recently had a heart attack followed by surgery.

If you hear of anyone who needs a little Sunshine, please contact the new "Sunshine Girl." **Barb Kuenzig**

barb@bkwks.com 472-5478

BLOCK OF THE MONTH

WOW!!! I am so excited that the winners from this past guild year's BOM program took up the challenge. We've seen some pretty spectacular quilt tops. Be sure to bring them back in September so that all the members who've missed them can have a look. My quilt top is currently out for quilting but is expected to be at the September meeting.

I do hope the interest in the BOM continues. It is great fun to see those blocks come in monthly. The blocks will continue to be in the 12 1/2 inch unfinished format and will be traditional blocks. The series will run October through May, 2010. The block instructions are generally borrowed from Marcia Hohn's "The Quilter's Cache" which can be found on the internet. (www.quilterscache.com)

At the meeting in September I will have a sample block that will be due in October for the drawing. You can make one block or more than one. Each block gets a chance for entry in the drawing. I will have a limited number of paper copies for instruction and ask that they be reserved for those who do not have computer access. I will send an e-mail with the instructions via the BFQG yahoo group for all other members.

The BOM is a good piecing exercise. Do not be afraid! It is not meant to be a stressful process. The quilt police are not allowed into the BOM program! I encourage members to look into their stash to complete the blocks. Nancy Peach, my partner in crime, and I, generally pick the block and the color palette. Interpretation of the color palette is always very exciting to see. Don't ever hesitate to call either of us for help.

That being said...I am keeping the October block under wraps until the September meeting.

Debby Koczela

FROM YOUR EDITOR

This is my first issue of the BFQG Strips & Pieces newsletter. Please bear with me while I get used to this (new to me) format.

Feel free to send articles or suggest ideas/changes for the newsletter to me. As always the deadline for getting articles and/or photos to me is the Tuesday following the previous meeting. Thanks for your support!

Cary Flanagan

FAT QUARTER RAFFLES:

Hi everyone, my name is Nancy Peach and I will be the new Fat Quarter Raffle Coordinator. (That sounds so much more official than the fats and raffle lady) This year I wanted to try to do something a little different so with a little help from nature and *Crayola* I have come up with the following monthly choices. The theme for this year is **Friendship**....that being said the list begins.

F stands for Floral, for the month of September
R is for Ruby, red for the month October
I is for Indigo, blue (one of my favorite colors) for November
E is for Emerald, for the month of December
N is for Nectarine (an official *Crayola* color) for January
D is for Dandelion (another *Crayola* choice) for February
S is for Sienna (brown) for the month of March
H is for Heliotrope (purple) the month of April
I this time is for Ivory the month of May and
P is for Peony or pink (another one of my favorites) for the month of June.

So there you have it. Each month you just need to raid your stashes and find the chosen color....doesn't need to be solid, just the dominant color in the fabric, any design. I wonder if we can all just find something each month in our stashes and not have to go shopping for it???? I would never want to stop anyone from a field trip to a quilt shop though!

In the month of June we had raised \$32 for our guild. We gave out 4 fat quarters to 8 different people. The following are the names of our eight lucky winners: Jane Sedrick, Dianne Dalpra, Janet Mahoney, Elyse Grubis, Evelyn Bonnin, Betsy Woodward, Sylvia Babcock and Lynda Caza.

So remember, September you need to find those fabulous floral fabrics in your stash. I know that we must all have some. I will be looking forward to seeing what everyone comes up with each month. Friendship to all,

Nancy Peach

FIT WORKSHOP



We had a great turn out and workshop for FIT at our last guild meeting. Thanks to everyone who braved the heat to work on quilts. Many of you took fabric/kits home to work on, as the temperature was unbearable. Several stayed and worked even though it was very hot. We look forward to seeing the finished quilts.

We are trying something new with the fabric. Please follow the guidelines about the use of the fabric as stated in the handout that was available and will be posted on the website.

There is a lot of very important information in there about our quilt making guidelines as well as what to do with it when it is finished, so please familiarize yourself with this info. It is tempting to want to use the fabric for your own projects, but the intent of it is for the charity things that the guild sponsors. If anyone would be able to help us by storing a box of fabric and bringing it to guild meetings, please let me know. We are trying to divide it up and have it accessible at our meetings. Also, we have lots of large pieces for backings, so perhaps you could plan your quilt around something that we already have, so you know that you will have the backing for it.

We will look into a time when we can go to Quilted Threads and do a workshop there, as I mentioned in an e-mail to the group.

Thanks for all of the enthusiasm and participation. *Jimmie Hall and Faye Shedd*

2009-10 OFFICERS/COMMITTEES

OFFICERS	
President	Jane Sedrick
Vice President	Connie Morin
Secretary	Linda Mullen
Treasurer	Sue Ann Walker
STANDING COMMITTEES	
Membership	Anne Marie Kenyon
Programs	(Vice-President)
Librarian	Debbie Koczela
Hospitality	Karen Kopp & Regina Fredrikson
Sunshine	Barb Kuenzig
Community Service	Tommi Hall & Faye Shedd
Newsletter	Cary Flanagan & Margo Wiggin
Publicity/Historian	Margie Henrichon/Lynda Caza
Web Master	Kathleen Beach
Quilt Show	On Hold
OTHER COMMITTEES/POSITIONS	
Newsletter Pub.	Kathleen Beach
Raffles	Nancy Peach
NEQM Liaison	Sue Ann Walker
Block of the Month	Debbie Koczela
Quilt Challenge	Jane Sedrick & Lynda Caza
Field Trips	Lois Tourangeau & Bev Dickey
Raffle Quilt	Pam Mikkola and OPEN
Parliamentarian	Kathleen Beach

September

TREASURER'S REPORT	
Submitted by Sue Ann Walker	
Previous Balance as of 4/22/09	\$11,039.29
Income	\$1,486.70
Expenses	\$558.43
Ending Balance as of 9/20/09	\$11,967.56

Note: Includes a bank correction of \$200 from Quilt Show deposit.



Sharon Neveaux above, Margo Wiggin below, with snowball BOM quilt.



SWAP SHOP/CLASSIFIED ADS

**FOR MEMBERS ONLY:
MUST BE SEWING/QUILTING RELATED**

For Sale: A very nice, large folding cutting table, originally bought on sale from Jo Ann's for \$60.00. Selling for \$50.00 or Best Offer. Ask me for details. Cary Flanagan 483-2971

Musings from Messy Tessy



I hope that you all enjoyed your summer and had time to squeeze in a bit of quilting. Even though my kids are grown and gone (less clutter there), I still feel that Labor Day is the time to regroup and get organized.

Many of you have been following along with my hints for organizing your "Sewing Studio". With so many new members who have not been working with our strategies for taming our creative clutter, I would like to just review a few ideas to get started. If you have been reading along and still haven't gotten started, what better time than now. You can find past articles archived in our past newsletters.

Take a picture of the room. You don't have to show it to everyone like a picture of your grandkids. This is so that you can pat yourself on the back when it is wonderful. If you have outgrown your space, you will need to think about what you really need in the space that you have. You will need a comfortable sewing space. I have my sewing machine in a cabinet by windows that provide natural light. At a right angle to the left I have a table that holds an ironing pad and iron as well as some necessary notions. A good chair is very important as you will be spending many happy hours piecing you heart away. I have an adjustable secretary's chair with wheels. Under the chair I have a piece of plastic that allows me to cruise from my cutting table to my sewing machine. My cutting table is an adjustable table that is set to my comfortable cutting position. This is situated across from my sewing cabinet. Take everything off your current sewing table and think about how you can make it more efficient.

Please don't turn this into a chore. By spending a short amount of time at any task is better than turning it into a major project. You don't want to take time away from quilting by spending hours rearranging. I have also decided to make appointments on my calendar for quilting time. If you wait until you have everything else done you will never get to it.

Have fun.

Messy Tessy

PS: E-mail me with any questions you may have regarding this month or past months at Messy.Tessy@comcast.net.

A note from your new Librarian:

The Library will return at the September meeting. I would like to thank Marji Maiocco, Barbara Fischer and Sandra Potter for their generous donations in July. The web site will also be updated with the new additions prior to the September meeting so you will know what is available to borrow.



We all know that storage is always an issue. Fabric first! With this in mind, I would ask members to hold off on donating magazines at this time. We will try to institute a program for magazines that will benefit the library. More on this later....

Look forward to seeing you all in September. Thanks, in advance.

Debbie Koczela



JoAnne McClure showing off a personal challenge. Below is Marti Fraser with her four-patch quilt.



Lucile Ducharme Log Cabin quilt

NEWSLETTER

Strips and Pieces is published monthly 10 times a year, from September through June. It is posted to the BFQG web site (www.Bfqg.org) and mailed to members who pay for that service.

For the 2009-2010 year Cary Flanagan is editor, Margo Wiggin is proofreader and Kathleen Beach will post to the web and mail out copies to people without Internet access.

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Bedford Friendship Quilt Guild Board of Directors Meeting

June 2, 2009

The meeting was chaired by the president, Jane Sedrick. It was called to order at 10:02.

Present were: Linda Caza, Regina Fredrikson, Sue Ann Walker, Anne Marie Kenyon, Bev Dickey, Pam Mikkola, Margo Wiggin, Lois Tourangeau, Deb Koczela, Nancy Peach, Barbara Kuenzig, Karen Kopp, Margie Henrichon, Nancy Scopa, Connie Morin, Cary Flanagan, and Linda Mullen.

Last month's meeting minutes were approved.

Membership: At present time there are 84 members. Ann Marie is waiting for one member to send her check for membership dues and that will make it 85 members. We are accepting new members till September 9, 2009.

Sue Ann Walker, Finance, would like the mixture of \$15 and \$20 member's fees.

If a member doesn't have access to a computer, we will ask other members to take responsibility to notify them of things that are going on.

Programs: For June, Jane Sedrick will show new members how to make name tags and Karen Kopp will teach string quilting. It was mentioned that members might want to bring a sewing machine for Karen's class.

In July, Quilts of valor will be worked on
In August, Fit Quilts will be worked on.

Connie Morin and Sue Anne Walker will be putting the programs together for the future months.
Connie is leaving for Texas and will be back in August.

Trips: Bev Dickey and Lois Tourangeau will be coordinating trips.

Hospitality: Regina advised she needs at least five people to bring goodies each month for our large membership. It was suggested to have a cookie swap at Christmas and we could share recipes.

A list will be started for setup in September and also, the bar and counter in the kitchen will be used for display of food. This way we can eliminate table so we can have more room for sewing.

Newsletter: Cary Flanagan and Margo Wiggin will be

getting together to decide who will handle what for the newsletter. They will need everything for August 25th for the September newsletter.

Sunshine: Barbara Kuenzig brought to our attention how many packages of flats that are going out. See breakdown below:

2007	35 members	7 packages
2008	41 members	11 packages
2009	11 packages	Jan. thru April

We will keep to the bylaws for who gets packages of fat quarters. Otherwise, it will be up to the discretion of Barbara. Also, it was suggested that starting in September each member of the Guild donate 1 fat quarter to Sunshine.

Library: Deb Koczela advised books are in her basement and she will be taking a look at them to see what she has. Also, she is going to get books back into the library from members who still have them out.

Historian: Lynda Caza questioned how many articles to keep from newspapers on Quilt Show and guest speakers. It was stated when we run the same article in three or four papers, we will save one article and just mark in the margin the other newspapers it was in.

Publicity: Connie Morin said someone from our May meeting would like articles run in the Nashua paper. She said she had no way of knowing if the article would be in the paper. Linda Mullen will have her husband, Jim, check in the paper because he works at BAE Systems in Nashua.

Raffles: There will be no raffles in the summer.

Donation: Maureen Clark of the Market Place Quilt gave us one quilt which only needs binding (Bev Dickey will finish this quilt for us) and seven quilt tops. Maureen would like us to give her a value for each quilt so she can deduct it on her taxes. She would also like her name mentioned in our newsletter regarding the above.

Maureen Clark
Market Place Quilt
6 Front Street
Salem, MA. 01970
978-740-3890

We have honored Kathleen Beach with the title "Parliamentarian". Everybody felt this was a good title to give her and everybody approved it.

Finance: We have received dues from 40% of our membership.

We will have July Crossland tell us how to determine a value for FIT Quilts, Quilts of Valor, and material that has been given to us. Also, we will bring this up at the September Meeting and put it in our newsletter.

The Board Members gave authorization to file for the Non-Profit Tax ID. 501 only needs cash amount. Pay when revenue is over \$25,000. Sue Ann Walker will be the one filing for the non-profit status.

ESTIMATED BUDGET FOR 6/1/09 – 5/31/10

	<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Expense</u>	
INFRASTRUCTURE:			
Gen. Liability Ins.			
Venue Rental		\$1000.00	
P.O. Box Rental		240.00	
Membership Dues^	\$3,200.00	100.00	
Raffles & Other	1,800.00	40.00	
Raffle Quilt	2,000.00	600.00	(Bi- Annual for Quilt)
Newsletter		400.00	
Website		240.00	
Postage #		200.00	
Administration		100.00	
Publicity		200.00	
Capital Equipment ~		200.00	
Subscriptions		50.00	
Infrastructure-Other		100.00	
TOTAL	\$7,000.00	\$3,470.00	
EDUCATION:			
Speakers & Workshops	\$1,500.00	\$5,000.00	
Challenge	100.00	100.00	
Quilt Show	To be determined.		
Library*		200.00	
Education-Other			
TOTAL	\$1,600.00	\$5,300.00	
CHARITY:			
Fit Quilts		\$200.00	
Raffle Quilt			
NEGM Donation+			
Charity-Other			
TOTAL		\$200.00	
SOCIAL			
Hospitality		\$400.00	
Sunshine		400.00	
Historian		100.00	
Thank you Gifts		200.00	

