



NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, Dec. 21, 2010

9:30 AM to 2:00 PM

in the Fellowship Hall of the
Presbyterian Church, 4 Church
Road, Bedford, NH

Don't forget to bring:

Fat Quarters and \$ for Raffles
Show 'n Tell
Refreshment for Luncheon
Plate, Utensils and Cup
Yankee Swap Gift



*Marie Seroskie shows us her
reverse appliqué technique*

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for the next news-
letter is Tuesday, December 28,
2010

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



As we begin the holiday season, we will have 3 new members in our guild: Sue Rankin who joined in November and Mary Ann Pank and Lisa Deberandinis who are joining shortly. I know you all will welcome them into our ranks.

It has come to my attention that some of you feel our policy toward guests and wait list prospective members is too lenient. Let me remind everyone that this is not addressed in detail in our by-laws, and it was not until early this year that we even had a waiting list.

It has always been my personal view, in keeping with the intent of the founding members, that our goal was to be a welcoming group and to be inclusive as much as practical. Because the "rules" have been vague, I guess we need to be specific as to what is expected of members and guests.

Members will always have first dibs for all meetings, workshops, retreats, and guild functions. Members are welcome to make motions and vote on motions at meetings. Guests must pay to attend meetings with guest speakers. Only members have use of our library. Only members can be board or committee chairs and serve on committees.

I personally encourage wait list members to read our newsletter and Yahoo group mail and contribute to our charities if they desire to do so. I do feel that our holiday party is for members only since it is usually one of our most highly attended meetings.

This is my personal view. Please think this over and let me know your views. I ask that we plan to discuss this at our January meeting and enjoy the fun and festivities at our December Party.

Jane Sedrick

Right: Connie Richard's Christmas Tree



MEMBERSHIP

There were 58 members and 2 guests present at the November meeting. We have welcomed Sue Rankin to our guild as our newest member. We will be extending an invitation to Mary Ann Pank and Lisa Deberadinis to join our guild. They were next on the waiting list and this will bring our membership up to the 80 capacity number.

There are 14 people on the waiting list. Those waiting in line are: Marge Shaughnessy, Jane Michaud, Rachel Holzniekemper, Kathryn Galgano, Beverly Jackson, Kim Hullette, Jacqueline Aiken, Sue Raabe, Cheryl Kneeland, Maureen McIntyre, Cathy Bowen, Anita Crehan and Pat Herne.

Please let me know if there are any changes in address, etc. Email at ms@katielane.com or call at 673-2123.

Keep yourself and others in stitches.
Marie Seroskie

LIBRARY NOTES

Due to our activity-filled December meeting, we won't be bringing in any library books. However, you may still request a certain book from the library list and we will be sure to get it to you. Here is a list of the library books that are long overdue:

Beautiful Foundation-Pieced Quilt Blocks by Mary Jo Hiney

The Creative Pattern Book by Judy Martin

Traditional Quilts with a Twist by Maggie Ball

Victorian Patchwork and Quilting by Arlene Dettore and Beverly Maxvill

Debbie Mumm Quilts Santa's Scrapbook by Debbie Mumm

Please check and see if you have these books at home. Thank you.

Karen Kopp and Ginny Frechette

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR NOVEMBER

November 2010	
TREASURER'S REPORT	
Submitted by Sue Ann Walker	
Previous Savings Balance as of 9/21/10	\$8,007.38
Previous Checking Balance as of 9/21/10	\$1,223.32
Income	\$92.00
Expenses	(\$34.95)
Ending Savings Balance as of 10/23/10	\$8,008.08
Ending Checking Balance as of 10/23/10	\$1,352.27
Income: Raffles	
Expenses: Refund of dues; membership supplies	

Sue Ann Walker

Kathleen Beach is showing us her latest creation with the help of Pam Mik-kola



*Below Left—Marji Maiocco holds up a Christmas Napkin
Below Right—Sharon Neveux shows us a blue and green string quilt...look what you can do with scraps...*



PROGRAM NOTES

"Holly Jolly Holiday Gathering"

Be prepared for a really fun Holiday party, with lots of great food, a gift swap that is a bit different this year, a fun "quilty" game of "Left, Right, Center", show and tell AND of course (best of all) sharing good times with good friends! Last but not least, Jane is going to entertain us with an original parody of "The Night Before Christmas" that she has written. Go Jane!



We will also have our BOM and FQ raffles as usual, and perhaps some other special raffles - wait and see!

Our gift swap will be organized as follows: Each member will receive a random number as he/she arrives. They will place their gift on a table and each gift will be assigned a number. Three of these gifts will have a star hidden inside the wrapping (red for first swap, silver for second and gold goes last). If you receive one of these special stars you may swap your gift for any one else's gift (only one swap) or you may choose to keep it.

Here is what to bring:

- a dish to share (anything you want but should feed at least 5-10 people)
- your own plate (or other type of dish for all that delicious food), cup, utensils, napkins, etc.
- a gift for a fellow quilter (may be wrapped in fabric as part of the gift or any other way you want) Don't go overboard on price!
- three fat quarters (any type) for playing "Left, Right, Center" (and if you have the special die to play the game with please remember to bring them!)
- fat quarters for the FQ Raffle
- quilts and other projects for Show and Tell, especially ones that are holiday-related!
- your own happy, smiling, enthusiastic self!

If I have forgotten anything, feel free to bring it along!

As this is a highly attended meeting, we ask that Members Only attend this meeting.

I am so sorry I will miss the Yankee Swap and Pot Luck – have fun everyone! (Connie)

January 2011 – Cathedral Windows class

Trudi Costa will present her Cathedral Windows class in January. Be sure to sign up if you are interested.

February 2011 - Square-in-a-Square with Jean Kearney

Information to Follow

March 2011 – Gerald Roy

This program, titled "100 Years & Still Growing", will feature antique tops, pieces and blocks from a rich history of unfinished projects from the Pilgrim / Roy Collection and will focus on the ongoing tradition and the need to participate. While there is no charge to members for this presentation, there will be a \$5.00 fee for guests.



This table runner will look great on Susan Frewert's holiday table

FAT QUARTER RAFFLES

Our November raffles were a lot of fun and a lot of you took part. We had some wonderful items (donated by guild members—thank you!) that were raffled separately from the fat quarters. In all we had 8 happy winners. No, wait---I misspoke: We actually had 6 winners of 8 drawings.

The fat quarter winners were Diane Trottier, Karen Kopp, Margie Henrichon, Nancy LaBeouf, and Kelly Bishop. In the additional raffle, Diane Trottier won a beautiful “layer cake”, Kate Galgano won the Christmas quilt magazine with 6 Christmas fat quarters, and Diane Trottier (who??) won the quilting space book and the 2011 quilt calendar.

It is worth mentioning that many of us hadn’t seen Diane Trottier at a BFQG meeting in a long time. It was great to see her with us again and, even if you only look at raffle winnings, I’m guessing Diane was happy to be there. A visitor and waiting list member, Kate Galgano, was also a happy winner and hopefully soon she will be off our membership waiting list.

The December fat quarter raffle theme is Trees. Christmas trees, oak trees, palm trees, bark texture, wood grain, whatever. Check your stash and use your quilter’s imagination. Let’s see lots of fat quarters in this raffle. Most likely Santa will bring a bonus prize as well. Since we are having a big party, I won’t confuse matters more by having an additional raffle in December. But let’s make the “Tree” fat quarter raffle our biggest yet!

Trudi Costa

BLOCK OF THE MONTH

The Block of the Month for December is the Double Z Block from Quilter's Cache (www.quilterscache.com). The instructions make a 12.5" block, including seam allowances. Please make the block in either red or green fabric and use a white background fabric. If you have questions, please contact me at 472-5293 or send an email to mhenrichon@comcast.net.

Have fun!
Margie Henrichon



Jill Guild won last month's BOM Raffle

SUNSHINE

Since the last newsletter, a packet of fat quarters and card were sent to Ginny Tenney because of a death in her family.



If you hear of anyone who is in hospital or who has lost a close member of their family, please contact me.

Barb Kuenzig

472-5478

barb@bkwks.com



Above Left: Jane Sedrick's Pinwheel Quilt

Above Right: Marty Fraser's Stack'nWhack Quilt from Glennie Edward's October Workshop



Diane Trottier's One Fabric Wonder is Breathtaking

2010/2011 OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

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Newsletter	Anne-Marie Kenyon (232-3232) Margie Henrichon (472-5293) Kathleen Beach (673-7362)
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Raffle Quilt	Pam Mikkola (472-9335) OPEN
Parliamentarian	Kathleen Beach (673-7362)
Retreats	Bonnie Myers (878-0553)

Twas the Night Before Quilts of Valor By Ruth Turner

Twas the Night before Quilts of Valor and all through the week

Anticipation was building, quilters anxious for a peek.

The quilts were all hung to our Guild's delight

Patriots were waiting, home after their long fight.

Our boys and girls gave bravely; so much they are due

Could we honor them with our squares of red, white and blue?

When I with my Guild friends, just to name a few

Jane, Susan, Betsy, a few husbands, too,

Watched veterans march, somber and shy

When what to their wonder, stacks of quilts to the sky!

Each brave man and woman, with quickening heart

Smiled as the small package made its final depart.

Our troops had fought on air, land and sea.

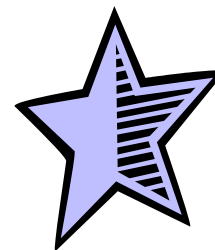
They opened their quilts. "Is this one for me?"

And I, with a lump in my throat and pride in my heart

Smiled as quilter met veteran, so many doing their part.

As I recollect that day and need to end this story,

I know I learned much about the meaning of glory.



A shot from the Quilts of Valor presentation

MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 16TH BFQG MEETING

The meeting was called to order by President Jane Sedrick at 9:50 A.M.

Welcome: Jane Sedrick welcomed the members to the November meeting. She began by sharing information regarding the rise in the price of fabric. Cotton prices have reached a record high and she suggests that we buy our fabric now! She then thanked Ruth Turner and Margie Henrichon for assisting with the Quilts of Valor project. Ruth summarized the Quilts of Valor event. Our sixteen quilts were happily received by grateful veterans and their families. A motion to approve the minutes from the previous business meeting was made, seconded and approved after one correction was made. Kathleen Beach stated that Lucille Ducharme is assisting with hospitality.

Newsletter: Anne Marie Kenyon apologized for not including Karen Kopp's article about the Guild Library in the previous newsletter. She stated that at the recent Board meeting, members agreed to send colored copies of the newsletter to those Guild members who cannot access a computer. The five dollars that these members paid for this will be reimbursed to each member who requests reimbursement. Several members at the Board meeting offered to help with printing the newsletter and mailing out the colored copies. A discussion followed as to whether this action was a change in the bylaws. Kathleen Beach stated that this action may need a closer look in order to be "within the bylaws." Norma mentioned that a black and white version of the newsletter is disappointing and would like to see these sent out in color.

Treasurer's Report: Sue Ann reported that the information in the previous newsletter continues to be correct. A donation was made to the Church in appreciation of our using Church facilities. Funds were used to pay for our current P.O. Box. A motion to approve the treasurer's report was made, seconded and approved.

Membership: Marie Seroskie stated that there are approximately 58 people at today's meeting. There is one new member and two guests. She mentioned that she will be handing out new membership cards. Marie will also send out our new roster via e-mail. Jane introduced two issues. She mentioned that a new member from the waiting list will be added to the roster due to the resignation of Barbara Graybill. Jane also proposed that a member who is a shop keeper, Wanda Makela, could be part of another category, such as "assistant member" or "supportive member." This could be a category for a businessperson who supports the Guild but cannot attend meetings. Faye Shedd spoke of Wanda's enormous contribution to our Guild, donating time, space and fabric for community service projects. Wanda's shop donated 25 pillowcases for our Guild's work. A motion was made to have a "supporting membership" category. A second motion was made to use the term "supporting friends" for this category. These members will continue to pay dues. This was seconded and approved. Marie shared with the members that she is dealing with a significant illness and asked that she be in our thoughts for the next several months.

Library: Karen Kopp reminded the members that books on holiday projects were available at the current meeting.

Sunshine: Jane Sedrick mentioned that a packet was sent to Ginny Tenney. She read a thank you note sent from Susan Flaherty.

Community Service: Jane thanked all of those members who are helping with the Meals on Wheels program. Several members contributed gift bags or \$5.00. Susan Frewert mentioned that she will collect items for the NH Food Bank. She asked members to consider bringing a can of tomatoes to next month's meeting. Tommi Hall mentioned that F.I.T. needs six more child quilts. This brings our number of quilts contributed to 50 for the year. She also asked if we could use Guild quilts to give to the family members who were displaced in the recent Bedford fire. A motion to do this was made, seconded and passed. Faye Shedd stated that 44 quilts were given to the PJ program. There are canvas bags available to members who can decorate them for the Boutique or buy them for themselves. On November 30th, Faye will host a workshop day at the Church to work on quilts for female veterans. A future Guild meeting will feature a technique clinic for Guild members. At today's meeting, members can work on table runners and placemats. She encouraged members to "shop free" at Faye's table.

Programs: Cary Flanagan announced the programs for the next months. In December, we will have our annual pot luck luncheon. Discussed followed as to the type of gift swap we might have and about the types of amusing quilting games we could play at the December meeting. She reminded members who will attend the December meeting to bring food, plate, utensils, a gift wrapped in fabric and three fat quarters if they choose to play one of the games. She also mentioned that there is a sign-up sheet for Trudi's January Cathedral Windows workshop. Trudi briefly described the content of the workshop.

Hospitality: Sylvia Babcock reminded members that our December meeting featured a pot luck luncheon. She asked members to bring their own plates, cups, utensils and food to share.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

We have a new list of 6 for FIT quilts and the guild is donating 4 quilts for Lutz family that was burned out of their home in Bedford. Tommi will be delivering these soon. See page 8 for FIT Quilt size guidelines.

Faye Shedd led a workshop to assemble quilts for the Veteran women in Tilton. Attendees included Karen Kopp, Leonora Isaak, Muriel Corcoran, Sandy Potter, Sharon Neveau, Pauline Gravelle, Lucille Ducharme, Connie Richard, Celia Stone, Kate Galgano, Kathleen Beach and Faye.

Faye Shedd and Tommi Hall

Meals on Wheels Gift Bags

Thanks to all who generously contributed to the holiday gift for the Annual Meals on Wheels gift tag program. Through your contributions we were able to fill 40 bags with hats and gloves and other items you donated. Paula Telage will be thanking our guild on their web site. I am sure there will be some happy seniors when they get their gift.

Jane Sedrick

NH Food Bank

Susan Frewert will be collecting items for the NH Food Bank. The December item in need is cans of tomatoes. If you would like to donate please bring in a can of tomatoes to the December meeting. Thank you.

Susan Frewert



Participants at the workshop led by Faye Shedd for the Woman Veterans: Lucille Ducharme, Karen Kopp, Leonora Isaak, Sharon Neveux, Pauline Gravelle and Faye. Kathleen Beach is pictured below.

Thank you

We would like to recognize and thank Wanda Makela, owner of the Bunkhouse Quilt Shop in Lyndeborough, NH. She generously contributed 25 pillowcases for the Woman Veterans in Tilton, NH to go along with the quilts we are making for them. Wanda is a great supporter of our guild as demonstrated by this donation and others she had made in the past. Thanks again, Wanda!

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Quilt Show: Sue Ann Walker mentioned that she and Anne Marie are looking into alternate locations for the May, 2012 show.

Raffle Quilt: Pam Mikkola read a thank you note from the Church for our contribution of \$500.00. She reminded members who would like to work on the Dresden Plate quilt to meet at her home on Friday, January 14th at 10:00

Fat Quarter Raffle: Trudi Costa shared that the next month's theme is "C" for "cold." She reminded members to bring additional money for extra raffles. Four members and one guest won fat quarters this month. Three other members won additional raffle items.

Block of the Month: The Block of the Month for December is Double Z which can be made with white/green fabric, or with white/red fabric. November's Block of the Month raffle was won by Jill Guild. Sandy Potter displayed the Double Z pattern.

Show and Tell: Seventeen members shared their wonderful projects.

*Respectfully submitted,
Ruth Turner, Secretary*

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 request it. Beginning this month, the newsletter will be mailed in color and free of charge to members who do not have email access or a printer. If any member has a temporary email address change or no longer wishes to receive it via US Post, please let me know.

The deadline for the December newsletter is Tuesday, December 28rd.

Anne-Marie Kenyon

QUILT SHOW

There is one position still open for Quilt Show. If you are interested in chairing the "Advertising Solicitation" committee, please let either Anne-Marie or Sue Ann know.

Anne-Marie Kenyon
Sue Ann Walker

FIT QUILT SIZE GUIDELINES

Ages	Infant - 3 years	4 - 8 years	9 - 12 years	13 years and up
Width	36-40	40	40-45	50
Length	45	45-50	55	60-65
Fabric	Uni- sex	Age and gender specific		



*Two FIT
Quilts from
Kathleen
Beach and
Karen Kopp*

SWAP SHOP/CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR MEMBERS ONLY
MUST BE SEWING/QUILTING RELATED

If you would like to submit an ad, please send information to Anniequilts@msn.com for inclusion in the next newsletter. This space is for members only and must be sewing/quilt related.

Anne-Marie Kenyon

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