



Bedford Friendship Quilt Guild

# Strips & Pieces

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## President's Message

### Debbie Koczela

It is that time of year again...cooler weather, jackets and gloves, shorter days, the endless yard work (until that first snowfall) and the coziness of the warmth inside of one's home. The holidays are coming. Quickly, it seems. It certainly can be a hectic time with the decorating, the cooking and the shopping. Thankfully, we can stop and spend time with our friends at the monthly Guild meeting. Pure enjoyment!

I will not see you at the November meeting. It is too bad that I'm going to miss the yard sale and Trudi's workshop. I do hope you all have fun. Speaking of the yard sale, I hope that you are all contemplating your stash of quilting related items. Do you have 16 rulers and only need 8? Can you consider putting a kit together or do you have a kit that you know you will never get to make? Please give it some thought and help make the yard sale a success. Proceeds will be donated to the New England Quilt Museum and we will all benefit from the success of the sale. Seriously, I hate that I will miss this yard sale!

I hope you all have a very Happy Thanksgiving and I'll see you in December.



Leonora Isaak and Rachel Holzniekemper (one of our newest members) show us that they're getting ready for Christmas. Only 41 days til Christmas from our next meeting.....

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## Next Meeting

- **Tuesday, November 15, 2011**
- **9:30 AM**
- **Don't Forget to Bring:**
  - **Show 'n Tell**
  - **Hospitality**
  - **Coffee Cup/Utensils**
  - **Fat Quarter(s)**
  - **Items for the Yard Sale**

## 2011/2012 Officers and Committee Chairs

Officers	
President	Debbie Koczela (497-3358)
Vice President	Sue Ann Walker (669-4661)
Secretary	Ruth Turner (472-3943)
Treasurer	Muriel Corcoran (886-2985)
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Program	Cary Flanagan (483-2971) Nancy Peach (488-5025) Susan Frewert (669-5556)
Librarian	Linda Mullen (622-2524) Dianne DalPra (627-8861)
Hospitality	Lucille Ducharme (622-1069)
Sunshine	Lois Tourangeau (206-5192)
Community Service	Tommi Hall (472-2225) Pam Mikkola (472-9225)
Newsletter	Anne-Marie Kenyon (216-2339)
Publicity	Margie Henrichon (472-5293)
Web Master	Kathleen Beach (673-7362)
Quilt Show	Muriel Corcoran (886-2985) Faye Shedd (424-7103)
Historian	Connie Morin (669-8453)
NEQM Liaison	Sue-Ann Walker (669-4661)
Block of the Month	Margie Henrichon (472-5293) Marji Maiocco (673-6593)
Raffle Quilt	Pam Mikkola (472-9335)
Retreats	Bonnie Myers (878-0553)
Mystery Quilt	Pam Mikkola (472-9225)
Fats and Raffles	Marty Fraser (465-7507)



Karen Kopp and Jesse Sweeney with their scrap quilt. So many ways to use all those scraps.



Sue Levesque's Hunter Star Wall Hanging Gorgeous!



Trudi Costa shows us an orange and pink flower quilt that she made for her daughter.

## Fat Quarter Raffle - Marty Fraser

November's fat quarter is Topaz – yellow, reddish or pink. We only had four piles of 6 in each this past month. I heard people say “I had it out but forgot it at home”, or “It's sitting on my counter”. The more we have, the more people who will win. So let's get going and bring in those fat quarters.

The winners for the month of October were:

Betsy Woodward	Sue Rankin
Susan Flaherty	Jane Sedrick

Winners of the books were:

Winnie Hoenig	Linda Mullen
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Shirley Marino - This picture does not do justice to the “Tahiti Fireworks” reverse quilted hanging. It is absolutely beautiful.

## Membership - Marie Seroskie

Welcome to our new members who have been patiently waiting: Rachel Holzniekemper, Jane Michaud and Marge Shaughnessy. We had 56 members attend in October and 1 guest: June LaMontagne. The waiting list now consists of 19 people.

Please let me know of any changes in address, etc. You can email me at [ms@katielane.com](mailto:ms@katielane.com) or call, 673-2123.

Keep yourselves in stitches.



Who knew making gigantic flowers could be so much fun? Above: Cary Flanagan, Susan Frewert, Nancy Scopa and Betsy Woodward. Below: Ruth Wintle and Glennie Edwards

## Hospitality - Lucille Ducharme

The following folks have signed up for Hospitality for the November meeting:

Leonora Isaak	Connie Richard
Nancy Peach - Coffee Cake	Marty Fraser
Jill Guild - Maple Cake	Marie Seroskie
Margie Henrichon	Marge Shaughnessy
Barbara Kuenzig	
Sue Flaherty - cheese/crackers	



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## Program - Cary Flanagan

We had a great turnout for the October meeting and some new members joined. How awesome is that? Welcome!

Once again I unfortunately have to change the schedule for our next meeting a bit. Trudi Costa has let me know that she has a scheduling conflict that is unavoidable and will be unable to teach her Cathedral Windows workshop in October after all. We will have the Quilter's Yard sale as scheduled. I would like to encourage everyone to either bring a project of their own to work on after the business part of the meeting is over, or come ready to work on projects for the quilt show or for FIT. Your choice. We do not often have a chance to sew while visiting and hanging out with friends - here it is! Trudi's workshop will be rescheduled for January, following our speaker, Linda Pearl.

### November 15:

We will hold a **Quilter's Yard Sale** as a fundraiser for the New England Quilt Museum. This will be a great opportunity to find new homes for your GENTLY used quilt books or tools you never use, stash fabrics or FQ's, or new or used patterns (complete, please). In other words, please **donate** anything quilt or sewing related that is in good condition that you no longer want or need. Because of the non-profit status of BFQG, individual members of the guild can't benefit personally from any activity at a guild function. ALL proceeds will go directly to NEQM.

## Newsletter - Anne-Marie Kenyon

*Strips and Pieces* is published monthly 10 times a year, from September through June. The goal is to have the newsletter to you two weeks prior to the next meeting. I certainly failed this month.

I'm sitting here on a Sunday afternoon with a stuffed chicken and a homemade apple pie in the oven while I'm putting together this newsletter. What a far cry from last Sunday. Can you believe the amount of snow we had. To add to it, so many of us lost power for multiple

### December 20:

This is our annual holiday gathering with lots of great food, a gift exchange, games and FUN! Everyone brings a yummy dish to share - casserole, salad, dessert - whatever you enjoy making. Please label your dish so we don't have to guess what is in it!

We will exchange HAND MADE gifts this year (made by you or someone else). Gifts may be wrapped in fabric as part of the gift or in paper/gift bags. Value not to exceed about \$12.00. Three of these gifts will include an extra special surprise - you will find out what that means closer to that date.

### January 21, 2012:

Linda Pearl, an accomplished quilter and speaker from Massachusetts, will be coming to talk about what has been happening in the quilting world in the past 40 years, starting with the resurgence of interest in quilting in the early 70's. I will have more details about her presentation in the coming weeks.

If all goes well, Trudi Costa will teach her Cathedral Windows workshop.

I will send out updates periodically to members through the Yahoo e-mail list, so stay tuned.

days. When I thought about quilting during the day I realized I didn't have an iron or sewing machine. Never mind, trying to quilt at night with no light. I certainly gained a new appreciation and admiration for the quilters before us who didn't have any of the tools of modern day.

Don't hesitate to send me feedback and/or articles for the newsletter at [anniequilts@msn.com](mailto:anniequilts@msn.com).

## Ms. Gizmo - Interesting Gadgets

Charlotte's Fusible Web is the best thing since... yes sliced bread! No, it isn't paper backed and it doesn't come in different weights. It is a thread. Yes, you read right. A fusible thread. It looks like and feels like dental floss (the ribbon kind). Notice the frayed edge of the thread in the picture. Ok, here is how it works... well one way anyway. Oh, it is manufactured by Superior Threads.

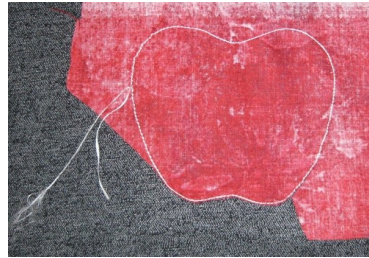
Fill a bobbin with CFW. Put a #100/16 Topstitch needle in your machine. For the top thread use Bottom Line, also a Superior Thread product.

Trace an image on the right side of your fabric. I traced the image of an apple on red fabric. Crank your stitch length down to about 2.0. Stitch just a bit inside of the drawn line. Trim extra fabric away from the stitching line. Tell the truth? I trim mine from the wrong side because I can see CFW better.

Press the appliqué piece with a hot iron and while fusing give a tug on the top thread and it will come away leaving the piece fused to the background. Appliqué any way you wish. I used a double blanket stitch on my apple, which turned green.

Your piece will be soft and supple with no stiffness! For a cool video go here: <http://www.superiorthreads.com/videos/charlottes-fusible-web/>

Till next time,  
Ms. Gizmo



## Community Service—Tommi Hall and Pam Mikkola

There is not much news to report about community service right now. I am waiting to hear from FIT about new quilts. I did deliver the Lutz family quilt and they were thrilled. I received a very nice thank you which will be at the meeting in November. If you have any quilts to deliver for FIT please give them to Pam Mikkola.



Left - Tommi Hall presented the Lutz Family with the Quilt that was made by guild members. Above are Beth and Jonathan Lutz with one of their four children.

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## **Quilt Show Boutique - Sandy Potter, Nancy Scopa, Karen Kopp, Tommi Hall**

The Committee would like you to know that we have a quick, fun project lined up for you in November. We will be skipping December altogether. With the holidays bearing down upon us we all have our own projects and events to take care of.

In January we will present our last boutique project to you all. February will be catch up month if you intended to do one or more of our projects but just couldn't get to it.

Just a reminder that our deadline for turning in any items to the boutique is March 20.

Thank you all for your enthusiastic participation in our boutique.

## **Quilt Show Raffles - Trudi Costa**

We quilters love our raffles, don't we? Not only are they fun for us (especially if we win), they are a great source of income for our guild. Our quilt show promises to be a beautiful event and it is our hope to add more eye candy through some terrific raffle offerings.

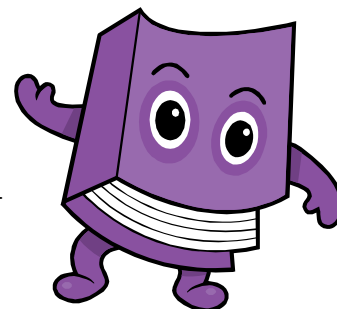
At last month's meeting I asked members to consider any way in which they might help our quilt show raffles. Do you have new/unused quilting items that are duplicates or just not your cup of tea? Please think about donating those toward the raffle. Are you creative in putting together gift bags/baskets with eye appeal? Please think about helping put together raffle bags & baskets the month before our show. Could you volunteer an hour or two during the show to sell tickets? We would love your help. Do you make purses or jewelry? Might you donate one of those to the raffle? Do you belong to a bee and would your bee consider donating a raffle gift as a group? Please discuss this with your fellow bee members.

At each guild meeting I will be collecting donated items and talking up the upcoming quilt show raffle. I will have sign-ups for assembling the raffle bags/baskets. Closer to show time, I will be asking volunteers to sign up for selling raffle tickets the day of our show. This is not rocket science by any means; it is easy and promises to be lots of fun. Time

## **Library - Dianne DalPra and Linda Mullen**

Are you ready to begin all those Holiday projects? This month we will bring in books with Fall, Christmas and Winter themes. We'll also bring in books pertaining to applique. Don't forget to contact either of us if there is a particular library book you would like us to bring to the November meeting. The book list can be found on the guild website.

Thank you to Sue Ann Walker for donating several books to the library. We will also bring these to the meeting.



spent together with other quilters usually is fun, right?

I have a number of themes already worked up as possible basket/gift themes. They include:

- Buttons, Buttons, Buttons
- Time for the Beach
- Quilters' Collectibles
- Christmas
- Quilters Love Tea
- Love that Lavender
- Bring on the Coffee!
- Quilters Have Time to Cook?

Let your imagination run with these themes or any of your own. To make suggestions and/or donations, please see me at the guild meetings, e-mail me at [trudimillercosta@gmail.com](mailto:trudimillercosta@gmail.com), or call me at 672-8719. Thank you so much for all you do for our guild!

# Quilt Show — Muriel Corcoran and Faye Shedd

Opening Night: Friday, May 4<sup>th</sup> 6-9pm  
Quilt Show Hours: Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup> 9-4pm

November, this means the Quilt Show is 6 months away! Can you believe it?

Everyone is working to make this show a great success, so I think we need to take November off and enjoy "A Quilter's Gathering" with friends, and then get ready for Thanksgiving with family. Faye and I wish you great joy and peace during the Thanksgiving holiday.



## BFQG Friendship Garden Quilt Show Committees & Chairs

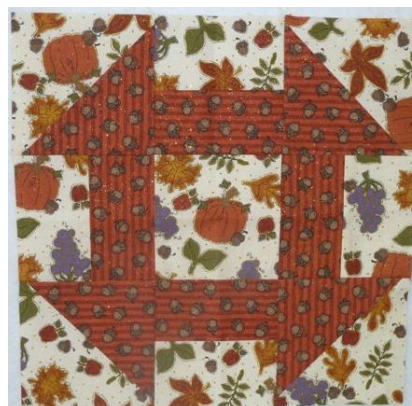
Quilt Show Chair(s)	Faye Shedd/Muriel Corcoran
Admission	Donna Craig
Antique Quilts	Jane Sedrick
Boutique	Sandy Potter
Decorations	Sue Ann Walker
Door Prizes/Raffle Baskets	Trudi Costa
FaceBook Page	Cary Flanagan
Hospitality	Susan Flaherty/Ruth Wintle
Little Quilt Auction	Pam Mikkola
Photographer	Jim Seroskie
Publicity	Leonora Isaak
Quilt Show Set up	Faye Shedd/Muriel Corcoran
Quilt Show Take Down	OPEN
Quilt Registration	Glennie Edwards/Marie Seroskie
Silent Auction	Susan Frewert
Vendors	Debbie Koczela
White Glovers	Connie Morin
Volunteers	Nancy Peach
Viewer Choice	Marji Maiocco

Block of the Month Winner for October is Leo McClure. Do we want to bet how long it will take Leo to put together all these wonderful Underground Railroad inspired Log Cabin blocks? You go Leo....

## Block of the Month - Margie Henrichon and Marji Maiocco

This year the Block of the Month will focus on blocks from the Underground Railroad. The Block of the Month for November is the Churn Dash Block. The instructions are for a 12 1/2" block. You should have received the instructions via [bfqq@yahoo.com](mailto:bfqq@yahoo.com). The "churn dash" should be made using fabric with a Thanksgiving motif and a light (not white) fabric for the background. The block is due at the November Guild meeting.

If you need instructions or have questions please contact Margie at 472-5293 or [mhenrichon@comcast.net](mailto:mhenrichon@comcast.net).



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## Minutes of the October 18th, 2011 Guild Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Deb Koczela at 9:50 A.M.

**Welcome:** Deb Koczela welcomed the members to the October meeting. She asked members if there were any corrections to the minutes of the September meeting. There were no corrections to the minutes. Ruth Turner announced that the Quilts of Valor Ceremony will take place on Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, at the Radisson Hotel in Manchester. It begins at 2:00. Approximately 7 members plan on attending. Our Guild has made several QOV quilts.

**Sunshine:** There was nothing to report.

**Membership:** Marie Seroskie stated that there were 56 members present at the meeting and one guest.

**Community Service:** Tommi Hall mentioned that the Lutz family was overjoyed with the gift of the quilt made by Guild members.

**Treasurer's Report:** There was nothing to report at this time.

**Raffle Quilt:** Pam Mikkola stated that the raffle quilt top was completed. The quilt is being quilted by Leo McClure. Pam suggested that members volunteer to sell raffle tickets at the Quilter's Gathering in Nashua. This runs from November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup>, from 10:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. and on Sunday, the 6<sup>th</sup>, from 10:00 A.M. until 3:00 A.M. Tickets are \$1.00 a piece or six for \$5.00. Members will have 36 tickets to sell. Additional venues will be added during which to sell tickets.

**Little Quilts:** Pam Mikkola will bring a form to the next meeting on which members will describe their Little Quilts. These will be part of a book. She added that any quilt 36 inches square or 144 inches around will suffice. The Guild label will be added to the Little Quilts. The deadline for submitting a Little Quilt will be March 1, 2012. A sleeve needs to be added to each quilt. Deb Koczela mentioned that she will hold a monthly raffle for all members who make a Little Quilt. One name will be drawn for a prize from Deb.

**Raffle Baskets:** Trudi Costa asked that members donate items for raffle baskets. A "bee" might consider donating a basket from its members. Tickets for the baskets will be sold on the day of the show.

**Antique Quilts:** Antique quilts will be collected by Jane Se-drick and Barb Kuenzig. Jane will make a storyboard for each

quilt, looking especially for quilts with a "family" or "generational" history. She asked members to volunteer to be at this exhibit to "interpret" quilts.

**Member's Quilts:** Quilts made by members will be collected by Marie Seroskie. There is a form on the web page that will need to be completed for each quilt. Quilts will need a sleeve. Forms need to be completed by March 7<sup>th</sup>. She asked that members include the name of the person whose quilt was used as an inspiration for the member's quilt, for example an original designer or the name of a book.

**Program:** Cary Flanagan mentioned that the Guild has a Facebook page. She will contribute articles or photographs to this unless members specify in an e-mail or in writing to Cary that they would not want their photographs on the Facebook page. Trudi Costa showed an example of Cathedral Windows which will be on the agenda for the next meeting.

**Boutique:** Karen Kopp and Nancy Scopa displayed a pattern for gift bags in three sizes for Guild members to complete for the boutique.

**Quilt Show Decorations:** Sue Ann Walker unveiled models of huge flowers which will decorate the show. Members were asked to help make these decorations.

**FYI:** Faye Shedd displayed several large bags that members decorate. These can then be sold at the Show.

**Fat Quarter Raffle:** Marty Fraser directed the Fat Quarter Raffle where four members won fat quarter packs. Two members won books donated by Guild members.

**Block of the Month:** Marge Henrichon displayed the current Block of the Month project. This year's blocks will be part of the Underground Railroad series. November's Block of the Month will be Churn Dash in two colors that remind members of Thanksgiving. Twenty one blocks were contributed to the October Block of the Month collection. Leo McClure won these blocks.

**Show and Tell:** Nineteen members shared their wonderful projects.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ruth Turner, Secretary

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## Treasurer's Report

### Muriel Corcoran

November, 2011

Nothing to Report



## The Little Quilt Auction Challenge - Debbie Koczela

As you know we are gearing up for the Quilt Show in May of 2012. We will be having a live auction once again and we need your "little quilts" to make it a successful event for our Guild. That being said, I am issuing a challenge. Beginning with the December meeting I will hold a raffle. One entry per "little quilt" will get you into the drawing. I will conduct the raffle each month through March of 2012. The prize each month will be quilting related, of course!

Keep in mind that Pam Mikkola will not be collecting the quilts until March so you will have to hang on to them until the collection period. Pam will be collecting the Little Quilt Auction forms prior to the collection of the quilts. Forms for the Little Quilt Auction will be on the BFQG website soon. We need this information sooner than the quilts so that the booklets can be made up for the auction.

Here's how this will work. Bring your "little quilt" to the meeting and share it with the members during Show and Tell. Have your form filled out and ready to hand over to Pam. There will be a basket and paper slips to sign your name for entry into the raffle. The monthly drawings will be held after Show and Tell.

## Sunshine

### Lois Tourangeau

Sunshine was sent last month to Bev Dickey, Regina Fredrickson, Marji Maiocco and Kathleen Beach.

If you know of one of our guild members who needs a little sunshine - and more fabric, please contact me at 206-5192 or [musiclover68@comcast.net](mailto:musiclover68@comcast.net).

## November Cathedral Windows Class to Be Rescheduled - Trudi Costa

With apologies to all who hoped to take my Cathedral Windows class after November's meeting, I must postpone the class to a yet-to-be-determined date. We all have those times when life is unpredictable and schedules inflexible and the afternoon of November 15<sup>th</sup> has turned out to be one of those for me. I am able to attend part of the morning meeting and can address any questions then. Meanwhile, Cary Flanagan is checking the program dates to see when there is an opening to offer this class again.

Some of you picked up supply lists at the October meeting. I will make the supply list available again through the newsletter and in hard copy once we have a new date set. Really, I am looking forward to sharing this technique with you!

## February is Paper Piecing Month - Muriel Corcoran

I will be holding a workshop to teach Carol Doak's method of Paper Piecing. Please email me or see me at the December meeting if you wish to sign up. You can email me at: [Muriel.corcoran@gmail.com](mailto:Muriel.corcoran@gmail.com) or call me at 603 886 2985.

## Bedford Friendship Quilt Guild

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To contact most guild members

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Meeting Place:

Fellowship Hall  
Presbyterian Church  
4 Church Road, Bedford, NH

## Swap Shop/Classified Ads

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.



Our Flower Girls: Ruth Turner and Norma Miville

## Upcoming Events/Quilt Shows

### Quilters Quest Shop Hop 2011 - SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL QUILT SHOPS

Fri., Dec. 3, 2011 - 10am-7pm,  
Sat., Dec. 4, 2011 - 10am-5pm  
Sun., Dec. 5, 2011 - 11am-4pm

*Sewing Basket Adventure* - A mystery quilt designed by Debbie Caffrey especially for the Quilters Quest Shop Hop. Visit the 8 following shops to gather all your clues and fill your sewing basket. Tickets on sale soon - only \$5.00.

Marketplace Quilts  
4 Brande Court, Reading, MA 01867  
781-942-9497

Mary Roses's Quilts & Treasures  
6 Front St., Salem, MA 01970  
978-740-3890

Quilters Common  
364 Main Street Rear, Wakefield, MA  
781-587-0360

Sew Creative  
14 Elliott St., Beverly, MA 01915  
978-524-8848

The Quilt Patch  
133 Bedford Center Road, Bedford, NH 03110  
603-472-7845

The Quilted Shamrock  
225 E Lowell Road, Hudson, NH  
603-204-5104

The Sewing Basket  
86 Main Street RTE 121A, Plaistow, NH 03865  
603-819-5119

The Sewing Diva  
16 Manning St., Derry, NH 03038  
603-216-1647