

# STRIPS & PIECES



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## Next Meeting

Tuesday, September 19, 2006  
at 9:30 A.M at the  
Presbyterian Church, 4  
Church Road, Bedford.

**Bring** coffee mug, quilting  
supplies, fat quarters for the  
fat-quarter raffle, Show-and-  
Tell, completed FIT  
quilts/tops.

## Next Board Meeting

To be announced.

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## About Our Logo

Our organization's logo, the  
Friendship Star, uses blue to  
represent sky and water,  
green for trees and land, and  
a solid block of gray to repre-  
sent granite.

The block was made by Pam  
Mikkola.

Logo photograph is courtesy  
of Hanni Gartland.

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

LOIS TOURANGEAU

Somehow September snuck up on us. Where did the summer go? Our first meeting of our second year is coming up soon. I really look forward to seeing familiar faces again, and hope that you feel the same. Our booth at Bedford Olde Town Days is coming along very well. We could use more volunteers, so call me at 424-0417 if you can give a couple of hours on the 16th. We will begin setting up at 8:00 a.m. and will be "manning" the booth until 3:30. If you can't volunteer, stop by and say "Hello". It's a fun day with lots of activities and great food. Quilters have been making articles for a boutique-type of sale for the booth. We'll see how it goes. We have decided against trying to be involved in the Shop Till You Drop event in November - too much pressure. Our guild is not big enough to try and put together enough quilted articles for a two day sale.

As many of you know, Saturday, September 30th is Quilt Pink Day. Some of the local quilt shops will have opportunities for drop-in sewing or picking up a pre-cut kit to be



made at home. Check with The Bunkhouse Quilt Shop or The NH Quilters' Emporium if you want to do something. They are the ones I know about - there are probably more shops in the area that are involved. [Ed. note: For a complete list of participating New Hampshire quilt shops, see <http://www.quiltpink.com/NH.html>.]

Enjoy this beautiful weather - it's a forerunner to those days when we will just want to cozy up at home - and quilt!

Blessed Be, Lois

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## FAT-QUARTER DRAWINGS—NEW RULES

Beginning in September, the Guild has a new and improved policy for the fat-quarter drawing.

Everyone who brings fat quarters will receive one FREE raffle ticket for each fat quarter contributed. Furthermore, everyone may purchase fat-quarter

raffle tickets.

Fabric themes for the coming months:

<b>September</b>	Halloween
<b>October</b>	Thanksgiving
<b>November</b>	Christmas/Holiday

## HOSPITALITY

DEBORAH TETLOW

The Guild provides coffee, tea, and juice at Guild meetings. Bring your own coffee mug and save BFQG \$\$.

Guild members volunteer to bring snacks to each meeting. Judy Zarlenga and Faye Shedd will provide the snacks at our September meeting.

Debby is currently seeking volunteers at this year's meetings. Please consider signing up for at least one month this year.

## MEMBERSHIP

DOTTIE WILLIAMS

19 members, including one new member, and 1 guest, attended the June meeting, 18 members attended the July meeting, and 12 or more members attended the August meeting.

September marks the beginning of the Guild's fiscal year: it's time to renew your membership. Use the form on the last page of this newsletter, or complete a form at the September or October meeting. Dues are \$20 for members younger than 62 years and \$15 for members aged 62 and over.

## QUILT SHOWS 2006

### November 2-5: A Quilter's Gathering

Sheraton Hotel  
Tara Blvd., off Rte. 3 at Everett  
Turnpike Exit 1  
Nashua, NH  
<http://aquiltersgathering.com>

## PROGRAMS

PAM MIKKOLA

Has a year really passed since we began BFQG?

For the **September** program, locate all those Unfinished Objects (UFOs) and Works in Progress (WIPs) that have been collecting at your house. Bring at least one to the meeting, along with the story as to why it is still making its home in your "quilt studio." We look forward to sharing some humor and some great advice as to how to get them finished (or *not*, as the case may be). It should be lots of fun. (If you are a "newbie" with no UFOs, just come and enjoy.)

We will add a Friendship Star block to our Sampler quilt as well.

At the **October** meeting, Diane Trottier will teach a workshop on wool appliqué. The project is really cute and a "welcome" addition to your home or as a wonderful gift.

For **November**, I hope to have a quilt appraiser to share her knowledge about new and antique quilts. If you have a wonderful quilt that you would like to date, please plan to bring it to the meeting. For a fee, she may be willing to give you a written appraisal. Look for details in the November newsletter.

In **December**, we will have a Christmas Pot Luck luncheon and exchange small quilt-related gifts. Plan to share a holiday story with your quilting sisters on that day as well as bring any Christmas or Holiday quilts for Show and Tell. We will also have a "FIT Quilt Assignment" party as part of the meeting; everyone can participate in deciding who gets each quilt, and Rita will deliver them before Christmas.

At each meeting, you may choose to work on FIT quilts or your own projects. Bring a bag lunch and quilt to your heart's content until 2:00 in the afternoon.

## QUILT RETREAT: OCTOBER 20—22

BFQG members have an opportunity to attend a retreat together in Rutland, Vermont. Five members have signed up so far, and space was still available at this writing.

The Vermont Classic weekend will be held October 20 - 22 at Maple Crest Farm circa 1808. The cost for the weekend is \$335.00. The package includes Lodging, Wine and Cheese Reception, Meals: Friday evening - Sunday lunch, Ice Cream Social, Workshop, Personalized Attention.

What better way to see the fall color in beautiful Vermont than with your quilting friends?

Please call Pam at 472-9225 for details.

## COMMUNITY SERVICE

RITA SODERBERG

I'm thinking about Christmas, and it's only September. No, I'm not one of those people who get all of their shopping done by Thanksgiving and then allow themselves to relax and enjoy the ambience of December. I'm last minute, just like so many others. However, I've been thinking that it would be incredibly wonderful if we could give each child on our Families in Transition list their quilt the week before Christmas. With a good group effort, I think we can accomplish this.

Our current list from F.I.T. has 35 children in the following age groups:

Infant – 3 Yrs.	5 boys/ 10 girls
4 Yrs. – 8 Yrs.	3 boys/ 8 girls
9 Yrs. – 12 Yrs.	1 boy/ 2 girls
13 Yrs. – 18 Yrs.	4 boys

The plan is to assign all of the quilts that are finished at the December Guild meeting and I will deliver them to the FIT office that week.

We have a small stockpile of quilts at the moment and I'm sure several will be finished in September and October. So we're not starting from zero. Let's give it our best effort!

See the chart below for suggested sizes. Look for more specifics at the guild meeting in September.

NOTE: This year, the Guild has committed to make quilts for children in FIT only (not for CHS).

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

## OCTOBER WORKSHOP

DIANE TROTTIER

Diane Trottier will offer a workshop on the technique used in her "Woolly Flower Sampler", for all members who wish to participate. The workshop will be a "Welcome Friends Pineapple" felted wool wall hanging. An example will be available at the September 19th meeting as well as a sign up sheet for both the workshop and the pattern/kit. The price of the kit, including pattern but not backing, binding or batting is \$22. Make your check payable to The Quilt Patch, and give it to Diane when you sign up.

You may pick up your pattern/kit along with instructions for felting the wool at the Quilt Patch anytime on or after September 26. You must felt the wool prior to the workshop.

If you cannot attend the September Guild meeting and would like to take this October workshop, call Diane at 622-8791 and arrange to purchase and pick up your kit.

Hope to see you all there. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Diane.

## NEWSLETTER

KATHLEEN BEACH

This year, anyone who chooses may receive the newsletter by US mail.

To select this option, submit your membership renewal form with "Newsletter delivery" marked as "US mail" and add \$7.00 to your dues payment.

The estimated cost to print and mail 10 copies (one per month) is \$7.00. If the actual cost is greater, the Guild will absorb it; if the cost is less, the Guild Treasury will keep the balance.

Printed copies will be black-and-white. If your email address is in the BFQG Yahoo group, you will also be notified when the newsletter is posted to the web. If you use email, please do keep your email address updated.

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## BEDFORD FRIENDSHIP QUILT GUILD

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ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

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E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

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LEVEL OF QUILTING EXPERIENCE \_\_\_\_\_

Program Ideas \_\_\_\_\_

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Newsletter delivery: Internet \_\_\_\_\_ US Mail \_\_\_\_\_

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Membership Dues: \$20-members age 6 to 62  
\$15-members age 62 and over

For newsletter delivery by US Mail, please add \$7.00; this is the estimated cost to print and mail 10 newsletters.

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