

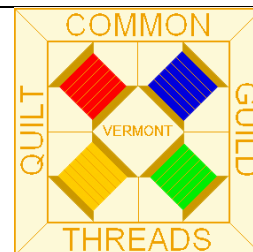
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The Official Newsletter
of the Common Threads Quilt Guild of Lamoille County
in Morrisville, Vermont

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JANUARY 2026

The President's Block

Hello Friends,

First I want to say I'm sorry that we missed the December potluck. Secondly I want to remind those with e-mails please remember to check them for any cancellations. With that in mind please make sure we always have your most current information. I checked the list for anyone who didn't have an e-mail address and I called them.

If anyone would like to work on putting together a QOV top during our winter break, please contact me and I will get the blocks to you. You can email me at huntzeus76@gmail.com or text me at 8026962167.

Hopefully when we meet again in March someone has decided to take on the block of the month or will present a mystery quilt.

Your President,
Cheryl Leach
2025-2026



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Common Threads Quilt Guild
meets the 2nd Thursday,
March through December,
at 6:30 p.m. at the
VFW, 28 VFW Street,
in Morrisville

Dues = \$20 annually



2025 - 2026 Guild Calendar

**DOORS OPEN AT 6:00 PM;
MEETING STARTS AT 6:30 PM**

September 11th Creating Quilts with Electric
Quilt 8 with Sharon Perry
October 9th Piecing Together Memories
with Jane Paine
November 13th Label Your Quilts
With Carolyn Babcock
& Sharon Perry RESCHEDULED
December 11th Holiday Potluck
Papercrafting with Jane Paine CANCELLED

2025 – 2026 Guild Calendar

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January NO MEETING
January 17th Sunshine Quilt
Workshop, 9 am – 3 pm,
The United Church of Johnson
February NO MEETING
February 7th Sunshine Quilt
Workshop, 9 am – 3 pm,
The United Church of Johnson

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March 12th Label Your Quilts
With Carolyn Babcock & Sharon Perry
April 9th TBD
May 14th TBD
June 11th TBD
July 9th TBD
August 13th Summer Potluck*
*Potluck Dinner starts at 6:00 pm



Treasurer's Report

Beginning Balance 11/20/2025	\$4,802.97
Income	
	\$0.00
<i>Total Income</i>	\$0.00
	<i>Subtotal</i>
	\$4,802.97
Expenses	
	\$0.00
<i>Total Expenses</i>	\$0.00
Ending Balance 12/20/2025	\$4,802.97

Respectfully submitted,
Cheryl Leach, Treasurer



25 IN 2025 CHALLENGE...AND THE WINNERS ARE...

Since the December guild meeting was cancelled due to the weather, I used a number-generator app to select the winners for the 25 in 2025 Challenge. Four guild members finished at least 25 projects last year. That means those 4 finished a minimum of 100 projects last year. Congratulations to all who participated! Bravo for finishing your 25 projects.

The first randomly-drawn winner is Jane Paine. The second randomly-drawn winner is Robin Wheel. Congratulations Jane and Robin! I'll bring them to the March meeting if I don't have an opportunity to get your prizes to you before then.

And...I was talked into doing another year...so look for the 26 in 2026 Challenge on page 5 and get your projects lined up.



LOOKING AHEAD...

January 2026: NO MEETING

January 17th, 2026: Sunshine Quilt Workshop at The United Church of Johnson, 9 am – 3 pm

February 2026: NO MEETING

February 7th, 2026: Sunshine Quilt Workshop at The United Church of Johnson,, 9 am – 3 pm

March 2026: It's All About Labels with Sharon Perry and Carolyn Babcock

SUNSHINE QUILT WORKSHOP SCHEDULED IN JANUARY

CTQG will be hosting a workshop on Saturday, January 17th, 9 am – 3 pm, at The United Church of Johnson, 100 Lower Main Street, across the street from Community Bank. At this first workshop of the year, we need to finish some quilts that are partially done and work on some other ones. We have had to give out quite a few for fire victims lately, and we need to get that inventory back on track. We will have another workshop on February 7th to work on more quilts. There will be some machine and hand sewing and some tying to do.

If you want to attend, please bring the following: sewing machine (not required); tying and hand sewing needles; point turner; scissors - big and small; and a bag lunch. Depending on how much we get done Saturday and if there is any interest, we can go back on Sunday. If you plan to come or have questions, please call Andrea Blaisdell, 802-730-4735, or email her at asblaisdellvt@gmail.com.

Secretary's Report

**DUE TO THE CANCELLED MEETING IN DECEMBER,
THERE IS NO SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR THIS NEWSLETTER**



NEW BLOCK OF THE MONTH COORDINATOR NEEDED

Lisa Vilord has been coordinating the guild's Block of the Month (BOM) program for at least 6 years and possible longer. And she faithfully provided us blocks to make while we were stuck at home during the pandemic. Thank you Lisa for your dedication to providing us fun blocks to make each month during your tenure!

With Lisa's "retirement" as the BOM Coordinator, the guild is looking for someone to take over the program. If you are interested, please contact Cheryl Leach, huntzeus76@gmail.com, or 802-676-2167.

QUILT TIPS

- When you have to match seams, use a dab of fabric glue (tube or stick) within the seam allowance instead of pins. From the right side, you'll be able to clearly see whether the seams match _ no pins in the way. The bond is not instant so you'll have time to separate the pieces and try again if necessary. Then stitch away.
- When machine piecing smaller squares onto another larger square for diagonal sewing, always iron the smaller square to the matching corner and then sew on the diagonal. Ironing keeps the smaller square in place; your corners come out neat and crisp every time.
- To keep rulers from slipping, apply a dab of clear nail polish to the underside of the ruler, then sprinkle the dab with salt and let it dry. Grips without bulk.
- Did you know DMC floss has a directional twist? So if you thread your needle from the other end of DMC floss it won't tangle. This works with separating the strands, too. Pulling from one end the causes tangles. The other way it comes apart really easily.
- Take apart a wooden snap-type clothes pin and use one of the halves to press seams. It has a beveled edge so it works great!
- Take an old prescription bottle and drill a small hole in the top. When you break a needle/pin or have to replace a dull needle/pin, just drop the old needle into that bottle.



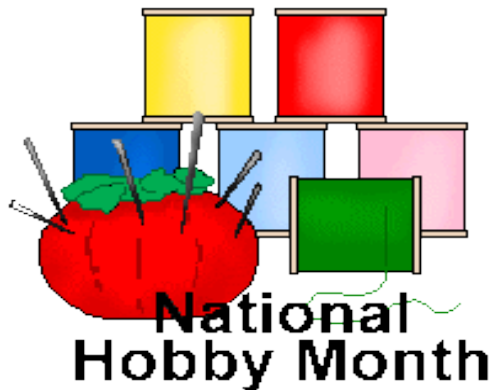
SUNSHINE CARDS FOR OUR MEMBERS

If you know of a guild member who is in need of encouragement or comfort due to an illness, bereavement, etc., please contact Hilda Tallman, 802-888-3808. She will send out an appropriate card.

GUILD MEETING LOCATION

The Common Threads Quilt Guild meets on the 2nd Thursday of the month, March through December, at the Morrisville VFW, 28 VFW Street, behind the River Arts Center on Pleasant Street in Morrisville.

January is



**National
Hobby Month**

JANUARY

Author Unknown

Sparkling winter sunshine,

Faces all aglow

Making resolutions,

And angels in the snow ~

Steaming cups of cocoa,

A year that's fresh and new...

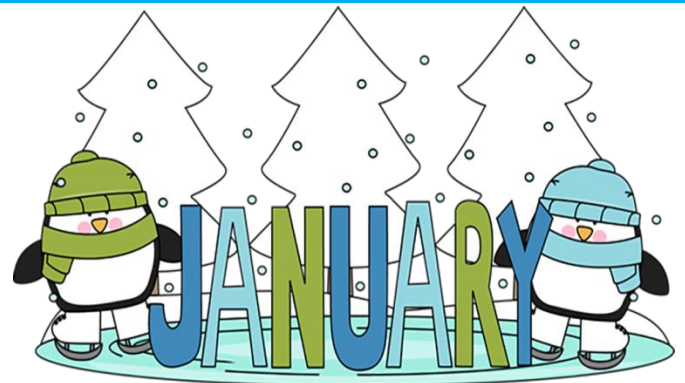
All of this is magic

Unfolding just for you.

FEATURED VIDEO TUTORIAL FOR JANUARY:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TtDTHReZk6s>

**Foundation Paper Piecing
Series 3 – January
Shabby Fabrics**



Nancy Dunavan	January	18
Jan Kuhn	January	21
Carol Moulton	January	23
Sheila Jourdan	January	29

...and many more!!!





That is ***26 Finishes in 2026!***

Join in the fun and make 26 quilted projects by the end of 2026 and your name will be entered into a special drawing held in December 2026. If you'd like to participate, fill in your name and 26 projects you'd like to finish this year on the list below. This is your list...you can add to it throughout the year if need be to have 26 projects or you can remove a project, or swap out projects, etc...you just have to have ***26 Finishes in 2026*** AND you must show each project at one of the guild's monthly show and tell. You can show multiple projects in one month. You also don't have to show a project every month, you just have to have ***26 Finishes in 2026!*** You will maintain your own list, but you must let Sharon Perry know you are participating.

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26 in 2026

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Recipe Corner

SLOW-COOKER MEATLOAF

- ½ cup tomato sauce
- 2 large eggs, lightly beaten
- ¼ cup ketchup
- 1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
- 1 small onion, chopped
- ⅓ cup crushed saltines (about 10 crackers)
- ¾ teaspoon minced garlic
- ¼ teaspoon seasoned salt
- ⅓ teaspoon seasoned pepper
- 1½ pounds lean ground beef (90% lean)
- ½ pound reduced-fat bulk pork sausage

For the sauce:

- ½ cup ketchup
- 3 tablespoons brown sugar
- ¾ teaspoon ground mustard
- ¼ teaspoon ground nutmeg

Cut three 25x3-in. strips of heavy-duty foil; crisscross so they resemble spokes of a wheel. Place strips on bottom and up side of a 4- or 5-qt. slow cooker. Coat strips with cooking spray.

In a large bowl, combine the first 9 ingredients. Crumble beef and sausage over mixture and mix lightly but thoroughly (mixture will be moist). Shape into a loaf. Place meat loaf in center of strips.

In a small bowl, combine all sauce ingredients. Spoon over meatloaf. Cover and cook on low 3-4 hours or until no pink remains and a thermometer reads 160°. Using foil strips as handles, remove meat loaf to a platter.

SLOW-COOKER BONE-IN CHICKEN BREAST

- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 teaspoon paprika
- ½ teaspoon garlic powder
- ½ teaspoon seasoned salt
- ½ teaspoon dried thyme
- ½ teaspoon dried basil
- ½ teaspoon pepper
- ½ teaspoon browning sauce, optional
- 4 bone-in chicken breast halves (8 ounces each)
- ½ cup chicken broth

In a small bowl, combine the first 7 ingredients and, if desired, browning sauce; rub over chicken. Place in a 5-qt. slow cooker; add broth. Cook, covered, on low until chicken is tender, 4-5 hours.

WHITE LASAGNA

- 9 lasagna noodles
- 1 pound bulk Italian sausage
- 2 celery ribs, chopped

- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 3 garlic cloves, minced
- ½ cup white wine
- 1 cup half-and-half cream
- 3 ounces cream cheese, cubed
- ¼ cup minced fresh basil
- 2 teaspoons minced fresh oregano or ½ teaspoon dried oregano
- 1 teaspoon pepper
- ¾ teaspoon salt
- 1 large egg, lightly beaten
- 2 cups shredded white cheddar cheese
- 1½ cups 2% cottage cheese
- ¾ pound fresh mozzarella cheese, sliced
- 1½ cups shredded Gouda cheese
- Optional: grated Parmesan cheese and red pepper flakes

Preheat oven to 375°. Cook noodles according to package directions for al dente. In a large skillet, cook sausage, celery, onion and garlic over medium heat 6-8 minutes or until sausage is no longer pink, breaking up sausage into crumbles; drain.

Stir in wine. Bring to a boil; cook 3-4 minutes or until liquid is reduced by half. Add half-and-half, cream cheese, herbs, pepper and salt; stir until cream cheese is melted. Drain noodles.

In a small bowl, combine egg, cheddar and cottage cheese.

In a greased 13x9-in. baking dish, layer 3 noodles, half the sausage mixture, half the cheddar cheese mixture and half the mozzarella slices. Repeat layers. Top with remaining noodles; sprinkle with Gouda cheese.

Bake, covered, until bubbly and cheese is melted, 50-60 minutes; uncover and bake until light golden brown, 10-15 minutes longer. Let stand 15 minutes before serving. If desired, sprinkle with grated Parmesan cheese, red pepper flakes, and additional basil and oregano.



Bonus Block

JANUARY 2026



Colors:

Blues with white background



PATTERN: Snowball

Pattern from [Quilter's Cache](#)

Click the link below for the 12" finished block pattern

[Snowball](#)



JOHNSON TOWN HALL SEWING DAYS

Sewing weekends are open again at the Johnson Town Hall. We set up on the second floor of the Town Hall (elevator available). Large tables are available plus ironing stations and a cutting table.

We meet on the first and third weekend of the month, arrival after 8 am, but you can sew as late as you want. A \$2 daily donation is requested, going to the Town of Johnson for use of the space.

At this time we are planning to have a mailing list only for change of plans, you can send your email to Robin Wright, growingfarm00@gmail.com or Hilda Tallman, sammnvt57@yahoo.com to be on that list. Reminder emails the week before will no longer be going out.

All crafters are welcome!



QUILTING PLANNING FOR THE NEW YEAR

7 TIPS AND TRICKS from A Quilting Life

- **Clean up Your Sewing Area:** Do a quick clean-up of your space. But don't get overwhelmed by this step. You don't need to completely declutter your space or reorganize your stash. Just do some basic housekeeping so that you can move forward. If your area needs lots of organizational love, plan to start working on that at another time in the year.
- **List All of Your Works in Progress:** Listing your Works in Progress is one of the very most important steps to take when doing your quilting planning for the New Year. You can use any notebook or quilting planner, or download a works in progress tracker. You can use the notes section on the planner to jot down your current progress for each project.
- **Create a Project Bucket List:** The next thing is to go over your project bucket list. Keep an ongoing

QUILTING PLANNING FOR THE NEW YEAR**7 TIPS AND TRICKS from A Quilting Life (cont.)**

list of projects that interest you and update it frequently. If you don't have one, just start a list in your planner or notebook and think about which of the projects you might want to incorporate into your upcoming quilting and sewing year.

- Think About Quilting Challenges for the Year: Take this time to think about possible quilting challenges for the year ahead such as:

- Making a block a day
- Trying a new technique
- Making a certain number of charity quilts
- Finishing a certain number of works in progress (think 26 in 2026)

You can also choose a quilting challenge on a monthly or quarterly basis if that would work best for you. And remember, you can always change up your challenge ideas.

- Use your Calendar: Look at your calendar and schedule sewing time. If you have a regular schedule, you can probably schedule in a few sewing sessions each week that will work throughout the year. And if your schedule changes frequently, you can schedule your sewing time on a weekly basis.
- Make a Quarterly Plan: Come up with a plan for the first quarter of the year. Don't plan specific sewing projects further out than a quarter at a time. Look over your works in progress and bucket list items and choose at least three things to work on for the quarter.
- Schedule Regular Reviews: Along with setting goals and scheduling time for quilting, set aside a regular review time. With this time, you have the flexibility to change things up whenever you need. Review everything at the end of each month when looking ahead to the next month's goals.

**LINK TO BARN QUILT TRAIL OF NORTHERN VERMONT**

<http://www.barnquiltsfornorthernvermont.org/>

NEWSLETTER IDEAS WANTED: Do you have a recipe you'd like to share with guild members? Or maybe you've found a great quilting website or blog you'd like to share. Or you've visited a quilt shop within an easy drive which had bargains or a fabric selection no quilter should miss. If so, send an email to CommonThreadsVT@gmail.com, and the newsletter editor will do her best to include it in the next newsletter. Although welcome, your input doesn't have to be a complete article. It could be a few bullets which convey your message. The editor will fill out the article as needed.

Deadline for articles for next newsletter:

Tuesday, January 20th, 2026

Please email articles to Sharon Perry, CommonThreadsVT@gmail.com,
or mail to PO Box 517, Montgomery Center VT 05471



January is Hot Tea Month



"This January, be brave enough to begin what others are afraid to start." ~ Debbie Moore