

February 2010

Message from the President

A Happy New Year to all of you. It was good to see those who braved the weather that was pretty nasty in some places.

2009 was a very busy year for the Common Threads; the Mary Ellen Hopkins "Event", (and it was an event!) and our beautiful Harvest of Quilts Show were the highlights of the year. Our membership has grown by leaps and bounds with new friends and new talent to share. Our charitable work in our community and elsewhere continues to grow and is something that we should be very proud of. 2010 is looking like another busy, fun year for the Guild. I'm busy trying to use up my stash so that I can justify some "serious shopping" on our trip in May! Planning for the Debby Caffrey Trunk Show and workshops in early June is beginning this month. Martha and Andrea will continue to offer great programs: BINGO!

Because of the weather at our last meeting and wanting to leave enough time for the program and be able to leave a little earlier, I left a few things off the agenda. This newsletter will have a lot of extra news for you from Martha, Andrea and Sharon and I have a couple of things I'd like you to think about and come to our next meeting with your thoughts and ideas. This has come up before I think, but what do you think of the Guild having a Classified Ad Section in the newsletter? We have members who have quilting related businesses or shops, talents that many of us have taken advantage of. This might be a way for us to further promote and support our own. It might also be a way for people to advertize quilting related items they might want to sell. I would also like some help with "jump starting" our mini library!. The project got kind of lost in more important things. Give me your feedback and HELP!

Keep warm and take care, *Kathy Krypel*

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Block of the Month
Barbara O'Toole

Common Threads
Quilt Guild
meets the first Thursday of
every month
at 7:00 PM at the
Sterling View Club House
in Hyde Park
Dues are \$15 annually



Treasurer's Report

December 10, 2009 - January 12, 2010

INCOME

Cash Balance 12/10/09 \$ 7,190.23

Income:

Total Income \$ 7,190.23

Expenses:

12/12/2009	Ck. #413	Donna Phelps (postage thank you notes)	\$ 10.06	
1/7/2010	Ck. #414	Julie Rohleder (postage newsletter)	\$ 38.32	
1/12/2010	Ck. #415	Lamoille CancerNetwork (Donation)	\$ 200.00	
" "	Ck. #416	Meals on wheels	" \$ 200.00	
" "	Ck. #417	Lamoille Home Health	" \$ 200.00	
" "	Ck. #418	Vt. National Guard	" \$ 200.00	
" "	Ck. #419	Clarina Howard Nichols	" \$ 200.00	
				\$ 1,048.38
		Cash Balance January 12, 2010		\$ 6,141.85

Respectfully Submitted, *Rita Lehouillier*

Secretary's Report

On January 7, 2010 the Common Threads Quilt Guild met at Sterling View with 37 members present. Marilyn Bennett won for bringing canned goods and Connie Page won "Just for Coming" Connie made a motion to accept the Secretaries Report seconded by Mary Dick. So Moved. Anita told us kits were available for Sunshine quilts and another workday will be scheduled next month. Lil reported that two Sunshine cards were sent out. Sharon Perry wasn't able to attend so Kathy Krypel let us know that Sharon's husband was willing to do a web site for the guild. More information will be forthcoming. Barb O'Toole came with a limited number of patterns for the mystery quilt. Please see the newsletter if you did not get one. Pat Slack has a sewing day scheduled on January 21 at 9:00 to work on the raffle quilt. You will need machines, cutters etc. Kathy Krypel and Barb Scribner took down the tree at Helen Day and we hope to do it again next year, although we may have to purchase our own tree. The committee for charitable donations offered the following: The Vermont National Guard for Lamoille Count Families, Meals on Wheels, Lamoille Area Cancer Network, Clarina Howard Nichols Center and Home Health and Hospice. Each to receive \$200.00. Annie made a motion to accept: Pat seconded. So Moved. Martha and Andrea's schedule of programs include February- Wool March - Bingo. The pattern will appear in the newsletter. Bring your square, buttons, and a fat quarter for the prize basket. The Teacup Auction will happen in April so you can begin to bring your donations next month so they can be sorted and bagged ahead of time. The bus trip will be May 1 and 2. Martha and Andrea showed us how to quilt as you go

Respectfully Submitted, *Ruth Wesolow*, Secretary

Calendar

- Jan 21st Raffle Quilt Workshop, 9AM-3PM
Sterling View Clubhouse
Bring Lunch! Pat: 644-5404
- Jan 28th Raffle Quilt Workshop, 9AM-3PM
Sterling View Clubhouse
Only if needed to finish quilt top.
- Feb 4th Regular Guild Meeting, 7PM
Sterling View Clubhouse
- Feb 12th Sunshine Quilts Workshop, 9AM-3PM
Sterling View Clubhouse
Bring Lunch, Machines, etc.
- Feb 20th-21st Johnson Town Hall Sewing Date

FEBRUARY PROGRAM-WOOL

This month a program on quilting and appliqué with wool will be presented. All members are asked to bring finished, in-progress, and planned wool projects so other members can see all the different things that can be done with wool.

MARCH - BINGO

See attached instructions for making your bingo card!

APRIL - TEACUP AUCTION

Bring in your items & any unwanted medium-sized baskets to the February & March meetings. Everything will be organized in advance this year.

MAY BUS TRIP

Dates: May 1st & 2nd

Saturday:

Country Treasures in Chester, VT
Pickering Farms in Richmond, NH
The Bunkhouse Quilt Shop in Lyndeborough, NH
Overnight stay in Manchester, NH

Sunday:

Quilted Threads in Henniker, NH
Country Heart Quilters in Plymouth, NH
The bus can hold 50 people so if we do not have enough people from our guild we will open it up to another guild.

The cost is still to be determined but it will be somewhere between \$100 and \$200 depending on the number of people. I need to know how many would be interested and would they like a single or double room.

Call me @ 635-8389 or email:

asblaisdell@yahoo.com.

RAFFLE QUILT, AGAIN!

Pat Slack, Ann Harmon, & Kathy Krypel are heading up our Raffle Quilt-Making Committee. They have reserved the Sterling View Clubhouse for Thursday, January 21st & Thursday January 28th from 9 AM-3PM to work on the quilt. The January 28th meeting will only be held if the quilt is not done on the 21st. Bring lunch and come put together our next quilt!

SUNSHINE QUILTING NEWS WORK DAY!

We have made arrangements to use The Sterling View Community Center on Friday, Feb. 12 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. for a work day to finish the tops we have received. Please bring sewing machines, quilting needles and your lunch.

If you have any completed tops from kits, please bring them to the next meeting, and we will try to have them layered and pinned for sewing at the work day on Feb. 12th.

We hope to see you there!

Elaine Foster
Joyce LaRow
Anita Robert



Food Shelf Wish List

(Straight from the Food Shelf)

Spaghetti Sauce	Toothpaste
Canned Fruit	Toothbrushes
Canned Vegetables	(for children, too!)
Soup	Soap
Beans	Shampoo
Peanut Butter	Macaroni & Cheese
Cereal	Tuna
Toilet Paper (pre-wrapped)	



Happy Birthday to:



*Robin Gouin
Sylvia Wilcox
Joyce Emerson*

*February 17th
February 19th
February 23rd*



Next Meeting: February 4th

Things to remember:

- 1. Bring a canned item for the food shelf*
- 2. Bring your Show & Tell!*
- 3. Bring your completed charity quilt top and/or black fabric for the stripes.*
- 4. Bring your wool projects, finished or not, to show others what can be done with wool!*
- 5. Bring any items for the teacup auction—we are doing advance organization this year!*

Raffle Quilt Workshop

Come help make the top for our next raffle quilt. There will be a workshop on Friday, January 21st, at Sterling View from 9AM - 3PM. Bring your lunch. Cutters, sewers (with machines), and ironers will be in demand.

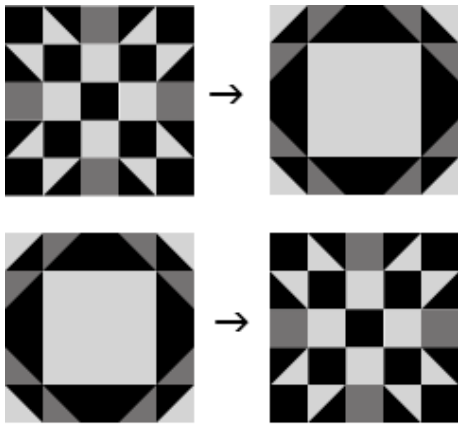
2009-2010 Block of the Month

This year the Block of the Month will be done as Mystery Quilts. In order to enjoy the "Mystery" part, please complete each part each month (no peeking ahead!). To start the year off there are two different Mystery Quilts: Mystery Quilt #1 will be 56" x 68" when completed. Mystery Quilt #2 will be 51" x 51" when completed. Contact Barb O'Toole with any questions: vtquilter06@yahoo.com, 635-9384.

Mystery Quilt #2

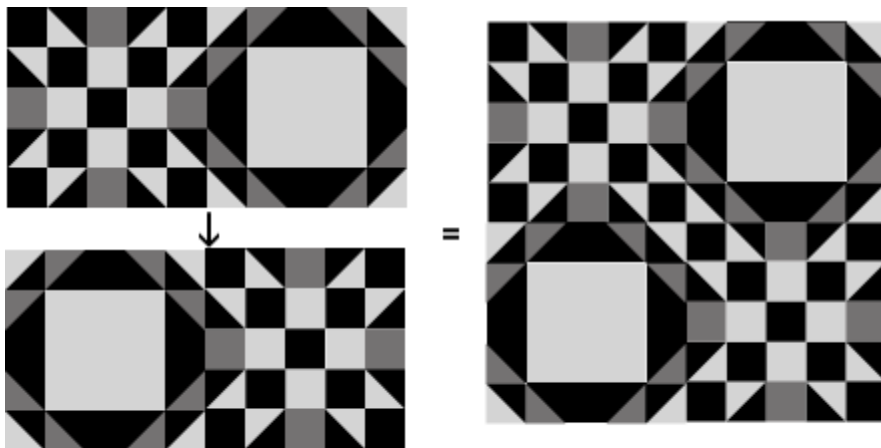
PART 5 - Conclusion

Step 1: Arrange two **Sister's Choice** blocks and two **Square Dance** blocks as shown below. Sew together to form rows.



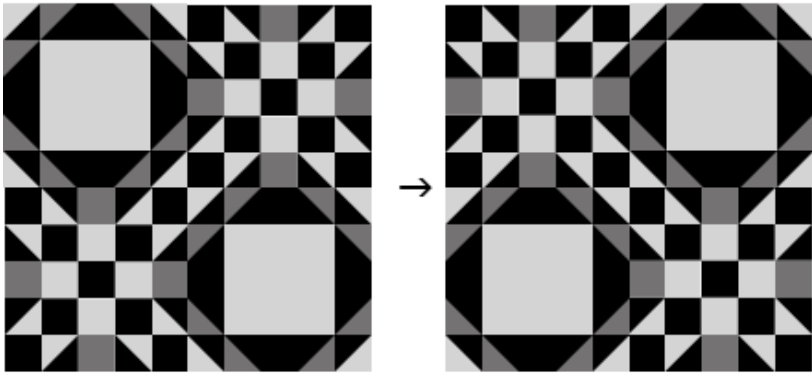
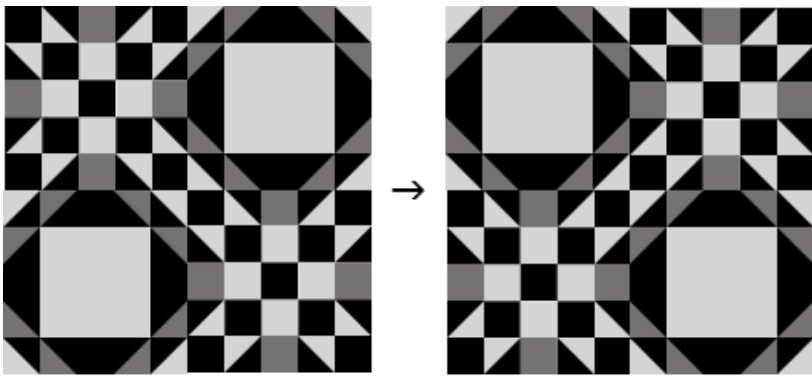
Sew together form rows.

Step 2: Sew the rows together to form the block. Repeat steps 1 and 2 for a total of FOUR blocks.



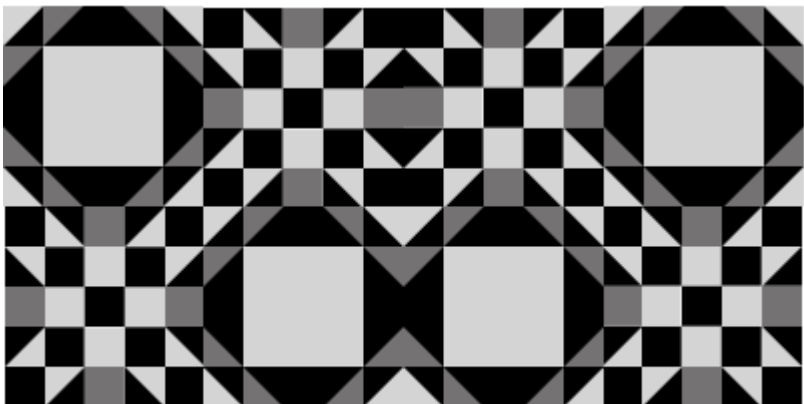
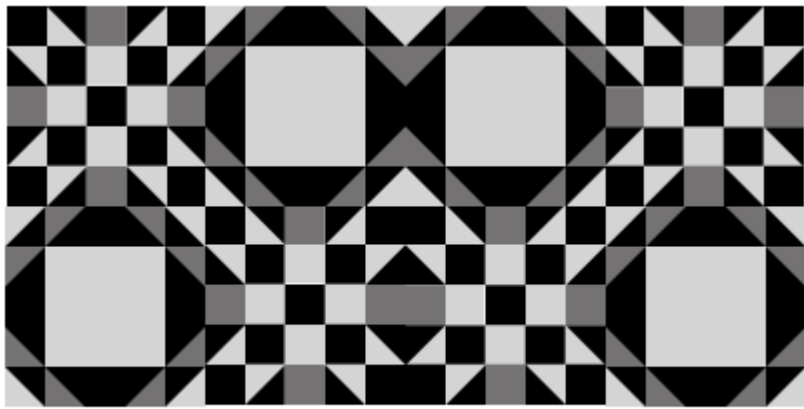
Sew rows together to make the "Atlanta" block. Make 4.

Step 3: Arrange your four blocks as shown below. Sew together to form rows.



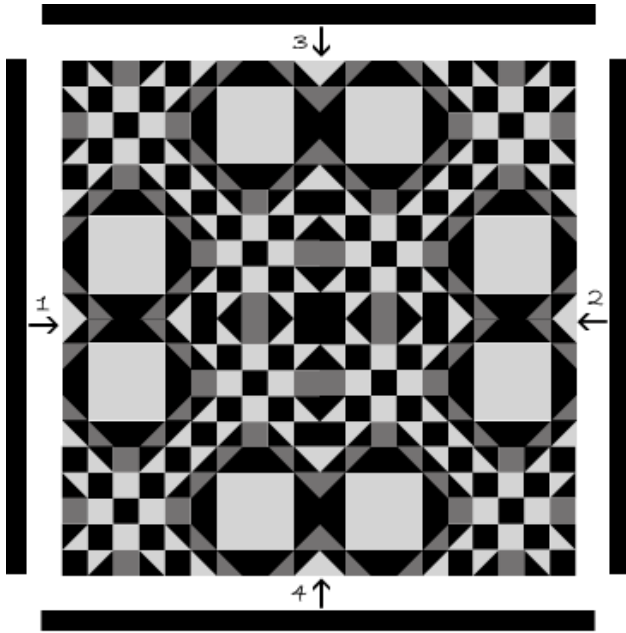
Sew together form rows.

Step 4: Sew the rows together to finish the center of the quilt.



Sew rows together to finish the quilt center.

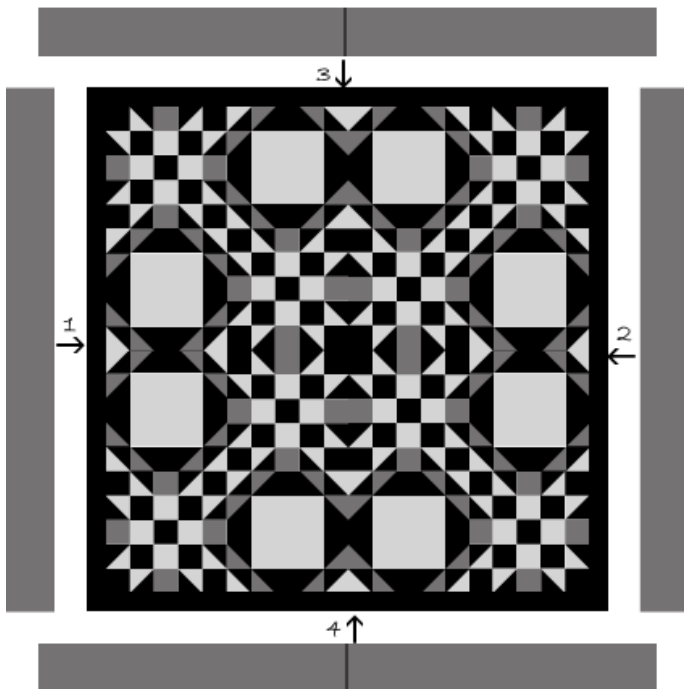
Step 5: Sew the dark inner borders to the sides, top, and bottom of the quilt in the order shown below:



Add inner borders in the order shown.

Step 6: Sew two 4-1/2" x 25-1/2" strips together along one short side to form a top outer border strip. Repeat for the bottom border strip.

Step 7: Sew the unpieced medium fabric border strips to the left and right sides of the quilt. Sew the pieced strips (from Step 6) to the top and bottom of the quilt.



Add outer borders in the order shown.

Step 8: Quilt and bind as desired.

Quilt Bingo

Materials for 1, 10½ inch block (your bingo card)

Choose fabric from the following categories:

Batik	Star	Polka Dot
Floral	Striped	Plaid
Heart	Geometric	Solid
Paisley	Novelty	1930's Print
Leaf	Holiday	Metallic (somewhere in fabric)

All squares are 2½ inch squares, with a ¼ inch seam allowance.

- 5 squares assorted blue patterns / solid
- 5 squares assorted yellow and orange patterns / solid
- 5 squares assorted green patterns / solid
- 5 squares assorted red patterns / solid
- 4 squares assorted pink and purple patterns / solid
- 1 square black for the center (free spot)

For each color, select 5 (4 for pink/purple) different patterns / solid. You can repeat the patterns in several different colors if you like.

Block Assembly

1. Join 5 greens from the list to make the first row. In the same manner, make the blue, red, and yellow/orange row.
2. Join 2 pink/purple squares twice so you have two pairs. Join one pink/purple pair on each side of the black square to complete the pink/purple row.
3. Join rows, placing them side by side vertically in this order: Green, Blue, Pink/Purple, Red, Yellow/Orange.
4. Bring buttons for Bingo Chips.

Green Paisley	Blue Batik	P/P Metallic	Red Polka Dot	Y/O Stripe
Green Stripe	Blue Leaf	P/P Star	Red Novelty	Y/O Heart
Green Star	Blue Holiday	Black	Red Geometric	Y/O Floral
Green Leaf	Blue Stripe	P/P Batik	Red Heart	Y/O Star
Green 1930's	Blue Plaid	P/P Floral	Red Batik	Y/O Paisley

We will have a basket with prizes for the winners. We are asking everyone to bring one fat quarter to put in the basket. If you would like to donate other small items or patterns, they would be much appreciated.

Make more than one block if you would like, they will be collected at the end for making Sunshine quilts. You will be allowed to play 4 blocks at a time. Share the others with friends!

Any questions, call Martha Duffy at 644-2443.

Mystery Quilt #1

Welcome to the 5th installment of our Mystery Quilt. You'll be working on block #2 this week. You need fabrics 4,8 and 10 for this step.

Block #2- Step 1:

*A-Fabric 4 –Cut 2 strips 3 ½” by the width of the fabric .

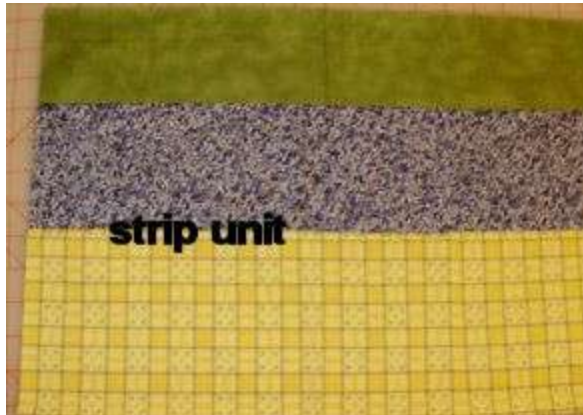
*B-Fabric 10- Cut 2 strips 4 ½” by the width of the fabric.

*C-Fabric 8 – Cut 2 strips 5 7/8” by the width of the fabric.

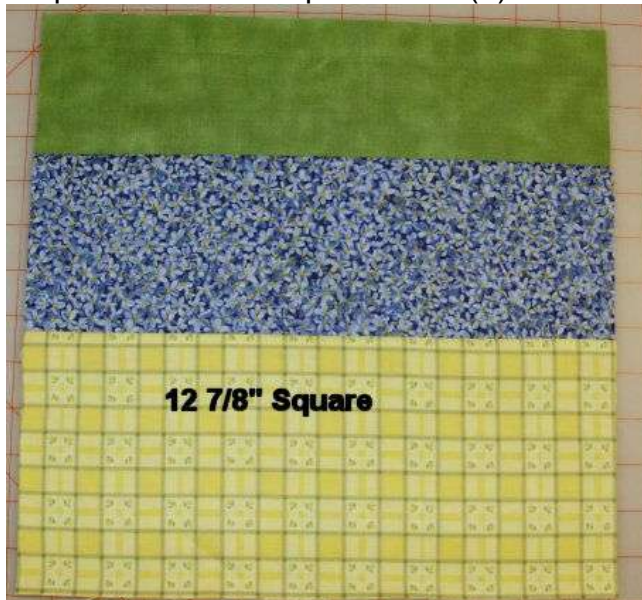


Step #2:

Sew fabric 4,10 and 8 strips together in that order. Make 2 of these strip units. Press seams towards fabric 8.

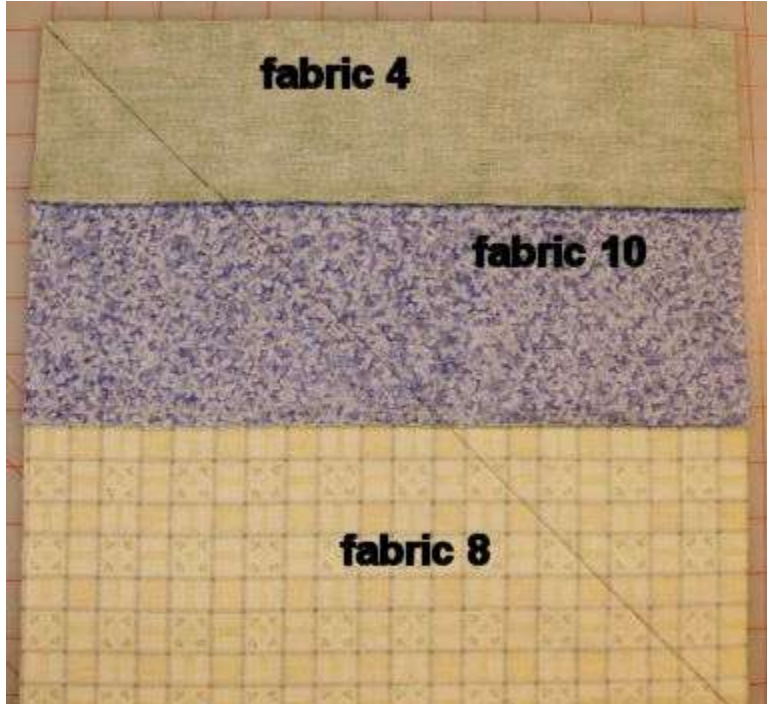


Step#3:Cut these strip units into (5) 12 7/8” X 12 7/8” squares.



Step #4:

With fabric #4 on the top, draw a diagonal line from corner to corner as shown. IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT THE FABRICS ARE POSITIONED AS SHOWN AND THE DIAGONAL LINE BE DRAWN FROM THE TOP LEFT HAND CORNER TO THE BOTTOM RIGHT HAND CORNER. Do this with all 5 blocks.



Congratulations! You have completed the first part of block #2 in our Mystery quilt.

We will be using 4 different fabrics for this block. If you wish to introduce 4 additional fabrics for this block, you may do so, or you may use the fabrics suggested from block 1.

*If you would like to raid your stash for 4 different fabrics, you'll need to have $\frac{1}{4}$ yd of A, $\frac{1}{3}$ yd of B and $\frac{3}{8}$ yd of C. You'll also need $\frac{3}{4}$ of a yard of your 4th fabric for the next step.**

Join me next week for the next fun installment of our Mystery Quilt!

GUILD WEBSITE

At the January meeting, Kathy Krypel briefly discussed the possibility of creating a guild website. In the meantime, Sharon Perry's husband, Scott, has developed a prototype website which can be found at <http://www.vtmooses.us/ctqg.html>. Scott has also agreed to maintain the guild's website free of charge as long as the design remains simple and easy to access by all internet users to include those still on dial-up.

Currently, the prototype is part of Sharon and Scott Perry's personal website, www.vtmooses.us, since no final decision has been made by the guild about the website or any specific details. Please take some time and visit the prototype to see what information could be made available to guild members via the internet. As a note, the website is a "work in progress" and can be changed to meet the needs of the guild members. Some of the links have actual guild information; these include the "Officers" and the "News w/ Minutes & Treasury" links. Other links can be accessed but only serve as a placeholder until more information can be uploaded. You can also see two fully developed websites which Scott Perry maintains at <http://www.montgomeryvt.us/> and <http://www.vtmooses.us/fcqq.html>. By visiting these sites, you can see what can easily be included in a simple and easy to access format.

The cost of having a guild website would be as little as \$50 a year or as much as \$150 a year (or about \$12.50 per month). For \$150 a year, the guild could have its own domain name such as commonthreads.org or commonthreadsvt.com. At the lower cost of \$50, the website would have to remain a subset of the Perry's personal website. For the nominal cost of about \$12.50 per month (billed annually), it is recommended the guild register its own domain name and set up a separate website.

Sharon Perry will discuss the website proposal in further detail and answer any of your questions at the February meeting as long as the weather cooperates. In the meantime, check out the guild's prototype website and the two other websites Scott maintains and see what is possible on the internet for our guild.