

# February 2011

## Message from the President

Hello everyone,

I hope everyone is enjoying the winter so far. For those of you that don't, it's half over. I finally have some time to work on a few projects. I hope you all enjoyed the kimono demo. The program committee thought that it would be a great theme for the Christmas tree this year to have folded fabric ornaments.

There are still quite a few openings for committee chairs for the quilt show. If you would like to help out, please call me and I can let you know what is available. In a perfect quilting world I would like to see every member have a part in making this year's quilt show the best it has ever been! We received a lot of compliments on the last show from people all over the world and we also were compared to the shows in Lancaster, PA! We should be proud.

Ok, I'll get off my soapbox and hope that everyone stays safe and I'll see you in February.

*Andrea Blaisdell*

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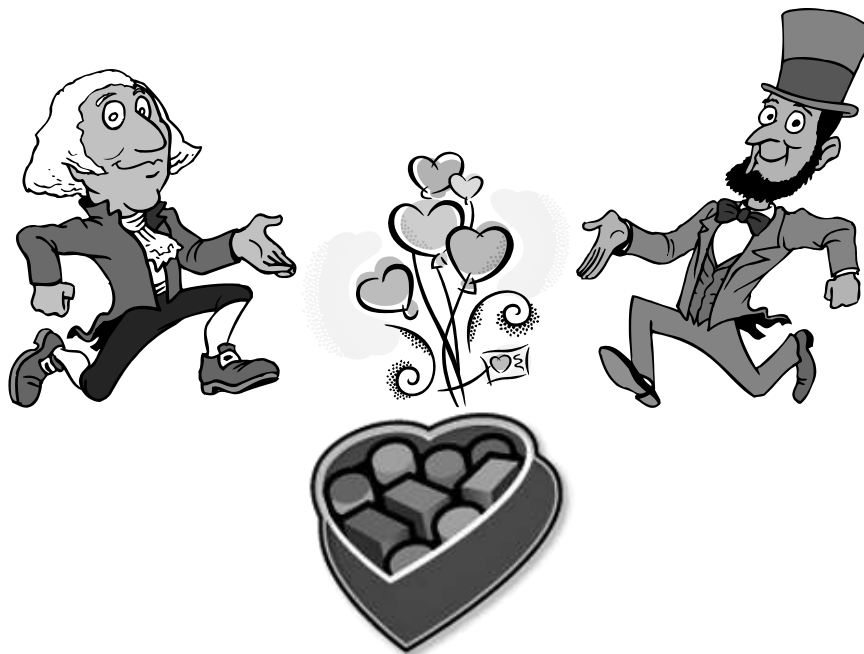
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Block of the Month  
**Barbara O'Toole**

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 15, 2010 - January 11, 2011

## INCOME

Cash Forward \$ 5,290.00

### Income:

1/10/11 Deposit - Membership Dues 30.00

**Total Income \$ 30.00**

### Expenses:

1/6/11 Ck. #112 Julie Rohleder (newsletter/postage) \$ 31.17

1/7/11 Ck. #113 Sterling View Community Club (paper products) \$ 75.00

**Total Expenditures \$ 106.17**

Cash Balance January 11, 2011 \$ 5,213.83

Respectfully Submitted, *Rita Lehoullier*

# Secretary's Report

On January 6, 2011 the Common Threads Quilt Guild met at Sterling View with 35 members and 1 guest present. Motion was made by Mary Dick to accept the Secretaries report, seconded by Annie Morgan. So moved. Motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by Phyllis Fletcher, seconded by Annie Morgan. So moved

Barb O'Toole won "Just for Coming" and Pat Slack won for "Canned Goods"

There will be a sewing session January 18 to work on sunshine quilts.

Robin has reported that to date there is 67 paid members.

Instead of bringing the Library books to each meeting Sharon will take the books home and put a list on the Common Threads website so if you want a certain book call Sharon and she will bring it to the next meeting. A motion was made to continue the website at a cost of \$30.00 per year. So moved.

Martha Duffy reported that the cookbook is coming together. It will be done on-line and then it will take about 45 days to publish it. The Quilt show is the goal but it would be nice to have it for the Antiques and Uniques show in July. The book will be dedicated to Connie Page.

A sign-up sheet is ready for volunteers for the Quilt Show. The first meeting will be on February 3 at 5:30 before our regular meeting.

Quilt raffle tickets are available through Barb O'Toole. Some have yet to pick up their tickets. Put your initials on the back and if you sell the winning ticket there will be a prize.

Motion was made to approve \$75.00 for supplies to be given to Sterling View as a thank you for the use of their facilities. So Moved.

If you want to participate in the Round Robin bring in a center block to the next meeting. The block should be either 12", 16" or 20".

Respectfully Submitted, *Ruth Weselou*, Secretary

# Calendar

Jan 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> Johnson Town Hall Sewing Days  
Contact Barb O'Toole, 635-9384  
[vtquilter06@yahoo.com](mailto:vtquilter06@yahoo.com)

Feb 3<sup>rd</sup> Quilt Show Meeting, 5:30 PM  
Regular Guild Meeting  
Sterling View Clubhouse, 7 PM

Feb 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> Johnson Town Hall Sewing Days  
Contact Barb O'Toole, 635-9384  
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Mar 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Johnson Town Hall Sewing Days  
Contact Barb O'Toole, 635-9384  
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April 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Johnson Town Hall Sewing Days  
Contact Barb O'Toole, 635-9384  
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## FEBRUARY – FAVORITE NOTION

Bring your favorite notion, perhaps something new since last year, and pass the word on the great things out there for us quilters!

### MARCH – QUILT BINGO

Bingo squares and prizes!

### APRIL – TEA CUP AUCTION

### MAY – SUE NICHOLS

Trunk show on Thursday & classes Friday & Saturday

### JUNE – CASSEROLE CARRIER

### JULY – SUMMER POTLUCK

### AUGUST – ANNE GALLO

## QUILT SHOW MEETING

The first meeting will be held at 5:30PM, prior to our regular guild meeting, on Thursday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>. Please come and help us put on the best show yet!

## RAFFLE TICKETS

If you don't have your raffle tickets yet, contact Barb O'Toole, 635-9384, [vtquilter06@yahoo.com](mailto:vtquilter06@yahoo.com). Put your initials on the back because whoever sells the most tickets wins a prize!



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**



*Robin Gouin*

*February 17<sup>th</sup>*

## VQF ENTRY DEADLINE

The Vermont Quilt Festival Contest entry deadline is 1 month earlier this year. The Contest is open from February 1st and all entries must be postmarked no later than February 10th 2011.

Your quilt does not need to be completely finished by that date but you need to be able to include a photo of the top with your entry form. You can find the entry form on the website at [www.vqf.org](http://www.vqf.org) just click on the Contest tab.

If you do not have access to e-mail or cannot download the entry form please call the VQF office on 802 872 0034 and request one be sent to you.

The Class Brochures will be mailed in the next few weeks to those who qualify for Priority Registration and in early February for everyone else already on the VQF mailing list. However, the Contest Entry form is no longer included in the Class Brochure.

Also, please remember that there is a price break on registration for those who register online so, if you cannot register online from your own computer, it may be worth a trip to your local library to register.

Contest Contact: Joanne Lattrell, Contest Chair  
802 244 8373 or [contest@vqf.org](mailto:contest@vqf.org)

## Food Shelf Wish List

(Straight from the Food Shelf)

Spaghetti Sauce	Toothpaste
Canned Fruit	Toothbrushes
Soup	(for children, too!)
Canned Vegetables	Tomato Paste
Soap	Baked Beans / Bean Soup
Shampoo	Peanut Butter
Tuna	Macaroni & Cheese
Cereal	Brown or White Rice
Noodles	Toilet Paper (pre-wrapped)
Oatmeal	Noodle Soups
Whole-wheat flour	Quick Bread or Muffin Mix
Shredded Wheat	Barley
Cream of Wheat	Mustard / Ketchup
Cornmeal	Granola
Pretzels	Pancake Mix
Dried Milk	Biscuit Mix
Crackers	Rice Pilaf
100% Juices	Raisins or Peanuts
Baby Food	Canned Tomatoes



*Next Meeting: February 3<sup>rd</sup>*

*Things to remember:*

- 1. Come at 5:30 PM for the Quilt Show Meeting*
- 2. Bring a canned item for the food shelf*
- 3. Bring your Show & Tell*
- 4. Bring your Round Robin square in a paper bag.*

## **ROUND ROBIN CHALLENGE**

'COMMON THREADS'ROUND ROBIN BEGINS.....

Join the Common Threads Quilt Guild Round Robin! At the February meeting bring a block of any design finishing between 12" and 16" inches square. Place it in a PAPER bag & write your name on the bag. If you have a fabric style and/or color preference, put a note stating this on your bag.

Phyllis Fletcher and Anne Harmon will assign you to a Round Robin group and give instructions for the first round. Your block confirms your commitment to every round of the Round Robin Challenge. The number of rounds will depend on how many people sign up .

Each month 2 block or design elements will be announced, for example, log cabin and stars. We will also announce the border size, for example 3" to 5" wide.

The border you add that month should include some log cabin blocks or some star blocks or both of these - your choice, and the border should finish between 3" to 5" wide.

At next month's meeting please return the block you just worked on in the bag, handing it in at the beginning of the meeting. At the end of the meeting you will pick up your next round. When all the rounds are completed the Round Robin Quilts will be revealed for us all to see & guess whose block! Each quilt will then be returned to the block owner.

Please do not share the contents of your bag each month. The idea is to keep this a surprise for the originator of the block and for everyone else.

Perhaps this project could result in a great 'mini-exhibit' at the Quilt Show?

Phyllis Fletcher' & Anne Harmon, Round Robin Coordinators'

## **GUILD COOKBOOK TAKING SHAPE**

The "cookbook committee" met to discuss how to organize the guild's book. After reviewing the recipes and seeing the size of the cookbook with the recipes submitted, the committee has decided to solicit more recipes from guild members and from the nationally-known quilt instructors who have taught workshops for the guild.

So, we're looking for more recipes. We have plenty of dessert recipes, but we can use more recipes for main dishes, appetizers, and beverages. We're also thinking of creating a section with slow-cooker or one-pot meals with the quilter in mind. If you have any recipes that a quilter could load up in a slow cooker or one pot, with little to no prep work, and let cook as she quilts away all day, then bring them to Martha Duffy at the next guild meeting along with any other recipes you might like to add.

The committee also plans to "customize" the guild cookbook using original artwork which Carolyn Babcock has graciously agreed to provide. We're thinking of having one of the many spectacular mountain views from the high points in Hyde Park on the cover...maybe a pastoral scene with a farmhouse in the foreground, quilts hanging on a fence or clothesline, and a mountain view in the background. Carolyn may have to take some "artistic license" to create the perfect scene. If you have a suggestion for a recognizable view from Hyde Park, let Sharon Perry know so she can take a photograph for Carolyn to use.

The committee also discussed some marketing ideas to promote sales. We plan to "debut" the cookbook at the quilt show in October. The debut in October will allow us to take advantage of some special discounts the cookbook company offers. We're hoping to have a demo or two of easy-to-make casserole carriers and display the cookbook with a completed carrier as a gift idea. We've actually found a pattern for a carrier which folds out into a table runner. Wouldn't that make a great gift (the guild cookbook and carrier/runner) for a cook in your family, or a wedding couple, or a friend whose recipe is featured in the cookbook? We're hoping it's easy to make too.

Another way we can reduce the price per book is to submit our cookbook materials and recipes online. As a result, the committee is looking for a few members to type up a handful of recipes using Microsoft Word. With enough members helping, we can make it a manageable effort. If you're comfortable using a computer and would like to help, please let Sharon Perry know. More news will follow as the cookbook continues to take shape.

## GUILD LIBRARY NOW ON-LINE

At the January guild meeting, Sharon Perry agreed to take over as the guild's librarian and proposed a new approach to making the library holdings accessible to guild members. Just a few days after the meeting, the webmaster posted a complete list of the library books at <http://www.commonthreadsvt.org/ctgglibrary.html>. The guild's library currently has 120 titles offering a diverse range of patterns and techniques.

Sharon will store all the books at her house. Guild members can review the library list online or in a library binder, with all books listed, which will be stored with guild supplies at Sterling View. If a member finds a book she would like to "check out," the member would then email Sharon at [vtquilter@gmail.com](mailto:vtquilter@gmail.com), call her at 326-3135, or speak to her at a guild meeting and request to check out the book. Sharon would bring the book to the next guild meeting or drop the book off if she plans to be in the local area before the meeting. If the member cannot wait until the next meeting, Sharon welcomes any member to come to her house and pick up any book. But be sure to call first because Sharon doesn't want anyone to drive all the way to Montgomery Center only to find her not at home or the book unavailable.

As Sharon was compiling the list, she found several books which the guild has in its library but were not in the library boxes. Sharon only has the card for the book, and there's no member's name on the card indicating the book is signed out. Sharon's assumption is that someone borrowed the book at a guild meeting when the card catalog used for sign-out was not available. She's asking for everyone's help to locate these books and asks that you look through your "stash of quilting books" for any of the guild books listed below. If you have one of the guild's books but aren't finished using it, just let Sharon know and she'll annotate the sign-out card with your name.

1. 101 Log Cabin Blocks by Linda Causee
2. 501 Quilt Blocks: A Treasury of Patterns for Patchwork and Applique by Joan Lewis and Lynette Chiles (Better Homes & Gardens book)
3. A Treasury of Scrap Quilts by Nancy J. Martin
4. Clever Quarters by Susan Dissmore
5. Clever Quarters Encore by Susan Dissmore
6. Fabulous Fat Quarter Bags by M'Liss Rae Hawley
7. Fancy Applique by Elly Sienkiewicz
8. Playful Patchwork Projects by Kari Pearson & Friends
9. Quilts from My Garden: 20 Projects with Recipes Fresh from the Garden by Karen Snyder
10. Sniggle Up: 8 Lap Quilts to Warm Your Home by Beth Merrill Kovich & Retta Warehime
11. Woolens, Flannels & Plaids by Liberty Homestead

After entering all the book titles in a data base and reorganizing the books in the boxes, Sharon was amazed at the treasure trove the guild has in its library. There are many popular books that are out of print and hard to find, then there are some that Sharon wishes she had in her own personal library. As the year progresses, Sharon plans to highlight some of the books the guild has in future newsletters. Her hope is that in highlighting a few select books every so often, she will pique the interest of a guild member or two in some of the books the guild library offers.

Finally, if you have any books to donate to the guild library, bring them to a guild meeting. Sharon will enter the books in the library data base and update the website and library binder so all members are informed of the library's latest acquisitions. And if anyone has any suggestions to make the guild library a better and more accessible resource for all members, just let Sharon know.