

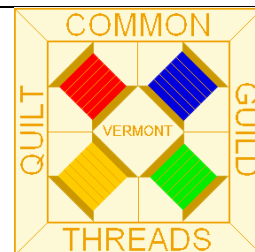
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The Official Newsletter
of the Common Threads Quilt Guild of Lamoille County
in Morrisville, Vermont

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FEBRUARY 2026

The President's Block

Hello quilting friends,

I hope you are managing to stay warm this winter. With it being so cold and/or snowing, hopefully you are getting a lot of projects ready for sew and tell in March.

Well that is all for now.

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

**DOORS OPEN AT 6:00 PM;
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January NO MEETING
January 17th Sunshine Quilt Workshop,
9 am – 3 pm
Johnson Town Hall

February NO MEETING
**February 28th Sunshine Quilt
Workshop, 9 am – 3 pm,
Johnson Town Hall**

2025 – 2026 Guild Calendar

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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

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Treasurer's Report

Beginning Balance 12/20/2025

\$4,802.97

Income

	\$0.00
Total Income	\$0.00

Subtotal \$4,802.97

Expenses

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Check #636 United Church of Johnson for Sunshine Quilt Work Bee

\$100.00

Total Expenses	\$100.00
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Ending Balance 01/20/2026

\$4,702.97

Respectfully submitted,
Cheryl Leach, Treasurer

LOOKING AHEAD...

February 2026: NO MEETING**March 2026:** It's All About Labels with Sharon Perry and Carolyn Babcock**February 28th, 2026:** Sunshine Quilt Workshop at Johnson Town Hall, 9 am – 3 pm**April 2026:** TBD (any takers?)

SUNSHINE QUILT WORKSHOP SCHEDULED IN FEBRUARY

CTQG will be hosting a workshop on Saturday, February 28th, 9 am – 3 pm, at the Johnson Town Hall on Main Street next to the fire station. Thank you to those that came to the workshop on January 24th. We were able to get 17 quilts completely finished and another 15 in production.

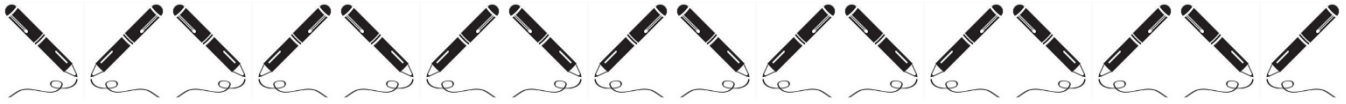
Andrea Blaisdell will bring the kits for anyone wanting to sew there or take home. If you have a kit that you have finished or a quilt top, you can bring it to the workshop as well. Please remember to put your name on the tops and if you used your own fabric so you can get credit and be entered into the prize drawing.

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. 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

WITH NO MEETING IN JANUARY,
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

- Don't have a needle threader on your machine? Buy a pack of floss threaders - you'll find them in the dental aisle of your local drug store. You will be amazed how easily you'll be able to thread that needle!
- Use the small stand up empty boxes of tissues on your work table to throw away scraps, loose thread, etc. The scraps, etc., stay put, and the box takes up minimal table space.
- When assembling scrap blocks for a quilt, lay out your blocks and take a digital photo. The photo shows if you have too many dark blocks together or too many light ones together. Rearrange the blocks and take another photo.
- Use an empty fabric bolt board, and pin 3 wide elastic bands around the board. When you travel to classes, slide your rotary rulers under the elastic bands. The strength of the board will protect your rulers from breaking.
- Whenever you draft an original pattern or make changes in an existing pattern, always work without seam allowances. After you figure the math (or drawings) for your borders and blocks, then add the seam allowances. This will minimize confusion and will let you concentrate on design.

FOR SALE

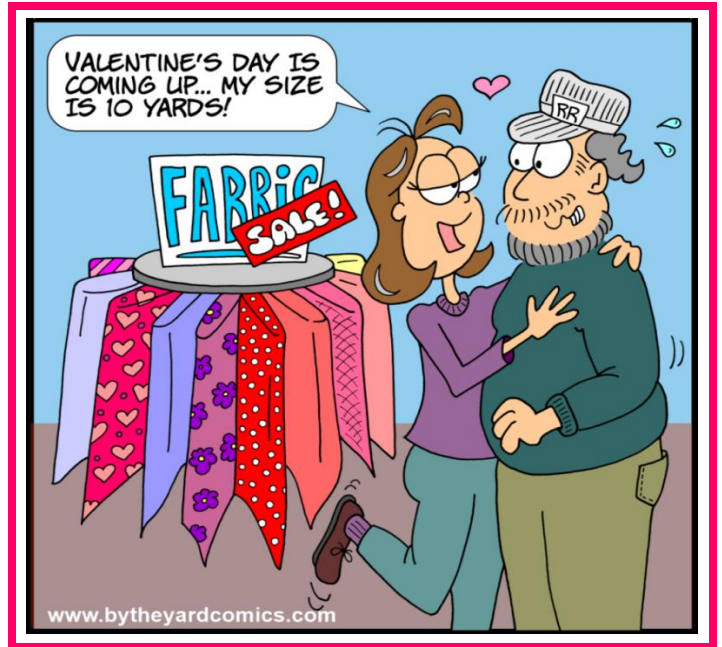
Heavy-duty, folding, cutting table on casters with full-size cutting mat and padded ironing cover included. Table measures 36" x 59" fully extended and sits at counter height; folded size is 12" x 36". Retail price online is \$500; asking \$250. If interested, please email CommonThreadsVT@gmail.com.

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.



THE SNOWDROP

By Alfred Lord Tennyson

Many, many welcomes,
February fair-maid,
Ever as of old time,
Solitary firstling,
Coming in the cold time,
Prophet of the gay time,
Prophet of the May time,
Prophet of the roses,
Many, many welcomes,
February fair-maid!

FEATURED VIDEO TUTORIAL FOR FEBRUARY:

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

Sew Cute Runner
for February
Shabby Fabrics

JoAnn Tallman	February	17
Joyce Emerson	February	23

...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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Recipe Corner

CHICKEN WITH CHERRY WINE SAUCE

4 boneless skinless chicken breast halves (8 oz. each)
 ¼ teaspoon salt
 ¼ teaspoon pepper
 7 tablespoons butter, divided
 ⅔ cup dry red wine
 1 tablespoon sugar
 ½ cup fresh or frozen pitted dark sweet cherries, thawed

Preheat oven to 350°. Sprinkle chicken with salt and pepper. In a large cast-iron or other ovenproof skillet, heat 2 tablespoons butter over medium-high heat. Brown chicken on both sides; bake until a thermometer reads 165°, 12-15 minutes.

Meanwhile, in a small saucepan, combine wine and sugar. Bring to a boil; cook, uncovered, until liquid is reduced by half, 4-5 minutes. Reduce heat to low; whisk in remaining butter, 1 tablespoon at a time, until blended. Stir in cherries; serve with chicken.

PORK CHOPS WITH CHERRY SAUCE

1 tablespoon finely chopped shallot
 1 teaspoon olive oil
 1 cup fresh or frozen pitted dark sweet cherries, halved
 ⅓ cup ruby port wine
 1 teaspoon balsamic vinegar
 ⅛ teaspoon salt
 1 teaspoon coriander seeds, crushed
 ¾ teaspoon ground mustard
 ¼ teaspoon salt
 ¼ teaspoon pepper
 2 bone-in pork loin chops (7 ounces each)
 2 teaspoons olive oil

In a small saucepan, sauté shallot in oil until tender. Stir in the cherries, wine, vinegar and salt. Bring to a boil; cook until liquid is reduced by half, about 10 minutes.

Meanwhile, in a small bowl, combine the coriander, mustard, salt and pepper; rub over chops. In a large skillet, cook chops in oil over medium heat for 4-5 minutes on each side or until a thermometer reads 145°. Serve with sauce.

FROSTED CHERRY DROPS

For cookies:

1 package white cake mix
 ½ cup sour cream
 3 tablespoons cherry juice or water
 ¼ teaspoon almond extract
 1 egg
 ½ cup finely chopped maraschino cherries

For cherry frosting:

2 ½ cups powdered sugar
 ¼ cup margarine, soft
 1 tablespoon cherry juice
 3 tablespoons half and half
 Maraschino cherries

For cookies:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. In a large bowl, combine cake mix, sour cream, cherry juice (or water), almond extract and egg; stir until well blended. Fold in cherries. Drop by teaspoonfuls 2 inches apart, onto ungreased cookie sheet. Bake for 8 to 12 minutes, or until edges are light golden brown. Cool 1 minute; remove from cookie sheets. Frost cookies with cherry frosting (recipe below); top with ¼ maraschino cherry.

For cherry frosting:

In small bowl combine all frosting ingredients except maraschino cherries, adding enough half and half for desired consistency. Frost cooled cookies. Top with ¼ cherry.

CLASSIC CHERRY DELIGHT

For crust:

7 tablespoons unsalted butter, melted
 1 ½ cups graham cracker crumbs
 3 tablespoons granulated sugar

For filling:

8 ounces cream cheese, softened
 1 cup powdered sugar
 1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
 1 8-oz container Cool Whip
 1 can (21-oz) cherry pie filling

For crust:

In a medium bowl, mix together graham cracker crumbs, sugar and butter; mix well to combine. Pat firmly into the bottom of a sprayed 8 x 8 baking dish. Set aside.

For filling:

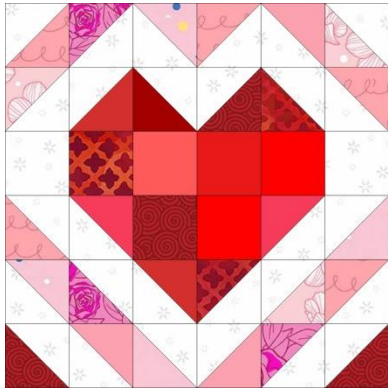
In large bowl, mix cream cheese until smooth and free of any lumps. Add powdered sugar and vanilla; mix well. Add Cool Whip; mix until combined, but don't overmix.

Spread the filling evenly over the graham cracker crust, using a spoon or offset spatula. Spoon the cherry pie filling over the top and carefully spread it evenly over the filling. Refrigerate for at least 2 hours before serving.



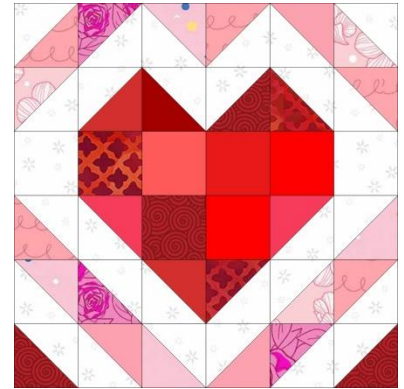
Bonus Block

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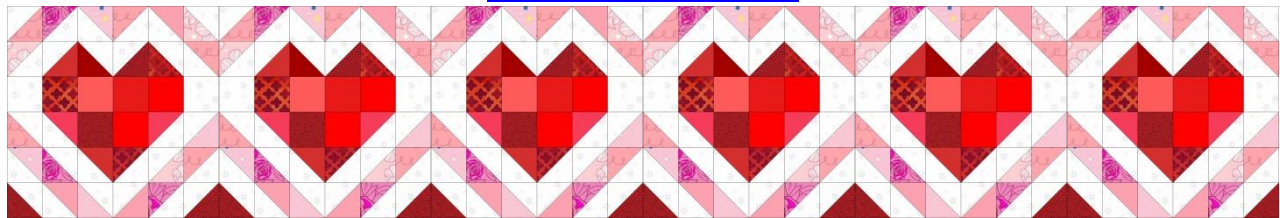
Reds and Pinks
with white background



PATTERN: Scrappy Heart
Pattern from [Coriander Quilts](#)

Click the link below for the 12" finished block pattern

[Scrappy Heart](#)



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!



QUILT TIP

- To celebrate the birthday of a quilting friend, use a "jelly roll" (try cutting your own "jelly roll" strips), insert candles, and present it as birthday cake for your quilter friend, with the fabrics being the gift for her to make a new project and your gift being the jelly roll fabric for her to make a project. **NOTE: Don't light the candles...it's just a fun gift presentation!**
- When a spool of thread has only has a yard or two left, save it in a container with the other supplies needed to do hand sewing (usually for binding a quilt). Then use the remainder of thread on each spool for all your hand sewing needs, therefore never wasting thread.
- Chocolate is a quilting notion!

EMBROIDERY PATTERN FOR VALENTINE'S DAY



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:

Friday, February 20th, 2026

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



February is National Bird Feeding Month



*"February, the month of love, is a time to cherish the bonds
that warm our hearts." ~ D.A. Blankinship*