

March 2011

Message from the President

Hello everyone,

As I am writing this my thoughts go out to Kathy Krypel and her family on the loss of Frank. I know he will be greatly missed. We should cherish every moment with our loved ones because we never know when they will be gone.

I want to thank everyone for their help with all the guild programs and quilt show duties. We have a good start on the quilt show. If you would like to help out please give me a call. The show challenge looks like fun, thank you Carolyn for making it interesting.

Anne and Phyllis did a great job organizing the round robin challenge. I cannot wait to see the finished quilts. There are still some openings for the Sue Nickels workshops so if you want to take a class, just give me a call.

Well I hope everyone will be able to make the next meeting because it's BINGO NITE! Fun, Fun, Fun!

Your friend,

Andrea Blaisdell



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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

January 12, 2011 - February 10, 2011

INCOME

Cash Forward \$ 5,213.83

Income:

2/7/11 Deposit - Membership Dues 45.00
" Vendors - Quilt Show 80.00

Total Income \$ 5,338.83

Expenses:

2/3/11 Ck. #114 Anita Robert (charity quilts) \$ 27.17

2/3/11 Ck. #115 Julie Rohleder (postage \$17.60; 12.83 newsletter) \$ 30.43

Total Expenditures \$ 57.60

Cash Balance February 10, 2011 \$ 5,281.23

Respectfully Submitted, *Rita Lehouillier*

Secretary's Report

On February 3, 2011 The Common Threads Quilt Guild met at Sterling View with 35 members and one guest present. Motion was made by Annie Morgan to accept the Secretaries report seconded by Carolyn Babcock. So moved.

Millie Piper won a prize "Just for coming" and Anita Roberts for "Canned Goods"

Lila sent out 4 Sunshine Cards".

Anita reported that squares were ready and there will be a workday to make kits. Kits should be ready next month.

Martha Duffy has 150 recipes but need more ie: slow cooker or one dish. Also she needs a few volunteers to enter recipes into computer. The book will be ready for the quilt show.

The Round Robin started with 9 members bringing in squares.

The Sue Nickels lecture will be Thursday May 5, 2011 and the classes will be Friday and Saturday. They are Machine Quilting Essentials and Appliqué Flower Basket. Sign up by March 15. After this date the classes will be opened up to other guilds.

Volunteers are still needed for the Quilt Show. We will advertise in the VQF. Book. Sharon needs items for the silent auction.

The Teacup Auction will be in April but please bring items in March so they can be organized.

The library is on the website. Sharon Perry also has a binder so if you want to check out a book contact Sharon and she will bring it in. Also Sharon will purchase books that represent the quilters that have been here. Motion was made by Sheila seconded by Barb O'Toole to approve these purchases. So Moved.

Carolyn presented the Challenge Quilt for the Quilt Show. It will be A Civil War with Butternut and Blue with a third color of red or white.

Respectfully Submitted, *Ruth Weselaw*, Secretary

Calendar

Feb 19th & 20th Johnson Town Hall Sewing Days
Contact Barb O'Toole, 635-9384
vtquilter06@yahoo.com

Mar 3rd Quilt Show Meeting, 5:30 PM
Regular Guild Meeting
Sterling View Clubhouse, 7 PM

Mar 5th & 6th Johnson Town Hall Sewing Days
Contact Barb O'Toole, 635-9384
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April 2nd & 3rd Johnson Town Hall Sewing Days
Contact Barb O'Toole, 635-9384
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MARCH – QUILT BINGO

Bingo squares and prizes! See instructions in this newsletter. Make more than one square, and don't forget your buttons!

APRIL – TEA CUP AUCTION

Bring your items to the March meeting

MAY – SUE NICHOLS

Trunk show on Thursday & classes Friday & Saturday.

JUNE – CASSEROLE CARRIER

JULY – SUMMER POTLUCK

AUGUST – ANNE GALLO

QUILT SHOW MEETING

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



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



*Sally Cabell
& Donna Merriam*

March 3rd

Marie Lovejoy Doane

March 5th

Carol Munsie

March 11th

Pierette Marsh

March 15th

Millie Piper

March 17th

Rhonda Griswold

March 21st

& Mary Sargent

Donna Phelps

March 27th

Andrea Blaisdell

March 29th

COOKBOOK RECIPES STILL NEEDED

Recipes are still needed 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.

SUE NICHOLS CLASSES MAY 5TH, 6TH, & 7TH

Thurs Lecture on the History of Machine Quilting

Fri Machine Quilting for Beginner to Intermediate

Sat Machine Applique: Flower baskets by raw edge fusible.

Thursday lecture is during our guild meeting. Fri & Sat classes are all day, \$45, call Andrea (635-8389) to sign up.

RAFFLE TICKETS

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

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: March 3rd

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 bingo square*
- 5. Bring items for April's teacup auction*

BUTTERNUT & BLUE CIVIL WAR CHALLENGE

By Carolyn Babcock

Here are the guidelines for this year's quilt show challenge. The goal is to create a personal memento of the American Civil War in this its sesquicentennial year.

The palette is butternut (light gold to deep warm brown) and blue (medium indigo to deep navy, almost black). Red and/or white may be added. Your entry can be any design, appliquéd or pieced, or a combination. The range of dimensions is 10" x 10" to 30" x 30", and need not be square. The design must have a Civil War connection assigned to it, i.e. a person, event, battle, etc. A brief description (1 or 2 sentences) should be submitted with your entry and will be posted with it at the show.

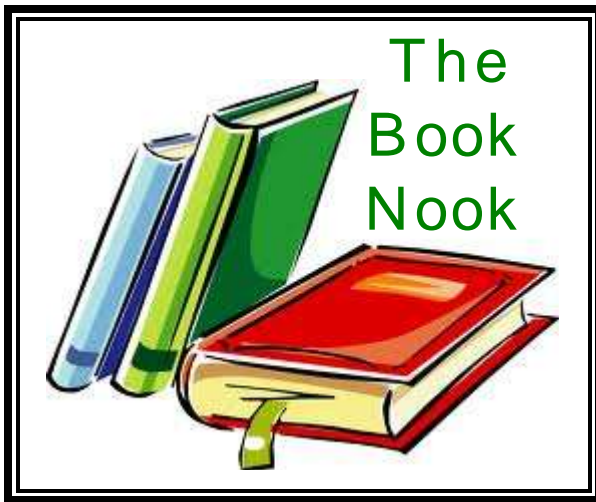
I will need to know the number of entries being submitted and their dimensions by the July meeting so I can begin work on their arrangement. If you have any questions, please call me at 326-4013. A resource is Barbara Bachman's [Borderland in Butternut & Blue](#).

SUNSHINE QUILTING NEWS

At the beginning of this month, there was a fire in a multi-family house in the Lower Village of Stowe, resulting in the destruction of a basement apartment, and extensive smoke and water damage to the two apartments on the 1st and 2nd floors. We are in the process of providing quilts to the people who have been displaced by the fire. So far, we have reached two young men, Anthony Poland and Stephen Ham, both of whom very happy to accept a twin sized quilt! We hope to have reached the people in the other two apartments by the time this newsletter goes to press.

We plan on having kits for quilt tops available at the March meeting, for those who would like to do a little winter Sunshine Quilt sewing. Look for the wicker basket, and sign out however many you would like. Please remember that there is no time limit on the completion of kits. Just return them whenever they are completed. Also, remember to make your Bingo squares for the next meeting! These make lovely, colorful quilts for us to give to fire victims.

Elaine Foster
Joyce LaRow
Anita Robert
Barbara Scribner



CTQG LIBRARY NOW FEATURES BOOKS BY SUE NICKELS

The library now has all five books which Sue Nickels has authored; a brief description of each book is outlined below. The books were acquired in anticipation of Sue's visit to the guild in May and are now available for guild members to "check out."

As background, Sue has been quilting for 31 years, starting by hand and gradually focusing on machine work. She has been teaching

machine techniques for the past 20 years. Sue co-authored three of the five books with her sister, Pat Holly. Pat is also an award-winning quilter. One of her specialties is miniature appliqué quilts. Sue and Pat have also collaborated on several quilts which have gone on to win awards from major national quilt shows. Two of their best known quilts are "The Beatles Quilt," the 1998 AQS Best of Show, and "The Space Quilt," winner of the 2003 IQA Master of Machine Artistry Award and the 2004 AQS Machine Workmanship Award.

Machine Quilting: A Primer of Techniques, by Sue Nickels, covers all aspects of beginning machine quilting and provides everything you need to know to get started.

Machine Appliqué: A Sampler of Techniques, by Sue Nickels, provides clear and concise instruction on invisible, template and starch, and raw-edge fusible machine appliqué. This book is out of print and hard to find. The CTQG library is fortunate to have this book in its holdings.

Stitched Raw Edge Appliqué, by Sue Nickels and Pat Holly, is filled with great tips, ideas, illustrations, and wonderfully creative projects for raw-edge appliqué.

60 Machine Quilting Patterns, by Sue Nickels and Pat Holly, provides a collection of 60 patterns, specifically designed to make machine quilting quick and easy. Patterns include traditional feather designs, florals, and geometrics. Although designed with the machine quilter in mind, hand quilters can also use the patterns.

Amish Patterns for Machine Quilting, by Sue Nickels and Pat Holly, features 83 traditional hand-quilted Amish designs which are easy to use for both machine quilting and hand quilting. The designs include flowers, feathers, cables, baskets, stars and more and can be easily adapted in size and shape.

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

This is an example layout - make up your own combination of patterns.

Don't repeat a pattern in any column, but feel free to use the same pattern in as many different colors as you want!

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!