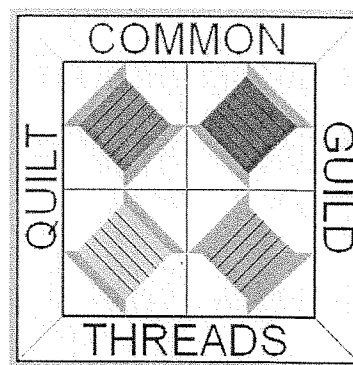


Common Threads Quilt Guild



Message from Our President

Hello Ladies,

I think Spring has sprung and we skipped to summer! I am kind of bummed that the weather has turned nice because I won't want to be inside working on UFO's. Who am I kidding, I pulled my first weed of the season the other day and there was still snow on the ground. I do hope we don't get hit with a late frost. We have been working on some sunshine quilts lately. We still need some more made so if you could help out there will be kits available at the meeting.

Happy sewing everyone, Andrea

Officers

President: Andrea Blaisdell -635-8389

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Programs Committee: Ginny moody, Mary Dick and Madonna Belval

Block of the Month: Barbara Otoole

April 2012

**Birthdays in
March and April**

**Are on the next
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Happy Birthday
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## Upcoming

### BOM

March BOM. Karlene's Fancy. (correction from karlene star)

April. BOM. Morning Star 2

Thanks Barb

### Programs

April—Pat Slack will give a demo

May –Quilt Bingo

June –Kathie Alyce, Lecture and then classes on Friday and Saturday

July—Nothing

August—Pot Luck and Chinese Auction

September-Janet Vaupal & Annie Morgan: Borders

# Treasurer's Report

## Common Threads Quilting Guild

Treasurer's Report

February 13, 2012 - March 13, 2012

### Income

Cash Forward February 13, 2012 \$6,920.74

Deposits:

3/7/12 Deposit: Membership Dues \$ 30.00

**Total Income \$6,950.74**

### Expenses

No Expenses

**Total Expenses \$ -**

**Cash Balance March 13, 2012 \$6,950.74**

## SUNSHINE QUILTS

### Sunshine Quilt Challenge:

We need your help!! In order to inspire and motivate everyone we have come up with a challenge for all of you. We would like you to cut 8 ½" squares, and make 4 patches out of 4 ½" squares (8 ½" finished) We will use these to make as many Sunshine quilts as we can. This is an ongoing project – for every (4) 8 ½" squares that you cut and bring in and/or every (2) four patches that you make your name will be added to our box for a drawing. We will have at least 2 prizes: One for the person who contributes the most to the project – we will count the names in the box; the second prize will be a random drawing from the box. One of the prizes is a 5 pack of rotary blades! Cut and sew to win! Any colors will do – use up odd pieces of scrap that you have. We will put together beautiful 'scrappy' Sunshine quilts!

If you have questions please call Marion 635-2731.

## Two Months of Birthday's

### Birthdays for March and April

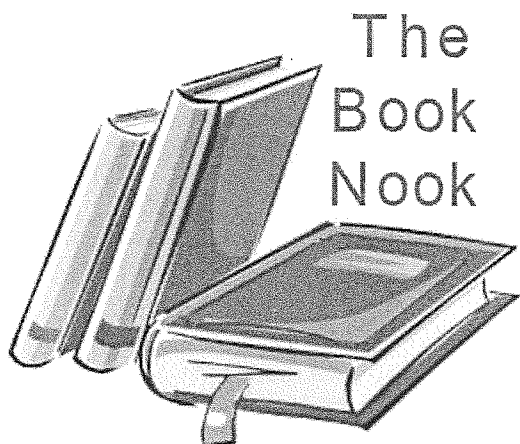
#### Happy Birthday Girls

#### March Babies

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|------------------|----------|
| Sally Cabell     | March 3  |
| Doanne Lovejoy   | March 5  |
| Carol Munsie     | March 11 |
| Pierrette Marsh  | March 15 |
| Millie Piper     | March 17 |
| Mary Sargent     | March 21 |
| Rhonda Griswold  | March 21 |
| Donna Phelps     | March 27 |
| Donna Merriam    | March 29 |
| Andrea Blaisdell | March 29 |

#### April Babies

|                  |          |
|------------------|----------|
| Madeline Hooper  | April 2  |
| Cormetia Sweetse | April 3  |
| Kathy Krypel     | April 4  |
| Annie Morgan     | April 10 |
| Bonnie Leferve   | April 11 |
| Martha Russell   | April 15 |
| Mary Dick        | April 22 |
| Sue Gilbert      | April 26 |



### FEATURED THIS MONTH: BOOKS FOR MAKING BABY QUILTS

The guild library has several books for making baby quilts. You'll find a quick description of those books below. The librarian will bring the featured books to the April guild meeting so members can look through the books; she will also bring the books on scrap quilts, which were featured in the January newsletter, to the April meeting too.

**Baby Quilts with Love** by Alex Anderson: At least half of the dozen projects in the book listed are suitable for beginners. Anderson gives good advice about color choices (i.e. choose a focus fabric and then pick accompanying colors). Even a beginner should be able to whip through one of these projects in a weekend, maybe two. The book includes 12 projects in all.

**Jack and Jill Quilts** by Retta Warehime: Eight separate patterns are presented with a boy's version and a girl's versions. The projects range from cowboy and cowgirl quilts to airplanes and butterflies.

**Knit a Dozen Baby Socks** by Edie Eckman: Although not a quilting book, there are a lot of knitters in the guild who might enjoy this book. The patterns in this book are sized for 6 months to 24 months. The instructions are easy to follow.

**Quilts for Baby: Easy as ABC** by Ursula Reikes: This book triumphs in providing excellent patterns that are stimulating for the beginning quilter. It also demonstrates how to incorporate children's novelty fabrics into traditional blocks. It marries the traditional patterns of quilting with the new colors and fabrics available today. The directions are clearly written with illustrations that anyone walking off the street could use to successfully accomplish making a very pleasing baby quilt.

**More Quilts for Baby: Easy as ABC** by Ursula Reikes: This is as good, if not better, than the author's first book, *Quilts for Baby, Easy as ABC*. This book has more quick and easy patterns in wonderful colorful fabrics. And they make great quilts for other family members too, not just babies...just add a few more blocks to make them larger.

**The Bib Boutique** by Jennifer Gierke: The book includes 24 patterns for two bib sizes. The designs include both seasonal ones and ones for every day.

## 12 IN 2012 UFO CHALLENGE

The 12 in 2012 UFO Challenge is generating a lot of excitement in the guild. For those members who missed the January meeting, Sharon Perry introduced a new challenge to guild members to finish some UnFinished prOjects (UFO), 12 to be exact...12 in 2012.

To participate, you'll need to find all your UFOs and decide which ones you want to finish this year. Fill out the entry form which can be found online at <http://www.commonthreadsvt.org/12in12ufo.pdf> and bring it to the February meeting. You also need to bring two fat quarters as an entry fee to join the challenge. For those members who receive the newsletter in the mail, Sharon will have additional entry forms at the February meeting. Just be sure to bring a completed UFO to show in February and your list of UFOs so you can fill out the form at the meeting.

Every month, from February to December, you must bring at least one completed project and show it during Show and Tell so Sharon can take a picture. The 12<sup>th</sup> completed project can be finished and shown anytime during 2012...it's your choice.

For every month you bring a completed project on your UFO list, you'll enter your name **twice** for the monthly drawing. In December, every guild member who has "met the challenge" and completed 12 UFOs in 2012 (on time) by December will get to enter a special drawing for a "fabulous" grand prize.

After hearing all the discussion and excitement about the challenge, here are a few qualifiers.

If you're fortunate enough **not** to have 12 UFOs collecting dust, then decide on 12 projects you'd like to complete this year and bring a finished project every month, plus one additional anytime during the year, for Show and Tell.

If you have more than 12 UFOs you'd like to complete, fill out as many entry forms as you need. For every UFO completed above and beyond your 12 in 2012 UFOs, you can enter your name **once** for the monthly drawing. As a note, each member only has to provide two fat quarters to enter no matter how many entry forms you fill out.

If you happen to miss a meeting (or several because you "snow bird" in a warmer climate), your completed projects will be considered finished "on time" as long as you bring all to the next meeting you attend. As an example, if you miss the March meeting, you must bring two completed UFOs to the April meeting (one for March and one for April). Or if you miss the February, March and April meetings, you must bring 4 completed UFOs to the May meeting.

As a final point, this challenge is all about completing some of those unfinished projects you have "cluttering" your sewing room and having fun along the way. So go clean out your sewing room and pull out all your UFOs...you just might be surprised how many you find. **There will be a special prize for the member who finds the most UFOs!**

Next Meeting:

April 5th

See you there!