

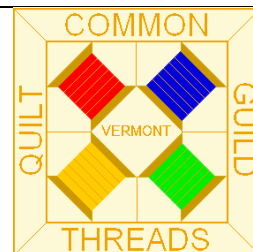
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ON POINT

The official newsletter
of the Common Threads Quilt Guild of Lamoille County
in Hyde Park, Vermont

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The President's Block

Hello and Happy Spring Everyone!

I received the best news ever the other day! The Sterling View Community Center has opened their facility to outsiders so we can have meetings again! We have the space reserved for Thursday April 7th at 6:00 pm. We will have a 30 minute social session and the meeting will start promptly at 6:30. Bring all the pieces you have been working on for Sew and Tell. If you have been working on the Block of the Month blocks that Lisa has been sending out, bring those as well and we will draw for winners of the blocks.

Marion will have sunshine quilts to work on and kits as well. Bring anything you have for Marion.

There is a little bit of noise going around that they might have Antiques and Uniques in Craftsbury this year. I have not heard for sure but I thought we should start working on our raffle quilt. I have the Johnson Town Hall reserved for Saturday, April 23rd, to start working on it. I will have more details at the meeting.

Jane Paine has come across a woman on Facebook who lives in Germany and has been making quilts for the refugees fleeing from Ukraine. She has put out a plea for 8½" blue and yellow quilt blocks of any pattern. Jane has offered to collect them at Lamoille County Home Health office if you would like to participate.

That's all for now. I can't wait to see you all!

Andrea Blaisdell, President

*Happy
Easter*



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Common Threads Quilt
Guild meets the 1st Thursday
of every month at 6:30 p.m.
at the Sterling View
Community Center
in Hyde Park

Dues = \$20 annually



2021 – 2022 Guild Calendar
DOORS OPEN AT 6:00 PM;
MEETING STARTS AT 6:30 PM

August 5th Summer Potluck

September 2nd Trunk Show
with Carolyn Babcock

October 7th Favorite Quilting Tool or
Notion

October 30th Sunshine Quilt
Workshop CANCELLED

2021 – 2022 Guild Calendar
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November 4th CANCELLED

December NO MEETING

January NO MEETING

February NO MEETING

March NO MEETING

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April 7th Quilting Pot-Pourri
****IN-PERSON** Meeting!!!**

April 23rd Raffle Quilt Workshop
At Johnson Town Hall

May 5th

June 2nd

July 7th Summer Potluck

APRIL 2022

Treasurer's Report

The guild has not had a meeting since October 2021. This report is repeated from the December newsletter since guild members have not had an opportunity to approve that report at a meeting.

Beginning Balance 10/16/2021 \$5,951.81

Income

Member Dues \$20.00

Total Income \$20.00

Subtotal \$5,971.81

Expenses

Total Expenses \$0.00

Ending Balance 11/15/2021 \$5,971.81

Respectfully submitted,
Lois Lemaire, Treasurer



APRIL MEETING FEATURES AN IN-PERSON EVENING OF QUILTING POT-POURRI

When guild members meet in person on April 7th, it will have been exactly 6 months since the last monthly meeting in October 2021. A couple weeks after the October meeting, Sterling View closed their community center to outside groups due to a surge in COVID case numbers last fall.

It will be so refreshing to be able to meet again in person and reconnect with quilting friends. There will not be a specific program in April to allow time for everyone time to catch up.

Bring all your quilting projects for show and tell. With another 6 months spent at home, everyone probably has lots to share as we turned to our passion of quilting to pass the time.

Jan Kuhn has indicated there are no COVID restrictions at Sterling View such as wearing a mask or social distancing. However, anyone wanting to continue those protocols for themselves is welcome to do so. The guild wants everyone to feel welcome and most importantly safe!

QUILT TIPS

- When making quilts for children (or friends), add a secret pocket with a little love note in it. Only you and the recipient will know where it is if you disguise it well. This is lovely for grandchildren. You can add a new note each time you visit them.
- Keep your old rotary cutter and mat if you buy a new one. Use the old one to cut paper patterns, photos or other craft things.
- To get excellent and clear pictures of your quilts, take them outside on a heavy overcast day or in deep shade. This way the sunlight won't fade the colors.
- Chocolate is a quilting notion!

Secretary's Report

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Secretary's Report (October 7, 2021 by Robin Wright)

Called to order: October 7th, at 6:30 pm; Andrea officiating. # **Present:** 25 members; **Guests:** Welcome Suzanne

Birthdays: Happy birthday to Anne H, Carolyn B, Denise M and Linda W.

Drawings: Melody Chase for Just for coming and Carol Moulton for the Food Shelf

Secretary's Report: Sharon Perry moved to accept: second by Marion Seasholtz, no discussion, passed on voice vote.

Treasurers Report: Sharon Perry moved to accept; second by Marion Seasholtz, no discussion, passed on voice vote.

Sunshine Quilts: Marion reporting. She was able to make a queen-sized quilt from blocks in the stash. It has been given to LaCN, photographs were shared. She shared a thank you letter from a quilt recipient.

Next workshop October 30th from 9-2 at Sterling. Kits are available. Drawings from the box for contributions to the sunshine quilts: Jerry Phelps, Tracy Morin and Hilda Tallman.

BOM: Lisa Vilord won this month's squares. Next month is Double Star #2. Pattern distributed. Will be in newsletter.

Raffle Quilt: Andrea has been studying the Hampton Ridge quilt. It is not paper pieced but a type of pattern piecing. It will be easier than paper piecing. She does not have time until January to organize work on it unless someone else takes the lead. No volunteer spoke up. Proposed making our January meeting a daytime meeting to work on the quilt. Jan will check the calendar for available dates.

New Business:

Cormetia Sweetser was in town and says hi to all. Still living in the Virginia, Delaware area.

Sterling View will be having their Christmas craft fair and quilt auction. Marion will look for quilt to donate.

Sew and tell at 6:50 pm.

Program this month is to share your favorite notion. Here are the notions that were shared:

- 6-foot metal ruler for those large cutting tables and cutting jobs
- Hemostats – fine clamp
- Plastic clips or clothespins for holding binding while sewing
- Patterns & instructions, often found in books and magazines
- Oval stand for tools, ex; scissors
- Dish drainer – holds rulers, etc.
- Purple thang – push corners out, push fabric through while sewing.
- “ArtBin” satchel, - holds pattern, fabric, squares, etc. Has handle for easier moving.
- Used rotary blade holder to cut thread, comes in many colors. Vermont Quilter's Schoolhouse in Troy has them
- Side threading needle
- Small round leather finger pad instead of thimble
- Square ruler, 9 inch is good.
- Diagonal seam tape
- Pins with numbers & directional arrows for piecing
- 6 X ½ inch ruler
- Fons & Porter chalk pen
- “Teddy” metal thumb guard
- Cork – Tina sells, use for book covers and bags
- Nail file to smooth rust spots on needle
- Sizing finish, “Faultless Magic” instead of steam
- Seam ripper & needle threader
- Wool pressing pad, can use horse pad (less expensive and larger)
- Pin cushions
- Marking tools such as the Bohn white chalk or the air erasable purple marker. You don't have to wash it to get it out.

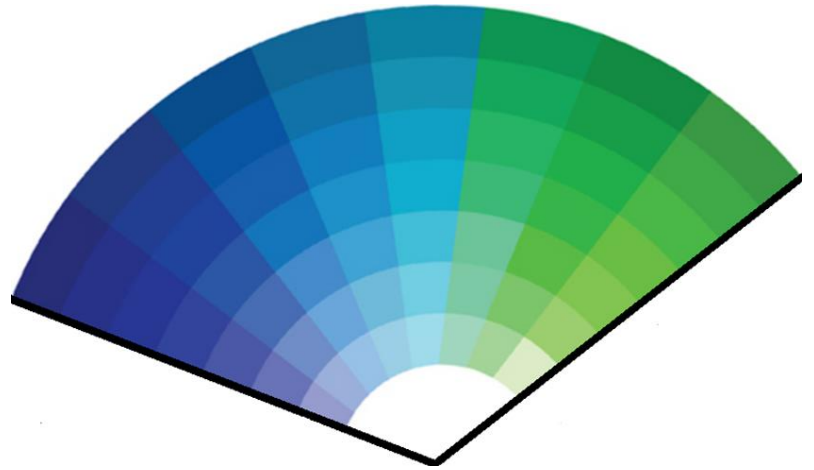
Adjourned: 7:45 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Wright

Block of the Month

APRIL 2022



Colors: Navy blue to bright green on the color wheel

PATTERN: Maple Star

Pattern from www.patchworksquare.com

If you have any questions, call Lisa Vilord, 802-279-7292.

Click the link below for the Maple Star block pattern

<https://www.patchworksquare.com/mf/maple-star-quilt-block.pdf>



QUILT TIPS

- When you purchase new curtains or other linens, they usually come in little zipper bags. Save these bags to use for organizing projects.
- Don't spend a lot of money on those "craft project" style envelopes. Just go to your nearest office supply store. They sell wonderful see-through envelopes that work well for storing blocks and patterns.
- Plastic shoe boxes with lids are the perfect size to store 2 columns of 5" squares. (In case you are saving for a nickel quilt.)
- Use a chop stick sharpened with a pencil sharpener as a stiletto. It's free, and if lost, it is easy to replace.
- Iron the layers of fabric together before cutting or piecing. This helps prevent slipping of the layers since they adhere to each other.
- Use one of the rubber stoppers used for knitting needles on your small delicate scissors. It will save the points on the scissors when closed.
- Use the overhead projector sheets in your computer printer to print out appliqué/hand piecing templates hand piecing.
- Glue small pieces of sandpaper on the backs of your rulers to keep them from slipping on the fabric when rotary cutting.
- Those pesky cards that come in magazines make good "emergency" templates.

Recipe Corner

RECIPE CORNER: MILLION DOLLAR DEVEILED EGGS

12 large eggs, hard-boiled
¼ cup mayo (55g)
1 tablespoon butter softened to room temperature
2 teaspoons yellow mustard
2 teaspoons Dijon mustard
2 teaspoons sweet gherkin pickle juice
1 teaspoon sugar
⅛ teaspoon salt
⅛ teaspoon pepper
Dash Tabasco sauce, optional
Paprika for sprinkling
Bacon pieces, optional

Slice eggs in half lengthwise.

Remove yolks and transfer to a medium-sized bowl. Add mayo, butter, mustards, pickle juice, sugar, salt, pepper, and Tabasco sauce. Use a fork to mash well.

Spoon filling into each egg white; sprinkle with paprika and bacon (if using); serve.

RECIPE NOTE: If desired, top with a small slice of sweet gherkin pickle.

RECIPE CORNER: LEMON MERINGUE PIE

Pie Filling:

1 ½ cup sugar
½ cup lemon juice
⅓ cup plus 1 tablespoon cornstarch
3 tablespoons butter
1 ½ c. water
2 tablespoons grated lemon peel
4 egg yolks, lightly beaten
1 (9-inch) pre-baked and cooled pie shell

Meringue:

4 egg whites
1 teaspoon vanilla
½ teaspoon cream of tartar
½ cup sugar

Adjust oven rack to the middle position; preheat oven to 375°F. After separating eggs, allow egg whites to stand at room temperature for 30 minutes.

For pie filling: Combine sugar and cornstarch in saucepan; stir in water gradually. Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly until mixture boils and thickens. Add about ⅓ of hot mixture slowly to the egg yolks, stirring constantly. Add egg mixture to

saucepan stirring until well blended. Cook and stir 2 minutes. Stir in butter, lemon juice and lemon peel. Pour mixture into prebaked pie shell.

For meringue: Combine egg whites, vanilla, and cream of tartar in a large mixing bowl. Beat with an electric mixer on medium speed about 1 minute or until soft peaks form. Gradually add sugar, 1 tablespoon at a time, beating on high speed about 5 minutes or until mixture forms stiff, glossy peaks and sugar dissolves (rub a small amount between two fingers; it should feel completely smooth). Immediately spread meringue over hot pie filling, carefully sealing to edge of pastry to prevent shrinkage. Bake for 10 to 12 minutes or until meringue is golden. Remove from oven and cool on a wire rack. Make sure pie is cooled completely before slicing.

RECIPE NOTES FOR MERINGUE:

- Don't skip the standing time. Egg whites should stand at room temperature 30 minutes before beating. It adds volume.
- Use a large bowl made of copper, stainless steel, or glass. Make sure bowls, beaters, and other utensils are very clean and dry. Oil and other residue prevent egg whites from beating properly.
- Prevent beading, small beads of moisture that can form on the surface of the baked meringue, by not overbaking meringue.
- Mound the meringue recipe onto the center of the hot filling. Using a spatula, quickly spread meringue over the filling, sealing it against the edge of the crust.



Recipe theme for April:
EGGS

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 Donna Merriam, 802-888-3691, rdmerriam@comcast.net. She will send out an appropriate card.

Happy Spring



Things to Consider for Thread Storage

- **Dust/Pet Hair Level:** This is an essential point to keep in mind when deciding your options. If you have pets, their hair can be EVERYWHERE, so keep your thread behind closed doors.
- **Cabinet Storage:** Keeping your thread in a cabinet will protect it from the sun, dust, and pet hair. If you have a window in your sewing space and the sun shines on your thread, the colors will fade over time.
- **Wall Hanging:** Having your thread hanging on the wall somehow, whether on a pegboard thread holder or some other way of displaying it, will be the prettiest way of storing your thread.
- **Designated Drawer:** If you use a drawer organizer, this could be an excellent option for you. You probably don't want just to throw the thread into a drawer because that could create a tangled mess over time. Organization is vital for this option.
- **Plastic Storage:** This option is probably the most common one on the market. Your favorite hobby and crafts store most likely has several options to choose from for plastic containers created specifically for thread storage.



Sharon Witbeck

April 17th

Tracey Morin

April 18th

SUPPORTING THE LOCAL COMMUNITY

Guild members are asked to bring nonperishable food shelf donations to Sterling View, the host site of our meetings. Sterling View distributes those donations to the local food shelf. Please drop your items in the basket near the door.

**Watch out
for me
and my
friends on
the roads
in spring**



An April Morning*By Bliss Carman*

Once more in misted April
The world is growing green.
Along the winding river
The plume willows lean.

Beyond the sweeping meadows
The looming mountains rise,
Like battlements of dreamland
Against the brooding skies.

In every wooded valley
The buds are breaking through,
As though the heart of all things
No languor ever knew.

The golden-wings and bluebirds
Call to their heavenly choirs.
The pines are blued and drifted
With smoke of brushwood fires.

And in my sister's garden
Where little breezes run,
The golden daffodillies
Are blowing in the sun.

Upcoming Events

SPRING QUILT SHOW, Friday, April 22nd – Sunday, April 24th, 2022: Sponsored by the Champlain Valley Quilt Guild at Holy Family Parish Hall, 30 Lincoln St, Essex Junction. Show hours: Friday and Saturday, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm; Sunday, Noon – 4:00 pm. Champlain Valley Quilt Guild of Vermont invites quilters to enter the quilt competition via the guild's website [here](#). Come enjoy the beautiful competition quilts and special guest exhibit Catherine Symchych quilts. Enjoy 10 local craft vendors' tables. Participate in a chance to win the Annual Quilt raffle or basket raffles. Quilt books and magazines for sale. (Masks, vaccines or positive tests required. Social distancing regulated.) Don't miss this county-wide Quilt Show as the June state of Vermont Quilt Festival (VQF) was cancelled! The CVQGV.org Quilt Show new location will be exhibited in the beautiful post and beam St Lawrence parish hall within walking distance from bus and AMTRAK at Essex Junction VT station. Take the train to Vermont. Make a day or weekend of it. Invite a friend! Admission: \$8/children under 12 free. Cash and credit cards accepted. The CVQGV.org 100 members are optimistic and bursting with fabric art talent to share with the public with the "Wings of Joy" theme this Spring! Masks, vaccines/or negative tests required by the State of Vermont.

TOMORROW'S HEIRLOOMS: THROUGH THE GENERATIONS, Saturday, April 23rd & Sunday, April 24th, 2022: Sponsored by the Amoskeag Quilters Guild at the Manchester Memorial High School, 1 Crusader Way, in Manchester, NH. Show hours: Saturday and Sunday, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm. Features over 150 quilts, diverse vendors, raffle baskets (proceeds benefit New England Quilt Museum), sewing machine raffle (donation by Bittersweet Fabric Shop, Boscawen, NH) and refreshments. Multi-Day Admission: \$10/children under 12 free. Accessible Venue/Ample Parking.



APRIL WORD SEARCH

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 EASTER
 POLLIWOG
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 GRASS
 RECYCLE
 REDUCE
 LAMB

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:

Tuesday, April 15th, 2021

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



*"The first of April is the day we remember what we are
the other 364 days of the year." —Mark Twain*