

MAY 2015

Message from the President

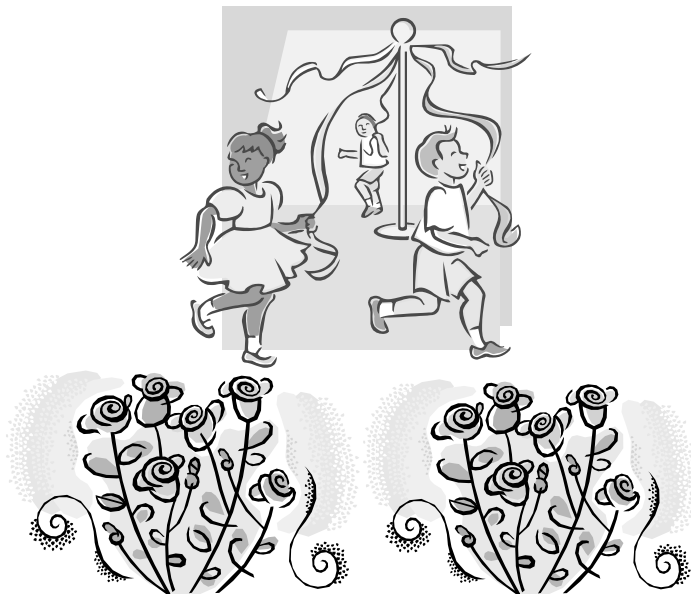
I think Spring has finally sprung....so nice to walk outside and see shoots popping up thru the ground and to know that we will soon be seeing flowers on those shoots. Makes one want to find floral fabric and make table runners and wall hangings and all things bright and beautiful. Speaking of beautiful, the Franklin County Quilt Show had many beautiful quilts on display. Sort of got the quilting juices going again seeing them all. Good show. Our show is coming along nicely, Cindy and Sheila have everything well under control. Hope you are all figuring out what to put in the show, either finish up something in progress or something new and special, just for the show.

The nominating committee is hard at work coming up with the slate of officers for next year. Please consider saying "yes" when asked to be part of the leadership of your guild. We all need to do our part to keep our wonderful guild fun, educational and productive.

If you are interested in sewing with a group, several of us meet the first and third weekends of the month at the Johnson Town Hall. It is fun to chat, sew, chat, sew.....give asked for, usually, advise and share ideas. Also, a great place to layer and baste quilts on their big tables. We chip in \$2 each, per each day we sew and give to the Town Hall. If you would like to be on the notification list of dates, please e-mail me and I'll add you to the list.

So, sew, sew, sew.....

Pat



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Common Threads

Quilt Guild

meets the first Thursday
of every month
at 6:30 PM at the
Sterling View Club House
in Hyde Park
Dues are \$15 annually

Treasurer's Report

March 17, 2015 - April 15, 2015

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| Cash forward Maarch 17, 2015 | | \$4,087.95 |
| Deposits: | No deposits this Month | |
| | Total Revenue | \$4,087.95 |
| Expenses | Ck. # | |
| 3/24/15 | #321 | Vt Quilt Festival (Ad fo Quilt Show) \$ 150.00 |
| 4/13/15 | #322 | Sharon Perry (library books) \$ 35.56 |
| " | #323 | Sharon Shorey (Trunk Show) \$ 305.00 |
| " | #324 | Acadia Ins. Co. (liability Ins.) \$ 481.00 |
| Total Expenses | | \$ 971.56 |
| Cash Balance April 15, 2015 | | \$3,116.39 |

Secretary's Report

April 9, 2015

Call to order at 6:33pm

2 guests, 3 birthdays

Drawings for Just for coming-Caroline Babcock; Food Shelf- Elaine Foster

Secretary's report- motion to accept by Marion, seconded by Sharon, passed

Treasurer's report- motion to accept by Sharon, seconded by Marion, passed

Newsletter-everyone seems to be receiving the newsletter

Sunshine cards Donna Merriam was not present

Membership- is stable

Sunshine Quilts-7 people present at the workday they worked on 32 quilts and finished 18. Two quilts given to fire victims and one is almost ready for Carol Godin. Scraps are available if you want them.

The shed is still a problem.

Program Committee- Ann Standish will be coming in June. The May meeting will have a mystery so check the newsletter.

Quilt Show Committee- Registration is due by July meeting. Sharon is offering to provide a prize of 3 ½ yds of material as a prize drawing for those registering by June 1. We have a door prize- syrup given by Rita. For the Tea Cup has 2 items – a lite and a bundle. One demo is going to be wool work. All the vendors are set and paid. The raffle quilt additional ticket packets are available, with the top seller and those who sell the raffle tickets which win will win prizes.

Recurring Business

Hints for the month Pat Slack was ready with a hint- go to Florida, don't quilt and your wrists will feel great. Next month Hilda and Mary Doonis will share. Anne Harmon suggested a hint about the seam ripper- did you know if you have the red dot under the material it will not rip the fabric. We all decided to have people volunteer for hints from now on. So if you have a neat hint please share.

Library Sharon is holding 390 books.

Block of the Month-Old Maid's Puzzle Sally collected 23 blocks and Anne Harmon won them. Next month's will be Tulips.

Old Business

Craftsbury Antiques and Uniques is July 11. Please sign up to volunteer. It is fun, there is food, music and interesting things to look at.

Other: there is foam board available if you are interested.

We still have 42 cookbooks.

New Business

Nomination Committee are Millie, Ellie, Martha and Rita. They have begun already.

Sharon reminded everyone about the Franklin County Quilt Show on April 11 and 12.

Sew and Tell

Program: Sharon Shorry came from Bennington and shared her miniatures. She had patterns for sale for \$8. Her website is minitraditions.com and her email is shshorey1953@gmail.com.

Meeting ended at 7:00.

Calendar

- April 20th Sunshine Sewing Ladies, 2-8 PM
Special Workday to tie & bind
Pizza Party!!!
- May 7th Regular Business Meeting, 6:30PM
Sterling View Clubhouse
Bargello Quilts by Molly Carmody
- May 16th Green Mountain Quilters Guild
Meeting, Old Labor Hall, Barre
(46 Granite Street) 10AM



Happy Birthday to:

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| <i>Julie Rohleder</i> | <i>May 7</i> |
| <i>Martha Duffy</i> | <i>May 13</i> |
| <i>Ginny Moody</i> | <i>May 18</i> |
| <i>Kay Courson</i> | <i>May 20</i> |



Food Shelf Wish List

(Straight from the Food Shelf)

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| Canned Spaghetti Sauce | Toothpaste |
| Canned Fruit | Toothbrushes |
| Canned Vegetables | (for children, too!) |
| Macaroni & Cheese | Soap |
| Canned Pasta | Shampoo |
| Soup | Coffee |
| Cereal | Healthy Snacks |
| Tuna | Laundry Detergent |
| Personal Items for Women | Dish Detergent |

Quilt Show

Registration: Time to start getting them in! Sharon is doing the set up and would like them in soon. She will have a drawing for those received by June 1. Deadline is July 1st this year.

Category changes:

- 1) the miniature category will also include small quilts of the same size
- 2) we would like to have a new category of "wool-works" which will include small wool table mats, and wall hangings

Challenge Quilts: Be working on them so we can have a nice display. It is a monochromatic theme and no larger than 100 inches around. Ginny or Mary can answer any questions you have.

Teacup Auction: We still need a chairman. I'm acting chairman at the moment. So far I have two items - an Ott Lite and a fat quarter bundle. We would like some quilted items such as wall hangings, table runners, bags, etc. Make up a basket with various quilting items in it or for the non-quilters make up a basket with a theme such as: coffee and tea, pasta dinner, games, craft items, etc. We would like at least 20 items so get together with others and make up a basket. Bring in your items at any time or let us know if it is something that you will be making up closer to the time of the show. Does anyone have a wall hanging with teacups on it that we could borrow for the show?

Door Prizes: We have two so far - syrup (from Rita) and a half-hexi template with pattern. What can you donate?

Demos: What can you demo? Give Sheila or myself a call with your idea.

Boutique: Be making things you can sell with 10% going back to the guild.

Thanks to Peggy(vendors), Julie (publicity) and Marion (raffle/sunshine) for doing so well to get us off to a good start. Take posters and cards and get the word out for us and sell those raffle tickets.

Thanks, Cindy



Next Meeting: May 7th

Four things to remember:

- 1. Bring your BOM squares*
- 2. Bring Food for the Food Shelf*
- 3. Bring your quilt show registrations*
- 4. Carpool with a Friend!*

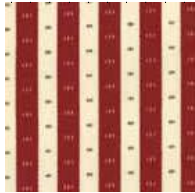
SPECIAL DRAWING FOR EARLY QUILT SHOW REGISTRATIONS

The deadline for quilt registrations for the quilt show is Thursday, July 2nd, which is the date for the guild's July meeting. This earlier deadline will allow for ample time to plan a cohesive layout for the quilt contest. To register a quilt, guild members must provide one photo of the quilt and two copies of the registration form which can be found on the guild's website at <http://www.commonthreadsvt.org/ctqqquiltshow.html>.

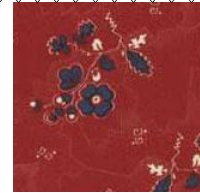
To provide incentive for members to register quilts even earlier, there will be a special drawing for all members who provide the required photo and two copies of the registration form for their quilt entries by the guild meeting on Thursday, June 4th. The prize for the winner of the drawing is 3½ yards of fabric (five ½-yard cuts and one 1-yard cut) of Moda's Collections—Warmth. This reproduction fabric line is part of the Collection for a Cause effort by Moda. Proceeds for the sale of this line support Habitat for Humanity. Pictures of the fabrics and cut sizes are shown below.



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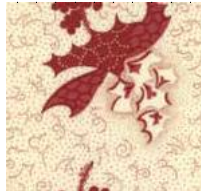
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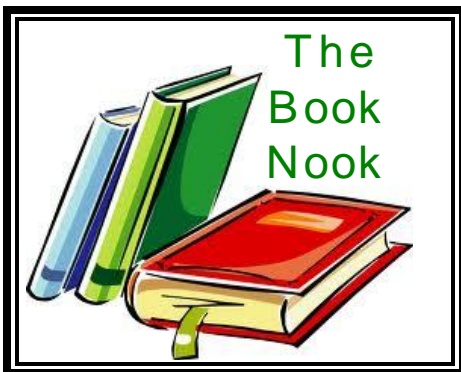
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If you'd like to win this beautiful bundle of reproduction fabrics, be sure to turn in your completed registration form (2 copies), along with one photo, to Rita Lehouillier at the May or June meeting. Your name will be entered into the drawing once for every quilt you register by June 4th. The winner will be drawn at the June meeting.

As a note, your quilt does **not** have to be finished when you submit your registration form as long as you are confident you can complete the quilt prior to the quilt show in October.



NEW AMISH QUILT BOOK FEATURED

With the recent acquisition of a book on Amish quilts, the guild's library totals 390 books. **How to Make an Amish Quilt**, by Rachel and Kenneth Pellman, is the newest book. It contains more than 80 beautiful patterns from the quilting heartland of America and provides all the patterns and techniques needed to make colorful Amish quilts.


If you'd like to "check out" any library books, please contact Sharon at 326-3135 or email vtquilter@gmail.com to let her know which book(s) you'd like. She'll bring them to the next guild meeting or make


arrangements to get them to you.

For those with internet access, you can peruse the library list in the comfort of your own home. The list for the CTQG library is at <http://www.commonthreadsvt.org/ctqglibrary.html>. If you have any suggestions for additions to the library, please let Sharon Perry know.

It is time that we see some flowers somewhere since it is doubtful that we will be seeing any outside by the first week in May this year. So, the BOM for May is 4 Tulips, a 9 inch, but not a 9 patch, block.

COLORS: black (solid or print) for the background.
 yellow for the stamen(?) and center
 AND any color that a tulip blooms in for the tulip

CUT: black - four $1\frac{1}{2}$ " squares; four $1\frac{1}{2}$ "x $2\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangles; four $2\frac{7}{8}$ " squares cut diagonally ; four $1\frac{1}{2}$ "x $4\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangles

tulip - four $2\frac{1}{2}$ " squares; four $2\frac{7}{8}$ " squares cut diagonally 

yellow - five $1\frac{1}{2}$ " squares

SEW: Yellow to black $1\frac{1}{2}$ " squares four times. Press to the black. Sew that to black $1\frac{1}{2}$ "x $2\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangle four times. Press to the black. Should measure $2\frac{1}{2}$ " square. Sew black triangle to tulip triangle eight times. Press to the black. Trim to $2\frac{1}{2}$ ". Sew black/tulip square to tulip $2\frac{1}{2}$ " square 4 times, with tulip color to tulip color. Be sure that they are all the same. Press to the triangle. Sew other black/tulip square to the yellow/black $2\frac{1}{2}$ " square, with the yellow to the tulip color 4 times. Press to the tulip. Be sure that they are all the same. Now sew these 2 rectangles together matching center seams with yellow in the center 4 times to form the tulip. Press to the $2\frac{1}{2}$ " tulip square. Sew one yellow square between 2 black $4\frac{1}{2}$ "x $1\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangles. Press to the black. Now sew one $4\frac{1}{2}$ "x $1\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangle between 2 tulip squares twice with the tulips pointing toward the corner of the block. Press to the black. To complete the block sew the black/yellow strip between the two tulip large rectangles matching the center seams. Press to the black.

Follow the illustration if there is some confusion following my directions. One way or the other, your May flower garden has sprung!

