

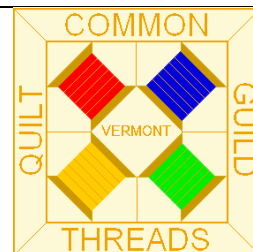
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ON POINT

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

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Issue 8

The President's Block

Hi fellow quilters,

It was so nice to see everyone in person and visit and share all the wonderful works of art! I got inspired and started a couple of projects myself.

I am still working on a program for the May meeting so stay tuned...We also need programs for June, July and August, so if you would like to present some technique or interesting program please let me know. A few members were interested in having a demo on the rugs using jelly rolls and I know there are a few members who have made them. Would someone like to take on that program? It would be much appreciated!

We need a nominating committee formed in May. It is normally three but there could be one or two members to take on the responsibility of finding members to be officers and committee members. They would then present the slate of officers at the June meeting. We would then vote on those positions and the new officers would take charge after the August meeting. The elected positions are: President; Vice President, Secretary; and Treasurer. The committee positions that are not elected but appointed are: Membership Chair; Sunshine Card Chair; Sunshine Quilt Chair; and Program committee. Please let me know if you would be willing to be on the nominating committee. If no one volunteers, I will be forced to draw names out of a basket.

I would like to clear up something that was brought up at the last meeting. All members must pay yearly dues to be a member in good standing. If you are a chair of a committee and are using your own funds to purchase goods for guild purposes, you should submit receipts for those goods to the treasurer to get reimbursed. That includes postage, cards, paper, ink, etc. If it is more than \$50 (I will double check the amount), it should be approved by the president and/or vice president.

The raffle quilt workshop is April 23rd, 9 am – 4 pm, at the Johnson Town Hall. There will be multiple tasks such as cutting, pressing and sewing. Bring your sewing machine and everything to sew with. I will have ironing stations set up. Also a couple of cutting mats and rotary cutters will be available but you can bring your own if you want. Also bring a lunch.

That's all for now,
Andrea Blaisdell, President

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Andrea Blaisdell 635-8389

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TBD

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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 TBA

June 2nd

July 7th Summer Potluck

MAY 2022

Treasurer's Report

Beginning Balance 11/15/2021		\$5,971.81
Income		
Member Dues	\$20.00	
	<i>Total Income</i>	\$20.00
	<i>Subtotal</i>	\$5,971.81
Expenses		
Insurance	\$551.00	
	<i>Total Expenses</i>	\$551.00
Ending Balance 4/11/2022		\$5,440.81

Respectfully submitted,
Lois Lemaire, Treasurer



SUNSHINE QUILT WORKSHOP

Marion Seasholtz is planning a workshop for the guild's Sunshine Quilts on Saturday, April 30th, 9 am – 2 pm, at the Sterling View Community Center. Sewing machines are needed to stitch the layered quilts, there will be some hand sewing, and plenty of quilts are ready to tie.

Bring a lunch, and Marion will bring something for dessert. If you have any questions, email Marion at marion@windsedgestudio.com or call 802-635-2731.



Secretary's Report

Secretary's Report (April 7th, 2022 by Robin Wright)

Called to order: 6:32 pm # **Present:** 20 members in attendance **Guests:** None

Birthdays: Sharon Witbeck and Tracey Morin.

Drawings: Elena Tague won for the Food Shelf and Martha Corey for Just for Coming.

Secretary's Report: Report from October as published in Newsletter; motion to accept by Robin Wheel, 2nd by Carol Moulton. Passed.

Treasurers Report: Report from October as published in the newsletter; motion to accept by Marion Seasholtz, 2nd by Donna Hamel. Passed. Lois amended the former budget to include insurance payment.

Sunshine Card Report: Carol Moulton reported that Donna Merriam sends cards out as she receives notice of a need.

Sunshine Quilts:

- Inventory is running low. Andrea Blaisdell and Marion Seasholtz layered 63 tops. Members have taken some of these to complete.
- Martha Corey donated some completed lap quilts.
- Donation of lap quilts has gone to the Manor with thank you received.
- Queen quilt donated to Jim and Jen Berry who lost their home to fire. Thank you read.
- Next workshop, April 30th, 9 am to 2 pm at Sterling View. Need all stations.

Membership: Membership list shared. Please get any changes to Jan. If you haven't paid this year's dues you are not on the list.

Raffle Quilt:

- Kit was donated by Sally Cabell, Hampton Ridge.
- Robin Wheel got the backing donated from Stonehurst Quilting in Colchester.
- Andrea Blaisdell has reserved the Johnson Town Clerk building on April 23rd from 9 am to 4 pm to start working on it. All stations needed.

Block of the Month:

- Winners drawn from donated blocks. Sheila Cross, Sally Cabell and Carol Moulton are the winners.
- Next month is Lovers Lane and make scrappy, no color recommendations.
- Lisa Vilord will continue block of the month until September.

New Business:

- Time to elect new officers coming up.
 - Nomination committee - need 3 members to volunteer. Let Andrea Blaisdell know.
 - Slate of officers to be presented in June, vote is in July, and the new officers take over after the August meeting.
 - The new membership year starts in September.
- Antiques and Uniques will not be held this year.
- Programs needed for May and June: Some discussion about forming a Program committee.

Sew and Tell enjoyed by all for 25 minutes.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Wright



*remember
& honor*



Block of the Month

MAY 2022



Colors: Make it scrappy; no color recommendation

PATTERN: Lover's Lane

Pattern from www.patchworksquare.com

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

Click the link below for the Lover's Lane block pattern

<https://www.patchworksquare.com/mf/lovers-lane-quilt-block.pdf>



QUILT TIPS

- Better to buy more fabric than you think you need for a quilt, rather than too little, as this allows room for mistakes, shrinkage or making a sample block, and for building your stash.
- When designing patterns for your quilt, don't forget you can use everyday items to draw around. Plates, cups and saucers and even cookie cutters all make great templates.
- Always bring the bobbin thread to the top of the quilt before beginning to sew so you can avoid any tangling on the back.
- If possible, lay your batting out flat for a couple of days to allow it to relax before you

quilt it so you don't get caught with wrinkles or creases.

- Everyone has UFOs (Unfinished Projects). Make the effort to go through them and decide what you do actually want to finish, then you can cull the rest and either give them to friends or charity, or sell them.
- Ensure your binding goes on smoothly by running a row of stitching around the edge of the quilt to hold all three layers together, before you attach it.
- For exercise, keep your ironing board well away from your machine and get in the habit of getting up to press every seam as you sew.

Recipe Corner

RHUBARB CRISP

6 tablespoons cold butter, cut into small pieces
2½ to 3 pounds rhubarb, trimmed, tough strings removed, cut into 1½-inch pieces (about 5-6 cups)
¼ cup white sugar
1 tablespoon orange or lemon juice
1 teaspoon orange or lemon zest
¾ cup brown sugar
½ cup all-purpose flour
½ teaspoon cinnamon, or to taste
Pinch salt
½ cup rolled oats
½ cup pecans

Heat oven to 375 degrees. Grease an 8- or 9-inch square baking or gratin dish with a little butter. Toss rhubarb with white sugar, orange or lemon juice and zest, and spread in baking dish.

Put the 6 tablespoons butter in a food processor along with brown sugar, flour, cinnamon and salt, and pulse for about 20 or 30 seconds, until it looks like small peas and just begins to clump together. Add oats and pecans and pulse just a few times to combine.

Crumble the topping over rhubarb and bake until golden and beginning to brown, 45 to 50 minutes.

RHUBARB SCONES

1¼ cups whole wheat pastry flour
1¼ cups all-purpose flour
½ cup sugar
1 tablespoon baking powder
1 teaspoon ground cardamom
½ teaspoon salt
½ cup cold unsalted butter, cubed
1½ cups finely chopped fresh or frozen rhubarb, thawed (3-4 stalks)
½ cup heavy whipping cream
¼ cup fat-free milk
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
Coarse sugar

Preheat oven to 400°. In a large bowl, whisk the first 6 ingredients. Cut in butter until mixture resembles coarse crumbs. Add rhubarb; toss to coat.

In another bowl, whisk cream, milk and vanilla; stir into crumb mixture just until moistened.

Turn onto a floured surface; knead gently 4-5 times. Divide dough in half; pat into two 6-in. circles. Cut each into 8 wedges. Place wedges on parchment-lined

baking sheets; sprinkle with coarse sugar. Bake 18-22 minutes or until golden brown. Serve warm.

SLOW COOKED STRAWBERRY RHUBARB SAUCE

6 cups rhubarb, chopped into ½-inch pieces
1 cup sugar
½ teaspoon grated orange zest
½ teaspoon ground ginger
1 cinnamon stick (3 inches)
½ cup white grape juice
2 cups halved, unsweetened strawberries
Angel food cake, pound cake or vanilla ice cream

Place rhubarb in a 3-qt. slow cooker. Combine sugar, orange zest and ginger; sprinkle over rhubarb. Add cinnamon stick and grape juice. Cover and cook on low for 5-6 hours or until rhubarb is tender.

Stir in strawberries; cook 1 hour longer. Discard cinnamon stick. Serve with cake or ice cream.

RHUBARB RELISH

12 cups finely chopped fresh or frozen rhubarb
1 medium onion, chopped
2 cups sugar
1 cup cider vinegar
1 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon ground cloves
1 teaspoon ground allspice
1/4 teaspoon paprika
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon

Rinse four 2-cup freezer containers and lids with boiling water. Dry thoroughly.

In a large saucepan, combine all ingredients. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer until mixture thickens, about 2 hours, stirring occasionally.

- Fill all containers to within ½ inch of tops. Wipe off top edges of containers; cover with lids. Refrigerate up to 3 weeks or freeze extra containers up to 12 months. Thaw frozen relish in refrigerator before serving.



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.

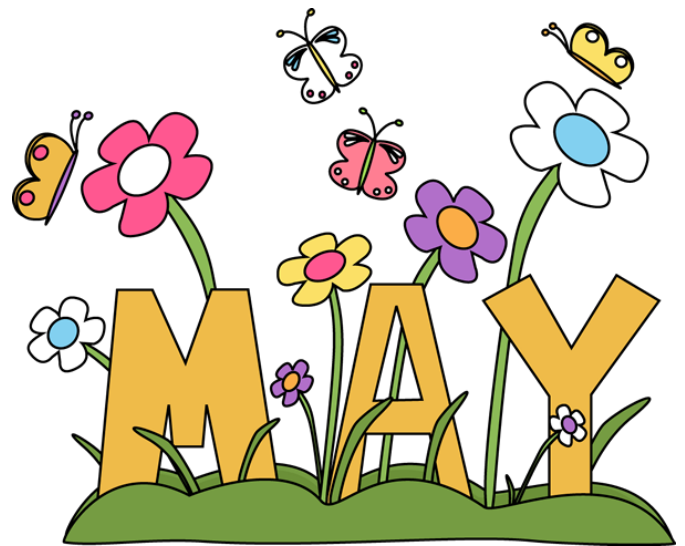
SUPPORTING THE LOCAL COMMUNITY

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.



MORE QUILT TIPS

- Make your quilt rod / hanging sleeve from a patchwork of all the fabric used in your quilt. Then, if you need to repair anything on the quilt top later, you will have a selection of the right fabrics to use.
- When doing stitch-in-the-ditch machine quilting, stitch as close to the seam as possible, so that your quilting stitch remains largely invisible.
- Do not prewash your fabric when piecing miniature quilts, as the sizing in the fabric will help make it easier to piece.
- Be careful to press seams that meet in opposite directions so as to reduce the bulkiness, and allow more accurate machine piecing.
- To piece together two curved patches (like a Drunkards Path block), it is easier to sew with the convex (outer) curved patch on the top.
- Using spray starch on the backing of your quilt is a popular trick to help the quilt move more easily through your machine when quilting by machine.
- For smoother sewing or pinning, run the needle through your hair to oil the metal a bit.



Cheryl Leach

May 10th

NOMINATING COMMITTEE NEEDED IN MAY

The guild will appoint a nominating committee in May which is normally composed of three members. The committee is responsible for recruiting guild officers and committee members for the upcoming membership year. The slate of officers is presented at the June meeting. Guild members then vote on those positions; the new officers take charge after the August meeting.

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My Mother Kept A Garden

By Anonymous

My Mother kept a garden,
A garden of the heart,
She planted all the good things
That gave my life its start.

She turned me to the sunshine
And encouraged me to dream,
Fostering and nurturing
The seeds of self-esteem.

And when the winds and rain came,
She protected me enough—
But not too much because she knew
I'd need to stand up strong and tough.

Her constant good example
Always taught me right from wrong—
Markers for my pathway
That will last a lifetime long.

I am my Mother's garden.
I am her legacy—
And I hope today she feels the love
Reflected back from me.

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.



Happy May Day Happy May Day Happy May Day Happy May Day Happy May Day Happy May Day

MAY WORD SEARCH

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 EMERALD
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 PARADE
 SALLY RIDE
 MOTHERS 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:

Sunday, May 15th, 2022

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



Cinco de Mayo, May 5th



*"Horticulturally, the month of May is opening night, Homecoming,
and Graduation Day all rolled into one." ~ Tam Mossman*