

October 2019

Message from the President

Hello everyone,

I hope you enjoyed the last meeting as much as I did. Thank you to Donna Hamel, Carol Moulton, and Sally Cabell for conducting the meeting and program. You all did a great job and the demonstration of the disappearing 4 patch was a reminder that sometimes it is the simple blocks that make an interesting quilt.

The months below are open for program suggestions and members to run the meetings. Please consider adopting a meeting, it really isn't that bad.

Thank you all again for making Common Threads such a great guild! Enjoy the beautiful fall weather we have been having and get out and view the beauty of Vt this time of year.

Andrea Blaisdell

Meeting schedule so far (sign up schedule at next meeting):

- October** - Sharon Perry "Christmas in October"
- November** - Jan Kuhn, Martha Corey, Cindy Smorgans "Collage Quilting"
- December** - OPEN
- January** - Lisa Vilord, Andrea Blaisdell
- February** - OPEN
- March** - OPEN
- April** - OPEN
- May** - OPEN
- June** - OPEN
- July** - OPEN
- August** - OPEN

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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 = \$20 annually

Secretary's Report

September 5, 2019

Twenty-six members and one guest (Gayle Waite, Carol Moulton's sister) were present.

Donna Hamel opened the meeting at 6:30.

Sally Cabel presided over the drawings: just for coming – Julie Rohleder and for the food shelf – Carol

Moulton **Open months for leading the meeting and for a program:**

October: Presiding – Marion Seascholtz, Program – Sharon Perry. The program will be Christmas in October: Rapid Fire. Sharon will make a number of holiday ornaments and gift items in advance. She will show them and bring a paper for folks that will give links to websites for directions.

November – program all set, December – open, pot luck, January – program all set

The rest of the year is open.

Secretary's report: Sharon Perry moved to accept the August report. Marion Seascholtz seconded.

Approved. **Treasurer's Report:** treasurer absent, however, the report was approved. Sharon Perry made the motion and Marion Seascholtz seconded.

Sunshine: Donna Merriam absent. No cards were sent the last month.

Membership: Jan Kuhn reported that 21 paid their dues of \$20 at this meeting. The total for the tickets for the raffle quilt so far is \$2365.00.

Old Business: Marion Seascholtz, the chair of the **Sunshine quilt project**, explained that members make quilt tops from pre-cut kits, then others put the tops, batting and backs together and at another time members are invited to do the quilting and binding. Lap quilts are available for folks in nursing homes and for others. Marion keeps bed size Sunshine quilts for folks who have lost homes to fire.

Marion will display the raffle quilt at an Open House on Oct. 2 and sell tickets.

New Business: Jan Kuhn will make a poster to sell tickets for the raffle quilt at **Jay Peak**.

Old Home Days at Hyde Park - September 21. Robin Wright is willing to display the raffle quilt and sell tickets from 10 to 3 if someone else will help – maybe Jan Kuhn or Donna Hamel will help.

Suggestion Box: Andrea Blaisdell has prepared a suggestion box for members to put in ideas for future programs.

Helpful Hints: Jan Kuhn recommends **Fabric Fusion** which is a powder which you sprinkle on the batting and then press backing onto the batting, then sprinkle on the batting and carefully place the top on and press – there is an Alex Anderson demo on u-tube. It can be purchased at the Vt. Quilter's Schoolhouse.

Warm and Natural batting will not shrink and is very stable. Quilter's Dream cotton batting tends to shrink.

Bamboo batting takes very much longer to dry. JoAnn's does not carry Warm and Natural.

JoAnn's offers a 15% discount to military folks.

Linda has **beeswax** for sale (\$3.50 for two lumps). Beeswax conditions thread for hand sewing – helps to prevent knots. Wax the end of the thread to stiffen the thread for threading the needle.

Sewer's Aid from JoAnn's – a silicone product which coats the thread which helps to prevent it from breaking. If thread continues to break try a larger size needle in the machine.

Fray Check is good for sealing seams. Can get empty nail polish bottles to store and dispense.

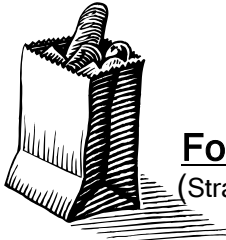
Carol Moulton is collecting donations for **ALS** – walk on September 21.

Demonstration: Carol Moulton demonstrated how to construct a disappearing 4 patch using 5 inch squares. Three folks shared finished projects.

Calendar

October 3rd Regular Meeting, 6:30 PM
Sterling View Clubhouse
**Program by Sharon Perry: Christmas
in October Rapid Fire**

If you missed last time, please bring
your dues **\$20**



Food Shelf Wish List

(Straight from the Food Shelf)

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

Reminders for Next Meeting:

- *Vendor meeting – bring stuff to sell (books, fabric, crafts...)*
- *Show and Tell*
- *Food for the Food Shelf*

Christmas in October Rapid Fire

Sharon Perry has been searching the web for some quick and fun ideas for your Christmas giving, wrapping and decorating. She will be sharing what she found at the October meeting. There will be samples for everyone to touch and feel. Plus, Sharon will provide a handout with links to videos and/or picture tutorials showing how to make each item. After the meeting, all the items will also be pictured on the guild's website with active links to the videos and tutorials.

With Christmas just 100 days away (it will be here before you know it), come to the October meeting and be inspired!



Happy Birthday to:

Anne Harmon	Oct 6
Edna Snow	Oct 8
Lois Keith	Oct 8
Carolyn Babcock	Oct 9
Denise Mayo	Oct 26
Linda Worth	Oct 27

Treasurer's Report

Balance 8/31/2019		\$4303.79
<i>Income</i>		
Dues	\$500.00	
Ticket Sales	\$350.00	
<i>Expenses</i>	<i>None</i>	
Balance in check book (9/19/19)		\$5458.64.