

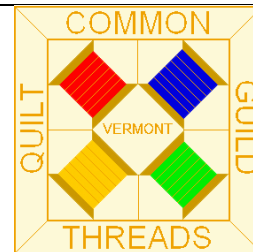
Volume 4

# ON POINT

The Official Newsletter  
of the Common Threads Quilt Guild of Lamoille County  
in Hyde Park, Vermont

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Issue 4

DECEMBER 2024

## The President's Block

Hello Friends

I hope everyone enjoyed the presentation at the last meeting. It certainly got me thinking about contributing to the Quilts of Valor.

What if in 2025 we make all the Block of the Month (BOM) blocks red, white, and blue. Instead of a monthly winner we would just gather them and hopefully get enough blocks to make one or two quilts for Quilts of Valor by the end of the year.

So put on your thinking caps and we will quickly (hopefully) discuss it at the December meeting. I would really like the guild to contribute to the Quilts of Valor.

Your President,  
Cheryl Leach  
2024-2025

P.S. I hope everyone has a great Thanksgiving!!



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Common Threads Quilt Guild  
meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday,  
March through December,  
at 6:30 p.m. at the  
Sterling View  
Community Center  
in Hyde Park

Dues = \$20 annually



### 2023 - 2024 Guild Calendar

**DOORS OPEN AT 6:00 PM;  
MEETING STARTS AT 6:30 PM**

September 12<sup>th</sup> Trunk Show  
with Karen Abrahamovich

October 10<sup>th</sup> B-I-N-G-O!

November 14<sup>th</sup> Lynn Carrier,  
Vermont Coordinator for  
Quilts of Valor

**December 12<sup>th</sup> Holiday Potluck\***

**\*Potluck Dinner starts at 6:00 pm**

### 2023 – 2024 Guild Calendar

**DOORS OPEN AT 6:00 PM;  
MEETING STARTS AT 6:30 PM**

January NO MEETING

February NO MEETING

March 13<sup>th</sup> TBD

April 10<sup>th</sup> TBD

### 2023 – 2024 Guild Calendar

**DOORS OPEN AT 6:00 PM;  
MEETING STARTS AT 6:30 PM**

May 8<sup>th</sup> TBD

June 12<sup>th</sup> TBD

July 10<sup>th</sup> TBD

August 14<sup>th</sup> Summer Potluck

# Treasurer's Report

<b>Beginning Balance 10/20/2024</b>			<b>\$3,298.64</b>
Income			
Raffle Tickets (10/11/2024)		\$91.00	
	<i>Total Income</i>	<u>\$91.00</u>	
		<i>Subtotal</i>	\$3,389.64
Expenses			
		\$0.00	
	<i>Total Expenses</i>	<u>\$0.00</u>	
<b>Ending Balance 11/20/2024</b>			<b>\$3,389.64</b>

Respectfully submitted,  
Cheryl Leach, Treasurer



## HOLIDAY POTLUCK PLANNED FOR DECEMBER MEETING

The program for the Thursday, December 12th, meeting is the guild's traditional Holiday Potluck. We'll also be making a craft project led by Donna Hamel. Bring a dish to share for the potluck and pinking shears, a needle and white thread for the craft project. **We will enjoy the potluck meal starting at 6 pm.** Following the meal, we'll make Donna's craft project.



## RAFFLE TICKETS FOR 2025 RAFFLE QUILT AVAILABLE

Tickets for the next Raffle Quilt are still available! Tickets are available at the guild meetings. Or you can contact Sharon Witbeck and she will get them to you. Each member is asked to "sell" 5 packets of tickets; each packet sells for \$5, and 1 ticket is \$2.

This stunning quilt is queen-size, and the winner will be drawn at next year's Antiques and Uniques event. Prizes will be given to the member with the most tickets sold and to the member that sells the winning ticket.

This is a great fundraiser for the guild to help us with all the programs we have and for the charity work that we do.



# Secretary's Report

## Secretary's Report November 10, 2024

**Greeting:** President Cheryl Leach opened the meeting at 6:30 pm.

**# Present:** 34 attending

**Visitors:** Sandra & April

**Birthdays:** November birthdays, Sharon Perry 2nd, Pam Gelineau 8th, Robin Wheel 20th and Sheila Cross 26th.

**Drawings: Just for Coming** – Pam Gelineau; **Food Shelf** – Linda McGraw

**Secretary's Report:** Motion by Sharon Perry to accept, second by Robin Wheel, motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Motion by Sharon Perry to accept, second by Robin Wheel, motion passed..

**Sunshine Cards:** Hilda Tallman reported that she sent out 5 cards this month.

**Block of the Month:** Twenty-three (23) blocks were submitted. Winner of drawing was Jan Kuhn. **New Block:** The pattern is Lily Star completed in red and green with white accent. Patterns were distributed or can be found in the newsletter.

**Membership:** New membership lists are available at the front table.

**Sunshine Quilts:** Andrea has kits if wanted. A quilt is being donated to Sterling View for their holiday raffle. Andrea will be looking into a work session in January. More information to come.

**Raffle Quilt:** Don't forget to sell your tickets and turn in your ticket stubs and money to Sharon Witbeck. Idea for selling – buy them yourself and give them as holiday gift.

### New Business:

- Donna Hamel has offered to do a craft project for the December Meeting, everyone participating. You will need to bring pinking shears, a needle and white thread.
- Cheryl would like the guild to reimburse Donna for her expenses, \$32.83. Denise Mayo moved to reimburse; Robin Wheel seconded. Motion passed.
- December meeting is a potluck dinner starting at 6:00 pm. There is also the opportunity to make a monetary donation to the food shelf.

**Program:** Lynn Carrier, the VT Coordinator for Quilts of Valor did a presentation on the program. For more information visit [www.qovf.org](http://www.qovf.org).

**Sew and Tell:** Fourteen members shared their quilts and projects.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 7:55 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Robin Wright, Co-Secretary



### QUILT TIPS

- Place an old pillowcase over your ironing board to protect the cover when using fusible webbing.
- Cut heat resistant plastic to the actual size of the template and fabric piece, then press seam allowances around the edges of the Template before sewing. This gives a more accurate idea about how to place each piece since the seam allowances are already turned under.
- When hand-piecing, keep several needles threaded with a neutral shade of thread - it saves time!
- Have funky odors from your fabrics? Whether from storage, sweat or whatever, launder with a bit of vinegar in the washer.
- Removing chalk or pencil lines isn't always easy - some fabrics are a little more resistant than others. Try using a lightly moistened Mr. Clean Magic Eraser for those pesky ones. It's quick and easy and works every time.
- Chocolate is a quilting notion.

### 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 Hilda Tallman, 802-888-3808. She will send out an appropriate card.

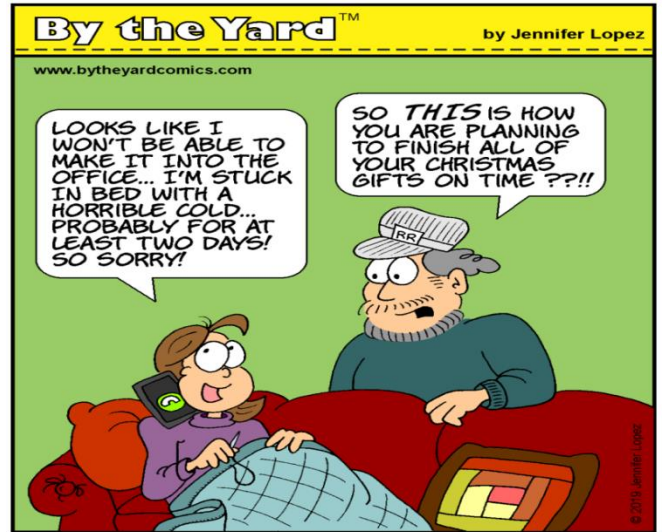
### SUPPORTING THE LOCAL COMMUNITY

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.



DECEMBER  
Author Unknown

Wintry mornings wrapped in white  
Evenings, calm and still  
Snowflakes dancing all around  
Sleigh rides down a hill  
Gatherings with loved ones  
Such a pleasure to remember  
All memories and special gifts  
That come with each December.



Bev	Ryder	December	4
Mina	Ayers	December	21
Lisa	Vilord	December	26

*...and many more!!!*

**FEATURED VIDEO TUTORIAL  
FOR DECEMBER:**  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=66bJIh\\_Tit0](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=66bJIh_Tit0)  
**Tea & Cookies for Two December Placemats**  
 Shabby Fabrics





That is **24 Finishes in 2024!**

Join in the fun and make 24 quilted projects by the end of 2024 and your name will be entered into a special drawing held in December 2024. If you'd like to participate, fill in your name and 24 projects you'd like to finish this year on the list below. This is your list...you can add to it throughout the year if need be to have 24 projects or you can remove a project, or swap out projects, etc...you just have to have **24 Finishes in 2024** AND you must show each project at one of the guild's monthly show and tell. You can show multiple projects in one month. You also don't have to show a project every month, you just have to have **24 Finishes in 2024!** You will maintain your own list, but you must let Sharon Perry know you are participating.

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**24 in 2024**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

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11.	23.
12.	24.



# Recipe Corner

## GINGERBREAD MARTINI

### For Gingerbread Simple Syrup:

2 tablespoons coarsely grated peeled ginger  
2 (3") cinnamon sticks  
4 whole cloves  
 $\frac{3}{4}$  cup granulated sugar

### For Cocktail:

$\frac{1}{2}$  cup crushed gingerbread cookies

Ice

2 tablespoons vanilla ice cream

1 oz. Baileys Irish Cream

1 oz. vodka

$\frac{1}{2}$  oz. Kahlúa

Whipped cream, ground cinnamon, and gingerbread people, for serving

### For Simple Syrup:

In a small saucepan over medium-high heat, bring ginger, cinnamon, cloves, and 1  $\frac{1}{2}$  cups water to a boil. Reduce heat to medium and cook, stirring occasionally, until liquid is reduced by about half, about 20 minutes.

Add sugar and stir until dissolved. Let cool about 10 minutes. Strain sugar mixture through a fine-mesh sieve into a small bowl.

Make Ahead: Syrup can be made 1 month ahead. Store in an airtight container and refrigerate.

### For Cocktail:

Place crushed cookies on a small shallow plate. Pour some gingerbread syrup onto another shallow plate. Dip rim of a martini glass into gingerbread syrup, then dip into cookies to coat.

In a cocktail shaker filled with ice, combine ice cream, Baileys, vodka, Kahlúa, and  $\frac{1}{2}$  oz. gingerbread syrup. Cover and vigorously shake until outside of shaker is very frosty, about 20 seconds.

Strain into prepared glass. Garnish with a generous dollop of whipped cream and sprinkle with cinnamon. Gently place a gingerbread person in cocktail.

## FROZEN HOT CHOCOLATE MARTINI

4 cups (or more) ice

4 oz. Baileys

3 oz. vodka

$\frac{1}{2}$  cup hot chocolate mix

Whipped cream and chocolate shavings, for serving

In a blender, blend ice, Baileys, vodka, and hot chocolate mix until smooth. Add more ice as needed to thicken as desired.

Pour into 2 glasses. Top with whipped cream and chocolate shavings.

## CARAMEL SNICKERDOODLE MARTINI

$\frac{1}{4}$  cup caramel, warmed

2 tablespoons cinnamon sugar

1 cup heavy cream

2 oz. Smirnoff Kissed Caramel

Pinch of ground cinnamon

Ice

Whipped cream and cinnamon sticks for garnish

Place caramel on a plate and cinnamon sugar on another. Dip rims of martini glasses in caramel, then in cinnamon sugar.

In a cocktail shaker, add heavy cream, Smirnoff Kissed Caramel, and cinnamon. Add ice and shake until cold. Pour into glasses and top each one with whipped cream and a cinnamon stick. Garnish with more cinnamon.

## PEPPERMINT MARTINI

$\frac{1}{2}$  c. semisweet chocolate chips, melted

$\frac{1}{4}$  c. crushed candy canes

6 oz. white chocolate liqueur

4 oz. vodka

2 oz. peppermint schnapps

2 Tbsp. heavy cream

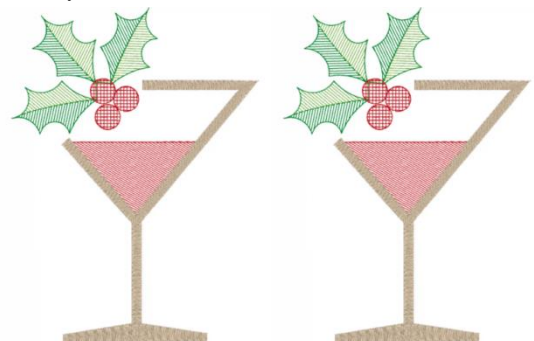
Ice

3 small candy canes

Pour melted chocolate onto a shallow plate. Place crushed candy canes on another shallow plate. Dip rims of martini glasses first in chocolate, then in candy canes. Pour remaining chocolate into bottom of glasses and swirl to coat bottom third of glasses with chocolate. Place glasses in freezer until ready to use.

In a cocktail shaker, combine white chocolate liqueur, vodka, peppermint schnapps, and cream. Fill shaker with ice, cover, and vigorously shake until outside of shaker is very cold, about 20 seconds.

Divide drink among prepared glasses. Garnish with small candy canes.



# Block of the Month

## DECEMBER 2024



### Colors:

Red and green with  
white accent



**PATTERN: LILY STAR**

Pattern from [www.patchworksquare.com](http://www.patchworksquare.com)

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

Click the link below for the 12" finished block pattern\*

<https://www.patchworksquare.com/index.php?function=DisplaySheet&sheet=lily-star-quilt-block&id=&links=1&link1=&mode=quilt> (Scroll down to the green download button)

\*Please note the pattern has instructions for 3 sizes; please make the 12" finished quilt block.



### JOHNSON TOWN HALL SEWING DAYS

Sewing weekends are open again at the Johnson Town Hall. We set up on the second floor of the Town Hall (elevator available). Large tables are available plus ironing stations and a cutting table.

We meet on the first and third weekend of the month, arrival after 8 am, but you can sew as late as you want. A \$2 daily donation is requested, going to the Town of Johnson for use of the space.

At this time we are planning to have a mailing list only for change of plans, you can send your email to Robin Wright, [growingfarm00@gmail.com](mailto:growingfarm00@gmail.com) or Hilda Tallman, [sammnvt57@yahoo.com](mailto:sammnvt57@yahoo.com) to be on that list. Reminder emails the week before will no longer be going out.

All crafters are welcome!



### MORE QUILT TIPS

- Use a dry erase marker to temporarily mark the line you need to use on your acrylic ruler so you can see it better. When you are finished, wipe it off!
- Bleeding fabrics? Look for a product called ReTayne and use as directed. It will set the colors in the fabric so that they no longer bleed, and you will have a beautiful quilt with colors that last a lifetime! You can usually find this at a local quilt shop.
- The next time you change your rotary blade, find your sharpie and write the date on it!
- Pin appliqué pieces to the background fabric from the back instead of the front. The thread will be less likely to catch on the pins as you do your hand stitching!
- Use a magnet to pick up and hold the blade from your rotary cutter when changing blades.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**MERRY BARRE HOLIDAYS CRAFT FAIR, Saturday, November 30 & Sunday, December 1, 2024:** Hours: 9 am to 3 pm. At the Barre Auditorium, 16 Auditorium Hill, Barre.

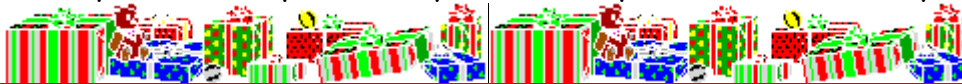
**5<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL VERMONT HOLIDAY MARKET, Saturday, December 7 & Sunday, December 8, 2024:** Hours: 10 am to 5 pm. At the Champlain Valley Expo, Essex Junction.

**ST PAUL'S ARTS & CRAFT SHOW, Saturday, December 7, 2024:** Hours: 9am to 3 pm. At 11 Church Street, St Albans.

**BURLINGTON MAKERS MARKET, Saturday, December 7 & Sunday, December 8, 2024:** Over 90 independent makers and manufacturers, innovators, designers, and more. Admission: \$7 in advance and \$10 at the door. Hours: Noon to 6 pm both days. At Hula Lakeside, 50 Lakeside Avenue, Burlington.

**MONTGOMERY HOLIDAY CRAFT SHOW, Saturday, December 14, 2024:** Hours: 9 am to 3:00 pm. At the Montgomery Elementary School, 249 School Drive, Montgomery Center.

**CRAFTS & MORE HOLIDAY BLIZZARD, Saturday, December 14 & Sunday, December 15, 2024:** Hours: Saturday, 9 am to 4 pm; Sunday, 9 am to 3 pm. At Collins-Perley, St Albans.



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AND  
Bright*



**LINK TO BARN QUILT TRAIL OF NORTHERN VERMONT**

<http://www.barnquiltsofnorthernvermont.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](mailto: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:**

**Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

Please email articles to Sharon Perry, [CommonThreadsVT@gmail.com](mailto:CommonThreadsVT@gmail.com),  
or mail to PO Box 517, Montgomery Center VT 05471



*December 26<sup>th</sup> is  
National Candy Cane Day*



*"December is a simple wish that brings spectacular moments."  
~ Unknown*