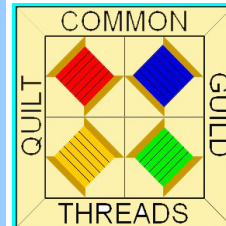


Common Threads Quilt Guild

December 2012



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Guild meetings are the 1st
Thursday of the month at
Sterling View Clubhouse
at 6:30 PM

A word from our President:

Hello Ladies,

My only wish for this Holiday season is that everyone stays healthy and enjoys this time with your families. I am looking forward to a New Year full of health and happiness and many hours of quilting.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Andrea Blaisdell

Treasurers Report:

November 16, 2012 - December 15, 2012

Income

Cash Balance December 16, 2012

\$3,673.88

Deposits

12/7/2012 Christmas Donations

\$338.00

12/7/2012 Membership Dues \$45.00

" Fund Raising Raffle \$104.00

\$149.00

Total Income

\$4,160.88

Expenses

12/6/12 Ck #109 Rita Lehouillier (supplies for
X-mas Pot Luck)

\$19.40

12/8/12 Ck #210 Johnson Food Shelf

\$169.00

12/8/12 Ck #211 Lamoille Food Share

\$169.00

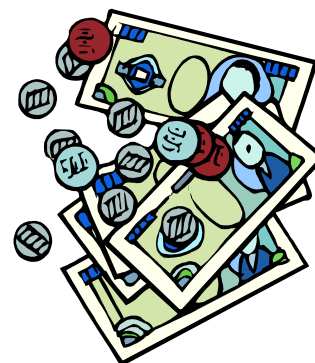
Total Expenses

\$357.40

Cash Balance December 16, 2102

\$3,803.48

Rita Lehouillier, Treasurer



Secretary's Report



43 members present
A moment of silence for Barbara O'Toole
Welcome - there were several guests

Secretary's report: Motion made by Sharon and seconded by Phyllis to accept the secretary's report.
Treasurer's report: Rita, motion to accept made by Sharon and seconded by Aline Sweet
Newsletter: report: Mary Dick - please remember to get articles to Mary by the 15th of the month.
Sunshine cards: One get well and 2 sympathy cards sent, please send a card to Sally Cabell who broke her ankle.
Membership: Doreen and Martha - 64 members and 3 new members joined and membership list passed out.
Charity Quilt: Martha - a request was made by Stowe Fire Dept Auxiliary - they are going to NYC to clean up after Hurricane Sandy. They would like CTQG to donate 18 larger than lap quilts. They would also make a monetary donation for the quilts. That will leave us with 52 quilts. Sharon made the motion to donate the 18 quilts in exchange for hanging the Quilt Show sign. This request is already in action. Sharon changed her motion and Julie seconded. The vote was unanimous to send the quilts.
Old Business: UFO Challenge - Sharon - Queen of the UFO's Janet Vaupell and the guesser was Martha Duffy. 12 people completed the challenge. December's winner of the UFO Challenge was Janet Vaupell. Next year's challenge will be 13 in 13. Entry forms passed out for next year's challenge.
Drawings for the UFO Challenge - the following won prizes for participating...Madonna Belval, Andrea Blaisdell, Sheila Cross, Mary Dick, Martha Duffy, Phyllis Fletcher, Linda McGraw, Annie Morgan, Carol Moulton, Ellie Murphy, Millie Piper, Kathy Sampson, Mary Sargeant, Marion Seasholtz, Cindy Smorgans, Janet Vaupell, and Pat Slack.
Sheila Cross, Mary Dick, Martha Duffy, Cindy Smorgans, Ellis Murphy, Pat Slack, Carol Moulton, Millie Piper and Phyllis Fletcher made at least 12 UFO's.
New business: Charity quilt raffle The tickets on-line to get cheap we need to order at least 2,500 tickets. The tickets will have on them the main prizes: 1st, 2nd, 3rd. Motion to order the tickets made by Aline Sweet and seconded by Julie.
Four Patch squares: prizes will be given by random drawing. If you make more, you have more chances to win. Squares due by January meeting.
Drawings for prizes: Just for coming - Joyce Larow.
UFO Challenge: Millie Piper, Sheila Cross, Martha Duffy, Marion Seasholtz, Lil Fisher. Grand Prize Sheila Cross 2nd prize went to Carol Moulton.
General population prize drawings: Ruth Wesolo, Caroline Hitchcock, Martha Corey, Millie Piper.
Charity quilt raffle tickets \$1 first drawing tonight winner was Doreen Noyes.
Winner of the necklace challenge to not say the words "Christmas" or "quilt" Rhonda Griswold
Pat Slack has the Common Threads Quilt Guild by-laws. handed out for review for January's meeting.

Rhonda Griswold co-secretary

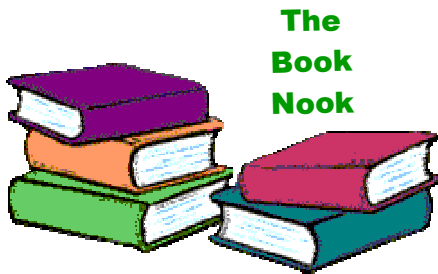


**REMEMBER
TO BRING
ITEMS
FOR THE
FOOD SHELF**

Happy New Year

The drawing for this challenge is here! The grand prize goes to the individual who contributed the most squares. There will be 2 other prizes drawn randomly at the January meeting.

Bring in your 4 patches (sewn) and your 8 1/2" squares (cut) to be eligible. We need to rebuild our inventory!



FEATURED THIS MONTH: RECENT ACQUISITIONS

The following books were added to the quilt's library in November.

Baby & Kids Quilts

Workbasket: and **Strip-Smart Quilts.** Here is a brief description of each of this month's featured books.

Baby & Kids Quilts by Marianne Fons and Liz Porter is a charming collection of quilts for toddlers to teens. It features more than 30 of the best quilts from Fons & Porter's Love of Quilting magazine and special issues of Baby Quilts, Kids Quilts, and Easy Quilts. Each quilt includes an assembly diagram, accompanied by a complete materials list and step-by-step instructions. There are projects for all skill levels, as well as styles from soft and sweet to bold and bright. *Description/review from Amazon.com*

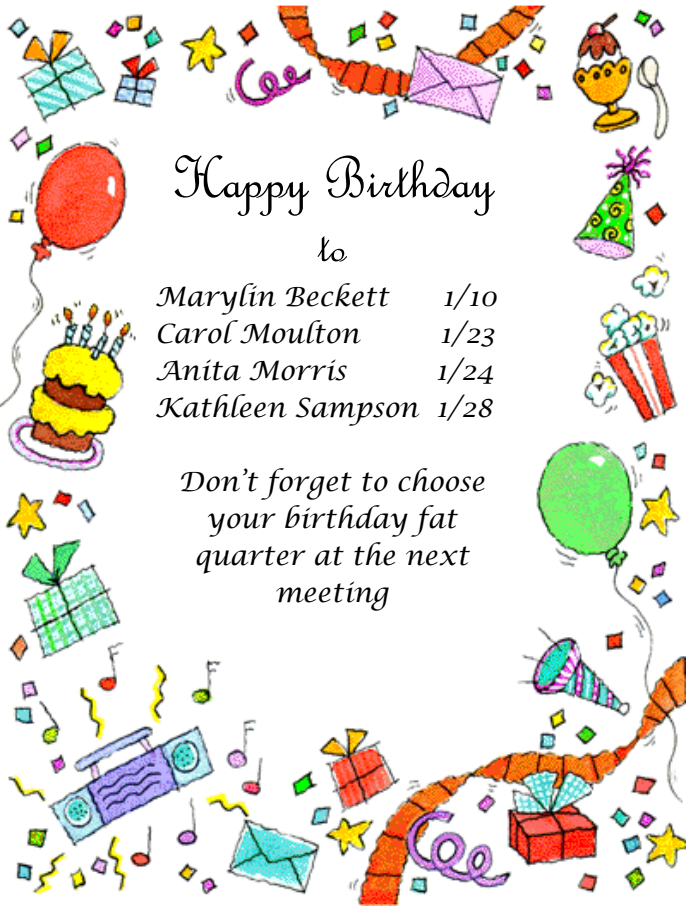
Jelly Roll Quilt Magic by Kimberly Einmo introduces an entirely new design sense in this book, which really is a "magical" approach to using precuts. Einmo also introduces a 'shopping list' concept to make prepping for sewing a snap leaving more time for creating, sewing and quilting! Finally, Einmo experimented using precuts in a Round Robin exchange with international quilting friends. The idea and the results are amazing. This book will fuel quilt guild projects and challenges for years to come. *Description/review from Amazon.com*

Redwork from the Workbasket: 100 Vintage Designs by Rebecca Kemp Brent makes it easy to re-create the warm, nostalgic feel of vintage redwork designs on your linens, aprons, even quilts, whether you embroider by hand or machine. It includes a CD so that you can choose hand or machine embroidery. There is an amazing collection of designs and instructions featuring old-fashioned redwork, but a quilter can either trace the pattern to be hand sewn, or use the included CD for the designs to be stitched using your embroidery machine. *Description/review from Amazon.com*

Strip-Smart Quilts: 16 Designs from One Easy Technique by Kathy Brown features patterns which are very detailed and easy to understand. There are easy-to-read diagrams to guide you through each step. The quilts are quick and easy and make excellent use of jelly rolls and honeybuns. Highly recommended for those who love using jelly rolls! *Description/review from Amazon.com.*

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





Happy Birthday

to

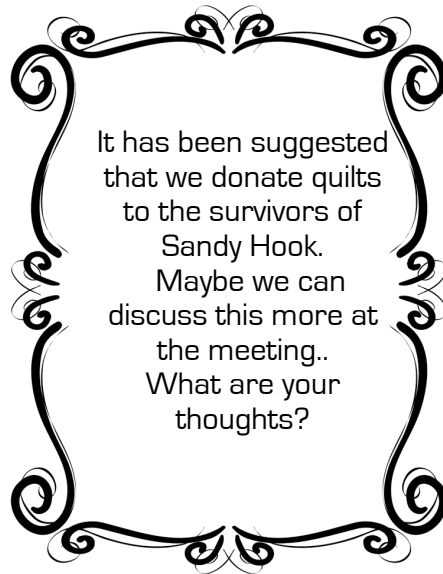
- Marylin Beckett 1/10
- Carol Moulton 1/23
- Anita Morris 1/24
- Kathleen Sampson 1/28

Don't forget to choose your birthday fat quarter at the next meeting

Our donation to the NYC firemen

For those of you that don't know, at the December meeting it was agreed that we would donate 20 quilts to the NYC firemen who lost their homes in Sandy. When I spoke with Judy Sgantas a week later, she had found out that there were 40 firemen who lost their homes! All but 3 had children. These families have lost everything. Including the land their homes were on as it is now contaminated. I sent out an email asking members if they had any quilts that they would like to add to the donation. Those of you that responded, enthusiastically decided that we should go ahead and donate 40 quilts. Many of you donated more finished quilts. My studio is a sea of folded, labeled quilts ready to go to NYC! I will have more information about this at the next meeting. Thank you for your contributions and your support in making a quick decision about adding to our donation.

Marion



It has been suggested that we donate quilts to the survivors of Sandy Hook. Maybe we can discuss this more at the meeting.. What are your thoughts?



Group Photo

Wear your biggest and brightest smile in January!

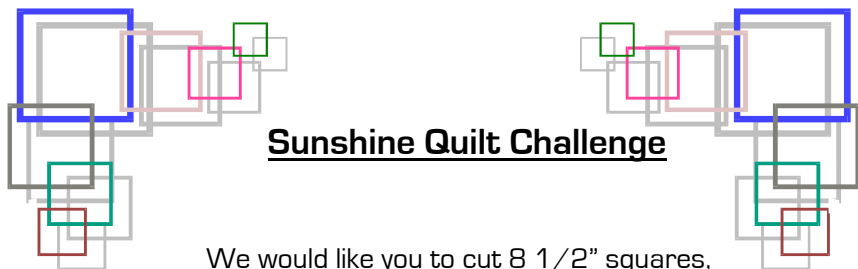
We are going to take a group photo for future use in explaining and promoting our guild's activities. We will do another one later in the year to include those who can't make it to the January meeting.



Please

Look over your copy of the by-laws carefully. and bring them with you to the meeting so we can have a full discussion about them before we put them into practice.

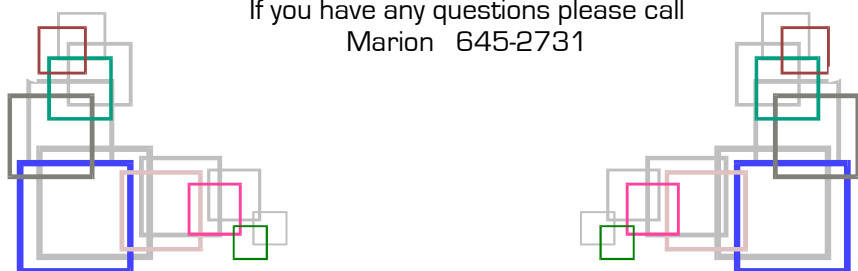




Sunshine Quilt Challenge

We would like you to cut 8 1/2" squares, and make 4 patches out of 4 1/2" squares (8 1/2" finished". We will use these to make as many Sunshine quilts as we can. for every [4] 8 1/2" square that you cut and bring in and/or every [2] four patches that you make your name will be added to our box for a drawing. we will have 3 prizes: One for the person who contributes the most to the project - we will count the names in the box.; the second and third prizes will be random drawings from the box. The first prize is a 5 pack of rotary blades! Cut and sew to win! Any colors will do - use up odd pieces of scraps that you have. we will put together beautiful 'scrappy' Sunshine quilts!

If you have any questions please call
Marion 645-2731



12 IN 2012 CHALLENGE

Thanks to all the participants who took the 12 IN 2012 CHALLENGE. I hope everyone enjoyed all the fun wrapping up the 12 IN 2012 CHALLENGE at the December meeting. And I hope the fun-filled evening has inspired additional guild members to sign up for the 2013 challenge.

Both Sheila Cross and Carol Moulton have had a good time going through all the goodies they both won. sheila said it was just like christmas! If you missed the December meeting, Sheila and Carol won the grand prize drawing for the 12 IN 2012 CHALLENGE. There were two "grand prize" baskets. The drawing was limited to the 10 guild members who "met" the challenge to complete 12 UFOs by the December 2012 guild meeting/

Programs for 2013

The January program will be a sharing by Andrea and Marion about their trip to the Houston Quilt Show.

Looking ahead, these are some possibilities for programs:

- Hand sewing demo
- gifts to make
- putting in zippers
- appliqué methods

We do not plan to bring in a major speaker this year. We'd like to take advantage of our own local talent. We will be reviewing our surveys again and will come up with a couple of full or half day workshops to offer. If you are interested in teaching a class, or if you know of someone you would like to take a class with, please let us know.

Cindy, Sheila, and Hilda





Show News

After the first of the year, I plan to gather the information I need to chair our quilt show, and will give it my best try to pull this all together. Remember, I need committee chairs to help this show be a success. Please be thinking of a committee you could chair or co-chair. We will need lots of workers on that Friday, Saturday, and Sunday in October so please be thinking of where you would like to put in some time. We will have sign up sheets in a couple of months.

Artists and Painters Wanted

Who wants to design and paint a quilt block on the new storage shed? Or should we submit designs and have a drawing?

Think about it.

This could be a fun project for the spring





Raffle tickets for our quilts] should be available at our next meeting. Each member will receive tickets to sell. Let's go for record sales!! When you run out of tickets Marion 635=2731 will have more!! There will be a prize for the person who sells the most tickets!

FINISH YOUR PHD IN 2013 CHALLENGE

The January guild meeting marks the start of the Finish Your PhD in 2013 Challenge. To participate, you'll need to find all your PhD's and decide which ones you want to finish this year. Fill out the entry form which can also be found online at <http://www.commonthreadsvt.org/phdchallenge.pdf> and bring it to the January meeting. You also need to bring two fat quarters as an entry fee to join the challenge. Sharon Perry will have additional applications available at the January meeting if you cannot access (or have trouble accessing) the application online.

Every month, from January to December, you must bring at least one completed project and show it during Show and Tell so Sharon can take a picture. The 13th completed project can be finished and shown anytime during 2013...it's your choice.

For every month you bring a completed project on your PhD list, you'll enter your name **twice** for the monthly drawing. In December, every guild member who has "met the challenge" and Finished Your PhD in 2013 (on time) by December will get to enter a special drawing for a "fabulous" grand prize.

Here are a few qualifiers:

1. If you're fortunate enough **not** to have 13 PhDs collecting dust, then decide on 13 projects you'd like to complete in 2013 year and bring a finished project every month, plus one additional anytime during the year, for Show and Tell.
2. If you have more than 13 PhDs you'd like to complete, fill out as many entry forms as you need. For every PhD completed above and beyond your 13 PhDs, you can enter your name **once** for the monthly drawing. As a note, each member only has to provide two fat quarters to enter no matter how many entry forms you fill out.
3. If you happen to miss a meeting (or several because you "snow bird" in a warmer climate), your completed projects will be considered finished "on time" as long as you bring all to the next meeting you attend. As an example, if you miss the March meeting, you must bring two completed PhDs to the April meeting (one for March and one for April). Or if you miss the February, March and April meeting, you must bring 4 completed PhDs to the May meeting.

As a final point, this challenge is all about completing some of those projects half done you have "cluttering" your sewing room and having fun along the way. So go clean out your sewing room and pull out all your PhDs...you just might be surprised how many you find.



**NEXT
MEETING
JANUARY 3,
2013 AT
6:30 PM**

HAPPY NEW YEAR

