

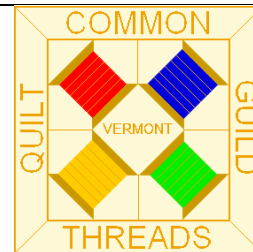
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The official newsletter
of the Common Threads Quilt Guild of Lamoille County
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The President's Block

Hello My Fellow Quilters,

Well as always our December potluck was delicious, I know my belly hurt from eating way too much.

My fellow guild members never disappoint in their creativity; the sew and tell was inspirational as always. I also want to take this time to give a great big THANK YOU to Carolyn and Sally for their generous donation. We will finish and raffle the two beautiful tops.

Did everyone have fun playing the game? I know I did and by the sounds of the laughter I think everyone else enjoyed the game also. I think we should definitely play again, maybe the summer potluck.

I hope you stay safe and warm and get a lot of projects done in the next two months.

See you next year.

Your President,

Cheryl Leach
2023-2024



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Common Threads Quilt Guild
meets the 2nd 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 14th Favorite Quilting
Notion/Tool, Technique, or Book
October 12th "Following the Franklin
County Barn Quilt Trail"
with Sharon Perry
November 9th Christmas Tree Demo
with Denise Mayo

2023 - 2024 Guild Calendar

**DOORS OPEN AT 6:00 PM;
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December 14th Potluck & Strip Poker
January NO MEETING
February NO MEETING
March 14th TBD
April 11th TBD

2023 - 2024 Guild Calendar

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

May 9th TBD
June 13th TBD
July 11th TBD
August 8th TBD

******* MEETING DATE IS CHANGED TO 2ND THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH *******

JANUARY 2024

Treasurer's Report

Beginning Balance 11/20/2023 **\$5,245.96**

Income

Annual Food Shelf Donations (12/14/2023) \$260.00

Total Income **\$260.00**

Subtotal **\$5,505.96**

Expenses

Check #611 Hilda Tallman (Book of stamps) \$13.20

Check #612 Lamoille Community Food Share (Donation) \$260.00

Total Expenses **\$273.20**

Ending Balance 12/20/2023 **\$5,232.76**

Respectfully submitted,
Cheryl Leach, Treasurer



**NO MONTHLY MEETING
UNTIL MARCH 14TH, 2024!!!**

FUTURE PROGRAMS

As previously discussed, the monthly program will rotate between members. If you have a demonstration or program you might like to share, please sign up for one of the monthly meetings. As a note, signing up for a monthly program will get a member an entry into the drawing for all the prizes the 35th Birthday Committee (Joyce Emerson, Jane Langdell, and Robin Wheel) is soliciting for next year.



Secretary's Report

Secretary's Report December 14, 2023

We enjoyed a delicious potluck dinner before the start of the meeting. Lots of good cooks!

Thirty members were present.

Drawings: Just for Coming – Linda Locke, and Food Shelf Donation – Robin Wright

Secretary's Report for November meeting – Sharon Perry made a motion to accept the report, Carol Moulton seconded. Approved.

Treasurer's Report for November – Sharon Perry moved to accept and Denise Mayo seconded. Approved.

Sunshine Cards: None were sent this last month. Donna Hamel sent a thank you note.

Block of the Month for December winner was JoAnn Tallman. No new block until the March meeting.

Sunshine Quilts: A workshop to complete quilts will be held in January – TBD. The quilt that the guild gave to the Sterling View Community Center to be raffled off brought in \$1000. The winners were Phil and Pat Ryder.

Old Business: 23 in 2023 Challenge – 11 people completed the challenge: Andrea Blaisdell, Sally Cabell, Shelia Cross, Bonnie Griswold, Donna Hamel, Jane Langdell, Denise Mayo, Jane Paine, Lisa Vilord, Robin Wheel, and Robin Wright.

New Business:

- Sally Cabell and Carolyn Babcock have donated quilts to be used as **raffle quilts**. They need to be finished in the future.
- **Possible Future Program:** Candace Hassen has a virtual 1 hour trunk show for \$350. Her designs can be seen at www.quiltdesignsbycandace.com. Andrea Blaisdell made a motion to contact her to see when she might be available. Lisa Vilord seconded. Approved.

Barn Quilt: Kimberly Hess of Essex is willing to offer a class/workshop for 5 – 10 people for \$90 each. She provides a 2x2 blank and all of the paint, patterns, and brushes.

Sew and Tell: Ten folks shared their projects.

Game: Strip Poker: Groups of five enjoyed the game with lots of laughter heard. The winners went home with a pile of 2½-inch strips of fabric for another project.

Respectfully Submitted,
Grace Sweet, Co-Secretary



IT'S A BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION!!! CTQG TURNS 35 in 2024!!!

Joyce Emerson, Jane Langdell, and Robin Wheel are warming up to the idea of celebrating Common Thread Quilt Guild of Lamoille County's 35th Anniversary. The celebration will begin in March of 2024. In the meantime, they are gathering entries for various birthday present drawings. You can enter your name in the drawings one time for any of the items listed below unless noted otherwise. After all, the more times your name goes in, the better your chances of winning a present! Other ways to enter may be added later.

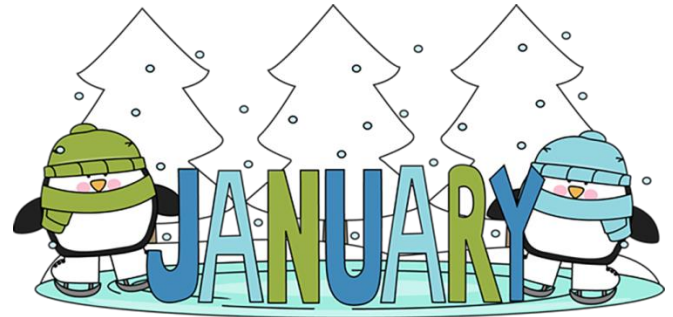
- Attending a guild meeting
- Donating something to the food shelf
- Donating a sunshine quilt (1 entry for a top, 3 entries for a finished quilt)
- Bringing something to the guild meeting for Sew N' Tell (1 entry per meeting, no matter how many you show)
- Volunteering to present a program at a guild meeting, and actually doing it! (3 entries)
- Working on any sewing workshop including working on a raffle quilt
- Volunteering for a community event to support the guild (including Antiques and Uniques)
- Making a block of the month (1 entry no matter how many blocks you make)

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.



*A messy house is the sign
of a happy quilter.*

I'M JANUARY
by Annette Wynne

I'm January bringing you
A year of days—all brand, brand new;
I step upon the frosty ground.
When chimes and sleigh bells ring around;
You welcome me and children sing,
And joy comes into everything.
I bring you love and lots of cheer,
And work and friends for all the year.



Jan	Kuhn	January	21
Carol	Moulton	January	23
Sheila	Jourdan	January	29

...and many more!!!

**FEATURED VIDEO TUTORIAL
FOR JANUARY:**
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FHXJvpDrTaE>
Sticks and Stones Quilt
 Missouri Star Quilt Company

Recipe Corner

CREAMY WHITE CHILI

1 pound boneless skinless chicken breasts, cut into ½-inch cubes
 1 medium onion, chopped
 1½ teaspoons garlic powder
 1 tablespoon canola oil
 2 cans (15½ ounces each) great northern beans, rinsed and drained
 1 can (14½ ounces) chicken broth
 2 cans (4 ounces each) chopped green chiles
 1 teaspoon salt
 1 teaspoon ground cumin
 1 teaspoon dried oregano
 ½ teaspoon pepper
 ¼ teaspoon cayenne pepper
 1 cup sour cream
 ½ cup heavy whipping cream
 Optional: Tortilla chips, shredded cheddar cheese, and sliced seeded jalapeno pepper

In a large saucepan, sauté the chicken, onion and garlic powder in oil until chicken is no longer pink. Add the beans, broth, chiles and seasonings. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat; simmer, uncovered, for 30 minutes.

Remove from the heat; stir in sour cream and heavy cream. If desired, top with tortilla chips, cheese and jalapenos.

BEST EVER POTATO SOUP

6 bacon strips, diced
 3 cups cubed peeled potatoes
 1 small carrot, grated
 ½ cup chopped onion
 1 tablespoon dried parsley flakes
 ½ teaspoon salt
 ½ teaspoon pepper
 ½ teaspoon celery seed
 1 can (14½ ounces) chicken broth
 3 tablespoons all-purpose flour
 3 cups 2% milk
 8 ounces Velveeta, cubed
 2 green onions, thinly sliced, optional

In a large saucepan, cook bacon over medium heat until crisp, stirring occasionally; drain drippings. Add vegetables, seasonings and broth; bring to a boil. Reduce heat; simmer, covered, until potatoes are tender, 10-15 minutes.

Mix flour and milk until smooth; stir into soup. Bring to a boil, stirring constantly; cook and stir until

thickened, about 2 minutes. Stir in cheese until melted. If desired, serve with green onions.

CABBAGE SOUP

3 tablespoons olive oil
 1 medium yellow onion, chopped
 2 ribs celery, chopped
 2 medium carrots, sliced into ¼-inch thick rounds
 3 cloves garlic, minced
 ½ large green cabbage, or 1 small cabbage
 1 teaspoon dried thyme
 ½ teaspoon ground cumin
 ½ teaspoon smoked paprika
 ¾ teaspoon salt, or to taste
 ½ teaspoon black pepper, or to taste
 15 ounces canned diced tomatoes, with their juices
 4 cups low sodium vegetable broth
 15 ounce can white beans, or chickpeas, rinsed and drained
 1 tablespoon lemon juice, or to taste

Heat the olive oil in a large Dutch oven or other heavy pot over medium heat. Once hot, add the onion, celery and carrots and cook, stirring occasionally, for 6 minutes.

Meanwhile, wash, dry, and core the cabbage. Slice the cabbage into pieces that are approximately ½ inch by 2 inches.

Add the garlic, cabbage, dried thyme, cumin, smoked paprika, salt and pepper to the pot. Cook, stirring often, for 3 minutes.

Add the diced tomatoes, vegetable broth and white beans. Stir. Increase the heat to medium-high and bring the soup to a boil. Then reduce the heat to a low simmer, cover the pot, and cook for 20-25 minutes, or until the vegetables are tender.

Turn off the heat and stir in the lemon juice. Taste and season with additional salt and pepper, if needed. Serve.

RECIPE NOTES: Leftover soup can be stored in an airtight container in the refrigerator for up to 3 days or in the freezer for up to 3 months..

Winter Days
 are
 Soup Days



JANUARY ANAGRAMS

This newsletter editor is always looking for new articles and features to share with guild members. This month, we're introducing a regular feature called "Anagrams." Just as a reminder, an anagram is a word, phrase, or name formed by rearranging the letters of another, such as cinema formed from iceman. All of the anagrams presented this month will have something to do with December. Answers can be found at the end of this page.

cairn crop	gretna	drops now	twiner	outer lions	peadar
map change	flow snake	rec vacs	icc lei	tim nest	stoat
boost	pine gun	bib hose	opus	ava bacall	acton rain
mown sorts	arthur mink tingle	foci tent	id lb razz	mon swan	auris qua



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:

Saturday, January 20th, 2024

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



January is National Soup Month



"I like starting projects in January. That's the best time to start something. It's so inward." ~ Carolyn Chute

JANUARY ANAGRAMS ANSWERS

capricorn	garnet	snowdrop	winter	resolution	parade
champagne	snowflake	scarves	icicle	mittens	toast
boots	penguin	hobbies	soup	balaclava	carnation
snowstorm	Martin Luther King	confetti	blizzard	snowman	aquarius