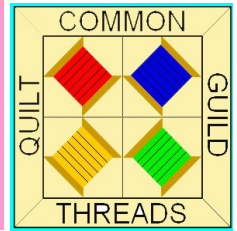


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February 2013



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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,

Well, I have discovered that I have too many projects to finish. Maybe we can have another challenge" It has been great to have some time to sew this winter. We had a board meeting last night to discuss a few things. The bylaws are almost complete. I will be sending an updated copy to everyone to review and we will discuss them at the next meeting. We also had a little issue concerning the quilt show but I think we might have it resolved. There is a quilt show meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 23 @ 6:00 at the Johnson Town Hall. Anyone who wants to volunteer for a committee please come to a meeting. We need lots more help!

Take care everyone.

Andrea Blaisdell



Treasurer's Report

December 15, 2012-January 11, 2013

Income

Cash balance December 15, 2012	\$3,803.48
Deposits:	
1/11/2013 Donation - Stowe Firefighters Auxiliary	\$500.00
1/11/2013 Quilt Raffle	\$180.00
Total Income	\$4,483.48

Expenses

1/11/2013 Ck #212 Wind's Edge Studio (Raffle tickets \$135.56 \$49.00 prizes for drawing)	\$184.56
1/11/13 Ck #213 Andrea Blaisdell (copies ByLaws \$16.70, \$92.80 batting Charity quilts)	<u>\$109.50</u>
Total Expenses	\$294.06

Cash Balance January 11, 2013

\$4,189.42

Rita Lehouillier Treasurer



Secretary's Report



Guests- Alberta returned to visit as she did in December

Secretary's report- motions made by Sharon Perry to accept, Julie seconded
Treasurer's report- Motion to accept made by Sharon and seconded by Mary Dick
Newsletter- please have articles in by the 15th of the month.
3 Sunshine cards sent.
Membership-66 members

A snafu with the program and it will be presented in February.

The shed is in place and half paid off. It still needs shelves. Ken Harvey will keep the front cleaned out and Andrea and Rhonda will check on the roof and clean it off if it needs it.

Charity quilts- work day Feb 2, 2013 Saturday and from 9-3. 40 quilts sent to NYC via the Stowe fire chief's wife, Judy, who also gave CTQG a check for \$500 donation. As of Oct 2012, we have provided 140 charity quilts. FYI it will be ok to make a charity quilt top for the PhD Challenge. Please take a top to work on at home and bring it back on Feb 2. CTQG can provide a batting for any charity quilt. If you do a charity quilt, throws are the best size, though any size can be used.

A new contest: for every Charity Quilt made, 1 ticket in the box. If the quilt top is provided by the quilter 2 tickets in the box, and a completed quilt will be worth 4 tickets in the box.

ByLaws discussion: Do we need them? Yes, especially now that we have property- the shed, and for protection in case of disbandment. As we do Charity quilts, we could become non-profit. There was discussion of Articles I and II, the committee will take any suggestions and come up with a revised version.

Quilt Show- Cindy Smorgans is the chair with Andréa's assistance. The show is Sat and Sun October 12 and 13, 2013! Committee chairs needed as well as members. There will need to be many worker bees on the day before the show, during the show and to clean up after the show. We have reserved the People's Academy Gym and Cindy will need to find out about the fee for use, the janitor to open and lock up, and bathroom access. In the past we donated \$100. How much is too much if the fee is more than \$100? We will have a special exhibit for Barbara O'Toole.

Raffle Tickets for the Quilt Show- Marion handed out the envelopes. There are 5000 tickets. Each member will get at least 5 books, with a picture of the main prize. Please have at least the name and phone number clear on the tickets. All tickets are numbered and the winning ticket sellers will win a prize. Tickets are 6 for \$5 or \$1 each. Use social media if you have it- scan to Face book, email friends, etc.

PhD challenge- Sharon Perry is coordinating once again. Last year there were 200 UFO's with 10 people completing the challenge. Entries will still be taken in February. This week Andrea Blaisdell won the drawing.

Charity Quilt Challenge- we made 2,888 squares and Janet made 1,318 of those squares, so she won a prize. Andrea randomly drew Sally Cabell and the next winner was Annie Morgan.

Group photo will be taken later and may be taken at various meetings to get all members.

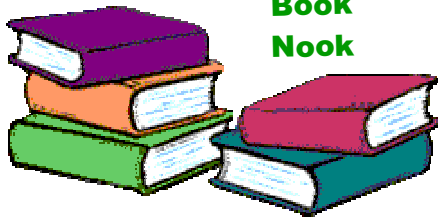
Do we want a phone chain for cancellations? Mary, Doreen and Millie will call snail mail members and Andrea will email others by noon if weather related. If any doubts feel free to call Andrea. Mary made the motion and Millie seconded. We do have a few fiction quilting books in the library.

Drawings- just for coming- Jane Langdell and Food Shelf- Grace Sweet.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm

Rhonda Griswold co Secretary





The Book Nook

FEATURED THIS MONTH: BOOKS BY CTQG QUEST SPEAKERS

The library has many books by quilters who have been guest speakers at one of the guild's meetings. Those books are: **Flip Flop Block Quilts** by Kathie Alyce; **Another Can of Worms** by Debbie Caffrey; **...Continuing On, Connecting Up** and **The It's Okay If You Sit on My Quilt Book** by Mary Ellen Hopkins; and **Machine Appliqué: A Sampler of Techniques, Machine Quilting: A primer of Techniques,** and **Successful Machine Quilting on the Home Sewing Machine DVD** by Sue Nickels.

The library also has three books which Sue Nickels wrote with her sister, Pat Holly. Those books are **60 Machine Quilting Patterns,** **Amish Patterns for Machine Quilting,** and **Stitched Raw Edge Appliqué.**

In just a few short years, the guild's library has grown to over 280 books. The library is a tremendous resource for guild members. There are books for every skill level and most all quilt-making techniques. For those with internet access, you can peruse the library list in the comfort of your own home. The list can be found at <http://www.commonthreadsvt.org/ctqglibrary.html>. There are instructions on the web page to use the "find" function if you're looking for a specific book title or a specific author.

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 book(s) you'd like. She'll bring them to the next guild meeting.



FINISH YOUR PHD IN 2013 CHALLENGE

The January guild meeting was the kick-off for the ***Finish Your PhD in 2013 Challenge***. Nine intrepid guild members signed up for the challenge, and Andrea Blaisdell was the monthly winner for January. Her prize was a book, **Threading the Needle** by Marie Bostwick.

Although the challenge has already started, there is still time to sign up and have a chance to win a monthly prize or the grand prize in December. to participate, you'll need to find all your PhDs 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 February meeting. You also need to bring two fat quarters as an entry fee to join the challenge.

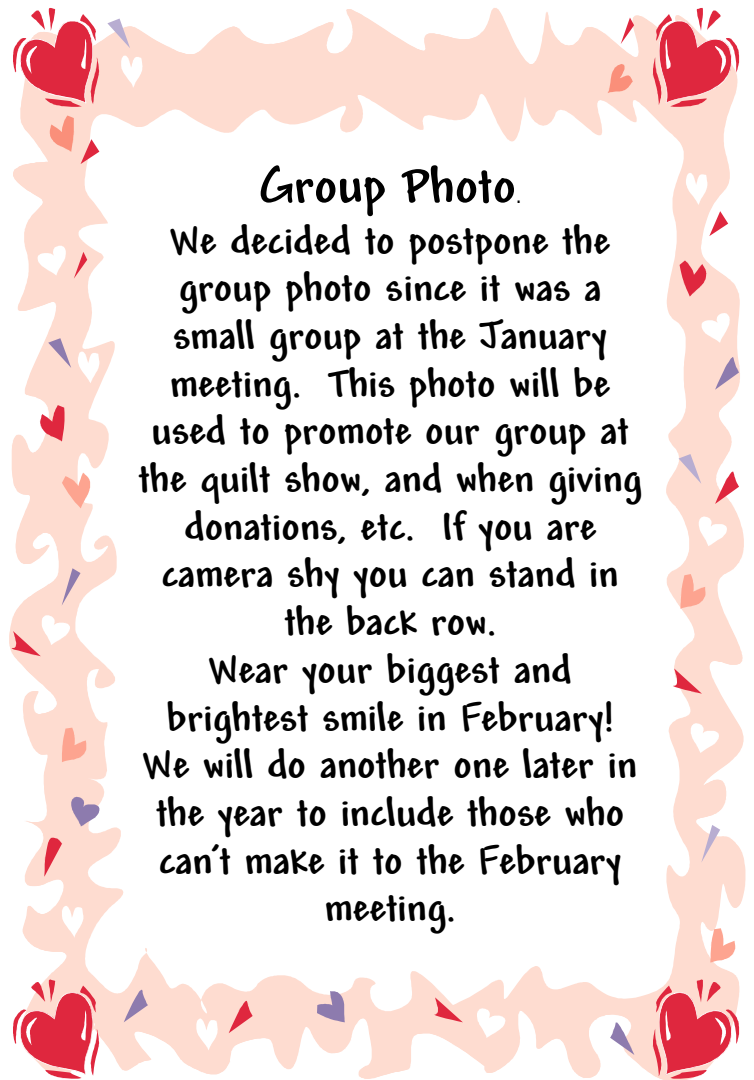
Every month, from January to December, you **must** bring at least one completed project and show it during Show and Tell so Sharon can take a picture. the 13th completed project can be finished and shown anytime during 2013...it's your choice. So if you waited until February to sign up, you must bring two completed projects...one for January and one for February.

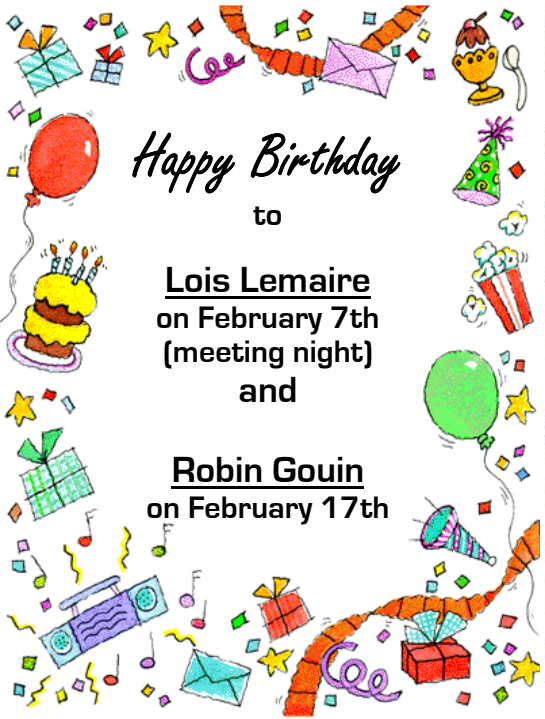


Group Photo.

We decided to postpone the group photo since it was a small group at the January meeting. This photo will be used to promote our group at the quilt show, and when giving donations, etc. If you are camera shy you can stand in the back row.

Wear your biggest and brightest smile in February! We will do another one later in the year to include those who can't make it to the February meeting.





Happy Birthday
to

Lois Lemaire
on February 7th
(meeting night)
and

Robin Gouin
on February 17th



QUILTED ITEMS NEEDED FOR SILENT AUCTION

This year's quilt show will once again feature a silent auction of quilted items made by guild members. Since its introduction at the 2007 quilt show, the silent auction has raised over \$2700 during the past three quilt shows. Sharon Perry will coordinate the silent auction for the 2013 quilt show. But everyone's help to make it a success.

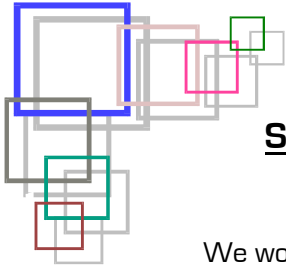
Even though the quilt show is nine months away, time will fly by, and we'll be setting up the quilt show before you know it. Now's the time to start thinking about a possible donation or two. Sharon is looking for donations of small quilted items such as wall-hangings, quilted placemats and matching napkin, quilted tote bags, quilted pillows, table toppers, tree skirts, and other similar items. Seasonal items are always winners...think of all those leaf peepers looking for beautiful and unique souvenirs to take back home from Vermont. What could be more beautiful and unique than a "quilt" made by a Vermont quilter!

If you'd like to donate an item or two, please bring your donation(s) to any guild meeting, but no later than the September meeting. If you have any questions, please call Sharon at 802-326-3135.



Quilter's Yard
Sale
From
Barbara O'Toole's
Stash
Fabric, notions,
patterns, books, etc.
Many, many quilt
related items for sale
Wall Hangings and
UFO's!!

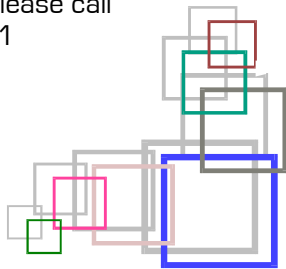
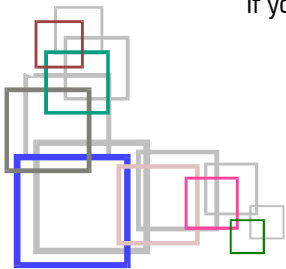
We have a work day scheduled at Sterling View on Saturday February 2nd from 9-3. Bring a snack or lunch. We will be doing a bunch of different things, mostly sewing. I will be happy to help anyone carry their machine in the building! Remember that your name will go in the drawing for prizes if you participate in the workshop. We will have a fun day! Thanks, and if you have any questions you can call or email Marion at 635-2731.



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



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



February Program

Due to technical difficulties, Marion and Andrea were not able to put on their slide show and share with us their adventures in Houston at the January meeting.

They will try again in
February

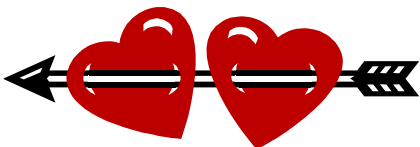
Programs for 2013

.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





Quilt Show News

Thanks to all of you who signed up at the last meeting to help out on committees. We still have quite a few spots where more helpers will be needed. Andrea put out a list recently in an email. If you haven't decided yet where to help out, look at that list and see if there is an area you could share your expertise.

**There will be a quilt show meeting
on January 23 at the Johnson
Town Hall at 6:00.**

If you are signed up,
please plan to attend.

If you just want to find out what is happening so far, and are trying to figure out where you would like to help out,

please come.

All are welcome.

Cindy and Andrea

Common Threads Quilt Size Guidelines

Hospital birthing center: 38" x 38" up to 40" x 40"

Lap quilt: in all themes, men, women, children 42" X 50"

Twin: 65" - 72" wide x 90" - 100" long

Full/Queen 90" - 92" wide x 90" - 104" long

These are approximate sizes.

We are trying to keep some of the two larger sizes on hand.

The size that we use the most of right now is the lap size.





Tickets

Raffle tickets were distributed at the January meeting.

For those of you that were not there you can pick them up at the February meeting, or if I see you sooner I will give them to you.

Each member starts with 5 books to sell, and we hope you all sell many more than that! We have 5,000 tickets to sell.

There are going to be 4 prizes for selling tickets; 1 to the member who sells the most, and 1 each to the sellers of the 3 winning tickets.

I know it can be difficult to ask people to buy tickets, so I enclosed a little 'sales pitch' in every envelope along with a photo of the first place quilt.

I have posted all of this on my Facebook page, and also sent out an email to friends and family all over the country.

I am now getting checks in the mail! (made out to Common Threads).

I even had a friend 'share' it on her FB page to help me sell tickets!

If you are on FB you can look me up - I am Marion Philipsen Seasholtz - and 'share' my post on your own page to help you sell tickets. If you would like to forward the email I sent out, email me a marion@windsedgestudio.com and I will forward the email I sent out - you can personalize them both if you would like.

Both of these include the photo of the quilt so it will make it very easy for you to share.

When you need more tickets call (or email) me: 635-2731. I will bring more to every meeting. Thanks! Marion.



Quilter of the Month

Andrea Blaisdell is our "Quilter of the Month", a new article I plan to feature every month.

Andrea is the daughter of David and Mary Sargent and the wife of Tim Plaisdall. In addition to being an active member of at least 3 other organizations, including the Rug Hooking Guild, she is the president of the Common Threads Quilt Guild. At Christmas time she works for Paines Christmas Trees and in the spring, summer and fall she is a self-employed landscaper. She worked for Phil Chiaravelli to learn her trade. It was her dream to be a florist for the White House.

Her Mom taught her how to sew and Doreen Noyes was her Home Ec teacher.

She made her first quilt with Madelyn Hooper; a "Trip Around the World" when she was still in High School at Lamoille Union. She worked for Marion Seasholtz at Cooper Hill Quilts for 7 years.

Glad to have you as a member and president of our Guild, Andrea.



**NEXT
MEETING
FEBRUARY 7
AT
6:30 PM**

♥ HAPPY ♥ DAY ♥

