

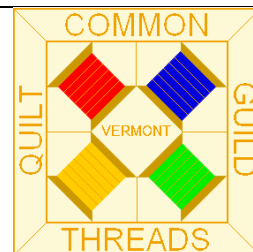
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The official newsletter
of the Common Threads Quilt Guild of Lamoille County
in Hyde Park, Vermont

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FEBRUARY 2023

The President's Block

Happy New Year fellow quilters,

Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow. Being a dyed-in-the-wool Vermonter, since I must live here all winter, I want lots of snow.

I haven't decided whether to take up the challenge of "23 in 2023." Since I'm avoiding making full-sized quilts, that looks like an awfully lot of table runners and place mats. But it also seems like a lot of fun figuring out what to make. Do 4 placemats equal 4 projects?

Regardless, if I don't start, I won't accomplish much. I still have pieces on my design wall, and the ones I won last meeting in a pile on the table.

I hope that there are several people signed up for Andrea's quilting class on the 28th. I think I will stop in during the day.

Cannot wait for us to get back together in March.

Keep on quilting,

Carol Moulton, 2022 – 2023 President



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Common Threads Quilt
Guild meets the 1st Thursday,
March through December,
at 6:30 p.m. at the
Sterling View
Community Center
in Hyde Park

Dues = \$20 annually



2022 - 2023 Guild Calendar

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

September 1st Back to Basics:
Understanding Fabric
Construction & Properties

October 6th Back to Basics:
All About Quilting Fabric

November 3rd Back to Basics:
Needles & Threads & More...Oh My!

December 1st Potluck & Exchange
Back to Basics: Fabric Prep & Demos

2022 – 2023 Guild Calendar

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January 28th Back to Basics:
Learning & Sewing Session, 9am-3pm
Johnson Municipal Bldg (Upstairs)

February Learning & Sewing Sessions
Date, Time & Location TBA (if needed)

March 2nd Back to Basics:
Color Theory

April 6th Back to Basics: Modern
Quilting with Weeks Ringle & Bill Kerr

2022 – 2023 Guild Calendar

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

May 4th Back to Basics:
Paper Piecing

June 1st Back to Basics:
All About Appliqué

July 6th Back to Basics:
Getting Your Blocks In Order

August 3rd Summer Potluck
Back to Basics Sew & Tell

Treasurer's Report

Beginning Balance 12/16/2022		\$5,584.82
Income		
Donation from Sharon Perry (1/5/2023)		\$100.00
	<i>Total Income</i>	\$100.00
	<i>Subtotal</i>	\$5,684.82
Expenses		
	<i>Total Expenses</i>	\$0.00
Ending Balance 1/16/2023		\$5,684.82

Respectfully submitted,
Cheryl Leach, Treasurer



JANUARY LEARNING & SEWING SESSION “BACK TO BASICS”: BEGINNER QUILTING CLASS

We will be making a small project upstairs at the Johnson Municipal Building on January 28th, 9 am – 3 pm. Bring the following things **IF** you have them: sewing machine; scissors; rotary cutter and mat; pins; needles; seam ripper; extension cord; thread; notepad and pen; and some fabric. Also bring a lunch and something to drink. For those that have them, bring your binder with the handouts from the meetings. The class will start off where we left off. There will be copies available for those that are not members.

Please let Andrea Blaisdell know by email (asblaisdellvt@gmail.com) if you would like to attend or have friends who would like to attend. It is not required to bring anything if you do not have the items listed; you can just come and learn. There will be things to use for the day and some fabric as well. Deadline for sign up is January 25th. There will be a small donation of \$5 for each person to cover the use of the room. Email Andrea Blaisdell, asblaisdellvt@gmail.com, with any questions.

If we do not get through everything that day, there will be another class in February to finish up or for anyone not able to make this class.

We encourage the guild's more experienced quilters to join us to help guide and mentor those attendees without as many quilting hours under their belts.



Secretary's Report

Secretary's Report December 1, 2022 (Repeated due to no report for January)

Meeting called to order: At 6:00 pm, starting with a potluck dinner; Carol Moulton, President, presiding.

Present: 30 members, no guests.

Birthdays: Lisa Vilord. Birthday greetings also to January (Anna Jones, Jan Kuhn, Carol Moulton) and February (Joyce Emerson, Lois Lemaire, JoAnn Tallman) birthdays while we are not holding meetings during those Winter months.

Drawings: Michelle Paige won a prize just for coming and Donna Hamel won for the Food Shelf donation

Secretary's Report: Sharon Perry moved to accept November 3rd report; Grace Sweet seconded. Motion passed.

Treasurers Report: Sharon Perry moved to accept; Sharon Witbeck seconded. Motion passed.

Sunshine Cards: No sunshine cards were sent.

Sunshine Quilts: Andrea available to accept finished quilts.

Block of the Month: Carol Moulton won the completed blocks. January block will be "Art Square" in blues. February block will be "Churn Dash" in reds/pinks. The drawings for the January and February blocks will be held at the March meeting.

New Business: Carol shared thoughts around asking Roger from the Mattress Furniture Store about hosting a quilt show in the store. Andrea shared the Morrisville Historical Society has offered in the past to host a show. Discussion followed on the following topics: admission or other income means; vendors; how the quilts would be displayed and protected; and what time of year. No motion made.

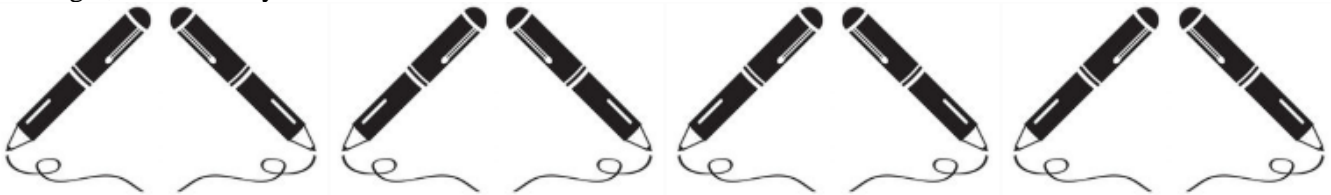
Potholder Exchange: 16 members participated in the exchange.

Sew & Tell: Members participating in the potholder exchange showed the potholders they received. Eight members shared their work.

Program: This month's program was "Fabric Prep." Three-3 ring binders distributed for storing monthly handouts. Andrea then led a discussion on fabric prep with supporting demos starting at 7:20 pm.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:00 pm approximately.

Respectfully Submitted
Robin Wright, Co-Secretary



QUILT TIPS

- If you use the sew-n-flip method to add triangles to rectangles or squares, sew another seam $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch from the original seam between the seam and the outside corner. Trim between the seams, and you'll have a half-square triangle and one fourth of a pinwheel square.

- If you love all the great tips, copy & paste them into a Microsoft Word document. Organize them into categories, such as appliqué, piecing, machine quilting, fabric, finishing, storage, notions I want to try, etc. You can use bold, italic & underline for key words, or even color code the various tips. You can also add the tips found in quilt magazines. Print up full page of each category and keep in a loose-leaf binder. When you want to try a new technique or just need a reminder, you can refer to your binder.



Block of the Month

FEBRUARY 2023



Colors:
Reds, think
Valentine's Day

PATTERN: CHURN DASH
Pattern from www.patchworksquare.com

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

Click the link below for the Churn Dash 12" finished block pattern*
<https://www.patchworksquare.com/mf/churn-dash-quilt-block.pdf>

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



NATIONAL CHERRY MONTH
Five fun facts about cherries.

The largest cherry pie in the world was baked in Oliver, British Columbia, and weighed nearly **40,000 POUNDS!**

HUMANS HAVE BEEN EATING CHERRIES SINCE THE STONE AGE!

AN AVERAGE CHERRY TREE PRODUCES **7,000 CHERRIES!**

WASHINGTON STATE GROWS **67%** of the country's sweet cherries (for eating raw)

WHILE MICHIGAN GROWS MORE THAN **60%** of our tart cherries (for cooking).

THERE ARE MORE THAN **1,000** VARIETIES OF CHERRIES.

DUES FOR MEMBERSHIP ARE OVERDUE!

September marked the start of a new membership year for the guild. The CTQG membership form can be found [here](#).

If you haven't renewed your membership yet, please send your completed membership form, along with a \$20 check (payable to CTQG), to Jan Kuhn, 109 Oakwood Drive, Hyde Park, VT 05655. Members who have not paid their membership dues will be removed from the membership list and will no longer receive On Point, the guild's official newsletter, starting with the November edition.



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.



Quilting Online: FREE STUFF!

- Quilt Inspiration (quiltinspiration.blogspot.com) blogs about quilts by theme, but they're best known for their extensive archive of FREE quilt patterns, many by big name quilters such as Alex Anderson and Jinny Beyer.
- For fans of fabric precuts (jelly rolls, layer cakes, etc.), Moda Bake Shop (www.modabakeshop.com) is all about "recipes" for quilts and other sewn projects, with detailed instructions and step-by-step photos for visual learners.
- The Quilter's Cache (www.quilterscache.com) is the ultimate collection of FREE quilt block patterns (over one thousand!), plus lots of quilt-making tips and how-tos.
- Video tutorials are available at the YouTube channel for the Missouri Star Quilt Company (missouriquiltco) for those who prefer learning by demonstration.
- There are many, many more FREE quilting resources online. Are there others you would recommend?

QUILT TIPS

- Before rolling or turning a quilt to quilt the next area, use a lint roller to remove any bits of thread and dust. It is especially good if you have a cat as cat hair flies around and lands on the quilt.
- When you have used only part of a pack of batting, measure the remaining piece and mark the measurements on the outside of the bag. When you need a small piece, you have only to check the outside of the bags to see if you have one large enough.
- If you have trouble threading the eye of the

needle, try turning the needle and thread through the other side of the eye. One side of the eye is always bigger than the other.

- When cutting fabric into quilt pieces, spray starch it and iron it first. The fabric holds its shape, and there is less distortion when sewing especially if it is a soft fabric.
- To piece together two curved patches, it's easier to sew with the convex (outer) curved patch on the top.
- Using spray starch on the backing of your quilt is a popular trick to help the quilt move more easily through your machine when quilting by machine.
- It is best to select a busy print for the backing if you want your quilting stitches to be less easily seen from that side.
- Stick a small stack of Post-It Notes beside the presser foot as a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance guide.



Lois Lemaire	February	7 th
JoAnn Tallman	February	17 th
Joyce Emerson	February	23 rd

...and many more!!!



That is **23 Finishes in 2023!**

Join in the fun and make 23 quilted projects by the end of 2023 and your name will be entered into a special drawing held in December 2023. If you'd like to participate, fill in your name and 23 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 23 projects or you can remove a project, or swap out projects, etc...you just have to have **23 Finishes in 2023** 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 **23 Finishes in 2023!** You will maintain your own list, but you must let Sharon Perry know you are participating.

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23 Finishes in 2023

NAME: _____

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8.	20.
9.	21.
10.	22.
11.	23.
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Recipe Corner

CHOCOLATE-COVERED CHERRY DELIGHTS

½ cup melted butter (1 stick)
 1 cup white sugar
 1 egg
 ¼ teaspoon baking powder
 ¼ teaspoon baking soda
 ¼ teaspoon salt
 1 teaspoon vanilla
 ½ cup cocoa
 1½ cups all-purpose flour
 1 10-oz jar maraschino cherries*
 1 cup chocolate chips
 ¼ cup sweetened condensed milk

Preheat the oven to 350F.

Melt the butter and mix in the sugar. When the mixture has cooled off a bit, add the egg and mix.

Add the baking powder, baking soda, salt, vanilla and cocoa, stirring after each addition. Add the flour and mix well. The dough will be stiff and a bit crumbly.

Drain the cherries and reserve the juice.

Roll the dough into walnut-sized balls and place on a greased cookie sheet, 12 per sheet. Press down in the center of each ball to make an indentation. Place one cherry in each indentation.

In a double boiler, combine the chocolate chips and the sweetened condensed milk. Heat on low, stirring until the chocolate chips have melted. Start adding in some of the reserved cherry juice, 1 teaspoon at a time, until the sauce is thick and will glob off a spoon. If it won't glob off, keep adding juice until it is the right consistency.

Spoon a small bit of the sauce over the center of each cookie – just enough to cover the cherry. It shouldn't drip down the sides.

Bake in the preheated oven for 10 minutes. Let the cookies cool on the baking sheet for 2 minutes, and then remove to a wire rack to cool completely.

Recipe Notes: *You probably won't use the whole jar of cherries

KILLER CHOCOLATE CHEESECAKE

1½ cups chocolate graham cracker crumbs
 6 tablespoons butter, melted
 ¼ cup granulated sugar
 5 squares (5 oz.) semisweet chocolate
 1½ pounds cream cheese
 ¾ cup granulated sugar
 3 large eggs

1 teaspoon vanilla

1 cup sour cream

Preheat oven to 350°.

Place first 3 ingredients (crumbs, butter, and ¼ cup sugar) in a mixing bowl. Blend well. Press the crumb mixture into the bottom and partly up the sides of a greased 9-inch spring-form pan. Smooth the crumb mixture to an even thickness. Bake crust for 10 minutes. Cool before filling.

Lower oven temperature to 275°.

Melt the chocolate in the microwave on low power level. Meanwhile, in a large mixing bowl, beat the cream cheese with the sugar until the mixture is smooth and light. Beat in the eggs and the vanilla.

Stir the melted chocolate and the sour cream into the cream-cheese mixture and blend well. Pour the mixture into the prepared crust and bake for 1 hour, 15 minutes. Turn off the heat and allow the cake to cool in the oven, Chill.

Top the cheesecake with the “BEST Chocolate Ganache Ever!” Recipe below.

BEST CHOCOLATE GANACHE EVER

6 oz semisweet chocolate chips (2⅔ cups)

1 cup heavy whipping cream

½ cup butter

Pour chocolate in medium-sized bowl; set aside.

Melt butter in small saucepan over medium heat. Add cream when butter is just about melted. Increase heat slightly and, using a whisk, stir constantly, but gently. Heat until mixture just barely comes to a boil. Pour over chocolate in bowl. Begin string gently, combining the chocolate with the butter-cream mixture. Continue stirring until all the chocolate is melted and the ganache is smooth.

Let the mixture sit from 5-15 minutes, depending on how “drippy” you want the chocolate. If you're putting the ganache on brownies, it can be pretty cool and still spread well. For cakes, you'll want it to be warmer so that it will run and cover the cake. Feel free to gently pick up your baked goods and tilt them slowly in one direction or another to spread the ganache.

Recipe Notes: You can half the recipe and have enough ganache for the Killer Chocolate Cheesecake.



I'M NOT JUST FEBRUARY

By Annette Wynne

I'm not just February
 With winds that blow
 All day, and piled-up snow;
 I'm Washington and Lincoln, too,
 Who kept our country's flag for you!
 I'm Valentine of airy grace—
 With golden hearts and hearts of lace
 And pretty cards that people send,
 Quite as a secret, to a friend.
 Though I am short of days and small,
 I'm quite a big month, after all!

FEATURED VIDEO TUTORIAL FOR FEBRUARY:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FZE5oBfAGj0>

“From the Heart” Quilt

Missouri Star Quilt Company

FEATURED PATTERNS

Love Note Mini Quilt: https://www.fatquartershop.com/downloadable/download/sample/sample_id/8474/

I Heart You Quilt: https://store-8ydwj17b41.mybigcommerce.com/content/PDF_Downloads/sulky-i-heart-you-quilt-updated.pdf

Made With Love Quilt: https://media.rainpos.com/5025/madewithlovequilt_20190124064741.pdf

Hearts Afloat Quilt: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1y86qt13b5m-kunIm0LNDAGBp6dXZkYi4/view>

Cupid’s Arrow Quilt: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1KT6S2rbjTfEgpnJ4vbUbeE4xwiQIDbYK/view>

Love in Bloom Quilt: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/10tCrcKClY78tOZacZLaStdXHY5xc1QWs/view>

Sweetheart Table Runner: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1y2WeOJONJV1Rz_74k_PXBd6UdHS53DWe/view

Be Mine Table Runner: <https://thisandthatpatterns.typepad.com/files/be-mine-1.pdf>

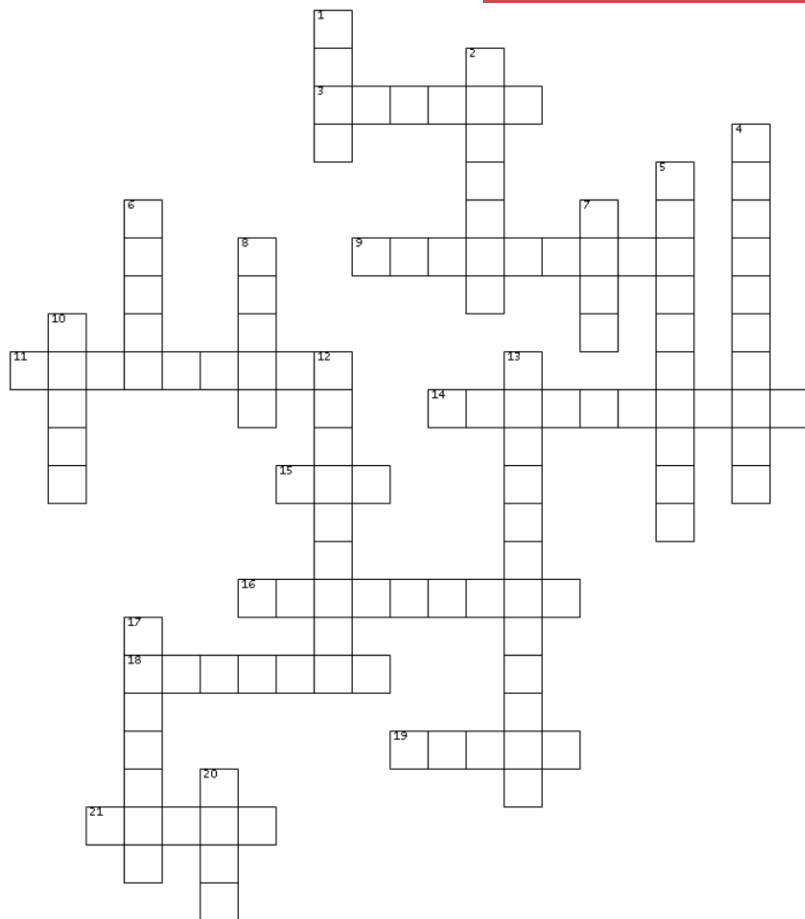
Hearts on Fire: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ukHSi7FMPb_LZW7qwuKhWSIaMzvnL8Qc/view

Granny Square Pillow: <https://www.janome.com/siteassets/inspire/projects/home-decor/valentines-day-granny-square-pillow/valentines-granny-square-pillow.pdf>

Shades of Love Table Runner: <https://artgalleryfabrics.typepad.com/files/shades-of-love-table-runner.pdf>

Key to My Heart Quilt: https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B7NAJIVzfxCCUKRvU19JMHBmZUK/view?resourcekey=0-GLPD8_yfqHpO6SM_ghLUyQ



FEBRUARY CROSSWORD PUZZLE**ACROSS**

3. A dark area produced by a body coming between rays of light and a surface
 9. A card or gift given to someone on February 14th
 11. Fat Tuesday
 14. The date Valentine's Day falls on
 15. One of the 3 primary colors
 16. A food preparation in the form of a paste or solid block made from roasted and ground cacao seeds
 18. Last name for Honest Abe
 19. Bulbous, fragrant flowers that come in many different varieties and colors, including red, white, pink, and yellow
 21. A pointed shaft shot from a bow

DOWN

1. Touch with the lips as a sign of love
 2. An attractively arranged bunch of flowers
 4. The 1st US President
 5. Those who have held the highest US political office
 6. The Roman god of love
 7. A color intermediate between red and white

8. A shape signifying love
 10. A confection with sugar as a principal ingredient
 12. Football's championship game played in February

13. Town which holds a Groundhog Day celebration
 17. Come to full bloom
 20. An intense feeling of deep affection

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:

Wednesday, February 15th, 2023

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



February is Great American Pie Month



"February is short and very sweet." ~ Charmaine J Forde