

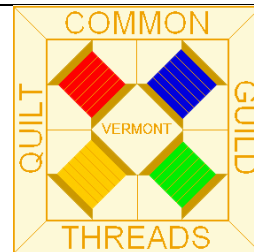
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The Official Newsletter
of the Common Threads Quilt Guild of Lamoille County
in Hyde Park, Vermont

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FEBRUARY 2025

The President's Block

Greetings Friends,

Wow, I can't believe it's time for the February newsletter. Our March meeting will be here before you know it.

I hope everyone had wonderful holidays, I certainly did. Now that the very busy holidays are behind us, everyone can relax a little and get started on new projects or finish some.

The last newsletter posted the block and link for the 2025 QOV block, Lisa Vilord will also be giving us patterns for our QOV blocks starting in March. I hope we can finish at least two or three quilts for QOV. So start accumulating your red white and blue fabric.

Stay warm and think SPRING!

Your Friend and President,
Cheryl Leach
2024-2025



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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



2024 - 2025 Guild Calendar

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

September 12th Trunk Show
with Karen Abrahamovich

October 10th B-I-N-G-O!

November 14th Lynn Carrier, Vermont
Coordinator for
Quilts of Valor

December 12th Holiday Potluck*
*Potluck Dinner starts at 6:00 pm

2024 – 2025 Guild Calendar

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January NO MEETING

January 25th Sunshine Quilt Workday

February NO MEETING

February 1st Sunshine Quilt Workday

March 13th TBD

April 10th TBD

2024 – 2025 Guild Calendar

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

May 8th TBD

June 12th TBD

July 10th TBD

August 14th Summer Potluck



Treasurer's Report

Beginning Balance 12/20/2024		\$3,651.81
Income		
	<i>Total Income</i>	\$0.00
		<i>Subtotal</i>
		\$3,651.81
Expenses		
	<i>Total Expenses</i>	\$0.00
Ending Balance 1/20/2025		\$3,651.81

Respectfully submitted,
Cheryl Leach, Treasurer



SUNSHINE QUILT WORKSHOPS IN LIEU OF MEETING IN FEBRUARY

Guild members will be working on Sunshine Quilts at Sterling View on Saturday, February 1st, 9 am – 3 pm. Bring your sewing machine, along with your other sewing supplies, and your lunch. Andrea will be supplying a yummy dessert. If you don't want to lug your machine out in the cold weather, there are plenty of other jobs that need to be done (think pressing, tying, and hand-sewing on labels).



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
December 12, 2024

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

Present: 23 attending

Visitors: 0

Birthdays: December birthdays: Bev Ryder 4th, Mina Ayers 21st, and Lisa Vilord 26th.

Drawings: Just for Coming – Jane Langdell; **Food Shelf** – Robin Wheel

Secretary's Report: Motion by Andrea Blaisdell to accept, second by Robin Wheel, motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Motion by Andrea Blaisdell to accept, second by Robin Wheel, motion passed..

Sunshine Cards: Hilda Tallman reported that she sent out 2 cards this month.

Block of the Month: Winner of drawing was Jane Langdell. **New Block:** No new blocks for January and February.

Membership: Nothing to report.

Sunshine Quilts: Andrea has kits if wanted. Workshops will be January 25th and February 1st from 9 am to 3 pm.

Raffle Quilt: Report from Sharon Witbeck; Tickets Dispersed 908, tickets sold 481, tickets not yet returned 427. Tickets sales \$913, expenditures 214.93 net income 698.07. **So please sell sell sell.**

New Business: 2025 Blocks will be done in red, white and blue and will be accumulated to make Quilts of Valor.

24 In 2024: Winners Lisa Vilord and Andrea Blaisdell

Program: Donna Hamel led members in making an angel ornament

Meeting Adjourned: 7:55 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cheryl Leach, Acting Secretary



PRIORITIZING UFOS

By American Quilter's Society December 19, 2022

- Start with a list.
 - Dig in the closets and empty out the drawers. Locate all those UFOs from years ago to yesterday.
 - Grab a pad and pen, or use our handy worksheet, and write them all down.
 - Go one-by-one through your UFOs and ask a few questions.
 - Do I really want to finish this project? You have permission to say NO. If the answer is no, scrap it for parts, give it away, or turn it into something different.
 - Do I have everything I need to start this project today? If not, make a note of what's missing and add it the project container with the rest of the project.
- Sort projects by time, technique, and desire.
 - Time - How long will it take to finish the project? Sort projects into two categories: Long Term meaning more than a month and Fast Finishes meaning a day or two. There will be some projects that fall in the middle.
 - Technique - Is it a hand project? Is it a machine project? Does it require lots of careful work or is it pretty straight forward? Think about the types of projects you like to do and aim for variety. For example, a pieced project that can travel is great to always have going for those unexpected times when waiting is required.
 - Desire - Look at your list of UFOs and put hearts beside the ones you love. Now put more hearts beside the projects you feel are important for you to finish. Finally, add more hearts to the projects that inspire you! In the end you will have some projects with lots of hearts and others with none.

TO BE CONTINUED NEXT MONTH...

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.



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!



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

...and many more!!!

**FEATURED VIDEO TUTORIAL
FOR FEBRUARY:**
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WqS8C3vTjIM>
Heart to Heart Quilt
 Missouri Star Quilt Company



That is ***25 Finishes in 2025!***

Join in the fun and make 25 quilted projects by the end of 2025 and your name will be entered into a special drawing held in December 2025. If you'd like to participate, fill in your name and 25 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 25 projects or you can remove a project, or swap out projects, etc...you just have to have ***25 Finishes in 2025*** 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 ***25 Finishes in 2025!*** You will maintain your own list, but you must let Sharon Perry know you are participating.

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25 in 2025

NAME: _____

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Recipe Corner

CHERRY COLA CAKE

2¼ cups miniature marshmallows
 3 cups all-purpose flour
 3 cups sugar
 1½ teaspoons baking soda
 1½ cups butter, cubed
 1½ cups cherry-flavored cola
 4 tablespoons baking cocoa
 3 large eggs, room temperature
 ¾ cup buttermilk
 1½ teaspoons vanilla extract

For frosting:

1½ cups butter, softened
 2 cups confectioners' sugar
 2 jars (7 ounces each) marshmallow creme
 4 tablespoons frozen cherry-pomegranate concentrate, thawed
 Fresh sweet cherries with stems

Preheat oven to 350°. Line bottoms of 3 greased 9-in. round baking pans with parchment; grease paper. Divide marshmallows among pans.

In a large bowl, whisk flour, sugar and baking soda. In a small saucepan, combine butter, cola and cocoa; bring just to a boil, stirring occasionally. Add to flour mixture, stirring just until moistened.

In a small bowl, whisk eggs, buttermilk and vanilla until blended; add to flour mixture, whisking constantly. Pour into prepared pans, dividing batter evenly. (Marshmallows will float to the top.)

Bake 25-30 minutes or until a toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool in pans 10 minutes before removing to wire racks; remove paper. Cool completely.

For frosting:

In a small bowl, beat butter and confectioners' sugar until smooth. Beat in marshmallow creme and juice concentrate on low speed just until combined; increase to high and beat until smooth.

Place 1 cake layer on a serving plate; spread top with 1 cup frosting. Repeat with second layer. Top with remaining cake layer; spread with remaining frosting. Decorate with cherries.

CHERRY-ALMOND STREUSEL TART

Pastry for single-crust pie (9 inches)
 ⅔ cup sugar
 3 tablespoons cornstarch
 Dash salt
 4 cups fresh or frozen pitted tart cherries, thawed
 ½ teaspoon almond extract

For topping:

¼ cup quick-cooking oats
 3 tablespoons all-purpose flour
 2 tablespoons brown sugar
 1 tablespoon slivered almonds
 2 tablespoons cold butter

Press pastry onto the bottom and up the sides of an ungreased 9-in. fluted tart pan with removable bottom; trim edges.

In a large saucepan, combine the sugar, cornstarch and salt. Stir in cherries; bring to a boil over medium heat, stirring constantly. Cook and stir for 1-2 minutes or until thickened. Remove from the heat; stir in extract. Pour into crust.

For topping, combine the oats, flour, brown sugar and almonds. Cut in butter until mixture resembles coarse crumbs. Sprinkle over filling. Bake at 350° for 30-35 minutes or until topping is golden brown. Cool on a wire rack.

CHOCOLATE CHIP CHERRY BARS

½ cup unsalted butter, melted (1 stick)
 1 cup light brown sugar, packed
 1 large egg
 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
 1 cup all-purpose flour
 ¼ teaspoon salt, optional
 ¾ to 1 cup semi-sweet chocolate chips
 1 cup cherries, fresh or frozen

Preheat oven to 350F. Line an 8-by-8-inch pan with aluminum foil, spray with cooking spray; set aside.

In a medium microwave-safe bowl, melt the butter, about 60 seconds. Add brown sugar and stir to combine. Add the egg, vanilla, and stir to combine. Add the flour, salt, and stir until just combined, taking care not to over mix or the blondies will be tough.

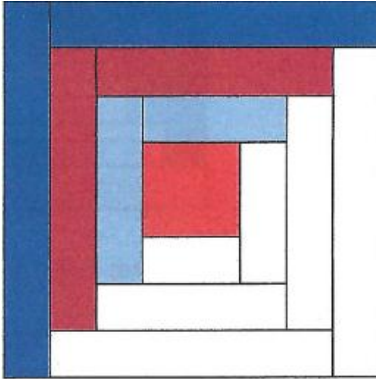
Fold in chocolate chips and cherries; pour batter into prepared pan, smoothing it lightly with a spatula or offset knife if necessary.

Bake for 27 to 32 minutes, or until edges begin to slightly pull away from sides of pan and center is set. Allow bars to cool for at least 1 hour before slicing and serving. Blondies can be stored in an airtight container at room temperature or in the refrigerator for up to 1 week or frozen for up to 3 months.

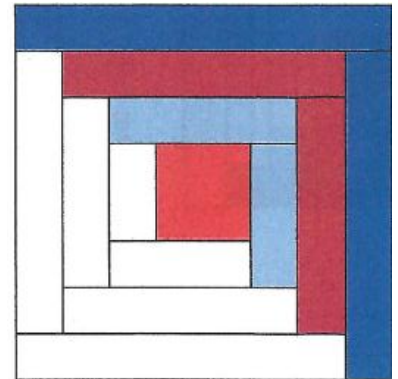


Quilt of Valor Block

2025 QOV BLOCK DRIVE



Colors:
Red, white
and blue

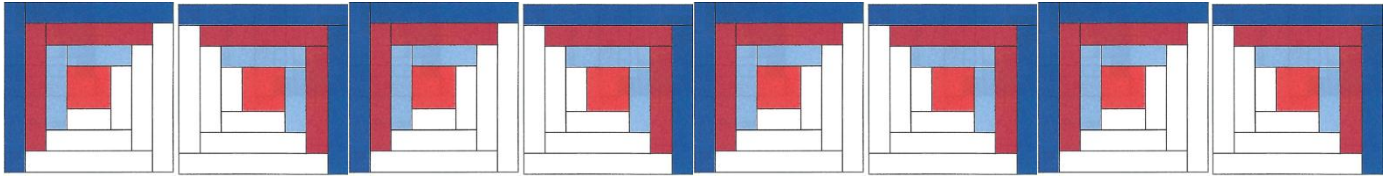


PATTERN: LOG CABIN
Pattern from www.qovf.org

Click the link below for the finished block pattern*

<https://www.qovf.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/2025-National-Block-Log-Cabin.pdf>

*Please note this is a pattern for the 2025 QOV block drive. See pattern instructions for submitting blocks.



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 or Hilda Tallman, sammnvt57@yahoo.com to be on that list. Reminder emails the week before will no longer be going out.

All crafters are welcome!



USES FOR BATTING SCRAPS

- Rough cut a 9 x 12 rectangle to use in your Swiffer; you can turn it over and use the other side too!
- Cut into 5" squares to use to make coasters
- Use small odd shaped pieces to dust with.
- Use a small piece of batting at your sewing table or longarm to collect loose threads.
- Have another one at the ironing station to collect threads that you trim off while ironing.
- Use them to pretest thread tension settings by sandwiching pieces between muslin trimmings, cutting them into squares of 6-10 inches and moving the sandwich around under the needle as the machine runs in constant or manual mode.
- Wipe your sewing machine down with them! Cut cotton batting into small squares and keep a stack next to your machine to collect thread snips, and an easy grab to wipe down oil leaks.
- Make small quilts for use in front of your coffee pot or other places where you get drips!



FABRIC MANUFACTURER'S FREE PROJECT PAGES

Compiled by Julie Cefalu <https://thecraftyquilter.com>

Cloud 9 Fabrics: This company features organic fabric in a modern color palette. Their Make It Sew Projects include lots of quilts and some smaller projects.

Dear Stella Design: They offer a modern style with collections that evoke an edgy freshness, combining the best of old traditions with modern influences. Their projects page includes free patterns and published patterns to purchase.

Free Spirit: Now part of JafTex Companies and home to designers Kaffe Fassett and Tula Pink among many others. Lots of fun projects here.

Henry Glass Fabrics: Beautiful fabric collections with traditional overtones. There are two sections in their Free Projects page; current projects and archived projects. They both feature full color instructions that are easy to download.

Hoffman California Fabrics: Beautiful batiks and hand-dyed fabric collections can be found here. Their patterns page includes free and for-purchase items.

In The Beginning Fabrics: Since 1996, this company has been designing beautiful fabric with some lovely florals and animal prints. They have a nice collection of free patterns that won't overwhelm you.

Lewis & Irene: Based in the UK, this company produces fresh and contemporary fabrics. They have a small collection of Christmas patterns as well as many quilt projects.

Marcus Fabrics: If you like traditional fabric designs, you'll find them here including a nice variety of 30's reproduction prints. Their "Make It" page has free patterns, tips and creative ideas. They also run several popular Block of the Month programs.



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LINK TO BARN QUILT TRAIL OF NORTHERN VERMONT

<http://www.barnquiltofnorthernvermont.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:

Thursday, February 20th, 2025

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



*February 20th is
National Cherry Pie Day*



*"In February, every frosty morning holds the potential
for a brighter day." ~ Unknown*