

# March 2018

## Message from the President

Hello everyone,

As I am writing this, the sun is shining and the eaves are dripping so that must mean we are done with the frigid temperatures and spring is soon to arrive. I have been getting through the cold weather by sewing up a bunch of small projects and shrinking the size of my scrap bag. I like the smaller projects because they go fast and make me feel like I have gotten a lot done.

This past month Lisa Vilord and I and a few guild members have been teaching some beginner quilting classes. We had a good turnout and will hopefully have a few new members to introduce at the March meeting.

I know it seems that we have just gotten through it, but we need to start planning for our next quilt show and deciding if we want to have one or not. If so, we also need to come up with a plan for a raffle quilt. If anyone would like to take on the responsibility of either of these subjects please come forward.

I can't wait to see all of you and the projects that you have been working on!

Take care and see you next month,  
Andrea Blaisdell



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Common Threads  
Quilt Guild

meets the first Thursday of  
every month

at 6:30 PM at the

Sterling View Club House in  
Hyde Park

Dues are \$15 annually

# Secretary's Report

**Called to order:** ~ 6:30 Andrea called meeting to order, recommended we eat first and have a short meeting after. Many delicious foods available. Thank you to all and those who set up.

**# present:** 32 members in attendance

**Birthdays:** Happy birthday to Lisa for December; Jan, Carol and Sara in January and JoAnne and Lois L. in February.

**Drawings:** Hilda Tallman for just for coming and Lois Lemaire for the Food shelf.

**Sunshine Cards:** Donna Merriam - A card will be sent to Anita Morris as her husband has just moved into a nursing home.

**Sunshine Quilts:** Thank you card received from Suzanne "Sukay" Campbell for the quilt she received when she was admitted to The Manor. She is recovering from a broken hip. Jan Kuhn - "1600" quilt kits available; please take one to work on this winter.

**Block of the month:** Carol Moulton - This month's winner is Ellie. New block patterns were distributed.

**Food Shelf donation:** \$320 was raised for the local food shelves. To be divided between the Johnson Food shelf and the Lamoille Food Share in Morrisville.

## **New Business:**

Andrea received a "Quilty Box" with fabric and notions. It is one of the companies she had contacted before the quilt show. They have a monthly subscription program. Coupons were included if members are interested in subscribing. See Andrea for more information.

Cindy brought fabric that she had donated. For anyone interested help yourself.

Discussion around charitable donation that we have historically made post quilt show. Motion was made by Anne Harmon that we keep the profit from this year's show to use for sunshine quilts and speakers. Seconded and passed on voice vote.

We did receive a discount from Peoples Academy for this year's show since they did not provide a custodian and we lost the 1<sup>st</sup> hour of the show for the fire alarm.

Speaker in August on Barn Quilts. Suzi Parron. She has also written books on the history of barn quilts.

**Program:** Andrea and Lisa shared an ornament they discovered on a recent trip. They had kits available for \$5.00. Andrea demonstrated how they were made.

## **Sew and Tell**

**Adjourned:** ~ 8:30pm. Next meeting in March.

# Calendar

- March 1<sup>st</sup> Regular Meeting, 6:30 PM  
Sterling View Clubhouse  
Program: Mixed Media
- March 24<sup>th</sup> Sunshine Quilt Workday, 9AM to ?  
Sterling View Clubhouse



## Food Shelf Wish List

(Straight from the Food Shelf)

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|--------------------------|----------------------|
| Canned Spaghetti Sauce   | Toothpaste           |
| Canned Fruit             | Toothbrushes         |
| Canned Vegetables        | (for children, too!) |
| Macaroni & Cheese        | Soap                 |
| Canned Pasta             | Shampoo              |
| Soup                     | Coffee               |
| Cereal                   | Healthy Snacks       |
| Tuna                     | Laundry Detergent    |
| Personal Items for Women | Dish Detergent       |



## Happy Birthday to:

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|-------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Sally Cabell                        | March 3 <sup>rd</sup>  |
| Millie Piper                        | March 17 <sup>th</sup> |
| Andrea Blaisdell &<br>Donna Merriam | March 29 <sup>th</sup> |

# Sunshine Quilts

We have 2 workdays scheduled this spring:  
Saturday March 24 & Saturday April 28  
at Sterling View 9am until ?  
Bring a lunch, and I will bring dessert!  
For the March workday we need sewing machines to  
work on some quilts in progress, and some to tie quilts  
as well. I will let you know where we are for the April  
workday.

Thanks! Marion  
If you have any questions please call 802-635-2731

## March Program: Mixed Media

Please join us in looking at ways we use fabric to finish  
other needle crafts such as cross stitch, crewel  
stitchery and embroidery. Examples can include  
redwork quilts, pillows and fabric framing of wall  
hangings, etc. Robin will also share how to make an  
accent piece that she used on one of her wall  
hangings.

**Please bring your items to share.**

Robin Wright and Julie Rohleder

## Ricky Tim's Quilt Luminarium

May 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Film House at Main Street Landing Perf. Arts Center

A two-day comprehensive quilt symposium that  
demystifies seemingly complex concepts, teaches  
mastery of unique techniques, and harnesses the  
power of the ever-elusive muse of creativity.

Info & registration at [www.quiltluminarium.com](http://www.quiltluminarium.com)

# Treasurer's Report

Cash on hand	December 1, 2017		\$4,840.51
Deposits:			
12/11/2017	Dues	\$ 15.00	
	Christmas Ornament Kits	\$ 135.00	
	Food Shelf Donations	\$ 320.00	
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		\$ 470.00	\$5,310.51
Expenses:			
12/5/2017	Ginny Moody - Paper goods for potluck	\$ 10.60	
12/7/2017	Julie Rohleder - Newsletter \$6.89 copies / \$9.80 postage	\$ 16.69	
12/8/2017	Johnson Food Shelf	\$ 160.00	
12/8/2017	Lamoille County Food Shelf	\$ 160.00	
12/8/2017	Quilting a Way to a Peaceful Life (Ornament Kits)	\$ 133.00	
12/20/2017	Winds Edge - batts & fabric	\$ 90.10	
1/7/2018	Elmore Methodist Church - Memory of Jim Morris	\$ 25.00	
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		\$ 595.39	\$4,715.12

Submitted by Ginny Moody



*Next Meeting: March 1, 2018*

*Four things to remember:*

- 1. Show and Tell*
- 2. Food for the Food Shelf*
- 3. Blocks of the Month*
- 4. Examples of your mixed media projects*

# Tatum's Totes

I received the following information from Sandi Stewart, Foster Care Support Worker with the Department for Children and Families, Family Services Division. --Julie

Tatum's Totes provides comfort for kids in foster care!

Alex & Elizabeth Grimes of Rutland started Tatum's Totes in memory of their son Tatum James Grimes who died suddenly from SIDS in 2013. They have found comfort in keeping his memory alive by giving back in different ways.

One way is through fostering, which has become a big part of their lives. They have had several children come through their doors including one who will be staying forever.

They have seen children come into foster care with nothing but the clothes on their backs. Some have come into care with just a few items packed in a grocery bag.

With the help and incredible generosity of community members, Tatum's Totes is helping to make this transition a little easier for the children. Each child coming into foster care is given a tote -- their own bag filled with new, age-appropriate items that now belong to them.

## Items Needed (New Items Only):

Backpacks / Diaper Bags	Baseball Caps
Blankets and Baby Blankets / Fleece Blankets or Throws	Shampoo / Conditioner / Body Wash
Baby Books / Children's Books / Teen Books	Flashlights / Nightlights
Baby Toys / Children's Toys (Dolls, Trucks, etc)	Growth Charts
Baby Onsies	Socks (all sizes) / Slippers
Baby Bottles / Sippy Cups / Water Bottles	Winter Hats / Mittens / Gloves
Children's Toothbrushes & Toothpaste	Board Games / Card Games / Decks of Cards
Coloring Books / Drawing Pads	Nail Polish
Crayons / Markers / Colored Pencils	Deodorant for Boys & Girls
Stuffed Animals	Wallets / Purses
Diapers / Wipes	Make-up
Hair Bows / Hair Brushes / Hair Ties	Hair Spray
	Journals / Notebooks / Pens

If anyone has items that they can donate now or in the future, contact Sandi Stewart. Her phone number is 888-3003, email [sandra.stewart@vermont.gov](mailto:sandra.stewart@vermont.gov), and the office is located at 63 Professional Drive, Suite 3, in Morrisville.

## Two Blocks of the Month This Time:

### SQUARE

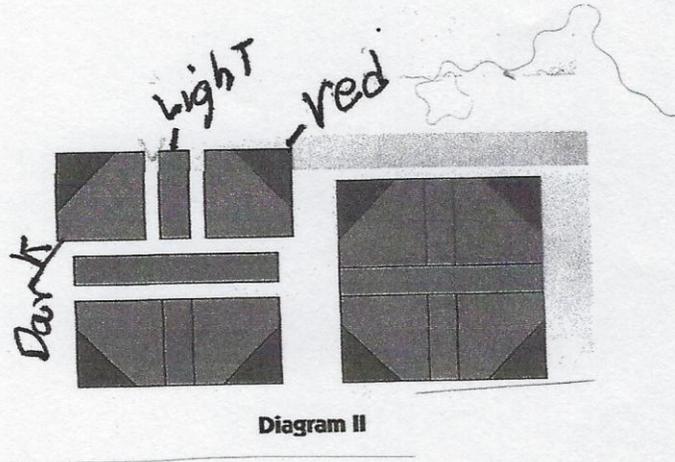
Cut:

4 - 5 inch Dark Blue squares

4 - 3 ½ inch Red squares

2 - 2 X 5 inch light rectangles

1 - 2 X 11 inch light rectangle



Sew:

- 1) 1 red square to corner of each dark blue square
- 2) 1 - 2 X 5 light rectangle to red/ blue square keeping red in left corner twice
- 3) Sew other red/blue square to light rectangle keeping red in right corner twice
- 4) Sew light - 2 X 11 rectangle to bottom of one strip and then to top of other strip

### STRIP BLOCK

Using a variety of colors, cut strips in different widths from 1 to 2 inches wide.

Sew them together until you have a 19 inch square.

Using your 6 inch ruler, cut 4 squares on the diagonal from the larger square

Sew the 4 squares together into a large square

Trim the large square into a 10½ inch square

