

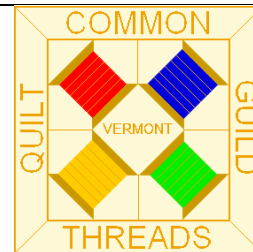
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The official newsletter
of the Common Threads Quilt Guild of Lamoille County
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Issue 7

The President's Block

Hello Friends,

As I write this I'm excited that March is almost here; it means we are that much closer to spring. Soon we will be seeing new growth, all the different shades of green, and beautiful spring flowers. A quilter's paradise of inspiration. Lots of COLOR!!

March also means that I get to see my fellow quilters and I'm very excited to see what you have created in the last few weeks.

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;
MEETING STARTS AT 6:30 PM**

December 14th Potluck & Strip Poker
January NO MEETING
January 20th Sunshine Work Day
February NO MEETING
March 14th Trunk Show
with Candace Hassen via ZOOM

2023 - 2024 Guild Calendar

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

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

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

MARCH 2024

Treasurer's Report

Beginning Balance 1/20/2024 **\$5,232.76**

Income

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| | \$0.00 |
| <i>Total Income</i> | \$0.00 |

Subtotal **\$5,232.76**

Expenses

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| Check #613, Sharon Perry (Renew .Org Domain) | \$15.18 |
| Electronic check VT Secretary of State (Change registered agent from Lois Lemaire to Cheryl Leach) | \$25.00 |
| Check #614, United Church of John (Large pieces of fabric for backing of sunshine quilts) | \$60.00 |
| <i>Total Expenses</i> | \$100.18 |

Ending Balance 2/20/2024 **\$5,132.58**

Respectfully submitted,
Cheryl Leach, Treasurer



MARCH MEETING TO FEATURE ARTIST AND QUILTER CANDACE HASSEN

Candace Hassen of Porterdale, Georgia, will be the guest speaker at the guild's first 2024 monthly meeting on Thursday, March 14th. Candace will present her trunk show called "Inspiration" via Zoom. Candace's quilts have been published in McCall's Quilting magazine and have won numerous awards in local quilt shows and fairs. For more information, visit her website found [here](#).

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.



NEVER MIND, MARCH by Annette Wynne

Never mind, March, we know
When you blow
You're not really mad
Or angry or bad;
You're only blowing the winter away
To get the world ready for April and May.



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| Sally | Cabell | March | 3 |
| Joyce | Emerson | March | 29 |

...and many more!!!

FEATURED VIDEO TUTORIAL
FOR MARCH:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fb-DtidgeOvA>
Tea & Cookies for Two March Placemats
Shabby Fabrics



That is **24 Finishes in 2024!**

Join in the fun and make 24 quilted projects by the end of 2024 and your name will be entered into a special drawing held in December 2024. If you'd like to participate, fill in your name and 24 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 24 projects or you can remove a project, or swap out projects, etc...you just have to have **24 Finishes in 2024** 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 **24 Finishes in 2024!** You will maintain your own list, but you must let Sharon Perry know you are participating.

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24 in 2024

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Recipe Corner

CLASSIC CABBAGE ROLLS

- 1 medium head cabbage
- 1-1/2 cups chopped onion, divided
- 1 tablespoon butter
- 2 cans (14-1/2 ounces each) Italian stewed tomatoes
- 4 garlic cloves, minced
- 2 tablespoons brown sugar
- 1-1/2 teaspoons salt, divided
- 1 cup cooked rice
- 1/4 cup ketchup
- 2 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 1 pound lean ground beef (90% lean)
- 1/4 pound bulk Italian sausage

In a Dutch oven, cook cabbage in boiling water for 10 minutes or until outer leaves are tender; drain. Rinse in cold water; drain. Remove 8 large outer leaves (refrigerate remaining cabbage for another use); set aside.

In a large saucepan, sauté 1 cup onion in butter until tender. Add the tomatoes, garlic, brown sugar and 1/2 teaspoon salt. Simmer for 15 minutes, stirring occasionally.

Meanwhile, in a large bowl, combine the rice, ketchup, Worcestershire sauce, pepper and remaining onion and salt. Crumble beef and sausage over mixture and mix well.

Remove thick vein from cabbage leaves for easier rolling. Place about 1/2 cup meat mixture on each leaf; fold in sides. Starting at an unfolded edge, roll up leaf to completely enclose filling. Place seam side down in a skillet. Top with the sauce.

Cover and cook over medium-low heat for 1 hour. Add V8 juice if desired. Reduce heat to low; cook 20 minutes longer or until rolls are heated through and a thermometer inserted in the filling reads 160°.

PISTACHIO CAKE WITH FROSTING

- 1 (18.25 ounce) package white cake mix
- 3/4 cup vegetable oil
- 1 cup lemon-lime flavored carbonated beverage
- 3 eggs
- 2 (3 ounce) packages instant pistachio pudding mix
- 2 (1.3 ounce) envelopes whipped topping mix
- 1 1/2 cups milk

Beat cake mix, oil, soda, eggs, and first package of pudding until smooth. Pour batter into a greased 9x13-inch pan.

Bake at 325°F for 45 minutes, or cake tests done.

Beat Dream Whip, milk, and pudding until stiff; pour over cooled cake. Refrigerate.

GUINNESS, WHISKEY & IRISH CREAM CUPCAKES

For the cupcakes:

- 1 cup (230 ml) Guinness stout
- 1 cup (227 g) unsalted butter, at room temperature
- 3/4 cup (64.5 g) Dutch-process cocoa powder
- 2 cups (250 g) all-purpose flour
- 2 cups (400 g) granulated sugar
- 1 1/2 teaspoons baking soda
- 3/4 teaspoons salt
- 2 eggs
- 2/3 cup (153.33 ml) sour cream

For the whiskey ganache filling:

- 8 ounces bittersweet chocolate, finely chopped
- 2/3 cup (158.67 ml) heavy cream
- 2 tablespoons butter, at room temperature
- 2 teaspoons Irish whiskey

For the Bailey's frosting:

- 2 cups (454 g) unsalted butter, at room temperature
- 5 cups (600 g) powdered sugar
- 6 tablespoons Bailey's Irish Cream

Make the cupcakes: Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Line two standard muffin tins with liners.

Place the Guinness and butter in a medium saucepan and bring to a simmer over medium heat. Add the cocoa powder and whisk until the mixture is smooth. Remove from the heat and cool slightly.

In a medium bowl, whisk together the flour, sugar, baking soda, and salt; set aside.

Using an electric mixer, beat the eggs and sour cream on medium speed until combined. Add the Guinness-chocolate mixture to the egg mixture and beat just to combine. Reduce the speed to low, add the flour mixture and beat just until it starts to come together, about 30 seconds. Using a rubber spatula, fold the batter until completely combined. Divide the batter among the cupcake liners.

Bake until a thin knife inserted into the center comes out clean, about 17 minutes. Cool for 5 minutes in the pan, then remove the cupcakes to a wire rack to cool completely.

Recipe continues on Page 7...



St Albans City Hall

Ablaze with Color the 1st Weekend in April

St. Albans, VT – Springtime in Vermont will be in full bloom at the Franklin County Quilters Guild's 24th annual Quilt Show on Saturday, April 6th, and Sunday, April 7th, 2024, in the St. Albans City Hall, 100 North Main Street. This event is FREE and open to the public. On Saturday, the quilt show hours are 9:00 am to 4:00 pm; on Sunday, doors will be open 10:00 am to 3:00 pm.

The St. Albans City Hall will be ablaze with spring colors with the many beautiful quilts on display. In addition to over 100 quilts, from bed-sized to miniatures, guild members will be selling handcrafted items in the guild boutique. Show attendees can also purchase a raffle tickets in hopes of winning the guild's Raffle Quilt, beautifully constructed by guild members from Franklin County Quilters Guild and long arm quilted by Diane Comeau of Cadi Corners LLC, Ballston Spa, New York.

The Franklin County Quilters Guild is grateful to our sponsors: *Platinum Level* – Scott and Sharon Perry; *Gold Level Sponsors* – Mountain View Dairy Equipment, Suncrest Health Care Communities, Yankee Pride Quilts; *Silver Level Sponsors* – American Legion Green Mountain Post #1, Inc., Dickinson & Branon Dental Care PLLC, Handy Toyota, Peoples Trust Company, Sampler House Bed & Breakfast, Frank and Helen Short, The Eloquent Page, Treasured Moments Quilting, VFW Post 758, Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter #753; *Bronze Level Sponsors* – Mill River Brewing BBQ & Smokehouse, Northern Threads Quilting, the Taphouse @ Mill River, VFW Auxiliary (Glidden) Post 758. Our generous sponsors and proceeds from the raffle quilt and guild boutique allow the guild to defray the show's costs so the public can enjoy the quilts free of charge.

On-street parking is available, as well as a nearby parking garage that can be accessed from either Lake or Federal Streets. The city's coffee shops, restaurants, and stores are open on Saturday with limited hours on Sunday.

This year, come to the largest quilt show in Franklin County on the weekend of April 6th & 7th, feast your eyes on the many quilts at the quilt show, and stay over the weekend to view the 2024 solar eclipse in the path of totality the next day!

GUINNESS, WHISKEY & IRISH CREAM CUPCAKES

(Recipe continued from Page 6)

Make the whiskey ganache filling: Place the chocolate in a heatproof bowl. Place the heavy cream in a small saucepan and bring to simmer over medium heat. Immediately pour it over the chocolate, then let it sit for two minutes. Using a rubber spatula, gently stir the mixture from the center outward until smooth. Add the butter and whiskey and stir until combined. Let the ganache cool until thick but still soft enough to be piped, about 30 minutes. (If it becomes too stiff, simply give it a good whisk and it will loosen up.)

Fill the cupcakes: Using a paring knife, cut the centers out of the cooled cupcakes, going about two-thirds of the way down. Using a cookie scoop or spoon, divide the prepared ganache between the centers of the cupcakes.

Make the Baileys frosting: Using the whisk attachment of a stand mixer, whip the butter on medium-high speed for 5 minutes, scraping the sides of the bowl occasionally. Reduce the speed to medium-low and gradually add the powdered sugar until all of it is incorporated. Add the Baileys, increase the speed to medium-high and whip for another 2 to 3 minutes, until it is light and fluffy.

Using your favorite decorating tip, or an offset spatula, frost the cupcakes and decorate with sprinkles, if desired. Store the cupcakes in an airtight container at room temperature for up to 4 days.

Happy



St Patrick's Day

MARCH 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 March. Answers can be found at the end of this page.

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LINK TO BARN QUILT TRAIL OF NORTHERN VERMONT

<http://www.barnquiltsofnorthernvermont.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, March 20th, 2024

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



March Madness begins...



"Springtime is the land awakening. The March winds are the morning yawn." ~ Lewis Grizzard

MARCH ANAGRAMS ANSWERS

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| basketball | bracket | rainbow | Pisces | championship | clover |
| leprechaun | Ireland | Iditarod | popcorn | windy | aquamarine |
| bloodstone | Seussville | lamb | limerick | lion | horseshoe |
| daffodils | Aries | shamrock | kite | spring | tournament |