

April 2015

Message from the President

Greetings Quilters,

My time here at Ft. Myers Beach is coming to a close and I am looking forward to seeing all of you and catching up on the quilting comings and goings on. I am ashamed to say I have not done any sewing for all time I have been here. Well, almost sorry....however, my friend Holly and I did meet Ellie, Sheila and Sheila's sisters, Francis and Kathy and go to a quilt shop in Naples and a Quilt Show in Naples. It was about the size of our show and was fun to see all the different bright colored quilts. We met and talked with interesting folks and one was even a summer resident of Vermont.

I hope that winter is finally coming to a close and the sap is flowing freely.

Many thanks to Andrea for taking charge. I will be appointing a nominating committee at the April meeting. Be prepared to receive your invite to be on it. Many changes next year, as several officers will be retiring and making way for the new.....If asked to run for office I hope you will say yes.

Think Spring, Pat



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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

Call to order at 6:31pm

32 people present; no guests, new members, birthdays January 7, February 2, March 7

Drawings for Just for coming- Ruth Wesolow

Food Shelf- Ruth won this also but asked for another name to be drawn- Hilda Tallman

Secretary's report- motion to accept by Marion, seconded by Sharon, passed

Treasurer's report- motion to accept by Sharon, seconded by Marion, passed

Newsletter-please send information by the 15th of the month

Sunshine cards sent to Anita Morrison, Beverly Nelson, Sandy Tilton, and Caroline Babcock

Membership- a list of members is available

Programs- Andrea has games to play (Molly had to go away for a family emergency)

Recurring Business

Hints for the month : Rhonda shared a Guidelines For Quilting ruler, available at guidelines4quilting.com, that she picked up at a quilt show. Donna shared reasons to quilt- make things for your friends to make them smile, a quilting book a friend gave her to make her feel good, and a book mark. Robin shared that she used a crochet hook and scraps(2in wide strips) and that she makes rugs by crocheting the strips in a circle, square and/ or an oval. She has a book Grisly Grouch Gallery for the design. April hints will be provided by Hilda, Mary Doonis, and Pat Slack

Library-There are now 388 books and an updated list. Sharon has 6 Debbie Caffrey books available to be taken out if you let her know you want them.

Sunshine Quilts- Marion reports there will be a workday at Sterling View Community Center on March 28th from 9am -3pm. There will be kits available at the meeting in April. Marion pulled names for the Sunshine quilts work. Marion made some cute zippered bags and the winners will be able to choose one other thing. This drawing is done twice a year. Every time you donate a quilt top or make a quilt top, work at the work days, and or complete a quilt for charity(this earns you 2 entries), your name is entered. This time Elaine Foster had the most entries and she also won a pack of 5 blades as well as the zippered bag and an item of her choice. The random drawings were Jane Langdell (not at tonight's meeting) and Rita Lehouillier. Thank you for all your hard work on charity quilts, including Marion.

Block of the Month- there were 20 January blocks won by Millie, 20 February blocks won by Sally, and 12 March blocks won by Mary Dick. April's block will be Old Maid's Puzzle, pattern available on-line.

Program Committee- Snacks for the April program will be set up and provided by Jan, Rhonda, Sharon, and Lois. The program will be Sharon Shorey showing paper piecing and miniatures. She will have patterns for sale so bring your money. June's program will be Ann Standish, from Cambridge, VT, discussing how to turn a photo into a quilt.

Quilt Show-Marion gave everyone an envelope of raffle tickets and a photo of the quilt. She will keep track of who sells tickets. Cindy reported there are registration forms available in hard copy and on-line. Please make a copy of the form for each quilt you enter and provide a photo before the show(you can send Rita a photo via email). The registration form needs to be handed in by July 2, 2015. The quilt does not need to be finished until the show. The quilt needs to be made by a member.

The Tea Cup Auction needs donations, give donations to Cindy. The donations can be a basket of items of quilted or other notions or products. The auction needs a chairperson to volunteer- Sharon will pass on the "book" as soon as the frost clears and she can get to it from the shed. A discussion about the tickets for the auction- the end result will be double tickets and the tickets numbers will be kept track during the show. Sharon donated a Ottlite for the auction.

Is anyone interested in being the demo table chairperson?

Door Prizes- items are needed. If you visit a business you could ask for a donation, if you have an extra notion or something that we could use for the door prize- does not need to be sewing or quilting related.

Peggy offered to type up the quilt cards and Mary may still consider helping. Peggy reported all the vendors are set and 3 have paid already. Thank you, Peggy for all your work.

Annie will handle the Boutique. We like to sell "top notch" items, small items sell the best but quilts may be sold at the show and will be handled by the Boutique. You need to price your items to the dollar, try for \$10 - 20. At the April meeting Annie will bring forms and the forms will be available through the website. The Guild takes 10% of the sale of the items.

Julie has taken receipt of the cards and posters. They will be available at the meetings. If you go traveling, take some and hang them around where you go and don't forget to do so locally, too. A motion was made by Marion to put an ad in the VQF show book and was seconded by Julie- the members agreed, it will cost \$120 to 150 for a quarter page.

Mary Argent mentioned the opportunity to have our logo printed on fabric to make ribbons. It costs \$17 a yard at www.spoonflower.com. The material can be cut in a square or circularly, we will have enough material for ribbons for the next 6 shows with a yard of material in the three colors for 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize.

Ginny share that the Challenge Quilt will be a monochromatic block with 20% of another color, if you wish. The **size limits** are 50 to 100 inches square, may be any shape- round, square or rectangle. The challenge quilt needs to be bound and quilted, embellishments are allowed.

Old Business- Cookbooks- we received \$60 from Stowe shop and an additional \$20, there are still some books left.

New Business- Andrea brought up the Antiques + Uniques form to have a tent needs to be sent in. The venue will occur in Craftsbury on July 11, 2015. Andrea will need volunteers to help man the tent.

Ginny asked of the Guild should make some compensation the Sterling View for the use of the building. Rita informed that Sterling View acknowledges that the quilt for the Christmas Bazaar is compensation enough.

Ann Harmon mentioned that we can sign up for workshops in April or May at the CVQG website.

A handout for the Franklin County Quilt Guild show was available, their show is April 11 and 12, 2015.

The Shop Hop passport and gift was shared. The Shop Hop occurs between March 20 to the 29th, 2015.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45

The program was Andrea's games- an acronym game and a word scramble.

Submitted by Rhonda Griswold

Calendar

March 24 th	Quilt Show Meeting, 6:30 PM Johnson Town Hall
March 28 th	Sunshine Quilts Workday Sterling View Clubhouse, 9AM
April 2 nd	Regular Meeting, 6:30 PM Sharon Shorey: Paper-piecing & Miniatures. Cookies!
April 11-12 th	Franklin County Quilt Show 9-4 St. Albans City Hall

Food Shelf Wish List

(Straight from the Food Shelf)



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:

Cormetia Sweetser
Annie Morgan
Mary Dick

April 3
April 10
April 22



Quilt Show News

I know I sound like a broken record as my message continues to say the same things:

Get your quilts registered by July 1. If we just had the quilts shown at show and tell the past few months, we'd have a good show. We need two copies and write legibly. Send a picture.

Think of something to donate to the teacup auction.

You can sell your creations at the boutique table.

Annie gave us some information at the last meeting as to what sells. Smaller and more inexpensive items do sell better. We will accept knitted items and felted items, but things like dishcloths don't go over so well. Quilts have been known to sell, but not as readily as smaller quilted items such as placemats and table runners. Remember, you can hang a quilt in the show that you would like to sell and the guild will take 10%. Mark your items on the even dollar.

What can you demo?

Do you have something for a door prize?

The challenge is a monochromatic which can be done in any color, but just one color in different shades plus 20% or less of another color. It can be any shape but must be a minimum of 50 inches and maximum of 100 inches around. Must be quilted or bound. Let Ginny know if you have any questions.

Advertising: Julie is doing a great job getting out the ads, but she needs everyone's help. Hang those posters and get those pamphlets out. The coming Shop Hop is an excellent way to spread the work, so if you are going, please take the cards with you. Contact Julie if you need some.

NEXT MEETING: March 24 at the Johnson Town Hall at 6:30

Cindy and Sheila

Treasurer's Report

February 17, 2015 - March 17, 2015

Cash forward February 17, 2015			\$4,263.05
Deposits:			
3/9/2015	Cookbooks	\$ 80.00	
	Dues	\$ 15.00	
	Vendors - Quilt show	<u>\$ 80.00</u>	
			\$ 175.00
	Total Revenue		\$4,438.05
Expenses			
	Ck. #		
3/5/15	#318	Wind's Edge (raffle tickets \$196.00; photos; prizes \$17.50)	\$ 222.46
"	#319	Sharon Perry (library books)	\$ 94.36
"	#320	Julie Rohleder (newsletter & postage)	\$ 33.28
	Total Expenses	\$ 350.10
	Cash Balance March 17, 2015		\$4,087.95

Submitted by Rita Lehouillier

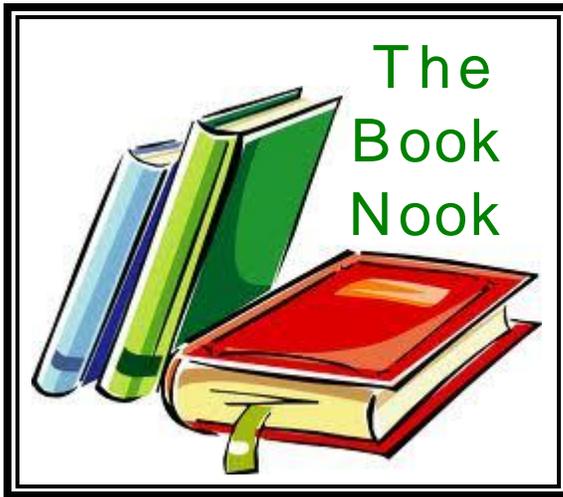


Next Meeting: April 2nd

Three things to remember:

- 1. Bring your BOM squares*
- 2. Bring Food for the Food Shelf*
- 3. Carpool with a Friend!*

Champlain Valley Quilt Guild is opening their classes to non-guild members. Check out their website at www.cvqgv.org for upcoming events.



NEW JELLY ROLL BOOKS FEATURED

With the addition of 3 new books, the guild's library totals 389 books. As reported last month, Debbie Caffrey, a quilt instructor who came to the guild in 2010, she was one of the first quilters to use "precuts," specifically 2½-inch strips; she called them "worms." In addition to the books highlighted by Debbie last month, the library added her book Open a Can of Worms. With this acquisition, the library now has 9 of Debbie's books.

The librarian also recently purchased two books by Pam and Nicky Lintott. Those books are Antique to Heirloom Jelly Roll Quilts and New Ways with Jelly Rolls. If you'd like to "check out" any of this month's books or any of the other library books, please contact Sharon 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 or make arrangements to get them to you.

For those with internet access, you can peruse the library list in the comfort of your own home. The list for the CTQG library is at <http://www.commonthreadsvt.org/ctqglibrary.html>. If you have any suggestions for additions to the library, please let Sharon Perry know.

QUILTED ITEMS NEEDED FOR TEACUP AUCTION

Time is flying by, and there are less than 7 months before this year's quilt show. The Quilt Show Committee is looking for a volunteer to coordinate the Teacup Auction for the 2015 quilt show. If you're interested in helping out with the auction, please talk to Cindy Smorgans. Sharon Perry has set up the auction since its debut at the 2007 quilt show and is willing to provide some guidance to a new auction coordinator.

In the meantime, we still need a variety of items for the auction ranging in size and value such as wall-hangings, quilted placemats and matching napkins, 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!

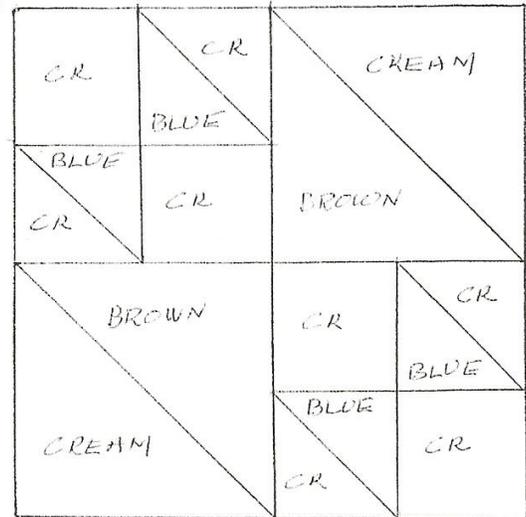
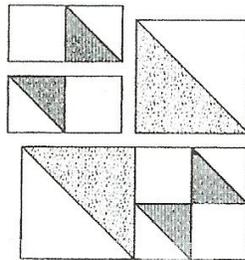
If you'd like to donate an item or two, please bring your donation(s) to any guild meeting, but no later than the September meeting. Cindy is collecting the items until a volunteer coordinator steps forward. If you're interested in volunteering and have any questions about what's entailed with the job, please feel free to contact Sharon at vtquilter@gmail.com or 802-326-3135.

CHALLENGE QUILT FOR QUILT SHOW

The challenge this year will be monochromatic. Any color you want, but just one color plus 20% or less of another color. You may use as many shades or prints of the main color as you'd like, keeping the overall look as one color. For instance: an Ohio Star with all blue prints, with the center square in orange. Or your color could be white or black or another neutral. The size must be a minimum of 50 inches and a maximum of 100 inches in diameter (around the outer edge). The shape can be whatever you decide: round, square, triangular, hexagonal, or other. There can be appliqué or any embellishment, but it must conform to the color guidelines. Each entry must be quilted and bound.

Go for Wild & Wonderful!

No rhyme or reason for choosing this month's block of the month except that it is simple and can be set in an interesting way if you are lucky enough to win them all. Roll of the drum --- the BOM for APRIL is Old Maid's Puzzle 1. Colors are brown, blue, and cream (or light tan).



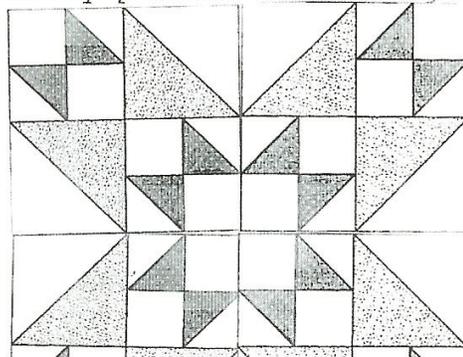
CUT: from brown - ~~two~~ ^{one} 5 3/8" square cut in half diagonally

from blue - two 3 1/8" squares cut in half diagonally

from cream - one 5 3/8" square cut in half diagonally; two 3 1/8" squares cut in half diagonally; four 2 3/4" squares

SEW: one brown and one large cream triangle together twice to make 2 half/square triangles. Press to the brown. Trim to 5".
 one blue triangle and one small cream triangle together four times to make 4 half square triangles. Press to the blue. Trim to 2 1/4".
 sew one blue half/square triangle to one cream square four times. Press to the cream, the way it wants to go.
 sew two of those together twice with the right angles of the blue opposite each other to form a 5" square. Press either way.
 sew one brown/cream square to one blue/cream square twice, making sure that the blue is in the same direction both times.
 sew these two pieces together with the brown meeting in the middle. Press final seam open. All done!

when setting the quilt, turn each block a quarter turn and see the interesting secondary pattern which emerges. A nice scrappy double star quilt.



Sorry, I ran out of room.
 The bottom of the block
 got cut off.

-Sally