

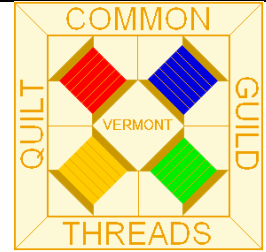
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The Official Newsletter
of the Common Threads Quilt Guild of Lamoille County
in Hyde Park, Vermont

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Issue 9

The President's Block

Hello Fellow Quilters,

I hope everyone enjoyed "Name that Block" game. I know our Birthday Committee has put a lot of work and thought into entertaining us in the next few months.

As voted on in the last meeting we will be manning a booth at the annual Antiques and Uniques event in July: please consider helping that day. Andrea also informed us that we will have a quilt to raffle.

We will need a couple of volunteers to oversee the printing and distributing of raffle tickets. The more volunteers we have makes lighter work for everyone. SO PLEASE CONSIDER VOLUNTEERING.

Thank You!

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



MAY 2024

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 Playing Games
May 9th TBD
June 13th TBD
July 11th TBD
August 8th TBD

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

Treasurer's Report

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| Beginning Balance 2320/2024 | | | \$3,807.58 |
| Income | | | |
| Annual Dues, New Members (4/17/20240) | | \$60.00 | |
| | <i>Total Income</i> | \$60.00 | |
| | | <i>Subtotal</i> | \$3,867.58 |
| Expenses | | | |
| Check #617, Lamoille Valley Insurance (Annual Premium) | | \$477.00 | |
| Check #618, Sterling View Community Center (Voted Contribution) | | \$500.00 | |
| | <i>Total Expenses</i> | \$977.00 | |
| Ending Balance 4/20/2024 | | | \$2,890.58 |

Respectfully submitted,
Cheryl Leach, Treasurer



PLAYING MORE GAMES AT THE MAY MEETING

As part of the 35th Birthday Celebration for the guild, members will be playing a game at the April meeting. All the details will be announced at the meeting by the Birthday Celebration committee. So come to the May meeting and have some fun “playing games.”

If any member has an idea for an additional program for the meeting, please call or email Cheryl Leach, 802-888-5102 or huntzeus76@gmail.com.

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 April 11, 2024

Greeting: by President Cheryl Leach at 6:30 pm.

Present: 33 in attendance

Guests: 3 new members, Bev Ryder, Jessica Merriam, and Nancy Dunavan

Drawings: Just for Coming – Maria Foster, and Food Shelf Donation – Jessica Merriam

35th Birthday Drawing: Carol Moulton and Pam Gelineau

Secretary's Report: moved to accept by Donna Hamel, second by Hilda Tallman. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: moved to accept by Robin Wheel, second by Sharon Witbeck. Motion passed.

Sunshine Cards: Hilda Tallman reported one card sent to Andrea on passing of her father-in-law.

Block of the Month: April winner was Pam Gelineau. **New Block:** pattern is Sawtooth Star in blue & yellow. Patterns distributed or link available in newsletter.

Sunshine Quilts: Andrea has kits available, both "Disappearing 9-Patch" and "Jelly Roll Race." Andrea reviewed the program for the new members.

Membership: Jan Kuhn reminded us that a new membership list was sent out via email; a few copies were distributed at the meeting.

Old Business: Donna Tobin asked question about the raffle quilt. Andrea says it will be done for Antiques & Uniques in Craftsbury in July. Cost of booth at Antiques & Uniques will be \$120.00. Anne Harmon moved to pay for a booth at Antiques & Uniques, Donna Tobin seconded it. Motion carried.

New Business:

- Andrea Blaisdell shared there will be a yard sale on April 20th from 9-12 with a large collection of quilting machines, fabric, and other crafting supplies. Located on Cutting Hill Road in Waterville.
- Jan Kuhn proposed that the guild donate to the park for the use of the building. She said the money made from the quilt that the guild donates is donated to another cause. Robin Wheel moved that the guild donate \$500 to the park, Carol Moulton seconded it. Motion passed.
- Champlain Valley Quilters Guild 2024 Quilt Show is April 26-28 at the Holy Family Parish Hall on Lincoln Street in Essex.

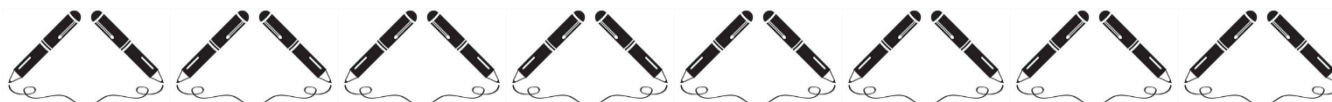
Program: Name That Block game

Sew and Tell:

Meeting Adjourned: 7:55 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robin O. Wright, Co-Secretary



IT'S A BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION!!! CTQG TURNS 35 in 2024!!!

Joyce Emerson, Jane Langdell, and Robin Wheel make up the Birthday Celebration committee for 2024. For the birthday drawings, you can enter your name in the drawings one time for any of the items listed below unless noted otherwise. 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)
- Making a block of the month (1 entry no matter how many blocks you make)
- Volunteering to present a program at a quilt 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)

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.



NATIONAL Barbecue MONTH

CALLING THE VIOLET
by Lucy Larcom

Dear Little Violet,
Don't be afraid!
Lift your blue eyes
From the rock's mossy shade!
All the birds call for you
Out of the sky;
May is here, waiting,
And here, too, am I.



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| Haley | Woodside-Jiron | May | 1 |
| Cheryl | Leach | May | 10 |
| Linda | Locke | May | 19 |

...and many more!!!

FEATURED VIDEO TUTORIAL FOR MAY:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uDTs8_3v2ds
 Tea & Cookies for Two May 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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| 12. | 24. |



Recipe Corner

TORTELLINI SALAD

18 ounces cheese tortellini
 Homemade Italian dressing (recipe below)
 2 cups halved cherry tomatoes
 1 14-ounce can artichoke hearts, drained and chopped
 1 cup cooked white beans, drained and rinsed
 ½ cup thinly sliced red onion
 5 pepperoncini, stemmed and chopped
 2 cups fresh arugula
 1 cup fresh basil, torn, plus more for garnish
 Parmesan or pecorino cheese, optional
 Red pepper flakes, optional

Cook the tortellini according to the package directions until al dente. Drain and let cool.

In a large bowl, combine the tortellini, tomatoes, artichokes, beans, onion, pepperoncini, and the dressing and toss to combine. Add the arugula and basil and toss again.

Season to taste, and add Parmesan and red pepper flakes, if desired. Garnish with more fresh basil. Serve right away or store in the fridge for up to 4 days.

HOMEMADE ITALIAN DRESSING

¼ cup extra-virgin olive oil
 2 tablespoons white wine vinegar
 2 tablespoons lemon juice
 1 tablespoon finely chopped fresh parsley
 1 teaspoon honey or maple syrup
 1 teaspoon dried oregano
 1 garlic clove, grated
 ½ teaspoon Dijon mustard
 ½ teaspoon thyme
 ¼ teaspoon sea salt
 Freshly ground black pepper
 2 tablespoons Parmesan cheese, optional

In a small bowl, whisk together the oil, vinegar, lemon juice, parsley, honey (or maple syrup), oregano, garlic, mustard, thyme, salt, and pepper.

GREEK SALAD

Dressing:

¼ cup extra-virgin olive oil
 3 tablespoons red wine vinegar
 1 garlic clove, minced
 ½ teaspoon dried oregano, more for sprinkling
 ¼ teaspoon Dijon mustard
 ¼ teaspoon sea salt
 Freshly ground black pepper

Salad:

1 English cucumber, sliced ¼-inch thick

1 green bell pepper, chopped into 1-inch pieces
 2 cups halved cherry tomatoes
 5 ounces feta cheese, cut into ½ inch cubes*
 ½ cup thinly sliced red onion
 ½ cup pitted Kalamata olives
 ½ cup fresh mint leaves

Make the dressing: In a small bowl, whisk together the olive oil, vinegar, garlic, oregano, mustard, salt, and several grinds of pepper.

On a large platter, arrange the cucumber, green pepper, cherry tomatoes, feta cheese, red onions, and olives. Drizzle with the dressing and very gently toss. Sprinkle with a few generous pinches of oregano and top with the mint leaves. Season to taste and serve.

Notes:

*Feta in brine is best for this recipe.

CLASSIC CHICKEN SALAD

2 cups cooked chicken chopped or shredded
 ½ cup mayonnaise
 1 rib celery, finely diced and chopped
 1 green onion, thinly sliced (or chives or finely diced red onion)
 1 teaspoon Dijon mustard
 ½ teaspoon seasoned salt
 ⅛ teaspoon black pepper or to taste
 1 teaspoon chopped fresh dill optional

Add all ingredients to a medium bowl. Mix well to combine.

Taste and season with additional salt and pepper if desired. Serve as a sandwich or over salad.

MAPLE BALSAMIC VINAIGRETTE

1 teaspoon dry mustard
 ½ teaspoon dried basil
 3 tablespoons balsamic vinegar
 2 tablespoons maple syrup
 1 tablespoon lemon juice
 1 clove garlic, minced
 1 cup extra virgin olive oil
 1 teaspoon salt
 ½ teaspoon freshly ground pepper

In a small bowl, combine mustard, basil, garlic, salt, and pepper. Add vinegar, maple syrup and lemon juice. Whisk together. Add olive oil and whisk until emulsified.



Block of the Month

MAY 2024



Colors:

Blue
and
Yellow



PATTERN: Sawtooth Star

Pattern from www.patchworksquare.com

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

Click the link below for the Sawtooth 12" finished block pattern*

<https://www.patchworksquare.com/mf/sawtooth-star-quilt-block.pdf?t=1714245609>

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



BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION: DRAWINGS AND ENTRIES

Last month we drew two names for birthday presents, and the winners were Carol Moulton and Pam Gelineau. We also played "Name that Block" with a quilt made by Jane Langdell. Of the 12 blocks, Lisa Vilord was the winner naming 6 of them correctly. We also played "Guess the Quilter" with the four things about someone, Andrea Blaisdell correctly identified Cheryl Leach. Both received birthday presents.

Next month we will be drawing two names for presents along with "Guess the Quilter" and a word scramble game. If everyone can remember to bring a pen with them, it would be helpful!

One thing we thought of that would make it a bit easier is when you sign in for "just for coming" and donating to the food shelf, after the winner is drawn from that, we will dump those names into the birthday present drawing. By doing that you will only need to put your name in for:

Donating a sunshine quilt top, 1 entry
Donating a finished sunshine quilt, 3 entries
Bringing something for sew and tell
Volunteering for a program, 3 entries

Working on any sewing workshop
Volunteering for a community event
Making a block of the month (1 entry regardless of how many you make)

Please be sure to enter your name, we will be drawing for lots of presents! Please note that you must be present to win if your name is drawn.

2 TIPS FOR CHOOSING A COLOR PALETTE

- Start with a photo that you love, whether it's one you've taken or one you've seen online. These photos can be from your vacations, from magazines or advertisements, or artwork. If you find yourself drawn to a particular image because of the color palette, try pulling together fabrics that are similar.
- Use a multicolor fabric print to pull together colors. Whether you plan to use the particular print in your quilt or simply use it for color inspiration, it gets you started. The fabric designer already did the work of creating a color palette for you! Use the colors from the fabric to pull a palette of your own.

MAY 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 April. 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:

Monday, May 20th, 2024

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



May is National Salad Month



"May is the month of expectation, the month of wishes, the month of hope." ~ Emily Brontë

MAY ANAGRAMS ANSWERS

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| Taurus | flowers | memorial | jockey | emerald | hawthorn |
| garden | honor | salute | service | flags | agate |
| remembrance | derby | barbecue | Gemini | cemetery | maypole |
| race | horse | taps | lilacs | mothers | Kentucky |