

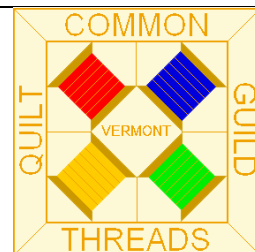
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ON POINT

The official newsletter
of the Common Threads Quilt Guild of Lamoille County
in Hyde Park, Vermont

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JUNE 2023

The President's Block

Hello fellow quilters,

Isn't it just beautiful out? The grass is green, I've mowed twice already, the flowers are blooming like mad and the apple trees are blossoming. Also. The green is creeping up the hillsides. Nature's palette can't be beat or replicated.

All of you who are participating in the 23 challenge are showing some great projects. I seem to be behind on that. As always, the program last meeting was informative and interesting. Sharon and Andrea are doing a great job with that.

I will be asking for 3 volunteers to be the nominating committee at the June meeting, so be ready to help. Remember that we all must do our part if we are to have a vibrant guild. No job is very difficult.

I hope that the Fall craft show and the Vermont Quilt show will be able to work space out. That is another place for us to support.

Keep on quilting,
Carol Moulton
2022 – 2023 President



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Common Threads Quilt
Guild meets the 1st Thursday,
March through December,
at 6:30 p.m. at the
Sterling View
Community Center
in Hyde Park

Dues = \$20 annually



2022 - 2023 Guild Calendar

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

September 1st Back to Basics:
Understanding Fabric
Construction & Properties

October 6th Back to Basics:
All About Quilting Fabric

November 3rd Back to Basics:
Needles & Threads & More...Oh My!

December 1st Potluck & Exchange
Back to Basics: Fabric Prep & Demos

2022 – 2023 Guild Calendar

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MEETING STARTS AT 6:30 PM**

January 28th Back to Basics:
Learning & Sewing Session **CANCELLED**

February 25th Back to Basics:
Learning & Sewing Session, 9am-3pm

March 2nd Back to Basics:
Color Theory

April 6th Back to Basics:
Modern Quilting with
Weeks Ringle & Bill Kerr

2022 – 2023 Guild Calendar

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

May 4th Back to Basics:
Paper Piecing

**June 1st Back to Basics:
All About Appliqué**

July 6th Back to Basics:
Getting Your Blocks In Order

August 3rd Summer Potluck
Back to Basics Sew & Tell

Treasurer's Report

Beginning Balance 4/16/2023 **\$5,160.82**

Income

New Membership (5/9/2023)	\$20.00
<i>Total Income</i>	\$20.00

Subtotal **\$5,180.82**

Expenses

Check #603 Modern Quilt Studio (April program)	\$450.00
Check #604 Sharon Perry for printing (April & May)	\$6.00
Check #605 Wind's Edge Sunshine Quilt supplies	\$63.36
Check #606 VQF donation	\$200.00
Check #607 Town of Craftsbury July 8 th booth	\$120.00
<i>Total Expenses</i>	\$839.36

Ending Balance 5/16/2023 **\$4341.46**

Respectfully submitted,
Cheryl Leach, Treasurer



JUNE "BACK TO BASICS": ALL ABOUT APPLIQUÉ

The June meeting will feature a video and discussion about appliqué. What is the technique we call appliqué? The word "appliqué" comes from the French "appliquer" which means to apply or to fit over. The basic appliqué technique involves stitching a smaller piece of fabric or decoration to a larger piece to create a design or pattern.

Fabric pieces can be stitched by hand or machine, with raw edges turned under or covered with decorative stitching. Appliqué fabric pieces can be placed directly on top of another piece of fabric, or can be held in place with glue. This technique can be used to add decorative elements to clothing, bags, pillows, banners, wall hangings, and quilts.



Secretary's Report

Secretary's Report May 4, 2023

Meeting called to order: At 6:30 pm; Carol Moulton, President, presiding.

Present: 31 members; 1 new member, Marcia Lambertson.

Birthdays: May birthdays – Cheryl Leach, Linda Locke and Haley Woodside-Jiron

Drawings: Pam Gelineau won for “Just for Coming” and Elena Tague won for the food shelf donation.

Secretary's Report: Sharon Perry moved to accept; Marion Seasholtz seconded. Motion passed.

Treasurers Report: Sharon Perry moved to accept; Marion Seasholtz seconded. Motion passed.

Sunshine Cards: Hilda Tallman sent cards to the family of Cormetia Sweetser and the family of Barb Scribner.

Sunshine Quilts: Marion and Andrea Blaisdell sandwiched 40 quilts. Ten members gathered and finished 30 quilts. A quilt was given to Emily Locke whose house recently burned. Kits are available for members to sew. Sharon Witbeck made a quilt which was raffled off for Sterling View. (We meet in the Sterling View Community Center.) Marion is looking for a couple of people who would be willing to appliqué designs with a blanket stitch for a quilt for Lake Elmore Association. Marion has purchased six rolls of Heat Press which is used to attach pieces of batting together for \$33.36 and would like to buy some batting for \$30.00. Donna Hamel made a motion to pay the \$63.36; Sharon Perry seconded. Motion passed.

Block of the Month: Grace Sweet won the seven Golden Gate blocks. The block for next month is Indian Star from Patchwork Square. Make it bright and scrappy. Sharon Perry will put a link to the block's instructions in the newsletter.

New Business:

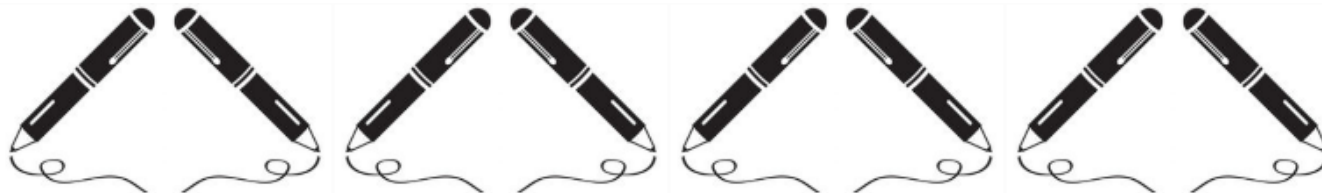
- The Vermont Quilt Festival, which had been scheduled for June, has been cancelled due to a lack of vendors. Robin Wheel made a motion to donate \$200 to VQF; Sharon Perry seconded. Motion passed.
- The Antiques and Uniques event at Craftsbury will be held on Saturday, July 8, from 9 am – 3 pm. It is the 50th year. The charge for the 10' x 20' space on the green will be \$120. It is good advertising for the guild. Marion Seasholtz says that we could offer several of our sunshine quilts for sale. Members could sell their own items giving 10% to the guild if they help man the booth, if unable to attend – 25%. Robin Wheel made a motion to reserve the space; Sharon Perry seconded. Motion passed. Andrea Blaisdell will help set up the canopy, and several other members said that they could be present during the event.

Sew & Tell: Thirteen members shared their creations.

Program: This month's program is paper piecing. Sharon Perry played a YouTube video with Nancy Roelfsema showing how to do paper piecing in the traditional manner. Andrea Blaisdell demonstrated an alternate method with freezer paper that does not require tearing the paper away after stitching.

Meeting Adjourned: At approximately 8:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted
Grace Sweet, Co-Secretary



QUILT TIPS

- Use binder clips to keep fabric pieces organized.
- A round cork trivet can be used to set a hot iron upon when pressing in a class.
- Attach a soap dish with suction cups to the side of your machine to hold small tools.
- Painter's tape is a quilting staple. You can use several layers to make a sewing gauge on your sewing machine.
- A flatware tray can be used to hold needles, marking tools, pens, pencils, etc.

Block of the Month

JUNE 2023



Colors:
Make it
bright & scrappy



PATTERN: INDIAN STAR

Pattern from www.patchworksquare.com

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

Click the link below for the Indian Star 12" finished block pattern*

<https://www.patchworksquare.com/mf/indian-star-quilt-block.pdf>

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



"If someone tells you that you have enough fabric, stop talking to them. You don't need that kind of negativity in your life."



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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.

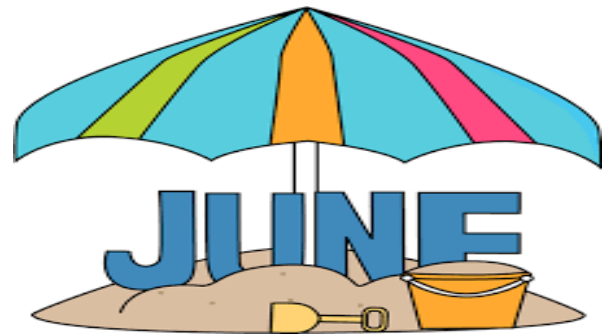


TIPS FOR APPLIQUE

- In general, for both hand and machine appliqué, start sewing an appliqué along a straight or gently curved edge rather than a corner or point. The corners look neater this way.
- To reduce stiffness from fusible web, cut the center away from your fusible shape, leaving a border of about 1/4" inside the traced outline.
- Try different types, sizes, and brands of hand needles to find the best one for you. I use a size 11 sharps for hand appliqué, but you might find it easier to manipulate fabric edges with a longer Milliners needle.
- Cross-wound thread spools generally feed better on the machine's horizontal spool pin, while stacked (parallel-wound) spools work best on a vertical pin.
- When combining piecing with appliqué, press the pieced seams in the direction that makes sense pictorially—that is, press seams away from whichever fabric is supposed to be the "background." When pre-piecing fabrics to sew down as a single appliqué shape, press the seam allowances open to reduce bulk in the turned edges.
- Interior points are the most difficult to sew by hand, so if you have a choice, it may be easier to sew two layered pieces instead of a single one with a deep point.
- Always use the color thread that matches the appliqué piece not the background color.
- When using plastic coated freezer paper for applique, change to an unpadded ironing surface for better adhesion of the freezer paper to the fabric.

QUILT TIPS

- To make an inexpensive light table, use an old flat picture frame with the glass taped into the corners and along the sides. Hot glue wide wooden dowels (4 - 6 inches depending on height of light) to the corners of the picture frame. Place rubber stoppers on dowels to keep from slipping. Purchase an under the counter kitchen light, slide under the picture frame, and viola, you have a light table.
- When making repeat cuts of same size place 4 post-it pages on width line of the ruler. This enables you to slide the ruler up to cut without having to search for the line.
- A spring-loaded curtain rod between the sides of book cases can be used to store rolled up bindings.
- A flat metal cake spatula can be run between seams to open them just before pressing.
- Several layers of painter's tape can be used to mark an edge on your cutting ruler so you don't have to keep looking when cutting multiple strips.
- Use chop sticks to poke out corners.



Jane Paine	June 12 th
Bonnie Griswold	June 14 th
Marion Seasholtz	June 21 st

...and many more!!!



That is **23 Finishes in 2023!**

Join in the fun and make 23 quilted projects by the end of 2023 and your name will be entered into a special drawing held in December 2023. If you'd like to participate, fill in your name and 23 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 23 projects or you can remove a project, or swap out projects, etc...you just have to have **23 Finishes in 2023** 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 **23 Finishes in 2023!** You will maintain your own list, but you must let Sharon Perry know you are participating.

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23 Finishes in 2023

NAME: _____

1.	13.
2.	14.
3.	15.
4.	16.
5.	17.
6.	18.
7.	19.
8.	20.
9.	21.
10.	22.
11.	23.
12.	



Recipe Corner

PRETZEL GELATIN DESSERT

Crust:

2 cups crushed pretzels
 ¾ cup butter, melted
 2 tablespoons sugar

Filling:

1 package (8 ounces) cream cheese, softened
 1 cup sugar
 1 carton (8 ounces) frozen whipped topping, thawed

Topping:

2 packages (3 ounces each) strawberry gelatin
 2 cups boiling water
 ½ cup cold water

Optional: Fresh strawberries and additional whipped topping

Preheat oven to 350°. Mix crushed pretzels, melted butter and sugar; press onto bottom of an ungreased 13x9-in. baking dish. Bake 10 minutes. Cool completely.

For filling, beat cream cheese and sugar until smooth. Stir in whipped topping; spread over crust. Refrigerate, covered, until cold.

In a small bowl, dissolve gelatin in boiling water. Stir in cold water; refrigerate until partially set. Pour carefully over filling. Refrigerate, covered, until firm, 4-6 hours.

Cut into squares. If desired, serve with strawberries and additional whipped topping.

ORANGE JELLO SALAD

1 large package orange Jello
 1 24 oz. carton of cottage cheese
 1 20 oz. can crushed pineapple or pineapple tidbits, well drained
 1 15 oz. can mandarin oranges, well drained
 1 16 oz. carton of Cool Whip

Mix orange Jello and cottage cheese together until the Jello has dissolved into the cottage cheese. Add pineapple and mandarin oranges and stir in.

Add the Cool Whip and mix all together until well blended.

Refrigerate for at least an hour before serving so it can firm up.

STRAWBERRY JELLO POKE CAKE

1 box white cake mix
 Ingredients called for on cake mix package, eggs, oil and water
 1 small box (3 oz.) strawberry Jello powder

1 cup boiling water
 1 8-oz. container Cool Whip
 1 pint strawberries, halved

Grease a 13x9 inch baking pan with oil or nonstick cooking spray and set aside.

Prepare cake batter according to package instructions and pour into pan. Bake cake and remove from oven.

While still warm, poke holes an inch deep all over the cake using the handle of a wooden spoon.

In a medium measuring cup, combine Jello powder and boiling water. Stir slowly for a minute to dissolve completely and then cool slightly for 5 minutes.

Pour Jello evenly over the surface of the cake, and place in the fridge to chill for at least 2 hours.

Using a spatula, carefully spread whipped cream on top of the cake.

Arrange 20-24 strawberry halves spaced evenly across the top. Serve and enjoy!

NO-BAKE JELLO CANDY MELTS

16 oz. powdered sugar
 8 oz. cream cheese, softened to room temperature
 Plain white sugar
 Favorite boxes of Jello

In a mixer, combine the softened cream cheese with the powdered sugar. Scrape the sides of the mixing bowl and mix until fully combined (and not sticky). Add more powdered sugar if it's a really hot day and the cream cheese is being temperamental and melting. Separate the mixture into 4 small bowls.

Add 1 tablespoon of various powdered Jello to each bowl and mix with a spoon.

Pull off small ½-inch pieces of the mixture and roll them into balls.

Press the balls into a slightly flat and then roll it into a bowl of plain white sugar.

Store in an airtight container and refrigerate until ready to eat.

Recipe makes about 30 Jello candy melts.



JUNE IS SUCH A BONNY TIME

By Annette Wynne

June is such a bonny time—
 Bird and flower weather—
 Time for song and love and rime—
 Time to be together;
 Time for hoops and sails and wings,
 Butterflies and happy things.

FEATURED VIDEO TUTORIAL FOR JUNE:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m-VHCCGNVRo>

“Star Shine” Quilt

Missouri Star Quilt Company

FEATURED PATTERNS

Growing Tall Quilt: <https://www.michaelmillerfabrics.com/fileuploader/download/download?file=custom/upload/File-1660057575.pdf>

Cat-Tastic Quilt: <https://www.michaelmillerfabrics.com/fileuploader/download/download?file=custom/upload/File-1625243593.pdf>

Modern Dresden Baby Quilt: https://www.apqs.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/21_APQS_0171_DresdenBaby_080221.pdf

Denim Flowers Quilt: https://windhamfabrics.com/images/project/Denim_Flowers_Final_RS.pdf

Dresden Quilt and Bag: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1dJaxEwfm0JrpsT6kkaYnk6TZJfK2w4hS/view>

Color Spoken Here: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1EEvEhSD7qCYSuDhKRAh_Nd8feqtoLLle/view

Fan Flower Quilt: <https://www.tildasworld.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/FanFlowerQuilt-wTemplate-WebRev.pdf>

Bohemia Quilt: <https://www.rileyblakedesigns.com/assets/images/freepatterns/quiltpatterns/LaVieBohemeFreePattern.pdf>

Southern Belle Quilt: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B7NAJIVzfxCCT3RLNjFOOE56RFU/view?resourcekey=0-oBRnda51t6u1vtdG4ci3ew>

Rainbow Blooms Quilt: https://cdn.shopify.com/s/files/1/2197/5951/files/P_BForestFanciesFinal.pdf?1891798809169808725

Color Wheel Runner: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/18H472qK0TLnUtSo3y6lMj49RvrH1egvs/view>

Fan Dance Quilt: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ZiBc4jg1WpgjSJUInyXcH3c5sh6wfrYt/view>

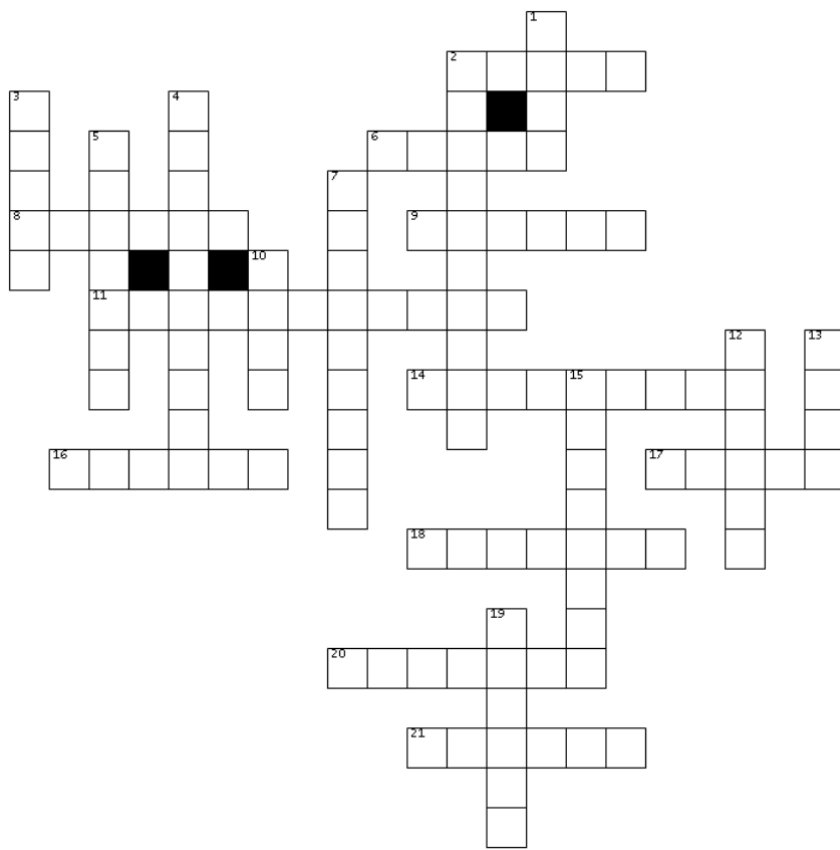
Whirling Fans Quilt: https://www.rjrfabrics.com/s/whirling_fans_2016_update_092616.pdf

Chevron Kaleidoscope Quilt: <https://www.michaelmillerfabrics.com/fileuploader/download/download?file=custom/upload/File-1383081798.pdf>

Colorplay Quilt: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B7NAJIVzfxCCcFcyd0E0VTd5TzQ/view?resourcekey=0-2gTPEqY7kOkGJbAEnA9zqQ>



JUNE CROSSWORD PUZZLE



ACROSS

2. A man on his wedding day
6. One of June's 3 birthstones
8. One of June's 2 zodiac signs
9. The warmest season of the year
11. One of June's 3 birthstones
14. One of June's 3 birthstones
16. A man in relation to his child(ren)
17. A woman on her wedding day
18. Soft serve ice cream
20. Marriage ceremony
21. Small fried cakes of sweetened dough typically in the shape of a ball or ring

DOWN

1. A cement pond according to Granny on The Beverly Hillbillies
2. Conferral or receipt of an academic degree or diploma marking the completion of studies
3. An area of sand or small stones near the ocean or another area of water such as a lake
4. The newest federal holiday
5. Open type of shoes
7. Activity of tending/cultivating flowers
10. Set up a place to sleep outdoors
12. One of June's 2 zodiac signs

DOWN (Cont.)

13. Large body of water surrounded by land
15. The activity of propelling oneself through water using the limbs
19. A meal eaten outdoors as part of an excursion

LINK TO BARN QUILT TRAIL OF NORTHERN VERMONT

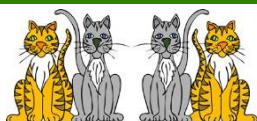
<http://www.barnquiltsfornorthernvermont.org/>

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, June 15th, 2023

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



June is National Adopt a Cat Month



"In early June the world of leaf and blade and flowers explodes, and every sunset is different." — John Steinbeck