

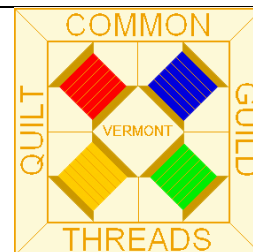
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The Official Newsletter
of the Common Threads Quilt Guild of Lamoille County
in Morrisville, Vermont

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Issue 2

The President's Block

Hello Friendly Quilters,

I have to admit that I was a bit nervous for my first meeting as President. I appreciate your patience with all the changes I've made in my effort to get organized. We had 28 (out of 39) members in attendance – all renewing their memberships. Spread the word that we'd love to see some new faces too!

As described at the meeting, I would love to have 2-3 members volunteer to tell us about their 'non-quilting' interests. Please email me if you'd be willing to share at the October meeting. Or you can send me your description by email and I'll add it to a future newsletter in a "Member Spotlight" section.

In the introduction of Jenny Doan's book, Quilting Through Life, she shares a little secret she learned... "Happiness doesn't just happen. You choose it. Happiness comes from being grateful every day. It takes conscious effort. Quilting spreads happiness. Maybe not every time, but if we give ourselves space to make mistakes, learning to quilt can happen quickly, expanding that happiness faster and further than we realize."

That is why my sewing room is my "HAPPY PLACE" I try to make time for myself several times a week, whether cleaning up from a prior project, sifting through patterns for the next quilt, cutting up scraps or simply handling and sorting fabrics. It's all so relaxing to me; I get lost in the process and the next thing I know, I've been in there all day!

As I get excited about my week-long quilt retreat in October, I realize that last year at this time, I had 13 projects all cut, prepped and ready to go... NOT THIS YEAR... lol. Recent life events have slowed me down and I am just so glad that I'll have a week to regroup, relax and get creative with a great group of ladies.

Remember, we still have the 26 in 2026 Challenge happening...there's still time!

Happily Stitching with You,
Jane Paine, 2026-2027 Guild President



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Joyce Emerson 802-371-7038

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Newsletter

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Block of the Month

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Sunshine Cards

Pam Gelineau 802-644-2855

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Sunshine Quilts

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Common Threads Quilt Guild
meets the 1st Wednesday,
March through December,
at 6:30 p.m. at The United
Church of Johnson, 100 Lower
Main Street, Johnson
Dues = \$25 annually

MISSION

To provide "Sunshine
Quilts" to our neighbors
and community members
when needed and to
promote an interest in the
art of quilting through
education and fellowship.

2025 - 2026 Guild Calendar

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

September 2nd Left, Right, Center

October 8th Trunk Show with
Nina Clotfelter at the Crosby Center
301 Brooklyn Street, in Morrisville
October 10th & 11th Workshops with
Nina Clotfelter

November 12th QOV Presentation
with Lynn Carrier

2025 – 2026 Guild Calendar

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December 2nd Holiday "Paper
Crafting" and Potluck

January Guild Work Day

February Guild Work Day

March 3rd TBD

April 7th TBD

2025 – 2026 Guild Calendar

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

May 5th TBD

June 2nd TBD

July 7th Annual Meeting
& Potluck

August 4th TBD

Treasurer's Report

Beginning Balance 8/20/2026		\$3,617.33
Income		
9/3/2026 Nina Clotfelter Workshop	\$450.00	
9/3/2026 Annual Dues	\$700.00	
9/14/2026 Nina Clotfelter Workshop	\$45.00	
9/14/2026 Anonymous Donation	\$500.00	
<i>Total Income</i>	\$1695.00	
		<i>Subtotal</i>
		\$5,312.33
Expenses		
Check 645 Joyce Emerson (VT Secretary of State fee reimbursement)	\$80.00	
Check 646 Wind's Edge, Batting for Sunshine Quilts & Quilts of Valor	672.00	
<i>Total Expenses</i>	\$752.00	
Ending Balance 9/10/2026		\$4,560.33

Respectfully submitted,
Joyce Emerson, Treasurer



PROGRAMS: LOOKING AHEAD...

October 2026: Trunk Show with Nina Clotfelter
Workshops with Nina Clotfelter

January 2027: Guild Work Day

February 2027: Guild Work Day

November 2026: QOV Presentation Ceremony

March 2027: Program TBD

December 2026: Holiday "Paper Crafting" & Potluck

QUILT TIPS

- Use a dry erase marker to temporarily mark the line you need to use on your acrylic ruler so you can see it better. When you are finished, wipe it off!
- If your machine needle accumulate gunk from spray baste or other adhesives, use a Q-tip dipped in alcohol or a medical prep wipe to clean it off! Also, try using a titanium needle. Gunk will not adhere as easily to it.
- Have you ever found yourself dealing with a slightly dull blade and wondering, "Didn't I just change this a few weeks ago?" The next time you change your rotary blade, find your sharpie and write the date on it!
- Accurate piecing begins with accurate cutting. Try nonslip grips for the back of your rulers if you are having a hard time. Use sharp blades in your rotary cutter.
- Know how to use your ruler properly. The line on the ruler should be fully on the fabric, not next to it. Those few threads can make a big difference when there are a lot of seams in a block.

Secretary's Report

COMMON THREADS MEETING MINUTES

September 2, 2026

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm by President Jane Paine.

present: 28 present.

Birthdays: Elaine Foster (9/8) & Jane Langdell (9/27)

Drawings:

- Just for coming – Jane Langdell
- Food shelf – Pam Gelineau
- Discussion about Food Shelf donation
 - Lizzy Perry volunteered to deliver the food shelf items donated.
 - Money can be donated; a box will be made.
 - The money will be deposited and then 1 check sent to the food bank.

Secretary's Report: Sharon Perry moved to accept the secretary's report, Robin Wheel seconded the motion. No discussion, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Jane reported that the treasurer's report does not need to be accepted monthly, only when it is an audited report. Tracey Morin & Joann Tallman have been appointed to do an audit on the books.

Sunshine Cards: Hilda states she sent one card last month.

Sunshine Quilts: Andrea will take any quilt tops that are ready. Marion has purchased the batting. With the new committee members, updates are expected soon.

Announcements/ Reminders:

- Hooded Sweatshirt Workshop lead by Fawn is on 9/19 through the Champlain Valley Quilt Guild of Vermont.
- Trunk Show with Nina Clotfelter is Thursday, October 8th, at the Crosby Center, Brooklyn Street, Morrisville.
- Workshops with Nina Clotfelter are October 10 (full) & 11 (spaces available). Location TBD for October 11 workshop; it will either be in Johnson or St Albans. Contact Sharon Perry about the availability of spaces.
- Johnson Church Chicken Pie Dinner is on October 10th from 5 to 7. They are requesting our assistance with pies and help. Let Cheryl Leach know if you can make a pie or offer assistance.

Old Business:

- The Quilts of Valor presentation will be on Thursday, November 12th. We will meet in the Peoples Academy Cafeteria, enter through the Middle Level entrance on the side, handicap accessible. Doors will be open at 5:45 pm and will lock at 8:15 pm.
 - Discussion around number of available quilts.
 - Forms distributed for veterans being nominated.
 - Andrea will coordinate quilts.
- Bylaws review/approval: Sharon Perry moved that we accept the bylaws as printed, Fawn Lanpher seconded. Discussion: Jane Paine and Sharon Perry submitted the following additional changes:

ARTICLE IV Officers and Chairpersons

Section 1: Add as last sentence to read as follows... "The elected officers and chairpersons shall serve as the Executive Committee."

Section 2: Second sentence shall now read as follows... "Officers shall be elected at the July meeting by a majority vote of those members present; either by a show of hands or a ballot vote should there be more than one nominee."

ARTICLE VI Meetings

Section 1: To read as follows: Regular meetings of the Guild shall be held March - December. Optional workshops will be held in January and February.

Section 5: To read as follows: Fifty-one percent of the active Guild members present shall constitute a majority.

Sharon Perry moved to accept the bylaws as amended. Hilda Tallman seconded. Bylaws changes passed as amended.

New Business:

- Jane reported that 20 surveys had been completed and more were submitted tonight. She will have a tally and share highlights in upcoming newsletters.
- Jane is recommending that January and February continue as a non-traditional meeting, like a mission focused worker-bee.
- Fundraising - Jane would like to have future discussions around ways to make more money for the guild.
- Joyce Emerson requested reimbursement of \$80 for updating the Secretary of State website for the guild. Robin Wheel moved to reimburse Joyce. Jane Langdell seconded, motion carried.

Block of the Month Presentation: Andrea demonstrated the Sew and Flip String Block – Foundation Method. Pattern will be in the newsletter. She reports this will make 2, one for yourself and one for the guild using white. Also Red, White and Blue QOV blocks can be made with this pattern.

Sew and Tell at 7:50

Program: Meeting adjourned and program started at 8:05. "Left, Right, Center".

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Wright, Secretary

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 Pam Gelineau, Pam.Gelineau@gmail.com, 802-644-2855. As a note, Pam prefers email notification when possible. She will send out an appropriate card.

GUILD MEETING LOCATION FOR OCTOBER MEETING

The Common Threads Quilt Guild will meet on Thursday, October 8th, at the Crosby Center, 301 Brooklyn Street, in Morrisville. **Please note the change in date and place for the October meeting.**



OCTOBER

By Thomas Bailey Aldrich

October turned my maple's leaves to gold;
The most are gone now;
here and there one lingers:
Soon these will slip
from out the twigs' weak hold,
Like coins between a dying miser's fingers.

FEATURED VIDEO TUTORIAL FOR OCTOBER:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uobXB_yfuHA
Sew Cute Runner for October

Shabby Fabrics



Dorothy D'Andrea	October	4
Anne Harmon	October	6
Carolyn Babcock	October	9
Denise Mayo	October	26

...and many more!!!





That is ***26 Finishes in 2026!***

Join in the fun and make 26 quilted projects by the end of 2026 and your name will be entered into a special drawing held in December 2026. If you'd like to participate, fill in your name and 26 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 26 projects or you can remove a project, or swap out projects, etc...you just have to have ***26 Finishes in 2026*** 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 ***26 Finishes in 2026!*** You will maintain your own list, but you must let Sharon Perry know you are participating.

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26 in 2026

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Recipe Corner

POTATO LEEK SOUP

3 tablespoons olive oil
 3 tablespoons unsalted butter
 3 medium russet potatoes (about 2 ¼ lb.), peeled and chopped
 3 leeks, white and light green parts only, thinly sliced
 3 celery stalks, chopped, plus yellow leaves for garnish (optional)
 3 garlic cloves, finely chopped
 6 cups chicken broth
 6 sprigs fresh thyme
 1 ½ teaspoons kosher salt, plus more to taste
 ¾ teaspoon ground black pepper, plus more to taste
 1 cup heavy cream, plus more for drizzling
 Hot sauce and fried onions (optional)

In a medium Dutch oven, heat the oil and butter over medium heat. Add the potatoes, leeks and celery. Cook, stirring, until the leeks are tender, 6 – 8 minutes. Add the garlic and cook, stirring, until fragrant, about 30 seconds.

Stir in the chicken broth, thyme sprigs, salt and pepper. Bring to a simmer over medium-high heat. Reduce the heat to medium-low and cook, uncovered, until the potatoes are tender, 15 to 20 minutes.

Remove the thyme sprigs. Transfer about 4 cups of the soup to a blender. Remove the top insert from the lid and cover with a kitchen towel. Puree until smooth, 30 seconds. Add to Dutch oven with the remaining chunky soup. Stir in the cream and cook over medium-low heat, stirring, until the soup is slightly thickened, 10 to 15 minutes.

Season the soup with more salt and pepper. Garnish with celery leaves, hot sauce, prepared fried onions and another drizzle of heavy cream, if you like.

COLCANNON

3 medium russet potatoes (about 2 lb.), scrubbed clean
 2 tablespoons plus 1 teaspoon salt, plus more to taste
 6 tablespoons butter, plus additional for serving
 4 cups chopped green cabbage or kale, or a mixture of both
 ¼ teaspoon ground black pepper
 1 bunch green onions, chopped and divided
 1 leek, chopped
 3 garlic cloves, chopped
 1 cup half-and-half

Peel the potatoes and cut them into 2-inch pieces. Add them to a Dutch oven and cover with 1 inch of water. Bring to a boil over medium-high heat and add 2 tablespoons of salt. Boil, stirring occasionally, until

the potatoes are very tender, about 15 minutes. Drain the potatoes in a colander and set aside.

In the same Dutch oven, melt the butter over medium heat. Add the cabbage or mixture of greens, leeks, the remaining 1 teaspoon of salt, and the pepper. Cook, stirring often, until the cabbage mixture is softened, about 5 minutes.

Reserve ¼ cup of the green onions for garnish and add the remaining green onion and garlic into the cabbage mixture. Cook, stirring often, until the garlic is lightly browned, about 2 minutes.

Reduce the heat to medium-low. Add the half-and-half and cook 2 to 3 minutes until warm. Add the potatoes, then mash and stir until the mixture is well combined. Season with salt and pepper, to taste.

Transfer the colcannon to a serving dish and top with more butter, if preferred. Sprinkle with the reserved ¼ cup green onions.

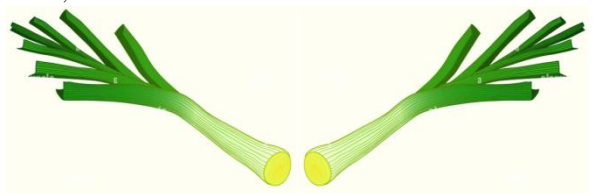
EASY GRUYERE LEEK FRITTATA

6 eggs
 1 cup shredded gruyere cheese (about 6 ounces)
 ⅓ cup heavy cream
 Kosher salt and pepper to taste
 1 tablespoon butter
 2 heaping cups sliced leeks, cleaned well (about 2 medium sized leeks)
 Preheat the oven to 400° F.

Add eggs, shredded gruyere, and cream to a medium mixing bowl with a generous pinch of salt and pepper. Whisk to combine, then set aside.

Heat 10"-cast-iron skillet over medium heat. Add butter to skillet and let it melt, then add sliced leeks. Sauté, stirring occasionally, until leeks are softened and lightly browned, about 6 minutes. Spread leeks out over the bottom of the skillet in an even layer, then turn off the heat. Gently pour the egg mixture into the skillet on top of the leeks.

Use an oven mitt to carefully transfer the skillet to the oven. Bake 12-15 minutes, until eggs have puffed up and begun to lightly brown around the edges. The eggs should still be a tiny bit jiggly in the very center. Remove frittata from the oven and let cool for 10-15 minutes, then slice and serve.



Block of the Month

October 2026



Colors:

Make it scrappy
starting with a white
or white-on-white
string in the middle



PATTERN: SEW AND FLIP STRING BLOCK

Click this [link](#) for the block pattern



JOHNSON TOWN HALL SEWING DAYS

Sewing weekends are open again at the Johnson Town Hall. We set up on the second floor of the Town Hall (elevator available). Large tables are available plus ironing stations and a cutting table.

We meet on the first and third weekend of the month, arrival after 8 am, but you can sew as late as you want. A \$2 daily donation is requested, going to the Town of Johnson for use of the space.

At this time we are planning to have a mailing list only for change of plans, you can send your email to Robin Wright, growingfarm00@gmail.com or Hilda Tallman, sammnvt57@yahoo.com to be on that list. Reminder emails the week before will no longer be going out.

All crafters are welcome!



MORE QUILT TIPS!

- Keep your rotary cutter flat against the side of your ruler and always push the blade away from you to maintain control and safety.
- Instead of stretching or reaching around a large ruler, spin your smaller cutting mat or move your position to avoid bending your wrist and flaring the blade.
- Trim and square your units (like half-square triangles) at every step rather than waiting until the end, as small errors add up quickly.
- Sew multiple pieces through your machine without cutting the thread in between to save time and thread.



EMBROIDERY PATTERN FOR OCTOBER



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, October 15th, 2026

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

Next

October 8th

Meeting

National Fluffernutter Day



"Imagine if there was no October! The year would never have had a golden era." ~ Nkwachukwu Ogbuagu