

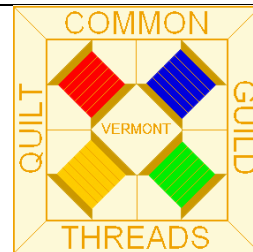
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ON POINT

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

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Issue 3

NOVEMBER 2022

The President's Block

Hello fellow quilters,

We have been blessed with a beautiful show put on by the trees, but today it is raining and the wind is supposed to blow hard. Will that be the end of the leaves? I hope not, but it happens every year. I was at McDonalds one day and a couple from Texas was there telling the group they were there just to see foliage. Wouldn't it be wonderful if we could put all that color in a quilt? Oh well, we are human and the tree maker isn't.

Has anyone attacked their UFO stack? I am still looking at mine and pondering where to start. I would probably be better off if I didn't go to the library.

Once again last month's program was most informative. I'm still in awe at the presenter's amount of cloth in her stash.

Happy quilting! We'll see you on November 3.

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

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

January Learning & Sewing Sessions
Date, Time & Location TBA

February Learning & Sewing Sessions
Date, Time & Location TBA

March 2nd Back to Basics:
Color Theory

April 6th Back to Basics:
Modern Quilting

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 8/16/2022		\$5,430.81
Income		
Annual Dues (9/2/2022)	\$260.00	
Annual Dues (10/7/2022)	\$100.00	
Redeposit Return check plus fee (10/7/2022)	\$40.00	
	<i>Total Income</i>	\$400.00
		<i>Subtotal</i>
		\$5,830.81
Expenses		
Return check and fee (9/8/2022)	\$40.00	
Sharon Perry, Check #597, Printing Supplies (10/06/2022)	\$12.00	
	<i>Total Expenses</i>	\$52.00
Ending Balance 10/16/2022		\$5,778.81

Respectfully submitted,
 Cheryl Leach, Treasurer
(This report captures Income and Expenses since 8/16/2022)



NOVEMBER MEETING "BACK TO BASICS": NEEDLES & THREADS & MORE...OH MY!

We'll be watching multiple videos at the November meeting to learn all there is to know about needles, threads, and sewing machine tension. There's lots of information packed into these videos for both new and more experienced quilters.

In addition to the regular monthly meetings in March through December, Andrea Blaisdell and Sharon Perry, the guild's program coordinators, plan to host Learn & Sew sessions in January and February where participants will work on an actual quilting project. If members know of anyone wishing to learn how to quilt or quilters wanting to improve their skills, we encourage you to bring them to the guild meeting in November and join guild members as we all go "back to basics."

As part of the program each month, we'll end with a Q&A and "best practices" segment. We hope to have the more experienced quilters in the guild share lessons they've learned and tips and tricks they discovered along their quilting journey.



Secretary's Report

Secretary's Report (October 6, 2022)

Meeting called to order: at 6:30 pm, with Carol Moulton, President, presiding

present: 25 members, no guests

Birthdays: Anne Harmon, Carolyn Babcock, Denise Mayo and Linda Worth

Drawings: Melody Chase won for Just for Coming and Sharon Witbeck for Food Shelf donation

Secretary's Report: Motion to accept, Sharon Perry and Seconded by Donna Hamel. Passed.

Treasurers Report: Cheryl Leach indicated there was a mistake which will be rectified in next month's report. Motion to accept, Sharon Perry and Seconded by Sharon Witbeck. Passed.

Sunshine Cards: Hilda Tallman sent a card to Anna Jones.

Sunshine Quilts: Andrea Blaisdell reported that 34 quilts were completed at the September workday; they are ready to be distributed. Andrea brought more kits in from Marion Seasholtz.

Block of the Month: Several blocks were made; they were won by Bonnie Griswold. The block for November is the Maple Leaf – use fall colors. There will be a link in the next newsletter for the directions.

Membership: It's time to renew your membership; see Jan Kuhn if you still need to pay.

Old Business: Someone left a basket at the potluck at the Johnson Town Hall; see Jan Kuhn to claim it.

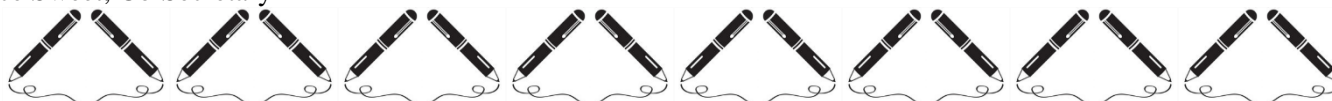
New Business: There's a package of polyester batting available for free. Sharon Perry reported that Carolyn Babcock's quilts and her husband Harold's artwork will be on display at the Montgomery Center for the Arts from Saturday, October 8 through Sunday, October 30: Saturdays and Sundays from noon to four. The Art Center is at the intersection of Rt 118 and Rt 242 in Montgomery Center.

Sew & Tell: Six members shared their items.

Program: This month's program was "All About Quilting Fabric." Sharon Perry shared 3 videos about quilting fabric by Cindy Ring from Fabric Patch and by Karen Brown from Just Get It Done. Following the videos, Andrea Blaisdell discussed the various precuts and shared examples of each. We learned a new quilting acronym, WHIMMS, Works Hidden in My Mind.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:30 pm approximately.

Respectfully Submitted
Grace Sweet, Co-Secretary



QUILT TIPS

- Before washing new fabric, put a pinking blade in your rotary cutter and pink the cut edges of the fabric to control fraying. A pinked edge in your stash means the fabric has been washed.
- When you finish a quilt, cut all the remaining fabric into $1\frac{1}{2}$ or $2-\frac{1}{2}$ -inch strips. At the end of the year, you'll have plenty of strips to make log cabin placemats, table runners or quilts for holiday gifts.
- Slivers of soap are great to mark quilting lines.
- Better to buy more fabric than you think you need for a quilt, rather than too little, as this allows room for mistakes, shrinkage or making a sample block, and for building your stash.
- Look around when designing patterns for your quilt, don't forget you can use everyday items to draw around. Plates, cups and saucers and even cookie cutters all make great templates.
- For invisible machine appliqué, use the blind-hem stitch on your machine set at 20 stitches per inch and an open-toe appliqué foot.
- It is recommended that you use between 20-25 stitches per inch when sewing paper foundation piecing blocks, as this makes it easier to remove the paper later.

Block of the Month

NOVEMBER 2022



Colors: Fall colors

PATTERN: Maple Leaf

Pattern from www.patchworksquare.com

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

Click the link below for the Maple Leaf 12" finished block pattern*

<https://www.patchworksquare.com/mf/maple-leaf-quilt-block.pdf>

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



**IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN...
MEMBERSHIP DUES!**

September marked the start of a new membership year for the guild. The CTQG membership form can be found [here](#). Bring your completed membership form and your \$20 check, payable to CTQG, or cash, to the November meeting. Jan Kuhn will be collecting your form and dues.

If you are unable to attend the meeting in November, please send your completed membership form, along with a \$20 check (payable to CTQG), to Jan Kuhn, 109 Oakwood Drive, Hyde Park, VT 05655. Members who have not paid their membership dues will be removed from the membership list and will no longer receive On Point, the guild's official newsletter, starting with the November edition.



Recipe Corner

UTTERLY DEADLY SOUTHERN PECAN PIE

1 cup sugar
 1½ cups corn syrup (use ½ dark and ½ light)
 4 eggs
 ¼ cup butter
 1½ teaspoons vanilla
 1½ cups pecans, coarsely broken
 1 unbaked deep dish pie shell

In saucepan boil sugar and corn syrup together for 2 to 3 minutes; set aside to cool slightly.

In large bowl beat eggs lightly and very slowly pour the syrup mixture into the eggs, stirring constantly.

Strain the mixture to make sure it's smooth and lump free. Stir in butter (it will melt when stirred into warm mixture), vanilla, and pecans, and pour into crust.

Bake in a 350°F oven for about 45 to 60 minutes or until set.

CANDIED PUMPKIN SPICED PECANS

1 large egg white
 ½ cup packed light brown sugar
 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
 1 teaspoon kosher salt
 ¾ teaspoon pumpkin pie spice
 6 cups (about 21 oz.) pecan halves

Preheat oven to 250°F.

Whisk egg white in a large bowl until foamy. Whisk in packed light brown sugar, vanilla extract, kosher salt, and pumpkin pie spice. Stir pecan halves into brown sugar mixture until thoroughly coated.

Place pecans in a single layer on a large rimmed baking sheet lined with parchment paper and lightly sprayed with cooking spray. Bake, stirring every 15 minutes, until pecans have browned and coating has set and started to harden, about 45 minutes.

Remove from oven; cool completely on baking sheet, about 30 minutes. Store in an airtight container up to 5 days.

CARAMEL-PECAN APPLE PIE

Dough for single-crust pie
 7 cups sliced peeled tart apples (about 6 medium)
 1 teaspoon lemon juice
 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
 ¾ cup chopped pecans
 ⅓ cup packed brown sugar
 3 tablespoons sugar

4 teaspoons ground cinnamon
 1 tablespoon cornstarch
 ¼ cup caramel topping, room temperature
 3 tablespoons butter, melted

Streusel topping:

¾ cup all-purpose flour
 ¼ cup sugar
 6 tablespoons cold butter, cubed
 ⅔ cup chopped pecans
 ¼ cup caramel topping, room temperature
 Whipped cream, optional

Preheat oven to 350°. On a lightly floured surface, roll dough to a ⅛-inch-thick circle; transfer to a 9-in. deep-dish pie plate. Trim crust to ½ inch beyond rim of plate; flute edge. Refrigerate while preparing filling.

In a large bowl, toss apples with lemon juice and vanilla. Mix pecans, sugars, cinnamon and cornstarch; add to apples and toss to combine.

Spread caramel topping onto bottom of crust. Fill with apple mixture. Drizzle with butter.

For streusel topping, mix flour and sugar. Cut in butter until crumbly; stir in pecans. Sprinkle over filling.

Bake on a lower oven rack until filling is bubbly, 65-75 minutes. Drizzle with caramel topping. Cool on a wire rack. If desired, serve with whipped cream and additional caramel topping.

PECAN CARAMEL CLUSTERS

14-oz. pkg individually wrapped caramels, unwrapped
 3 tablespoons butter
 2 tablespoons water
 2 cups chopped pecans
 1 pound dark chocolate, broken into small pieces

Place caramels, butter, and water in a microwave-safe bowl. Microwave on high, stirring every 30 seconds until smooth, about 3 minutes. Stir in pecans.

Drop caramel pecan mixture by spoonfuls onto parchment paper. Place in freezer for 15 to 20 minutes.

Place chocolate in a microwave-safe bowl and microwave on high, stirring every 15 seconds, until melted and smooth, 1 to 2 minutes. Dip each caramel cluster into chocolate using a fondue fork until coated; place on parchment paper to dry. Chill until firm, if necessary.



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.



REDWORK TIPS

- Wash fabric prior to tracing or stitching.
- Trace your pattern using a Micron Pigma pen in the same color as your embroidery floss.
- Use two strands for most stitching. Use one strand for finer detail features.
- Don't "travel" with your thread across open space and be sure to trim all threads otherwise the thread will shadow through when the piece is completed.
- Coloring books and appliqué patterns are great sources for Redwork patterns.
- Use a hoop to secure your project while working. Do not leave your fabric on the hoop when not working on your project.
- If you find your floss tangling and knotting, try drawing your floss across a thread conditioner such as Thread Heaven.

MORE QUILT TIPS

- Before rolling or turning a quilt to quilt the next area, use a lint roller to remove any bits of thread and dust.
- When washing large fabric pieces, fold the fabric into 4ths or 3rds and baste along the right and left edges and down the middle. This makes it much easier to "untangle" after washing and drying. It also helps to reduce wrinkling.
- Pay attention to the grain line during any pressing stage of quilt projects and everything comes out square. Just remember to press with the straight grain of the fabric (the selvage edge runs on the

straight grain). Cross grain and bias both stretch, the straight grain won't.

- Make your binding when you finish sewing the quilt top together while you still have your sewing machine and fabric out. Wrap the binding around an empty toilet paper tube (so it doesn't crease). This insures you don't accidentally use your binding fabric for something else.
- When threading a needle for hand sewing, moisten the eye of the needle rather than the thread. The moisture in the eye will help draw the thread through.
- For ripping out stitches: if you take your seam ripper and cut every fourth stitch on the stitching line, when you pull the two pieces apart it goes really fast.
- Or, use a rotary cutter for taking seams apart instead of a seam ripper; it's much easier to find when needed.
- Use different widths of masking tape to guide you in an easy way to quilt parallel lines without marking the quilt top.



Sharon Perry	November	2 nd
Pam Gelineau	November	8 th
Sheila Cross	November	26 th

...and many more!!!

A NOVEMBER DAY

by Mary B. C. Slade

I come, a sad November day,
Gray clad from foot to head;
A few late leaves of yellow birch,
A few of maple red.

And, should you look, you might descry
Some wee ferns, hiding low,
Or late Fall dandelions shy,
Where cold winds cannot blow.

And then, you see, I'm not all gray;
A little golden light
Shines on a sad November day,
A promise for the night.

For though gray-clad, in soft gray mist,
Floating on gray-cloud wing,
I know that I the way prepare
For brightest days of Spring.

And though witch-hazel's golden flowers
Are all the blooms I know,
They promise—so do I—the hours
When sweetest Mayflowers grow.

FEATURED VIDEO TUTORIAL FOR NOVEMBER:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Wy-sFNUwLNM>

“Chandelier” Quilt

Missouri Star Quilt Company

FEATURED PATTERNS

Table Top Turkey Trot: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1St6bQxYdvTXmlr5oxboG953V7YFXwpPI/view>

Harvest Pumpkin: <https://weefolkart.com/wp-content/uploads/patterns/harvest-pumpkin-appl-BOTHPAGES.PDF>

Autumn Time Table Runner:

https://www.henryglassfabrics.net/product_images/Autumn%20Time%20Table%20Set%20Pattern%2011262018%20PRELIMINARY%20WEB%20FILE.pdf

Friendship Braid Table Runner: <http://commonthreadsvt.org/friendshipbraid.pdf>

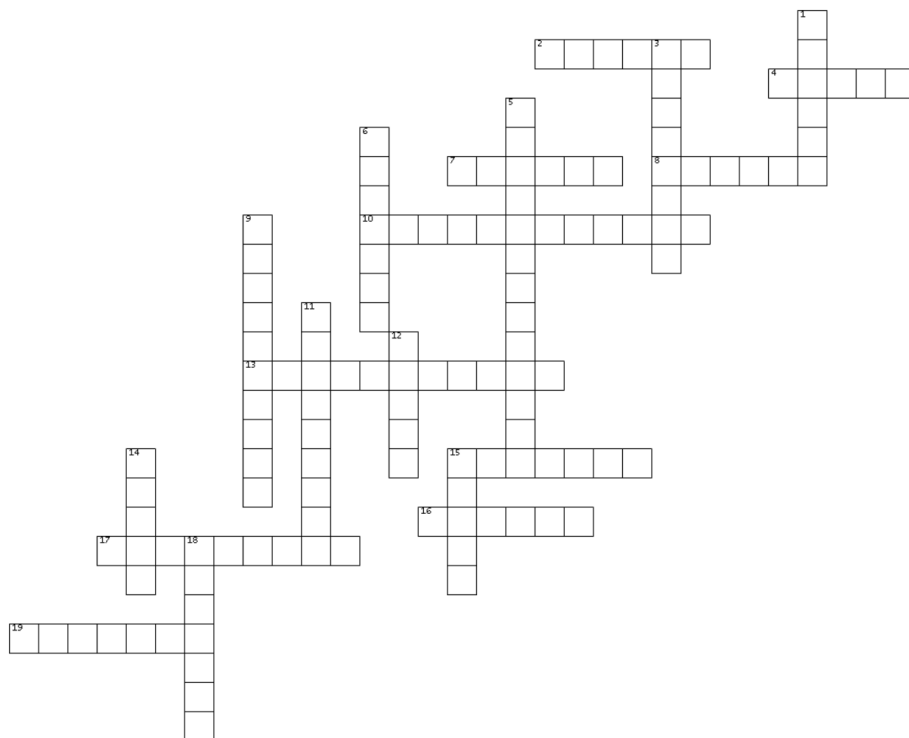
Turkey Redwork Pattern: https://www.needlenthread.com/Images/patterns/Hand_Embroidery/turkey.pdf

Floating Autumn Stars Quilt: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1x2i5IPV6gybCP4JD_3-Zg3DKQjIE6BMk/view

Autumn Leaf Placemats & Napkins: https://media.rainpos.com/5025/autumnleaftrio_instr_20160719162231.pdf

Autumn Abundance Quilt: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1_b63pAL_78IUC80V1EY0rXxZUWb4ln4_/view

NOVEMBER CROSSWORD PUZZLE



ACROSS

2. A flowering plant in the gourd family.
4. A sauce made from the thickened and seasoned juices of cooked meat.
7. A public procession celebrating a special day or event and including marching bands and floats.
8. Your loved ones.
10. Holiday celebrated on the 4th Thursday in November in the US.
13. Red berries with a sour taste.
15. A large rounded orange fruit with a thick rind, edible flesh, and many seeds.
16. The sound a turkey makes.
17. The English ship which transported a group of English families, known today as the Pilgrims.
19. One of the 2 birthstones for November.

DOWN

1. Traditional type of bird served on Thanksgiving.
3. An edible mixture of herbs and stale bread, used to fill a cavity in the preparation of another food item.

DOWN (Cont.)

5. One of the 2 birth flowers for November.
6. Chasing and killing an animal or bird for food.
9. A symbol of plenty consisting of a goat's horn overflowing with flowers, fruit, and corn.
11. Thanks and appreciation.
12. A large meal, typically one in celebration of something.
14. One of the 2 birthstones for November.
15. One of the 2 birth flowers for November.
18. A group of people you trust and like enough to hang out with on a regular basis.

LINK TO BARN QUILT TRAIL OF NORTHERN VERMONT

<http://www.barnquiltsouthernvermont.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:

Tuesday, November 15th, 2022

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



November is Peanut Butter Lovers Month



"Don't wait until the fourth Thursday in November, to sit with family and friends to give thanks. Make every day a day of Thanksgiving!"

~ Charmaine J. Forde