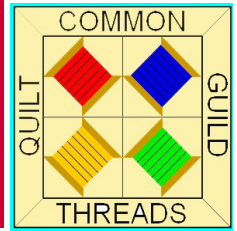


# Common Threads Quilt Guild

## December 2012



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Guild meetings are the 1st  
Thursday of the month at  
Sterling View Clubhouse  
at 6:30 PM

### A word from our President:

Hello Ladies,

What a busy fall I have had! I am still cutting down gardens and planting bulbs for the spring. I have not had time to do any sewing at all and I can't wait until winter to do so. As a lot of you know, I had the opportunity to attend the International Quilt Festival Market and Festival in Houston with Marion a few weeks ago and I have all kinds of ideas running around in my head. We saw some incredible quilts and will be doing a show and tell at the January meeting.

As I am writing this I am thinking of Barbara O'Toole and her family and hoping that she is doing better. It sounds like she has a long battle ahead but I think she is pretty tough and will pull through ok. Let's all keep her in our prayers.

Well I must go now and get some sleep. I hope to see all of you at the Christmas pot luck. Take care everyone and have a wonderful Thanksgiving.

*Andrea Blaisdell*



### Treasurers Report:

October 13, 2012 - November 15, 2012

### Income

Cash Balance October 13, 2012 \$3,719.45

### Deposits

11/2/2012 Membership Dues \$110.00

### Total Income

**\$3/829.46**

### Expenses

11/1/12 Ck #206 Cindy Smorgans (reimb. for Phyllis Jackson expense) \$40.00

11/1/12 Ck #207 Sharon Perry (for library; books and crate) \$88.67

11/1/12 Ck #208 Mary Dick (newsletter) \$26.91

### Total Expenses

**\$155.58**

**Cash Balance November 15, 2012**

**\$3.673.88**

*Rita Lehouillier, Treasurer*





Secretary's Report



The Common Threads Quilt Guild met at Sterling View with 37 members and 1 guest present. Madonna Belval won the prize "Just For Coming" and Ellie Murphy won for "Canned Goods". A motion was made by Sharon Perry and seconded by Barb Scribner to accept the Secretary's report. So moved.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the Treasurer's report. So moved. No Sunshine cards were sent out in October. It was reported that Barb O'Toole is in the hospital. Two thank you cards were received: one from the Sterling View community Club and the other from Lamoille Home Health and Hospice. The Membership Committee reported that 62 people have joined or renewed their memberships and 1 new member joined the Common Threads Quilt Guild in October.

Charity Quilts:

There was a workday at the Sterling View community Center October 18th and 16 quilts were finished. A charity quilt will be raffled off at the December quilt meeting to members.

Old Business:

The shed that was ordered is almost completed. Marion Seasholtz and Andrea Blaisdell have volunteered to be co-chairs of ticket printing and distribution for the quilt raffle.

The UFO challenge drawing was won by Millie Piper.

New Business:

Cindy Smorgans has offered to be the Quilt Show Chair. She will be needing many good committee volunteers.

Program:

Steve Engel presented a program on the care and upkeep of your sewing machine.

December's program will be the annual potluck and the conclusion of the 2012 UFO Challenge. the potluck will begin at 6:30.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Submitted by Kathleen Sampson, Secretary

# Merry Christmas



**REMEMBER  
TO BRING  
ITEMS  
FOR THE  
FOOD SHELF**



# POTLUCK

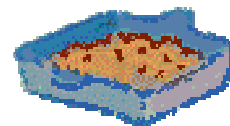
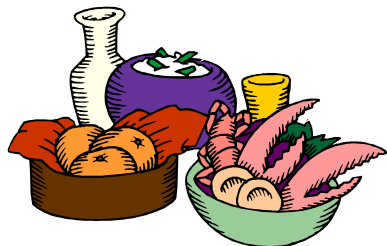
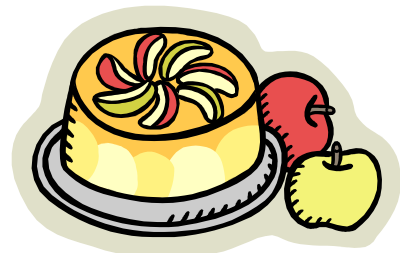
December 6, 2012

6:30 PM

Our Annual Christmas Potluck  
Everyone please bring a dish  
to pass.

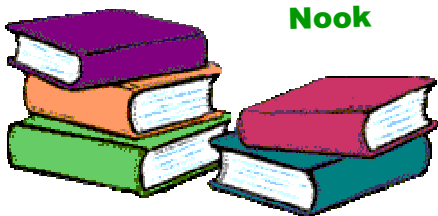
And remember to bring  
\$10.00 or more  
to donate to Charity

Also bring the recipe for the dish you bring,  
it may show up in a cookbook.



## FEATURED THIS MONTH: QUILTER'S ACADEMY SERIES

### The Book Nook



The library now includes the first 4 books in the series of 6 books co-authored by Harriet Hargrave and her daughter, Carrie Hargrave. Those books are: Quilter's Academy" Vol. 1 - Freshman Year: Quilter's Academy" Vol. 2 - Sophomore Year: Quilter's Academy" Vol 3 = Junior Year and Quilter's Academy" Vol. 4 = Senior Year.

As stated by the authors in vol. 1, "The purpose from beginner to advanced - on a firm foundation;" There is a "final exam" at the end of each book which has the quilter apply the concepts from all the classes into the "final" project. The authors "highly recommend that you make the quilts in the order presented, as we have placed them in order of complexity."

Here is an opportunity to learn from one of the masters in the quilting world, Harriet Hargrave, and her equally accomplished daughter, Carrie, whose graduate master's thesis is entitled, "The Physical Properties of Quilting Thread." The librarian plans to purchase the 2 remaining books in the series as they become available and as she finds discounts for the books.

If you'd like to "check out" any of the guild's library books, please contact Sharon Perry 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.



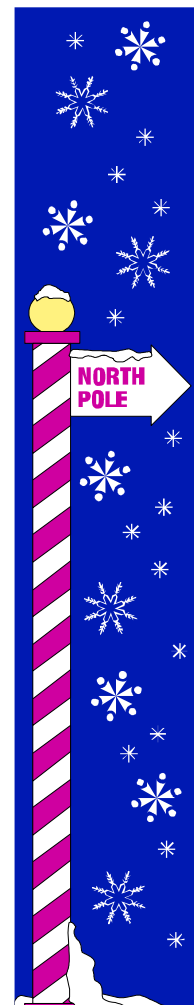
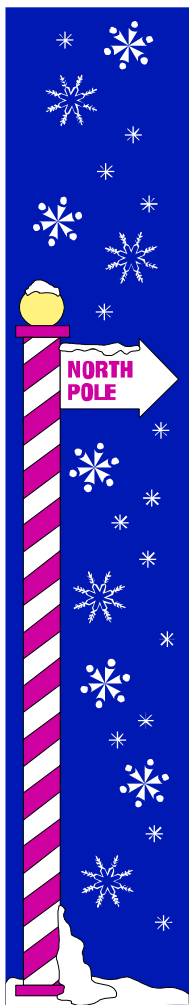
## 12 in 2012 Challenge

Earlier this year, the guild unveiled the *12 in 2012 Challenge*, and 18 enthusiastic and energetic guild members signed up to participate. The challenge: to complete 12 UFO's by the December guild meeting.

The December meeting signals the end of the *12 in 2012 Challenge* and all 12 UFOs must have been completed and shown at a meeting. Of the original 18 members who signed up: 16 are still going strong, bringing in a completed UFO each month and showing it during Show and Tell.

As promised, there will be drawings and prizes for those who completed the challenge. Who knows, there may even be a drawing or two for the general membership.

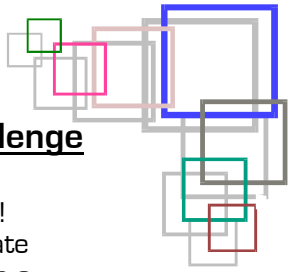
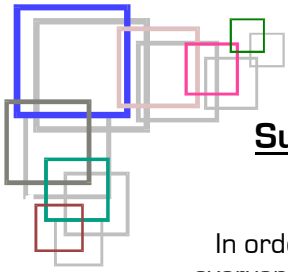
For all the challenge participants, remember to keep a few of those completed projects for next year's quilt show. And yes, there will be another UFO Challenge for 2013. You'll be able to *Finish Your QUILT in 2013* for the challenge. Have we piqued your interest" Look for another article in this newsletter for next year's challenge.



Happy Birthday  
and  
Merry Christmas  
and  
Happy New Year  
to  
Lorraine Daniels

Her birthday is  
December 31

Let's all keep  
the family of  
Barb O'Toole  
in our  
thoughts  
and prayers.



### Sunshine Quilt Challenge

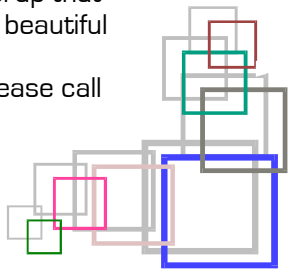
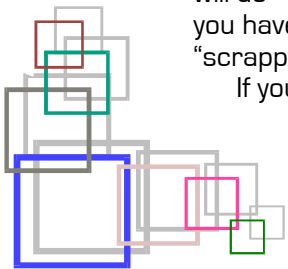
We need your help!!

In order to inspire and motivate everyone we have come up with a challenge for all of you. We would like you to cut 8 1/2" squares, and make 4 patches out of r 1/2" squares (8 1/2" finished). We will use these to make as many Sunshine quilts as we can.

This is an ongoing project - for every (4) 8 1/2" squares that you cut and bring in and/or every (2) four patches that you make your name will be added to our box for a drawing. We will have at least 2 prizes: One for the person who contributes the most to the project - we will count the names in the box: the second prize will be a random drawing from the box.

One of the prizes is a 5 pack of rotary blades! Cut and sew to win! any colors will do - use up odd pieces of scrap that you have. We will put together beautiful "scrappy" Sunshine quilts!

If you have any questions please call Marion 645-3731



The end of this challenge is near!!!

The drawing will be held at the January meeting. There will be 3 prizes...sew to win!

I won't be able to attend the December meeting so please give your squares to  
 Maritha Corey.  
 Thanks,  
 Marion.



At the December meeting we will raffle one of our Sunshine quilts within the guild! If you can't make the meeting, you can still buy tickets to win one of the beautiful lap quilts that our members have made.

The winner will have a choice of one of 3 quilts!!

You do not have to be present to win!

You can contact Andrea or Marion about tickets or buy them at the December meeting.

Please help support our guild by participating—

**Good Luck!!**





It has come to the attention of the Board of Directors that some members are concerned about the use of their e-mail addresses. The board feels that since the e-mail addresses are published on the membership list for all to see, if you only want your address used for the newsletter and official statements, ie: snow, cancellation or health matters, that you should call the Membership committee and have your name removed from the printed list. You should then call or e-mail Mary Dick, Newsletter Chair, and have her put your name on the newsletter list only.

As a side note, please tell someone if you put their e-mail name on a mailing list, thinking they would like to hear from a certain business or friend.



### **Artists and Painters Wanted**

Who wants to design and paint a quilt block on the new storage shed? Or should we submit designs and have a drawing?

Think about it.

This could be a fun project for the spring



## FINISH YOUR PHD IN 2013 CHALLENGE

Have you always wanted to finish your PhD but haven't been able to find the time? Why not finish your PhD with other guild members who share the same goal. No, it's not about going back to school. It's all about finishing your Projects Half Done in 2013 aka *Finish Your PhD in 2013*. Sharon Perry will have PhD applications at the December meeting.

To participate, you'll need to find all your PhDs and decide which ones you want to finish this year. Fill out the entry form which can also be found online at <http://www.commonthreadsvt.org/phdchallenge.pdf>. (if you don't get a copy at the December meeting) and bring it to the January meeting. You also need to bring two fat quarters as an entry fee to join the challenge.

Every month, from January to December, you must bring at least one completed project and show it during Show and Tell so Sharon can take a picture. The 13th completed project can be finished and shown anytime during 2013...it's your choice.

For every month you bring a completed project on your PhD list, you'll enter your name **twice** for the monthly drawing. In December, every guild member who has "met the challenge" and Finished Your PhD in 2013 (on time) by December will get to enter a special drawing for a "fabulous" grand prize.

Here are a few qualifiers:

1. If you're fortunate enough **not** to have 13 PhDs collecting dust, then decide on 13 projects you'd like to complete in 2013 year and bring a finished project every month, plus one additional anytime during the year, for Show and Tell.
2. If you have more than 13 PhDs you'd like to complete, fill out as many entry forms as you need. For every PhD completed above and beyond your 13 PhDs, you can enter your name **once** for the monthly drawing. As a note, each member only has to provide two fat quarters to enter no matter how many entry forms you fill out.
3. If you happen to miss a meeting (or several because you "snow bird" in a warmer climate), your completed projects will be considered finished "on time" as long as you bring all to the next meeting you attend. As an example, if you miss the March meeting, you must bring two completed PhDs to the April meeting (one for March and one for April). Or if you miss the February, March and April meeting, you must bring 4 completed PhDs to the May meeting.

As a final point, this challenge is all about completing some of those projects half done you have "cluttering" your sewing room and having fun along the way. So go clean out your sewing room and pull out all your PhDs...you just might be surprised how many you find.



Next meeting  
December 6th at  
6:30 PM  
Christmas Potluck!!!

