

December 2014

Message from the President

Dear Quilters,

Thanksgiving and Christmas are fast approaching and many are sewing faster and faster getting those last minute projects finished for gifts or holiday decorations. We always like to see what has been accomplished at Show and Tell. December will also be Show and Tell time for the Ugly fabric projects. I know there are some really clever ones, looking forward to seeing them all.

Instead of a Pot Luck, we are having a Christmas Social with appetizers (Last name A thru M) and desserts (Last name N thru Z) What a fun way to start off the Christmas Holiday season.

It was decided that there will be NO January meeting, as the meeting date is New Year's Day.

Lastly, be sure an sign up at the next meeting for your role in the Quilt show. There are lots of spaces open to be filled. If we all do our part, it will be a great show.

Happy Thanksgiving everyone, Pat



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Common Threads
Quilt Guild
meets the first Thursday
of every month
at 6:30 PM at the
Sterling View Club House
in Hyde Park
Dues are \$15 annually

Secretary's Report

November 6, 2014

Call to order at 6:30pm; 37 people present; no guests, 2 new members- Rita Chainay and Elaine Tague, 6 birthdays

Drawings for Just for coming- Hilda Tallman; Food Shelf- Carol Moulton

Secretary's report- motion to accept by Marion Seasholtz, seconded by Elaine Foster, passed

Treasurer's report- motion to accept by Marion Seasholtz, seconded by Elaine Foster- additional monies from cookbook sales from Jay Peak Retreat, report passed

Newsletter-Julie not present at the meeting

Sunshine cards Card sent to Bonnie Lefevre

Membership- This was the last month to pay an most people did pay- Thank you

Sunshine Quilts- the workday was successful with 13 members participating and 50 quilts almost complete. Elaine Foster and Barb Scribner took some quilts to add labels. Ellie's husband let Marion know of fire victims from Waterville who moved to Johnson. They were given 5 quilts for adults and children. There were two quilt kits left a queen and a small quilt.

Program Committee- Andrea and Molly attended (with some other members) the Green Mountain Quilt Guild meeting. They met several presenters that are of interest and they met Sharon Shorey who will be presenting miniatures at the April Common Threads meeting.

Quilt Show Committee- There were inquiries to change the venue but Lamoille Union is not available as they are trying their own annual event the same weekend we have our Show. Cindy asked for a second contact for the show and Ginnie Moody has previously contact with People's Academy person so she will be asked to do so again. The show work is just getting started and there is a need for volunteers for Committees. A sign-up sheet was passed. Sharon Perry will be asked if she wants to lay out the quilts. Is someone going to volunteer to take on the Silent Auction- which will be changed to a Chinese Auction? The quilt rack committee members need to have a large enough vehicle to take on the large quilt racks- maybe a U Haul?

A new member of the guild asked for more information on the Quilt Show- Held every two years(odd years- 2015, 2017, etc.)People's Academy in Morrisville is the venue and we set up on Friday with volunteers to set up the racks and the quilts. The Show is on Saturday and Sunday and the show is taken down and quilts are picked up on Sunday as well. There is an admissions committee/table, raffle committee/table, the auction committee/table, boutique committee/table and at least four vendors. Julie Rohleder handles the advertising in newspapers, on radio and in a few magazines. Julie also handles the local signage. Only guild members can enter quilts. The Boutique asks for 10% of the profit. Entry sheets for quilts will be handed out and there is a request for photos of the quilts.

Recurring Business

Hints for the month – Lois Lemaire shared cutting out extra material from a project for future use, to thread a sewing machine needle- use a white piece of paper behind the needle, when you make a large quilt pin extra pieces to a sheet, to check a thread cotton burns and polyester melts when a flame is applied. Carol Munsie shared store bobbins in old prescription bottles; use a toothbrush holder to hold seam rippers and pencils, pencil holders to store cutters, magnifiers and pencils. Next month Cormetia Sweetser, Sharon Perry and Edna Snow.

Library- Sharon was not at tonight's meeting

Block of the Month-22 blocks were collected and Carol Moulton won the collection. Please note a correction- last month's blocks were also won by Carol Moulton not Carol Munsie as noted in last month's newsletter. Next month's block will be Milky Way with red, green and white pieces. A correction to the direction sheet for the December Block of the month is to make from red material four 3 1/8 inch squares.

Cookbooks- Hilda reports there are still some cookbooks available

No Old Business

New Business

The December meeting will be a Christmas Social. If your last name begins A-M please bring an appetizer to share and if your last name begins N-Z bring a dessert. We will start a 6:30. We will share the Ugly fabric quilts. There will be no January meeting as it would fall on January 1. This will be in the next newsletter –December and as there will be no Jan newsletter, the next newsletter after will be in February.

There was a question of using a microphone for the next speaker- will be looked into. Sew and Tell will be moved to the better lit area by the kitchen.

Flo reported there may be an issue with appraising the raffle quilts. She held a raffle at her store and was told the appraisal was illegal to post and is not valid for anyone but the owner at the time of the appraisal. This will be looked into for validity and legality.

Sew and Tell from the Jay Peak Retreat and then the usual Sew and Tell. Meeting adjourned at 7:15

Program for the night was a tree ornament demonstration and make and take session led by Molly Carmody and Andrea Blaisdell.

Calendar

December 4th Regular Business Meeting, 6:30 PM
Sterling View Clubhouse
Potluck & Ugly Fabric Project
A-M: Appetizer, N-Z: Dessert

January 1st No Meeting for January

February 6th Regular Business Meeting, 6:30 PM
Sterling View Clubhouse

QUILT FRAME AVAILABLE

Ginnie Moody has a friend with a quilt frame she wishes to give to someone who can use it. It is a King-Size maple frame that cost \$400 new. Contact Ginnie at 888-4678 if you can use this FREE frame or know someone who can.

Treasurer's Report

October 13, 2014 - November 15, 2014

Cash forward	October 13, 2014			\$4,595.39
Deposits:				
11/10/2014	Memberships	\$	150.00	
	Cookbooks	\$	110.00	
	T-shirts	\$	<u>36.25</u>	
				\$ 296.25
				\$4,891.64
Expenses				
	Ck. #			
10/28/14	#306	Julie Rohleder (newsletter and postage)		\$ 32.73
11/6/14	#307	Wind's Edge (batting & labels Charity quilts)		\$ 174.07
11/17/14	#308	Rita Lehouillier (reimb Costco box fork & spoons)		<u>\$ 23.30</u>
	Total Expenses		\$ 230.10
	Cash Balance November 15 , 2014			\$4,661.54

Respectfully submitted, Rita Lehouillier



Happy Birthday to:

Food Shelf Wish List

(Straight from the Food Shelf)

Rita Chainay
Marilyn Bennett
Jan Kuhn
Carol Moulton
Anita Morris
Sara Sargent
Phyllis Fletcher

December 22
January 10
January 21
January 23
January 24
January 26
January 28

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| Canned Spaghetti Sauce | Toothpaste |
| Canned Fruit | Toothbrushes |
| Canned Vegetables | (for children, too!) |
| Macaroni & Cheese | Soap |
| Canned Pasta | Shampoo |
| Soup | Coffee |
| Cereal | Healthy Snacks |
| Tuna | Laundry Detergent |
| Personal Items for Women | Dish Detergent |

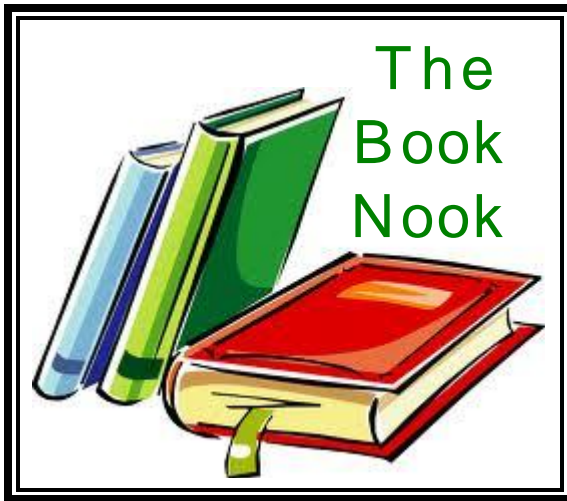


Next Meeting: December 4th

Four things to remember:

- 1. Bring Food for the Food Shelf*
- 2. Bring your block of the month*
- 3. Bring you potluck item:
A-M bring appetizers, N-Z bring desserts*
- 4. Bring your ugly fabric quilt!*

TWO NEW BOOKS ADDED



The guild's library holdings now stand at 377 books. Carol Munsie recently donated a copy of Stitched from the Soul: Slave Quilts from the Antebellum South by Gladys-Marie. Thank you Carol!!! The acquisition was Perfect Quilts for Precut Fabrics by That Patchwork Place.

For those with internet access, you can peruse the library list in the comfort of your own home. The list for the CTQG library is at <http://www.commonthreadsvt.org/ctqglibrary.html> If you have any suggestions for additions to the library, please let Sharon Perry know.

If you'd like to "check out" any of the guild's library books, please contact Sharon 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 or make arrangements to get them to you.

Quilt Show News

The good news is that Sheila Cross signed up to co-chair with me. Thanks to those that signed up at the last meeting. We only have three chairmanships signed up for. We will need more commitment if the show is to go on. I will have the sign-up sheet with me next month.

I have our name on the calendar at Peoples Academy for the weekend of Oct. 9-11, 2015. Please save that weekend as we need a lot of workers during the show.

Start thinking of the quilts you want to enter in the show. We can't have a show without quilts. We need items to sell at the boutique table too. The guild only takes 10% off your sale price. We will be changing the silent auction to a Chinese auction. We will need items (just like ones for the silent auction) to sell tickets for. Think of something you can donate. Putting "theme baskets" together is another idea for the auction, and that can be done with more than one person.

Any questions or concerns, please let us know.
Cindy Smorgans and Sheila Cross

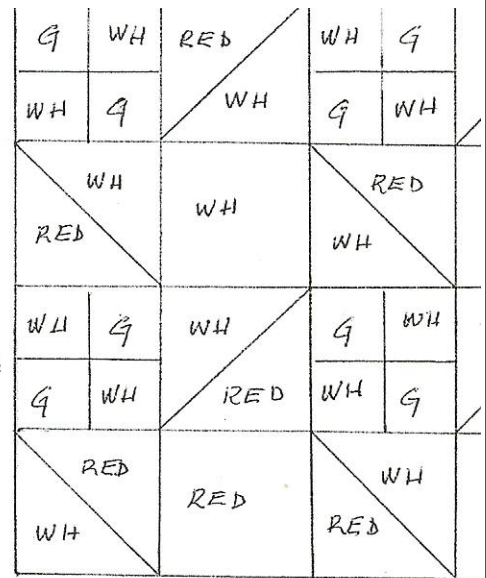
NOTE: CORRECTION FOR CUTTING RED SQUARES



The block for December is MILKY WAY and being the Christmas month, the colors are red, green and white, using your Christmas fabrics if you wish.

CUT: from white - four $3 \frac{1}{8}$ " squares, cut once diagonally; two $2 \frac{3}{4}$ " squares; eight $1 \frac{5}{8}$ " squares.

from red - four $3 \frac{1}{8}$ " squares, cut once diagonally; two $2 \frac{3}{4}$ " squares.

from green - eight $1 \frac{5}{8}$ " squares.



SEW: from the white and red triangles, make 8 half-square triangles.  Press to the red. From the green and white $1 \frac{5}{8}$ " squares, make four four-patches. 

lay out the patches and squares in four rows of four, carefully following the printed design. It is very easy to get the four patches and half-square triangles going in the wrong direction.

sew these into four larger four patches. Sew two of these together twice. Then sew these together to form the block.

Standing alone this is a dorky block. But, set side by side, it will form a Common Threads Milky Way galaxy. Beautiful!

