

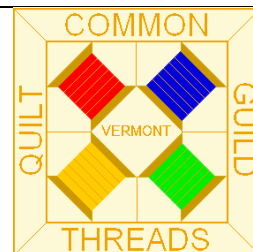
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ON POINT

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

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DECEMBER 2022

The President's Block

Hello Quilters,

I hope you enjoyed the nice weather while we had it, and are getting used to the pre-winter weather we are getting. Good weather for spending in our quilting rooms.

I'm still looking at my UFO projects.

This is our last meeting until March, so let's all have 3 or more projects for sew and tell in March. What a show & tell that will be.

I hope many of us will find a friend (non-quilter) to invite to take the lessons in January and February that Sharon and Andrea are planning. Seems like a good way to introduce others to the joy of quilting.

Have a great Holiday Season all.

Happy 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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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

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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 10/16/2022 **\$5,778.81**

Income

Annual Dues (10/21/2022) \$20.00

Annual Dues (11/4/2022) \$20.00

Total Income \$40.00

Subtotal \$5,818.81

Expenses

Wind's Edge, Check #598, Sunshine Quilts Batting & Thread \$101.94

Total Expenses \$101.94

Ending Balance 11/16/2022 **\$5,716.87**

Respectfully submitted,
Cheryl Leach, Treasurer



DECEMBER MEETING: POTLUCK WITH POTHOLDER EXCHANGE AND "BACK TO BASICS": FABRIC PREP & DEMO

We'll be enjoying the guild's Holiday Potluck at the **December meeting**. We'll eat at 6:00 pm and continue with the business meeting after we've finished our meal.

As we have done in the past, we'll be collecting monetary donations for the food shelves in our communities. For something different, we're also going to host a Christmas potholder exchange. Participation in the potholder is totally voluntary; it is NOT a gift exchange.

For the exchange, bring your potholder to the meeting in a brown paper bag with your name on it. Andrea Blaisdell and Sharon Perry will do their magic behind the scenes and will make sure everyone who brought a potholder goes home with a different potholder. Please make your potholder using Christmas fabric. You can find links to free patterns and/or tutorials to make quick and easy potholders on page 3 of this newsletter.

Continuing with the "Back to Basics" program this year, Andrea Blaisdell will be talking about fabric prep. She'll be doing a couple demos to show how to properly handle/treat your fabric.



Secretary's Report

Secretary's Report (November 3, 2022)

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

Present: 26 members, Gayle Waite, sister of Carol Moulton, came as a guest. Anne Owens is a new member.

Birthdays: Sharon Perry, Pam Gelineau, and Sheila Cross

Drawings: Caroline Hitchcock won a prize just for coming and Robin Wright won for the Food Shelf donation

Secretary's Report: Motion to accept October 6th report by Sharon Perry; seconded by Marion Seasholtz. Passed.

Treasurers Report: Motion to accept by Sharon Perry; seconded by Marion Seasholtz. Passed.

Sunshine Cards: No sunshine cards were sent.

Sunshine Quilts: Marion Seasholtz reports that there are 35 finished quilts in the storage shed. A quilt will be given to a family in Belvidere who lost their home.

Block of the Month: Andrea Blaisdell collected 19 completed squares for the block of the month. Anne Harmon won the blocks, and she gave them to Marion Seasholtz to be made into a charity quilt. The pattern for the block for December is the Sawtooth Star to be made in Christmas colors.

New Business:

- Potluck dinner on December 1 at 6:00. Andrea will bring drinks.
- There will be a quilt show in Rutland, Saturday, April 22 and Sunday, April 23, at Mount St. Joseph Academy put on by the Maple Leaf Quilters.
- The Vermont Quilt Festival will be June 19-24 at the Champlain Expo site. The organizers are asking guilds to exhibit two quilts that represent the guild. We will exhibit two raffle quilts that we have made. Marion has photos of the two. Our guild will get two passes for the opening reception and 5 passes for the show.

Sew & Tell: Jane Langdell made seven tops which she donated for Sunshine Quilts along with backings. Six Members shared completed projects.

Program: This month's program was "Needles & Threads & More...Oh My!" Sharon Perry shared several videos about high quality thread and needles. She gave us a list of the videos that she has shown already. Kay Courson of Country Thyme Quilt Shop on Rt. 101, Meadow Lane, in Troy, donated a reference sheet and booklet about needles and a packet of needles for guild members.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:00 pm approximately.

Respectfully Submitted
Grace Sweet, Co-Secretary



POTHOLDER PATTERNS

- Hexie potholder: <https://www.thesewingdirectory.co.uk/hexie-pot-holder/>
- Double potholder with pockets: <https://makeit-loveit.com/make-double-pot-holder-hand-pockets>
- Starbright potholder: <https://verykerryberry.blogspot.com/2010/12/starbright-pot-holdermugrug.html>
- Simple potholder: <https://radianthomestudio.com/how-to-sew-a-simple-potholder/>
- Potholder and oven mitt: <https://www.allpeoplequilt.com/bags-pillows-gifts/gifts/too-hot-to-handle>
- Potholder with pockets: <https://www.sewcanshe.com/blog/2017/3/22/patchwork-potholder-a-mini-quilt-for-your-kitchen-free-tutorial>
- Scrappy Christmas potholder: <https://so-sew-easy.com/potholders-tutorial/>
- Heart-shaped potholder: <https://aspoonfulofsugardesigns.com/2013/02/pot-holder-pattern/>
- Pocket potholder: <https://static1.squarespace.com/static/511a9ec6e4b0dcc6d89a61d0/t/57bf16dd5016e11ce2492520/1472141031045/Pocket+Potholders+Pattern+V1.pdf>

Block of the Month

DECEMBER 2022



Colors:
Christmas
colors



PATTERN: SAWTOOTH STAR

Pattern from www.patchworksquare.com

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

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

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

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



DUES FOR MEMBERSHIP ARE OVERDUE!

December is



**MERRY
CHRISTMAS**

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 December meeting. Jan Kuhn will be collecting your form and dues.

If you are unable to attend the meeting in December and haven't renewed your membership yet, 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

TEXAS SHEET CAKE COOKIES

For the cookies:

½ cup semisweet chocolate chips
1½ cups all-purpose flour
¼ cup unsweetened cocoa powder
1 teaspoon baking powder
¼ teaspoon baking soda
¼ teaspoon kosher salt
1 stick salted butter, at room temperature
⅓ cup granulated sugar
⅓ cup packed light brown sugar
1 large egg, at room temperature
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
⅓ cup buttermilk
¾ cup chopped toasted pecans

For the glaze:

6 tablespoons salted butter
¼ cup milk
2 tablespoons unsweetened cocoa powder
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
2 cups powdered sugar, sifted

Preheat the oven to 350°. Line 2 baking sheets with parchment paper. For the cookies: Put the chocolate chips in a microwave-safe bowl and microwave at 50 percent power in 15-second intervals, stirring between each, until melted and smooth. Let cool slightly.

Combine the flour, cocoa powder, baking powder, baking soda and salt in a medium bowl and whisk.

Combine the butter, granulated sugar and brown sugar in a large bowl and beat with a mixer on medium-high speed until smooth and light, about 2 minutes. Add the egg, vanilla and melted chocolate and beat until well combined, about 30 seconds. With the mixer on low speed, beat in half of the flour mixture, then the buttermilk, then the remaining flour mixture until smooth. Mix in the pecans.

Drop heaping tablespoonfuls of dough on the baking sheets about 2 inches apart. Bake, rotating the pans halfway through, until the tops of the cookies are puffed and the edges are set, 8 to 10 minutes. (Don't overbake; you want the centers to stay fudgy.) Let cool 5 minutes on the baking sheets, then remove to a rack set over a separate parchment-lined baking sheet.

For the glaze: Melt the butter in a small saucepan. Remove from the heat and whisk in the milk, cocoa powder and vanilla until smooth. Add the powdered sugar and whisk vigorously until smooth. Spoon the glaze over the cookies. Let the glaze set, about 1 hour.

OREO TRUFFLES

38 chocolate sandwich cookies, such as Oreos, broken into large pieces
1 8-oz. package cream cheese, at room temperature
8 oz. white chocolate, chopped
8 oz. bittersweet chocolate, chopped
Sprinkles or nonpareils, for garnish

Line 2 baking sheets with parchment paper. Add the sandwich cookies to a food processor and pulse to make fine crumbs. Add the cream cheese and pulse until completely combined and almost pasty.

Scoop and roll the cookie mixture into 1-inch balls; you should have about 36. Refrigerate until chilled, about 30 minutes.

Melt the white and bittersweet chocolates separately in double-boilers set up over low heat, 3 to 4 minutes. Stir until smooth and let cool slightly. Using a fork, dip half of the balls in the bittersweet chocolate and place on a prepared baking sheet; repeat with the remaining balls and the white chocolate. Let set for a few minutes, then drizzle the tops with contrasting chocolate or top with sprinkles or nonpareils, if desired. Refrigerate until the chocolate is set, about 10 minutes. Store in a tightly sealed container in the refrigerator for up to 4 days.

CHOCOLATE COCONUT BALLS

1 cup toasted chopped Macadamia nuts
1 cup sweetened condensed milk
1½ teaspoons almond extract
8 ounces sweetened shredded coconut
One 12-ounce bag semisweet chocolate morsels, melted
1 tablespoon shortening

In a bowl mix together the nuts, condensed milk, almond extract and coconut. Using your fingers, press the mixture into balls about ¾-inch round. Place onto sheet trays and let rest at room temperature for 4 hours or in the refrigerator for 1 hour.

After the balls have set up, melt the chocolate and shortening until smooth. Dip into the chocolate to coat evenly and lightly. Place onto a parchment or foil lined sheet pan to dry.



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.



QUILT TIPS

- When you bring your fat quarters home, refold them by wrapping them around a 4" or 4½" ruler. This makes them all an even size for easy stacking. Coincidentally, they will also fit neatly into a cabinet meant to stack CDs or DVDs.
- When washing your fabric, throw a small square of white fabric or a dye catcher into the wash. If the white fabric comes out discolored, wash your fabric again, and keep washing it until a white scrap or dye catcher comes out clean.
- Cut away the corners of your fabric before you wash it. That way you will know what has been washed and what hasn't.
- After washing your fabric, measure it. When it's folded to put away, pin a piece of paper to the corner with the dimensions written on it. This makes it easy to know if you have enough fabric when you are looking for that perfect piece to complete a pattern.
- When ironing, use a mixture of 1 part white vinegar and 3 parts water in a spray bottle. This gives crisp seams and removes stubborn wrinkles.
- Always cut a fresh straight edge to measure from when you start cutting strips of fabric, and make sure your ruler is lined up straight with the folded edge of the fabric, so that you don't get a "V" at the fold.
- When matching up seams, try to make sure that the seams are ironed in opposite directions. This will allow the seam allowances to "nest" into each other and the seam lines will match perfectly.

- If you are machine quilting straight lines, always use a walking foot. This draws the top fabric through the machine at the same rate as the bottom fabric so there is no warping or wrinkling of the fabric.
- Regardless of whether you pre-washed it or not, press your fabric and use starch to add more stability and control. This will help with all aspects of quilting, from rotary cutting to matching seams.
- Make sure your 1/4" seam allowance is accurate. This is often the hardest thing to get just right. If your quilt blocks are turning out too small or too big, it's probably because your seam allowance is off.
- Be sure to oil and clean the machine regularly, change the needle and use a quality, branded thread.
- Finish it! Even if it's not perfect, a finished quilt will please you more than a UFO stuffed in a cupboard. Finishing projects and working through some of those areas we might be less proficient in are all great learning experiences.



Lisa Vilord

December 26th

...and many more!!!

A QUILTER'S NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS

Author Unknown

'Twas the night before Christmas
As I sat by the tree,
Wondering what Santa would bring just for me.
Fabric, patterns, scissors and lace
"Or, a new sewing machine" I thought with a grin on my face.
Suddenly I saw him, "Hi Santa" I said
He snickered, "Good little girls should be in their bed."
"Oh, Santa forgive me, I know I've been caught,
But I was just so excited to see what you've brought."
"Well, let's take a look around this room where you work."
He shook his head quickly and turned with a jerk,
I heard him exclaim as he put it in gear,
You've got enough crap, I'll see you next year!"
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

FEATURED VIDEO TUTORIAL FOR DECEMBER:<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w74r5fcxD4A>

"Santa's Silent Night" Quilt
Missouri Star Quilt Company

FEATURED PATTERNS

Christmas Gifts Tree: <https://www.quiltersworld.com/pdfs/christmasgiftstree.pdf>

Prairie Point Christmas Tree: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1GG4lj8DUuOhp2iXfF-f3LtpRRRlyIYs/view>

Hanging Out With the Homies: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1fn4-MyjWfVknQ9hLZyTp294nYlsJS4j3/view>

Flurry: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B7NAJIVzfxCCdWZwcXpXa2JtUk0/view?resourcekey=0-PipGIasPG30Itu58j7NHag>

Half-Yard Wreath Wall Hanging: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1PSgvcn6-I6l_r5DOBixxfYefKqB-2Ka1/view

Celebration Wreath:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B7NAJIVzfxCCck9kMjRnOWN2c2c/view?resourcekey=0-bZ7W6noi3jSOCuP4NgedEA>

Holiday Mini Quilt Banner:

<https://www.yarnspirations.com/on/demandware.static/-/Sites-master-catalog-spinrite/default/dw0f116e30/PDF/DDQ0518-026668M.pdf>

Framed Poinsettias: <https://www.robertkaufman.com/assets/pdf/FramedPoinsettias2.pdf>

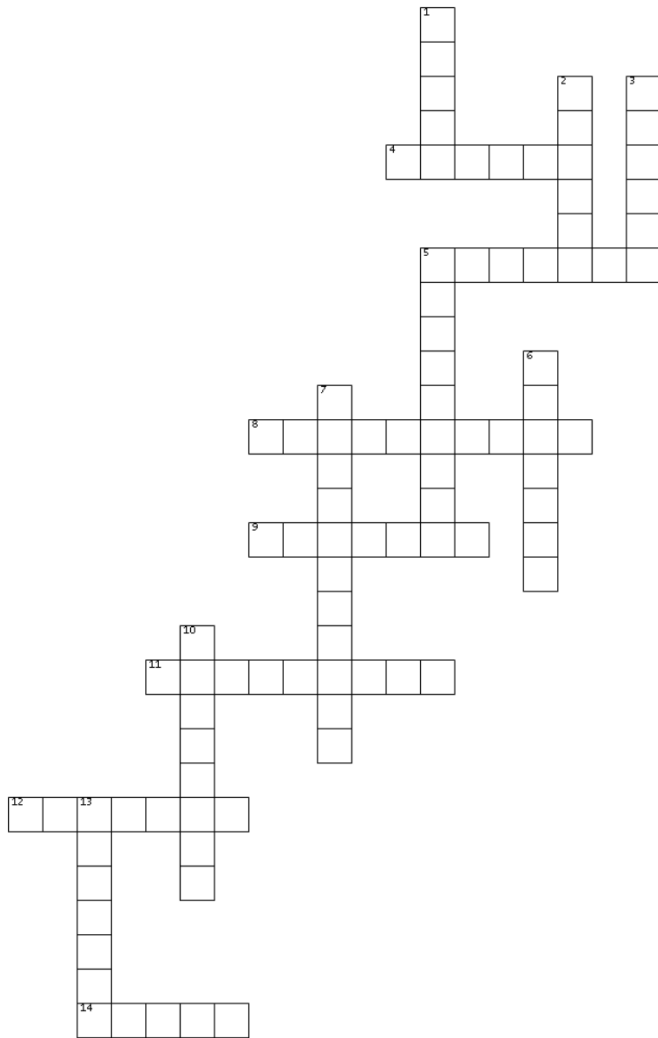
Peppermint Forest Tablerunner: <https://www.dropbox.com/s/28jdg7vgor4j5qn/Peppermint%20Forest%20Quilt.pdf?dl=0>

Making Spirits Bright Tree Skirt: https://www.blankquilting.net/product_images/MakingSpiritsBright_TreeSkirt_pattern.pdf

Puppy Paw Stocking: <https://www.dropbox.com/s/vwokehwxlw0jywd/modkid-paw-stocking.pdf?dl=0>

Starflakes Stocking: https://www.fabshophop.com/downloads/freepatterns/stocking-starflakes_maywood.pdf

Holiday Moments Tablerunner & Placemats: <https://www.robertkaufman.com/assets/pdf/HolidayMomentsRunnerPlacemats-ABHolidayMoments.pdf>

DECEMBER CROSSWORD PUZZLE**ACROSS**

3. A plant known for its bright red berries and its glossy, prickly-edged evergreen leaves
6. A sled drawn by reindeer
9. A houseplant popular at Christmas
10. Badly behaved
11. A long sock hung up by children on Christmas Eve to be filled with presents
13. A large deer with long antlers
17. A decoration consisting of thin strips of shiny metal foil
18. A miserly person...bah humbug
19. A light ringing sound such as that made by metal objects being shaken together
21. Cheerful and lively

DOWN

1. Hollow metallic items that gives off a reverberating sound when struck
2. A branch of a tree
4. A cookie made with molasses and flavored with ginger
5. Holiday celebrated on December 25th
7. A bird in a pear tree
8. A plump, white-bearded, red-suited, and jolly old man who delivers presents
12. A decoration for the Christmas tree
14. A drink made from a mixture of eggs, cream, and flavorings, often with alcohol
15. Another word for Christmas
16. An arrangement of flowers, leaves, or stems fastened in a ring
19. Happy and cheerful
20. A character which sits on a shelf

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, December 15th, 2022

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



December is National Fruitcake Month



"December, being the last month of the year, cannot help but make us think of what is to come." - Fennel Hudson