

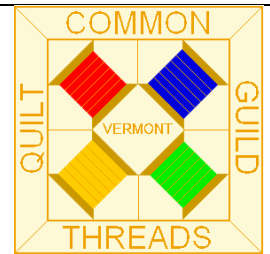
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The official newsletter
of the Common Threads Quilt Guild of Lamoille County
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The President's Block

Hello My Fellow Quilters,

40 degrees to 10 degrees; rain sleet snow flooding and high winds. Don't like the weather just wait a minute it will change.

Need a pick up from the changing weather; go fondle your fabric, get inspiration from your stash. I know you have one. Forget your UFOs...get inspired to start a new project. Take a trip to your favorite quilt shop. Do what makes you happy.

Stay safe and warm.

Your President,
Cheryl Leach
2023-2024



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Common Threads Quilt Guild
meets the 2nd Thursday,
March through December,
at 6:30 p.m. at the
Sterling View
Community Center
in Hyde Park

Dues = \$20 annually



2023 - 2024 Guild Calendar

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

September 14th Favorite Quilting
Notion/Tool, Technique, or Book
October 12th "Following the Franklin
County Barn Quilt Trail"
with Sharon Perry
November 9th Christmas Tree Demo
with Denise Mayo

2023 - 2024 Guild Calendar

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December 14th Potluck & Strip Poker
January NO MEETING
January 20th Sunshine Work Day
February NO MEETING
March 14th Trunk Show
With Candace Hassen

2023 - 2024 Guild Calendar

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

April 11th TBD
May 9th TBD
June 13th TBD
July 11th TBD
August 8th TBD

***** MEETING DATE IS CHANGED TO 2ND THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH *****

Treasurer's Report

Beginning Balance 12/20/2023 \$5,232.76

Income

	\$0.00
<i>Total Income</i>	\$0.00
<i>Subtotal</i> \$5,232.76	

Expenses

	\$0.00
<i>Total Expenses</i>	\$0.00

Ending Balance 1/20/2024 \$5,232.76

Respectfully submitted,
Cheryl Leach, Treasurer



**NO MONTHLY MEETING
UNTIL MARCH 14TH, 2024!!!**

FUTURE PROGRAMS

As previously discussed, the monthly program will rotate between members. If you have a demonstration or program you might like to share, please sign up for one of the monthly meetings. As a note, signing up for a monthly program will get a member an entry into the drawing for all the prizes the 35th Birthday Committee (Joyce Emerson, Jane Langdell, and Robin Wheel) is soliciting for next year.



Secretary's Report

Secretary's Report December 14, 2023

We enjoyed a delicious potluck dinner before the start of the meeting. Lots of good cooks!

Thirty members were present.

Drawings: Just for Coming – Linda Locke, and Food Shelf Donation – Robin Wright

Secretary's Report for November meeting – Sharon Perry made a motion to accept the report, Carol Moulton seconded. Approved.

Treasurer's Report for November – Sharon Perry moved to accept and Denise Mayo seconded. Approved.

Sunshine Cards: None were sent this last month. Donna Hamel sent a thank you note.

Block of the Month for December winner was JoAnn Tallman. No new block until the March meeting.

Sunshine Quilts: A workshop to complete quilts will be held in January – TBD. The quilt that the guild gave to the Sterling View Community Center to be raffled off brought in \$1000. The winners were Phil and Pat Ryder.

Old Business: 23 in 2023 Challenge – 11 people completed the challenge: Andrea Blaisdell, Sally Cabell, Shelia Cross, Bonnie Griswold, Donna Hamel, Jane Langdell, Denise Mayo, Jane Paine, Lisa Vilord, Robin Wheel, and Robin Wright.

New Business:

- Sally Cabell and Carolyn Babcock have donated quilts to be used as **raffle quilts**. They need to be finished in the future.
- **Possible Future Program:** Candace Hassen has a virtual 1 hour trunk show for \$350. Her designs can be seen at www.quiltdesignsbycandace.com. Andrea Blaisdell made a motion to contact her to see when she might be available. Lisa Vilord seconded. Approved.

Barn Quilt: Kimberly Hess of Essex is willing to offer a class/workshop for 5 – 10 people for \$90 each. She provides a 2x2 blank and all of the paint, patterns, and brushes.

Sew and Tell: Ten folks shared their projects.

Game: Strip Poker: Groups of five enjoyed the game with lots of laughter heard. The winners went home with a pile of 2½-inch strips of fabric for another project.

Respectfully Submitted,
Grace Sweet, Co-Secretary



IT'S A BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION!!! CTQG TURNS 35 in 2024!!!

Joyce Emerson, Jane Langdell, and Robin Wheel are warming up to the idea of celebrating Common Thread Quilt Guild of Lamoille County's 35th Anniversary. The celebration will begin in March of 2024. In the meantime, they are gathering entries for various birthday present drawings. You can enter your name in the drawings one time for any of the items listed below unless noted otherwise. After all, the more times your name goes in, the better your chances of winning a present! Other ways to enter may be added later.

- Attending a guild meeting
- Donating something to the food shelf
- Donating a sunshine quilt (1 entry for a top, 3 entries for a finished quilt)
- Bringing something to the guild meeting for Sew N' Tell (1 entry per meeting, no matter how many you show)
- Volunteering to present a program at a guild meeting, and actually doing it! (3 entries)
- Working on any sewing workshop including working on a raffle quilt
- Volunteering for a community event to support the guild (including Antiques and Uniques)
- Making a block of the month (1 entry no matter how many blocks you make)

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.



**FEBRUARY IS
SPUNKY OLD BROADS
MONTH!**

*Cheers
TO US!*



*I want to be an SOB...
Spunky Old Broad!!!*

LEAP YEAR

by Annette Wynne

Little month of February,
You are small, but worthy—very!
Will you grow up like the others,
Like your sister months and brothers?
Every four years with a bound
With a leap up from the ground,
Trying to grow tall as they—
All you stretch is one small day!
Even then you're not so tall
But just the shortest month of all.



Lois	Lemaire	February	7
JoAnn	Tallman	February	17
Joyce	Emerson	February	23

...and many more!!!

**FEATURED VIDEO TUTORIAL
FOR FEBRUARY:**
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bw3X3V08Dg>
Tea & Cookies for Two Placemats
 Shabby Fabrics

Recipe Corner

HOMEMADE MOUNDS BARS

2 cups desiccated coconut

1 can condensed milk

7 ounces dark chocolate

In a mixing bowl, combine the coconut and the sweetened condensed milk.

Press the coconut mixture into a silicone mold, going edge-to-edge, and freeze for three hours.

Melt the chocolate in a double boiler.

Unmold the coconut mixture onto a clean surface and slice the coconut mixture into six bars.

Using your fingers, round the edges of the bars so they resemble commercial Mounds bars.

Place the bars on an oven rack over a baking tray lined with parchment paper. Drizzle the melted chocolate over the bars. Freeze for a minimum of one hour, serve, and enjoy.

HOT FUDGE

1 (14-ounce) can sweetened condensed milk

6 ounces unsweetened chocolate, chopped

$\frac{3}{4}$ teaspoon kosher salt

Combine the sweetened condensed milk, $\frac{1}{4}$ cup water, and salt in a small saucepan, and set over low heat.

Add the chocolate and stir to incorporate. Continue to cook, stirring slowly but constantly, just until the chocolate has melted and the mixture is shiny and smooth. At this point, you might want to add more water to loosen things up—add in 1-tablespoon increments until the consistency is sundae-worthy to you.

Add whatever flavoring you want to taste. Think: vanilla extract, instant espresso powder, ground cayenne, ground chipotle, bourbon, rum, and adjust the salt to taste.

Serve warm with ice cream (especially vanilla or coffee), frozen yogurt, Greek yogurt, pudding, you name it. Store any leftovers in the fridge.

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 topping

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 over low heat, 3 to 4 minutes. Stir until smooth and let cool slightly. Using a fork, dip half 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, and 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 MOUSSE

1½ cups cold heavy cream, divided

1 cup good-quality chocolate chips or coarsely chopped chocolate (6 ounces)

Garnish options: grated chocolate or crunchy toppings, such as chopped nuts, toffee, or brittle

Heat $\frac{1}{2}$ cup of the cream in a microwave-safe bowl for 1 minute. Add 1 cup chocolate chips and stir to combine. Set the bowl aside for 5 minutes for the chocolate to melt.

Whisk the chocolate and cream together until smooth. Set aside to cool while you whip the remaining cream.

Place the remaining 1 cup cold cream in a medium bowl. Beat with an electric hand mixer or with a whisk by hand until soft peaks form. Transfer $\frac{1}{2}$ cup to a small bowl and refrigerate for topping the finished mousse before serving. Continue whipping the remaining whipped cream until stiff peaks form.

Fold the whipped cream into the cooled chocolate mixture with a large spatula in three additions. Work swiftly and gently and don't stress if there are streaks of cream in the chocolate mousse.

Divide the mixture between 4 ramekins or cocktail glasses. Refrigerate at least 1 hour and up to 4 before serving. Dollop with the reserved softly whipped cream and sprinkle with grated chocolate or chopped hazelnuts, if desired.



Chocolate
is for
Lovers



FEBRUARY ANAGRAMS

This newsletter editor is always looking for new articles and features to share with guild members. This month, we're introducing a regular feature called "Anagrams." Just as a reminder, an anagram is a word, phrase, or name formed by rearranging the letters of another, such as cinema formed from iceman. All of the anagrams presented this month will have something to do with December. Answers can be found at the end of this page.

reflows	vole	coll inn	any cd	pudic	oil vet
rhetta	eat myths	evian lyn span	promiser	sad who	quasi rau
cache tool	spices	pun sky	cameron	skis	jar sep
dense strip	hogan twins	dog oh rung	next unsway up	bardo	alvin teen



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:

Tuesday, February 20th, 2024

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



*February is
National Bird Feeding Month*



*"February is the border between
winter and spring." ~ Terri Guillemets*

FEBRUARY ANAGRAMS ANSWERS

flowers	love	Lincoln	candy	cupid	violet
heart	amethyst	Pennsylvania	primrose	shadow	Aquarius
chocolate	Pisces	spunky	romance	kiss	jasper
presidents	Washington	groundhog	Punxsutawney	broad	valentine