

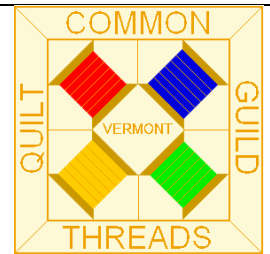
Volume 3

# ON POINT

The Official Newsletter  
of the Common Threads Quilt Guild of Lamoille County  
in Hyde Park, Vermont

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Issue 8

## The President's Block

Hello Fellow Quilters,

It was good to see everyone after two months. I'm sorry we didn't have time for all the beautiful "Sew and Tells" I hope you can bring them back for the April meeting.

I enjoyed the trunk show, and here are a few reasons why:

1. I was amazed by Candace's thought process and her creativity.
2. Her choice of color and how she placed it in her quilt was a piece of art.
3. Her last quilt with the black and white background and the appliqued Dresden Plates was by far my favorite.

I personally cannot see myself making her patterns but I can appreciate her artistry.

The anniversary committee has been hard at work so we have a lot to look forward to in the coming months.

Your President,  
Cheryl Leach  
2023-2024

PS: All suggestions for what you would like to see in the future would be greatly appreciated.



### President

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Grace Sweet 802-244-7123  
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Rotating Members

### Newsletter

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Hilda Tallman 802-888-3808

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

Dues = \$20 annually



APRIL 2024

#### 2023 - 2024 Guild Calendar

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

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

#### 2023 - 2024 Guild Calendar

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

December 14<sup>th</sup> Potluck & Strip Poker  
January NO MEETING  
January 20<sup>th</sup> Sunshine Work Day  
February NO MEETING  
March 14<sup>th</sup> Trunk Show  
with Candace Hassen via ZOOM

#### 2023 - 2024 Guild Calendar

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

#### April 11<sup>th</sup> Playing Games

May 9<sup>th</sup> TBD

June 13<sup>th</sup> TBD

July 11<sup>th</sup> TBD

August 8<sup>th</sup> TBD

\*\*\*\*\* MEETING DATE IS CHANGED TO 2<sup>ND</sup> THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH \*\*\*\*\*

# Treasurer's Report

<b>Beginning Balance 2/20/2024</b>		<b>\$5,132.58</b>
Income		
	<u>\$0.00</u>	
	<i>Total Income</i>	\$0.00
		<i>Subtotal</i>
		\$5,132.58
Expenses		
Check #615, Robin Wheel (35 Year Birthday Bash Gifts)	\$1000.00	
Check #616, Candace Hassen (Trunk Show for March Meeting)	<u>\$325.00</u>	
	<i>Total Expenses</i>	\$1325.00
<b>Ending Balance 3/20/2024</b>		<b>\$3,807.58</b>

Respectfully submitted,  
Cheryl Leach, Treasurer



## PLAYING GAMES AT THE APRIL MEETING

As part of the 35<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration for the guild, members will be playing a game at the April meeting. All the details will be announced at the meeting by the Birthday Celebration committee. So come to the April meeting and have some fun “playing games.”

If any member has an idea for an additional program for the meeting, please call or email Cheryl Leach, 802-888-5102 or [huntzeus76@gmail.com](mailto:huntzeus76@gmail.com).

## 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 35<sup>th</sup> Birthday Committee (Joyce Emerson, Jane Langdell, and Robin Wheel) is soliciting for next year.



# Secretary's Report

## Secretary's Report March 14, 2024

**Greeting:** by president Cheryl Leach at 6:27 pm.

**# Present:** 30 in attendance

**Guests:** 2 guests. Jess is here with Melody Chase and Julie Chauvin with Andrea Blaisdell.

**Drawings:** Just for Coming – Maria Foster, and Food Shelf Donation – Linda McGraw

**Secretary's Report** for December meeting – Sharon Perry made a motion to accept the report, Hilda Tallman seconded. Motion passed.

**Treasurer's Reports** for January, February, and March – Sharon Perry moved to accept and Sheila Cross seconded. Motion passed.

**Sunshine Cards:** Hilda Tallman reported cards were sent to Donna Hamel and Rita Lehouillier.

**Block of the Month:** No drawing this month. New block introduced for next month; pattern named Buttercup. Copies distributed or get from the website.

**Sunshine Quilts:** Andrea Blaisdell reported that the January work session was successful with 6 volunteers, 12 completed quilts and 15 more in process. Kits are available. It was also time to do a drawing. Names are entered for quilt submissions, and help on work sessions. Jane Langdell won the top prize; her name was entered 24 times. Other winners included Martha Corey and Andrea Blaisdell.

**Membership:** Jan Kuhn reminded us that a new membership list was sent out via email; a few copies were distributed at the meeting.

**Old Business:** Thank you from Johnson Food shelf was read.

**New Business:** Robin Wheel reported from the 35th birthday committee.

- They have sent over 300 emails soliciting prizes for the membership for this year's celebration but have not received as good a response as they had hoped.
- They are planning monthly gifts and would like to give everyone a birthday gift in September and are requesting financial support from the guild.
- Motion by Sharon Perry the birthday committee can spend up to \$1000 for a September birthday gift for all members. Second by Denise Mayo. Motion passed.
- Games will be played every month; information paper was distributed and collected.
- Reminder to enter your name in the bear based on the criteria outlined in the newsletter. This month's Birthday Celebration winner is Hilda Tallman.

**Sew and Tell:** At 6:45 pm.

**Program:** At 7:00 pm; Virtual Trunk Show presented by Candace Hassen via Zoom.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robin O. Wright, Co-Secretary

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

Joyce Emerson, Jane Langdell, and Robin Wheel make up the Birthday Celebration committee for 2024. For the birthday drawings, you can enter your name in the drawings one time for any of the items listed below unless noted otherwise. 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)
- Making a block of the month (1 entry no matter how many blocks you make)
- Volunteering to present a program at a quilt 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)

### 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.

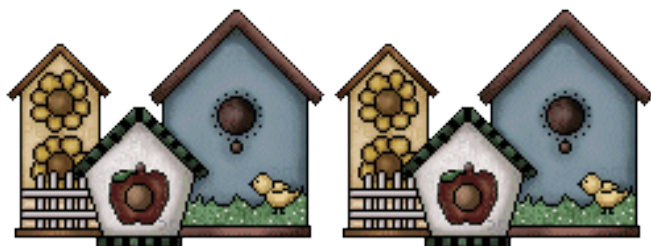
### SUPPORTING THE LOCAL COMMUNITY

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.



APRIL IS A BABY  
by Annette Wynne

April is a baby—laughs and cries and plays;  
Has a thousand different moods through her  
thirty days;  
Golden-haired and blue-eyed—what has she to do  
But laugh and cry and bloom and grow her whole  
life through!  
April is a baby—growing with the flowers,  
Laughing, crying, laughing—so she spends the  
hours!



Sharon	Witbeck	April	17
Tracey	Morin	April	18

*...and many more!!!*

**FEATURED VIDEO TUTORIAL  
FOR APRIL:**  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=688q4krO224>  
 Tea & Cookies for Two April Placemats  
 Shabby Fabrics



That is **24 Finishes in 2024!**

Join in the fun and make 24 quilted projects by the end of 2024 and your name will be entered into a special drawing held in December 2024. If you'd like to participate, fill in your name and 24 projects you'd like to finish this year on the list below. This is your list...you can add to it throughout the year if need be to have 24 projects or you can remove a project, or swap out projects, etc...you just have to have **24 Finishes in 2024** AND you must show each project at one of the guild's monthly show and tell. You can show multiple projects in one month. You also don't have to show a project every month, you just have to have **24 Finishes in 2024!** You will maintain your own list, but you must let Sharon Perry know you are participating.

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**24 in 2024**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

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12.	24.



# Recipe Corner

## PECAN PIE

1 9-inch pie crust  
 1 cup granulated sugar  
 3 tablespoons light brown sugar  
 ½ teaspoon salt  
 1 cup light corn syrup  
 ¾ teaspoon vanilla extract  
 ½ cup salted butter, softened or melted  
 3 eggs  
 1½ cups pecan halves (chop the pecans or leave whole)

Refrigerate pie crust while you prepare the pecan pie filling.

In a large bowl mix together sugar, brown sugar, salt, corn syrup, and softened (or melted) butter. Mix in the eggs and vanilla.

Reserve a few pecans and stir the rest into the batter. Pour into unbaked pie shell. Add a few of the reserved pecans on top of the pie in any empty spots, to make it look pretty. Use a small spoon to cover them with batter.

Bake at 425 degrees for 10 minutes, then lower the oven temp to 350 degrees F and continue baking for about 40 minutes. Check the pie half way through cooking and tent a large piece of greased aluminum foil over the top of the pie. (tent it high so it doesn't touch the pie filling).

The pie is done when you can shake it gently and it is not overly jiggly. If it jiggles a lot when shaking, continue cooking until the center is more set, 5-10 more minutes.

Allow pie to cool completely for several hours before cutting and serving. Or refrigerate for 1-3 days, until ready to serve.

## CANDIED PECANS

½ cup granulated sugar  
 ½ cup light brown sugar  
 1 tablespoon ground cinnamon  
 1 teaspoon salt  
 16 ounces unsalted pecans halves, (about 4 cups)  
 1 large egg white  
 ½ teaspoon vanilla extract  
 1 teaspoon water

Preheat oven to 300 degrees F. Line a large baking sheet with parchment paper.

Add granulated sugar, brown sugar, cinnamon, and salt to a bowl and stir to combine.

In a separate large bowl, beat the egg white, vanilla, and water until stiff peaks form.

Add the pecans to the egg whites mixture and gently toss to coat. Add the cinnamon sugar mixture and stir gently until the pecans are well coated.

Spread the pecans into a single layer on the prepared baking sheet. Bake for about 40-45 minutes, stirring every 15 minutes.

Remove from the oven and allow the pecans to cool completely on the baking sheet.

When completely cool, store in an airtight container for up to 1 month.

## MAPLE-PECAN PORK CHOPS

2 tablespoons spicy brown mustard  
 ½ teaspoon pepper  
 ½ cup maple syrup, divided  
 4 bone-in pork loin chops (¾-inch thick, 8-oz each)  
 1 tablespoon butter  
 ½ cup unsweetened apple juice  
 1 cup pecan halves

Mix mustard, pepper and 2 teaspoons syrup. Lightly drizzle over both sides of pork chops.

In a large nonstick skillet, heat butter over medium heat. Brown pork chops 2-3 minutes on each side. Add apple juice. Reduce heat; simmer, covered, until a thermometer reads 145°, 15-20 minutes. Remove chops; let stand 5 minutes, keeping them warm.

Add pecans and remaining syrup to skillet; cook and stir until blended, 1-2 minutes. Serve with pork chops.

## CARAMEL-PECAN APPLE SLICES

⅓ cup packed brown sugar  
 2 tablespoons butter  
 2 large apples, cut into ½-inch slices  
 ¼ cup chopped pecans, toasted

In a large cast-iron or other heavy skillet, cook and stir brown sugar and butter over medium heat until sugar is dissolved. Add apples; cook, uncovered, over medium heat until tender, 5-7 minutes, stirring occasionally. Stir in pecans. Serve warm.



# Block of the Month

## APRIL 2024



### Colors:

Think  
Spring  
and  
bright!



**PATTERN:** Buttercup

Pattern from [www.patchworksquare.com](http://www.patchworksquare.com)

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

Click the link below for the Buttercup 12" finished block pattern\*

<https://www.patchworksquare.com/mf/buttercup-quilt-block.pdf?t=1711234213>

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



**QUILT SHOW**  
**24<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL**



**MEMBERS CRAFT BOUTIQUE**

**April 6th 9am-4pm**  
**&**  
**April 7th 10am-3pm**

St. Albans City Hall  
 100 Main Street, St. Albans VT

**FREE ADMISSION**



*2024 QUILT SHOW*  
*"Seams Like Spring"*



2022 Show

*Judged Competition - Vendors*  
*Raffle Totes - Raffle Quilt*

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*Featured Artist -*  
*Karen Abrahamovich*






*Champlain Valley Quilters Presents :*

*2024*

*QUILT SHOW*

*"Seams Like Spring"*



*Friday April 26 9 - 5*

*Saturday April 27 9 - 5*

*Sunday April 28 12-4*

*Essex Junction, Vermont*

*Holy Family Parish Hall*

*30 Lincoln Street*

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*Admission \$8.00 Under 12 Free*

*For more info & to enter a quilt*

*[www.cvqqt.org](http://www.cvqqt.org)*

**BARN QUILT EXHIBIT AT BILLINGS FARM & MUSEUM FEATURES ONE OF CTQG'S OWN**

Billings Farm & Museum is bringing the rural artistry of barn quilts to its scenic site from April 4 – December 1, 2024. Collaborating with Vermont artists as well as artisans from the Chelsea Barn Quilt Project and the Franklin County Barn Quilt Trail who have been working to highlight barn quilts in Vermont, each space will host a uniquely crafted piece inspired by nature, math, agriculture, and the history of the Billings Farm site.

The guild's own, Sharon Perry, will be one of the featured barn quilt artists at this exhibit. For her barn quilt, she has painted 4 maple leaf blocks set on point. The center of the 4 blocks features the stylized face of a Holstein cow affectionately called Bessie. The formal name of Sharon's submission is "Moo-nlight in Vermont."



**APRIL 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 April. Answers can be found at the end of this page.

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**LINK TO BARN QUILT TRAIL OF NORTHERN VERMONT**

<http://www.barnquiltsofnorthernvermont.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](mailto: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:**

**Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

Please email articles to Sharon Perry, [CommonThreadsVT@gmail.com](mailto:CommonThreadsVT@gmail.com), or mail to PO Box 517, Montgomery Center VT 05471



*April is National Frog Month*



*"April is a moment of joy for those who have survived the winter [and mud season]." — Samuel Johnson*

**APRIL ANAGRAMS ANSWERS**

showers	diamond	umbrella	sweet pea	crocus	puddles
daffodil	daisy	recycling	cloud	reuse	peepers
raincoat	tadpole	hyacinth	reduce	licorice	Aries
Taurus	patriot	baseball	flowers	rainbow	tulips