

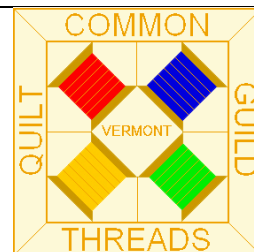
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ON POINT

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

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Issue 11

The President's Block

Hello Friends,

In my last letter I mentioned we would be voting on staying at the VFW or going to the Church in Johnson which would be on a Monday night instead of a Thursday. This vote did not take place. We will be voting at the next meeting but instead of Monday night at the church the meeting would take place either the first Tuesday or first Wednesday of the month

If you cannot make it to the next meeting and would like to cast your vote you can email me at huntzeus76@gmail.com, text or call 802-696-2167, or call landline phone 802-888-5102. If casting your vote for the church, please indicate if you prefer Tuesday or Wednesday night.

I hope everyone is staying dry and safe.

See you in July!

Your President until September,
Cheryl Leach, 2025-2026



President

Cheryl Leach 802-888-5102

Vice President

Lisa Vilord 802- 279-7292

Secretary

Sheila Jourdan 802- 279-0969

Robin Wright 802-635-9550

Treasurer

Cheryl Leach 802-888-5102

Programs

Rotating Members

Newsletter

Sharon Perry 802-326-3135

Block of the Month

VACANT

Sunshine Cards

Hilda Tallman 802-888-3808

Membership

Denise Mayo 802-585-5876

Librarian

Jan Kuhn 802-851-8341

Sunshine Quilts

Marion Seasholtz 802-635-2731

Common Threads Quilt Guild
meets the 2nd Thursday,
March through December,
at 6:30 p.m. at the
VFW, 28 VFW Street,
in Morrisville

Dues = \$20 annually



2025 - 2026 Guild Calendar

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

September 11th Creating Quilts with Electric
Quilt 8 with Sharon Perry

October 9th Piecing Together Memories
with Jane Paine

November 13th Label Your Quilts
With Carolyn Babcock
& Sharon Perry **RESCHEDULED**

December 11th Holiday Potluck
Papercrafting with Jane Paine **CANCELLED**

2025 – 2026 Guild Calendar

**DOORS OPEN AT 6:00 PM;
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January NO MEETING
January 17th Sunshine Quilt Workshop,
9 am – 3 pm
Johnson Town Hall

February NO MEETING
February 28th Sunshine Quilt Workshop, 9 am
– 3 pm,
Johnson Town Hall

2025 – 2026 Guild Calendar

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MEETING STARTS AT 6:30 PM**

March 12th Label Your Quilts
With Carolyn Babcock & Sharon Perry
April 9th No program

May 14th Meeting Cancelled
June 11th Guild Operations & Officers

July 9th TBD

August 13th Summer Potluck*
*Potluck Dinner starts at 6:00 pm

JULY 2026



Treasurer's Report

Beginning Balance 5/20/2026	\$4,116.98
Income	
6/18/2026 Annual Dues	\$20.00
6/18/2026 Sterling View Purchase of Shed	\$3800.00
<i>Total Income</i>	<u>\$3820.00</u>
	Subtotal \$7,936.98
Expenses	
	\$0.00
<i>Total Expenses</i>	<u>\$0.00</u>
Ending Balance 6/20/2026	\$7,936.98

Respectfully submitted,
Cheryl Leach, Treasurer



PROGRAMS: LOOKING AHEAD...

July 2026: TBD (any takers?)

October 2026: Trunk Show with Nina Clotfelter

August 2026: Summer Potluck; potluck dinner starts at 6:00 pm

November 2026: Possible QOV Program

September 2026: TBD (any takers?)

December 2026: Holiday Potluck

QUILT TIPS

- You're the only one who will notice if it's not perfect.
- Find the thread your machine loves and stick with it!
- Change your needle often to avoid problems.
- Relax, have fun, and enjoy the process of an age old craft that produces not only something unique to cherish but also something practical and long lasting. There will never be another quilt like the ones you make.
- Never quilt with a headache...it only leads to more headaches.
- Use Magic Sizing in place of starch. Critters and bugs are not attracted to it.
- Enjoy the process. Keep a record of quilts you have made with notes, dates and pictures
- Each week cut all your leftover project fabric to 5" or 10" squares or 2½"-inch strips. You'll be surprised how many squares and strips you can accumulate in a few months...you'll have enough to make a scrappy quilt.
- Don't worry about what other people think. Do your own thing...whatever feeds your soul.
- Find a brand of ruler you like and stick to that brand. No, they do not all measure the same.
- Chocolate is a quilting notion!

Secretary's Report

COMMON THREADS MEETING MINUTES

June 11, 2026

Greeting: Meeting opened at 6:30 pm by President Cheryl Leach

present: 26

Visitors: None

Birthdays: May birthdays: Cheryl Leach, Linda Locke and Gail O'Brien. June birthdays: Jane Paine, Bonnie Griswold, and Marion Seasholtz.

Drawings: Just for coming – Mina Ayers **Food shelf** – Bonnie Griswold.

Secretary's Report: Robin Wheel moved to accept April meeting minutes (none for May, no meeting), Seconded by Jane Langdell. Motion carried.

Treasurers Report: Robin Wheel moved to accept April and May treasurers report, Seconded by Denise Mayo. Motion carried.

Sunshine cards: None sent in the last month

Sunshine Quilts: Marion reported that the February workshop organized by Andrea was successful with 23 quilts completed. January workshop was also successful. They were able to purchase 35 yards of backing fabric from Kay of Country Thyme Quilting for the price of 20 yards. Marion is looking for committee members to help with processing quilts for the work sessions. Joyce Emerson, Pam Gelineau, Linda Locke, and Denise Mayo volunteered to help.

Old Business: Reminder: In conjunction with the Franklin County Quilters Guild, we will be hosting Nina Clotfelter for a "Lecture on Thread" at our October 8th meeting. There is a workshop on "Free motion Quilting" on Saturday, the 10th in Swanton which our members can attend while there are slots available. The cost will be approximately \$45 for the class and \$25 for the kit. If there is enough interest a second class can be given on Sunday.

New Business: Discussion on our meeting place, should we change to another site or go to the Church in Johnson which would mean changing our meeting day of the week. Tabled until more information can be gathered.

Elections:

President – 2 nominees; Jane Paine and Linda McGraw. They agreed the one with the fewer votes would take the Vice President position. The following elected by the members present. New officers take office in September.

Officers:

President – Jane Paine

Vice President – Linda McGraw

Secretary – Robin Wright

Treasurer – Joyce Emerson

Committees:

Block of the Month – Andrea Blaisdell

Membership – Denise Mayo

Newsletter – Sharon Perry

Sunshine Cards – Pam Gelineau

Sunshine Quilts – Marion Seasholtz

Other:

Second Chance will be hosting another "Reverse Craft Sale" on August 23rd at the Hyde Park VFW.

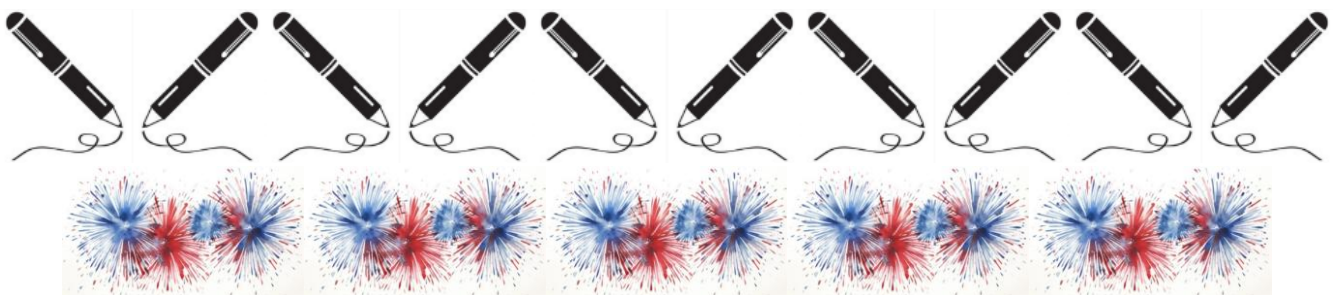
Sharon shared a possible November meeting topic, the head of Quilts of Valor is visiting the Franklin Guild at their meeting to present quilts and we can do the same. Discussion – we have 7 quilts which are close to be finished. Denise knows someone from the VFW who may be able to help nominate recipients.

Sew and Tell: started at 7:30 pm

Adjourn: 8:10 pm

Respectfully submitted.

Robin Wright, Secretary



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.

GUILD MEETING LOCATION

The Common Threads Quilt Guild meets on the 2nd Thursday of the month, March through December, at the Morrisville VFW, 28 VFW Street, behind the River Arts Center on Pleasant Street in Morrisville.



JULY

By Annette Wynne

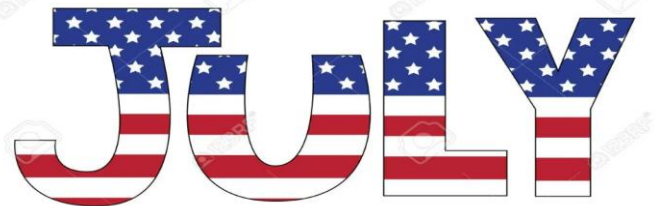
July's for Independence Day,
For flags and speeches and for play,
For hiding deep in meadow grass
And watching flying creatures pass,
For sailing boats on little seas,
Where just the smallest summer breeze
Can blow; for picking flowers any day;
July comes for flags and play.

FEATURED VIDEO TUTORIAL FOR JULY:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WfpY9sn6ggs>

Sew Cute Runner for July

Shabby Fabrics



Ann Owens	July	4
Kathy Kovacs	July	9
Hilda Tallman	July	18
Elena Tague	July	26
Donna Hamel	July	31

...and many more!!!



Recipe Corner

FRESH STRAWBERRY PIE

From Jean Anne Branch, FCQG Member

2 lbs. fresh strawberries, hulled and cleaned

$\frac{3}{4}$ cup sugar

$\frac{3}{4}$ cup water

2 tablespoons cornstarch

1 tablespoon lemon juice

1 9-inch graham crust

Thinly slice $\frac{3}{4}$ of berries. Place in large bowl.

Puree remaining berries on food processor. Place in medium saucepan over medium heat. Add sugar, cornstarch and lemon juice. Bring to a boil, stirring often, about 5 minutes. Boil 5 more minutes, stirring constantly until thick as jam.

Pour mixture over berries in bowl. Stir gently to combine. Pour into pie crust.

Refrigerate at least 3 hours or until set. Serve with a dollop of whipped cream.

LEMON BLUEBERRY CAKE

From Jean Anne Branch, FCQG Member

(Makes a great breakfast, snack or dessert)

Whisk together and set aside:

1 $\frac{1}{2}$ cups all-purpose flour

1 teaspoon baking powder

1 teaspoon salt

Mix together in electric mixer bowl:

$\frac{1}{3}$ cup melted butter

1 cup sugar

2 eggs

$\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon vanilla extract

2 teaspoons lemon zest

2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice

$\frac{1}{2}$ cup milk

Toss together:

1 cup fresh or frozen blueberries

1 tablespoon flour

Lemon Glaze:

2 tablespoons melted butter

2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice

$\frac{1}{2}$ cup powdered sugar

$\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon vanilla extract

Line a standard loaf pan with parchment paper. Preheat oven to 350°.

Add flour mixture and milk alternately to liquid mixture. Beat until just combined. Gently stir in the coated blueberries. Immediately pour batter into prepared pan.



Bake in preheated oven for 55-65 minutes (toothpick clean). Let cool in pan for 30 minutes. Turn out onto wire rack with cookie sheet under it.

Mix glaze and pour over cake. Let set before cutting.

HONEY POPPY SEED FRUIT SALAD

2 medium firm bananas, chopped

2 cups fresh blueberries

2 cups fresh raspberries

2 cups sliced fresh strawberries

5 tablespoons honey

1 teaspoon lemon juice

$\frac{3}{4}$ teaspoon poppy seeds

In a large bowl, combine the bananas and berries. In a small bowl, combine the honey, lemon juice and poppy seeds. Pour over fruit and toss to coat.

BERRY TIRAMISU

3 cups fresh raspberries

3 cups fresh blackberries

2 cups fresh blueberries

2 cups fresh strawberries, sliced

1- $\frac{1}{3}$ cups sugar, divided

4 teaspoons grated orange zest

1 cup orange juice

1 cup heavy whipping cream

2 cartons (8 ounces each) mascarpone cheese

1 teaspoon vanilla extract

2 packages (7 ounces each) crisp ladyfinger cookies

Additional fresh berries, optional

Place berries in a large bowl. Mix $\frac{1}{3}$ cup sugar, orange zest and orange juice; toss gently with berries. Refrigerate, covered, 45 minutes.

Beat cream until soft peaks form. In another bowl, mix mascarpone cheese, vanilla and remaining $\frac{1}{3}$ cup sugar. Fold in whipped cream, a third at a time.

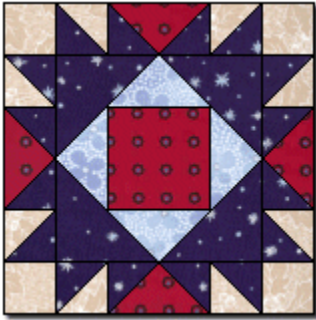
Drain berries over a shallow bowl, reserving juices. Dip ladyfingers in reserved juices, allowing excess to drip off; arrange ladyfingers in a single layer on bottom of a 13x9-in. dish. Layer with half the berries and half the mascarpone mixture; repeat layers, starting with ladyfingers.

Refrigerate, covered, overnight. If desired, top with additional berries before serving.



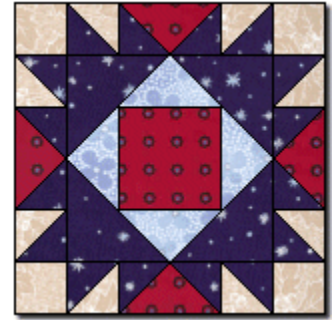
Bonus Block

July 2026



Colors:

Red, white and blue

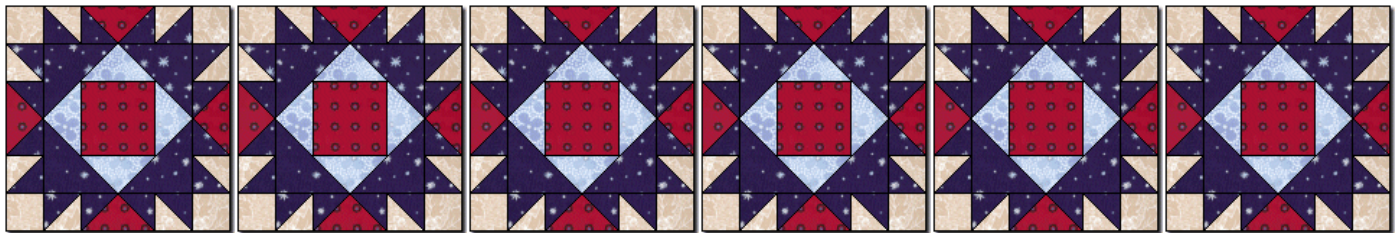


PATTERN: Union Square Variation

Pattern from [Quilter's Cache](#)

Click the link below for the 12" finished block pattern

[Union Square Variation](#)



JOHNSON TOWN HALL SEWING DAYS

Sewing weekends are open again at the Johnson Town Hall. We set up on the second floor of the Town Hall (elevator available). Large tables are available plus ironing stations and a cutting table.

We meet on the first and third weekend of the month, arrival after 8 am, but you can sew as late as you want. A \$2 daily donation is requested, going to the Town of Johnson for use of the space.

At this time we are planning to have a mailing list only for change of plans, you can send your email to Robin Wright, growingfarm00@gmail.com or Hilda Tallman, sammnvt57@yahoo.com to be on that list. Reminder emails the week before will no longer be going out.

All crafters are welcome!



JUST ASK SALLY MAGUNDI

Dear Sally:

Recently I was at a quilt retreat and in the middle of the sewing instructions the initials of President Harry Truman (HST) came up. I wondered why he was being referenced and came to no conclusion. What gives with the shoutout to HST?

Signed: "Old enough to remember but not remember why."

Dear Old enough:

As it turns out, you might see many of our former presidents' initials embedded in quilting instructions. HST stands for Half Square Triangles. Other presidents include: LBJ- Large Binding Job DDE- Do Double Edge FDR- Find Dritz Ruler JFK- Just For Kicks RNN-Replace Needle Now

Sally



EMBROIDERY PATTERN FOR JULY



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:

Monday, July 20th, 2026

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



July is National Blueberry Month



"Independence Day, July 4th, or as I know it: Out with the British day!" ~ Steven Magee