

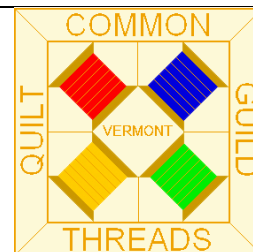
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The Official Newsletter
of the Common Threads Quilt Guild of Lamoille County
in Morrisville, Vermont

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Issue 12

The President's Block

Hello Friends,

I need to start by apologizing for the confusion on what day of the week our meetings will be held. If you haven't heard or read the email, the meetings will be the FIRST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH starting August 5th; the door will be unlocked at 6:00 pm.

I want to thank you for the privilege of being your president but you will be in good hands with Jane and Linda.

Signing off,
Your Outgoing president

Cheryl Leach

P.S. I have to tell you the hardest thing I had to do as your president is writing the monthly letter!!!



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 1st Wednesday,
March through December,
at 6:30 p.m. at The United
Church of Johnson, 100
Lower Main Street, Johnson

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 Guild Meeting Location

August 5th Summer Potluck*
***Potluck Dinner starts at 6:00 pm**



Treasurer's Report

Beginning Balance 6/20/2026		\$7,936.98
Income		
7/13/2026 Donations for batting	\$155.00	
	<u>Total Income</u>	<u>\$155.00</u>
	Subtotal	\$8,091.98
Expenses		
Check #639 7/9/2026 Timothy Blaisdell Site work for new iron box container	\$600.00	
Check #640 Void	\$0.00	
Check #641 Jane Paine Backing Fabric for QOV Quilts	\$32.15	
Check #642 Iron Box LLC	\$3,842.50	
	<u>Total Expenses</u>	<u>\$4,474.65</u>
Ending Balance 7/20/2026		\$3,617.33

Respectfully submitted,
Cheryl Leach, Treasurer



PROGRAMS: LOOKING AHEAD...

August 2026: Summer Potluck; potluck dinner starts at 6:00 pm; **bring QOV nominations**

November 2026: QOV Presentations

December 2026: Holiday Potluck

September 2026: TBD (any takers?)

January 2027: NO MEETING

October 2026: Trunk Show with Nina Clotfelter

February 2027: NO MEETING

QUILT TIPS

- When doing needle-turn appliqué, spray a little adhesive glue into a small container and use a Q-tip to apply to the fabric as you are turning it under and you will not have to worry about pinning the fabric.
- An inexpensive baby bottle dryer/holder works great to store multiple spools of thread and extra bobbins when you need more storage space.
- When you have to match seams, use a dab of fabric glue (tube or stick) within the seam allowance instead of pins. From the right side, you'll be able to clearly see whether the seams match with no pins in the way. The bond is not instant so you'll have time to separate the pieces and try again if necessary. Then stitch away.
- When clipping threads or ripping out seams, have a piece of batting to put the clippings on so they won't stick to your fingers.
- To put a spark in your quilt, use a bit of yellow or black.
- Learn from the mistakes of others. You can't live long enough to make them all yourself.

Secretary's Report

COMMON THREADS MEETING MINUTES

July 9, 2026

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

present: 27 present

Visitors: Joan Aither

Birthdays: Ann Owens, the 4th; Kathy Kovacs, the 9th; Hilda Tallman, the 18th; Elena Tague, the 26th; and Donna Hamel the 30th.

Drawings: Just for coming – Hilda Tallman; **Food shelf** – none this month. Denise Mayo shared that members could donate cash if they forgot their food item on the food shelf. We will start this next meeting.

Secretary's Report: Robin Wheel moved that we accept last month's secretary's report. Second, by Marion Seasholtz. No discussion, vote passed.

Treasurer's Report: Robin Wheel moved we accept last month's treasurer report. Second, by Marion Seasholtz. No discussion, vote passed.

Sunshine Cards: None sent in the last month

Sunshine Quilts: Marion shared that she has brought kits for members to take if wanted.

Old Business:

- Vote for either staying at the VFW on the 2nd Thursday of the month or to go to Johnson Church for either the first Tuesday or Wednesday of the month. If you have a day preference, put it on the ballot, if there is no preference leave it off. Johnson Church says for using the church they would ask that we donate pies or help with the October dinner and give them a quilt to raffle.
- Robin Wheel moved we vote on our meeting venue by paper ballot. Marion Seasholtz seconded the motion. Vote completed with 7 voting for the VFW, 13 for Johnson with no day of the week preference and 10 voting for Johnson with a Tuesday preference. Possible start next month, see newsletter for updates.
- Andrea updated where we are with the new storage unit. We have until the end of August to remove our belongings from the current shed located at Sterling View.
- The pad is now completed with a total cost of \$600.
- There are 2 options for the storage unit, which is 8.5 ft wide and 20 ft, 8 inches long. The Older box is \$2750, 6% tax and a \$225 delivery charge. The Newer box is \$3400, \$204 tax and a \$225 delivery charge. Pictures were shown of the 2 boxes. Robin Wheel moved that we buy the newer storage container. Second is by Jane Paine. Discussion. Vote and the motion carried.
- Help will be needed for the move, and Andrea will keep the guild informed when the move can be completed.

New Business:

- Jane Paine handed out an informational survey asking for us to complete.
- A new venue for the October 8 special guest meeting will be found.
- Denise states she did talk to the Commander about nominations for the quilts of Valor. Members would like to do at least one half of the nominations. Presently we have 10 possible quilts; five still need to be finished. Fawn Lanpher donated the quilting.
- Sharon moved the guild buy the batting for the Quilts of Valor to be given to Fawn, batting to be Warm & Natural. Second by Donna Hamel, vote passed and motion carried.

Sew and Tell: Began at 7:30 pm

Adjourn: 8:00 pm

Respectfully submitted.

Robin Wright, Secretary



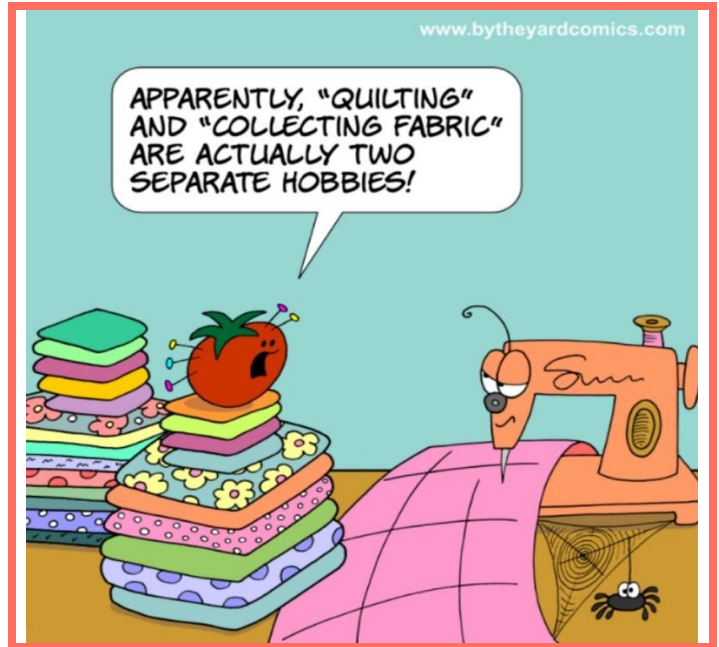
SUNSHINE CARDS FOR OUR MEMBERS

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.

***** **NEW** *****

GUILD MEETING LOCATION

The Common Threads Quilt Guild meets on the 1st Wednesday of the month, March through December, at The United Church of Johnson, 100 Lower Main Street.



Linda McGraw	August	9
Fawn Lanpher	August	30
Robin Wright	August	30

...and many more!!!



AUGUST

By Annette Wynne

August days are hot and still,
Not a breath on house or hill,
Not a breath on height or plain,
Weary travelers cry for rain;
But the children quickly find
A shady place quite to their mind;
And there all quietly they stay,
Until the sun has gone away,—
August is too hot for play!

FEATURED VIDEO TUTORIAL FOR AUGUST:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q431T6nZ72c>

Sew Cute Runner for August

Shabby Fabrics





That is ***26 Finishes in 2026!***

Join in the fun and make 26 quilted projects by the end of 2026 and your name will be entered into a special drawing held in December 2026. If you'd like to participate, fill in your name and 26 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 26 projects or you can remove a project, or swap out projects, etc...you just have to have ***26 Finishes in 2026*** 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 ***26 Finishes in 2026!*** You will maintain your own list, but you must let Sharon Perry know you are participating.

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26 in 2026

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13.	26.

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Recipe Corner

VEGGIE MEDLEY

From Mary King, FCQG Member

3 English cucumbers, chopped
 2 bell peppers in different colors, chopped
 1 - 2 fresh carrots, chopped or shredded
 ½ package tiny tomatoes, cut in half
 ¾ cup dried cranberries
 ¾ cup roasted & salted pumpkin seeds
 Stonewall Kitchen maple balsamic dressing
 Chop all the items small so they fit on a spoon easily.
 Add dressing to taste.

Recipe Note: You can add walnuts pieces or 1 cup cooked small pasta like stars. This is a fun recipe that you can add a lot of fun items.

APPLE BUTTER CHEESECAKE BARS

From Dorothy Pratt, FCQG Member

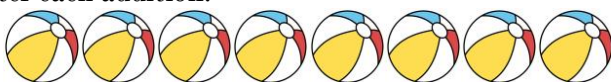
2 cups plus 1 tablespoon all-purpose flour, divided
 2 cups old-fashioned oats
 1 cup firmly packed light brown sugar
 ¾ cup chopped pecans
 1 ½ teaspoon kosher salt
 1 teaspoon apple pie spice
 ¾ teaspoon baking soda
 1 ¼ cups unsalted butter, softened
 2 (8-oz) packages cream cheese, softened
 ⅔ cup granulated sugar
 2 tablespoons heavy whipping cream
 2 large eggs
 1 (9-oz) jar apple butter

Preheat oven to 350°. Line a 13x9-inch baking pan with foil, letting excess extend over sides of pan. Spray foil with cooking spray.

In a large bowl, whisk together 2 cups flour, oats, brown sugar, pecans, salt, pie spice, and baking soda. Add butter, and beat with a mixer at medium-low speed until mixture is crumbly, stopping to scrape sides of bowl. Reserve 1 ½ cups mixture in a small bowl; press remaining mixture into bottom of prepared pan.

Bake until lightly browned, about 20 minutes. Let cool completely in pan on a wire rack. Leave oven on.

Meanwhile, in same large bowl, beat cream cheese, granulated sugar, cream, and remaining tablespoon flour with a mixer at medium speed until smooth and creamy, 2 to 3 minutes, stopping to scrape sides of bowl. Add eggs, one at a time, beating until combined after each addition.



Pour mixture onto prepared crust. Dollop apple butter by tablespoonfuls onto cream cheese mixture. Sprinkle reserved flour mixture onto apple butter.

Bake until top is golden brown, about 30 to 35 minutes. Let cool completely in pan on wire rack. Loosely cover and refrigerate until firm, 1 to 2 hours.

Using excess foil as handles, remove from pan, and cut into bars. Cover and refrigerate for up to 3 days.

CHILES RELLENOS SQUARES

3 cups shredded Monterey Jack cheese
 1 ½ cups shredded cheddar cheese
 2 cans (4 ounces each) chopped green chiles, drained
 2 large eggs, room temperature
 2 tablespoons 2% milk
 1 tablespoon all-purpose flour

Preheat oven to 375°. Sprinkle half of each cheese onto bottom of a greased 8-in. square baking dish. Layer with chiles and remaining cheeses.

Whisk together eggs, milk and flour; pour over top. Bake, uncovered, until set, 25-30 minutes. Cool 15 minutes before cutting.

BRAZILIAN LEMONADE

3 limes, quartered
 3 cups water
 ⅓ cup sugar
 ¼ cup sweetened condensed milk
 ¼ teaspoon salt (optional)
 Ice cubes

In a blender, combine lime quarters, water, sugar, and sweetened condensed milk. Cover and blend until smooth.

Pass mixture through a fine mesh sieve into a small pitcher. If mixture is bitter to taste, stir in salt. Serve over ice.

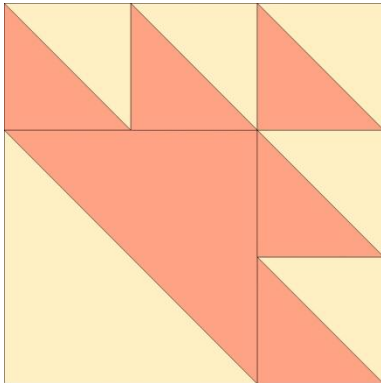
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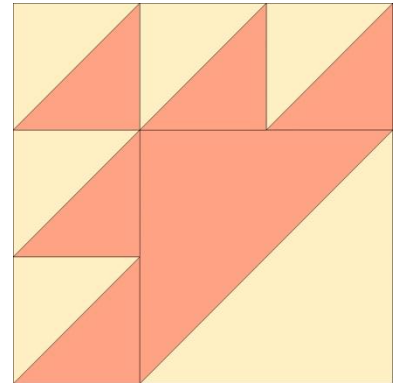
FAVORITES

Bonus Block

August 2026



Colors:
Coral and Sand

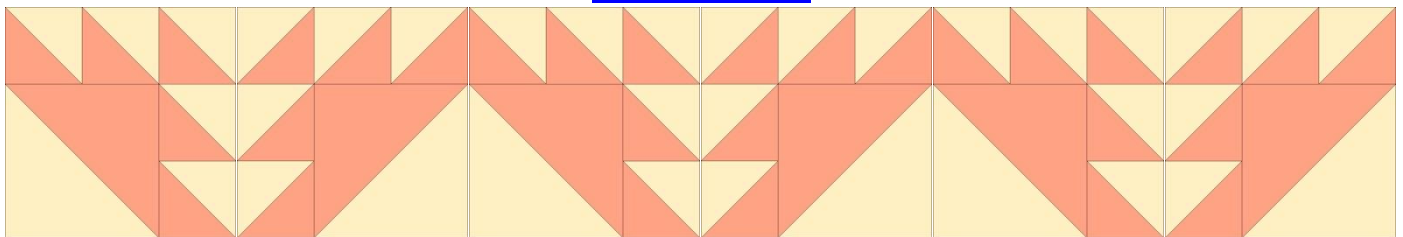


PATTERN: SAILBOAT 2

Pattern from [Quilter's Cache](#)

Click the link below for the 12" finished block pattern

[Sailboat 2](#)



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!

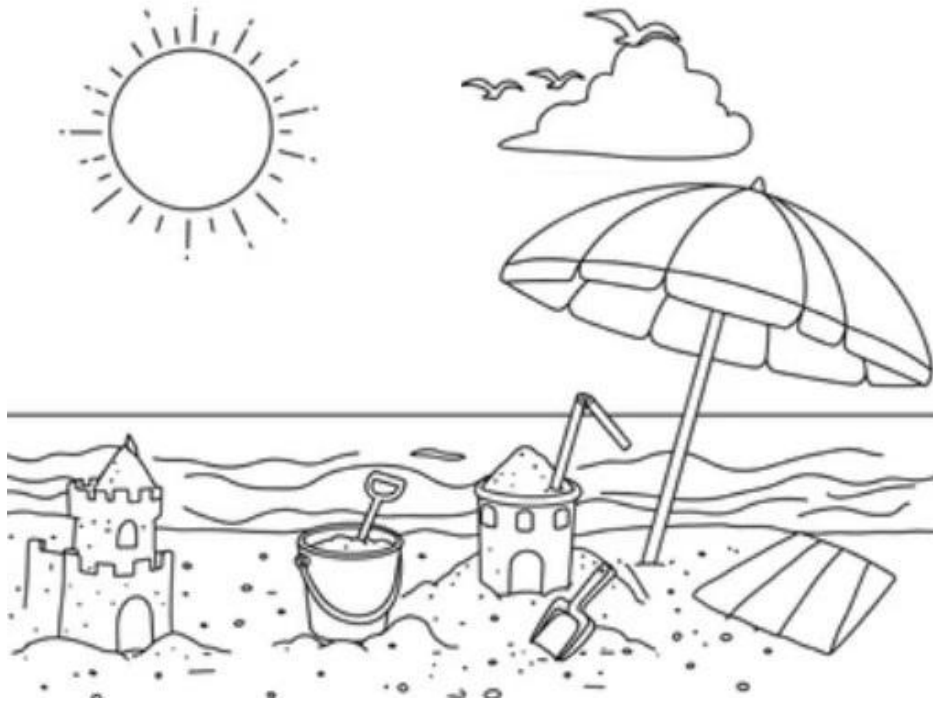


GOOD HABITS FOR ROTARY CUTTING

- Always keep fingers away from the blade path.
- Engage the safety cover when not in use. (Hint: Every time you set the rotary cutter down!)
- Never place anything on top of the rotary cutter when it's not in use.
- Use the cutting mat on a flat, stable surface.
- Use a sharp blade; replace dull blades promptly. Though a blade may look sharp, pay attention to how it performs.
- A counter-height surface is helpful for more comfortable, ergonomic cutting.



EMBROIDERY PATTERN FOR AUGUST



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:

Saturday, August 15th, 2026

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



August is National Peach Month



"August rain: The best of the summer gone, and the new fall not yet born. The odd uneven time." ~ Sylvia Plath