

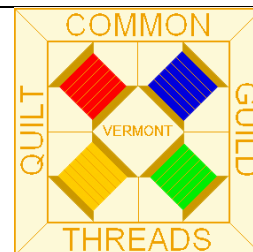
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of the Common Threads Quilt Guild of Lamoille County
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The President's Block

Hello Fellow Quilters,

Recently I saw a quick demonstration of a quilt block on Facebook and then it was gone. I really wanted to see this demonstration again. So I went down the rabbit hole watching tutorials on YouTube trying to find this block. You can spend hours watching all the helpful advice on how to make a difficult block look simple.

If you have YouTube available to you it is a great resource, if not find a friend that does. Get a group of friends together have some wine and snacks and have fun going down the rabbit hole. If you find a favorite channel please share with the group.

P.S. I never did find that block but I had fun looking.

Your President,
Cheryl Leach
2024-2025



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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 12th Trunk Show
with Karen Abrahamovich

October 10th TBD

November 14th Lynn Carrier,
Vermont Coordinator for
Quilts of Valor

December 14th Potluck

2023 – 2024 Guild Calendar
DOORS OPEN AT 6:00 PM;
MEETING STARTS AT 6:30 PM

January NO MEETING

February NO MEETING

March 13th TBD

April 10th TBD

2023 – 2024 Guild Calendar
DOORS OPEN AT 6:00 PM;
MEETING STARTS AT 6:30 PM

May 8th TBD

June 12th TBD

July 10th TBD

August 14th Summer Potluck



Treasurer's Report

Beginning Balance 7/20/2024

\$2345.62

Income

Annual Dues (8/9/2024)	\$220.00
Raffle Tickets (8/12/2024)	\$180.00
Total Income	\$400.00

Subtotal \$2,2745.62

Expenses

Check #626, Sharon Witbeck Printer ink for copies of Raffle Quilt picture	\$103.98
Total Expenses	\$103.98

Ending Balance 8/20/2024

\$2,641.64

Respectfully submitted,
Cheryl Leach, Treasurer



SEPTEMBER MEETING FEATURES VERMONT QUILTER AND PATTERN DESIGNER

Karen Abrahamovich, a Vermont quilter and pattern designer, will be the guest speaker at the guild's September meeting. She will tell us about her journey designing quilts for all 50 states plus all the provinces of Canada and some countries. Her inventory of patterns continues to grow as she creates new patterns for more countries.

Most recently, Karen was the featured artist at the quilt show sponsored by the Champlain Valley Quilters Guild in late April. And last year, Karen and her husband took her patterns to the fall Quilt Market in Houston, Texas. Quilt Market is trade show for the quilting and textile industries. You can ask her all about her experience in Houston at the meeting.



RAFFLE TICKETS FOR 2025 RAFFLE QUILT NOW AVAILABLE

Tickets for the next Raffle Quilt are being distributed! Tickets are available at the guild meetings. Or you can contact Sharon Witbeck and she will get them to you. Each member is asked to "sell" 5 packets of tickets; each packet sells for \$5, and 1 ticket is \$2.

This stunning quilt is queen-size, and the winner will be drawn at next year's Antiques and Uniques event. Prizes will be given to the member with the most tickets sold and to the member that sells the winning ticket.

This is a great fundraiser for the guild to help us with all the programs we have and for the charity work that we do.



Secretary's Report

Secretary's Report August 8, 2024

Greeting: President Cheryl Leach (at 6:30 pm) welcomed 31 members for the 35th anniversary of the Common Threads Quilt Guild. All enjoyed a delicious potluck dinner topped off by a beautiful anniversary cake donated by Hannaford's Grocery.

Present: 31 in attendance

Birthdays: Happy Birthday to this month's members, Cindy Smorgans, Oleta Marckres, Linda McGraw, Caroline Hitchcock, and Robin Wright.

Drawings: **Just for Coming** – Joanne Tallman;
Food Shelf – Joanne Tallman

Secretary's Report: Sharon Perry moved to accept the report and Robin Wheel seconded the motion. Approved.

Treasurer's Report: Sharon Perry moved to accept the reports in the July and August newsletters, and Robin Wheel seconded the motion. Approved.

Block of the Month: There were 17 blocks submitted. Sharon Witbeck was the winner. **New Block:** pattern is Candy Basket; Lisa Vilord suggests doing the basket in dark blue or green. Patterns distributed or available in newsletter. Carol Moulton encouraged others to enter blocks.

Sunshine Quilts: Andrea Blaisdell, speaking for Marion Seasholtz, reports that 8 or 9 folks gathered for a workshop on July 6 and completed 14 quilts.

Raffle Quilt: Guild members displayed the Raffle Quilt at Antiques and Uniques in Craftsbury; \$355 worth of tickets were sold. Sharon Witbeck is the coordinator for holding and handing out the raffle tickets. Put your name on the back of the tickets you sell so you can get credit for it. The raffle drawing will be at the 2025 Antiques & Uniques. The raffle quilt size is a square queen.

Old Business: Sharon Perry made a motion to have Karen Abrahamovich from South Burlington present her trunk show at the September meeting. Robin Wheel seconded. Approved. Karen's charge is \$150.

New Business:

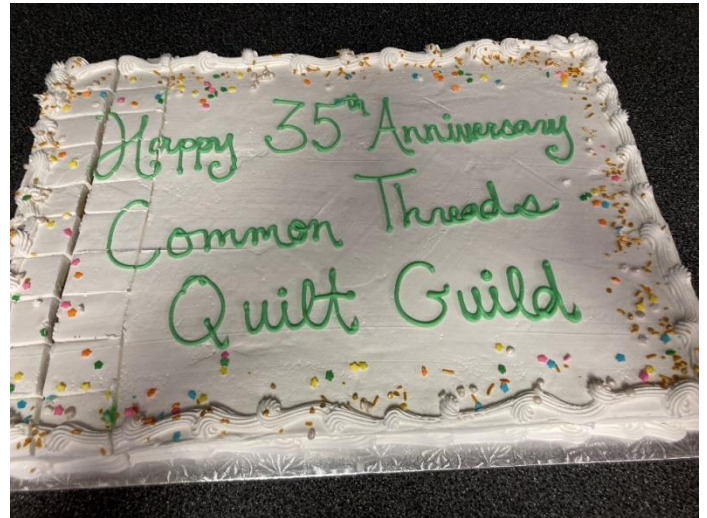
- 2024/2025 Officers – Cheryl Leach will continue as President and Treasurer, Lisa Vilord volunteered to be Vice President, Robin Wright will continue as Secretary and Sheila Jourdan volunteered to be co-secretary. Ann Harmon made a motion to accept the slate of officers. Denise Mayo seconded. Approved. Guild members then voted to install the slate of officers.
- Jan Kuhn, membership chair reminds us that the dues of \$20 for the next year are due in September.
- Former member, Ellie Murphy is willing to donate Belvidere t-shirts for a t-shirt quilt.
- Second Chance is having a fabric and crafts sale the 2nd week of September. They are looking for donations.

Drawing for the 35th Birthday Celebration: Robin Wheel, Joyce Emerson and Jane Langdell gathered and wrapped presents for the celebration. Local businesses and quilt shops donated items that were gifted to all members.

Sew and Tell: Ten members shared their quilts and handiwork.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:55 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Grace Sweet, Co-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.

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.



SEPTEMBER

by Annette Wynne

Golden in the garden,
Golden in the glen,
Golden, golden, golden
September's here again!
Golden in the tree tops,
Golden in the sky—
Golden, golden, golden
September's going by!



Melody	Chase	September	2
Elaine	Foster	September	8
Martha	Corey	September	18
Jane	Langdell	September	27

...and many more!!!

FEATURED VIDEO TUTORIAL FOR SEPTEMBER:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YvAnssA6nXo>
Tea & Cookies for Two September 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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Recipe Corner

MOIST BANANA BREAD RECIPE

3 very ripe bananas (medium/large)
 ½ cup unsalted butter at room temperature
 ¾ cup granulated sugar
 2 large eggs, lightly beaten
 1 ½ cups all-purpose flour
 1 teaspoon baking soda
 ½ teaspoon salt
 ½ teaspoon vanilla extract
 1 cup walnuts
 ½ cup raisins

Preheat the oven to 350°F. Grease and flour a bread loaf pan. Lightly roast walnuts in a skillet, continuously stirring so they won't burn. Coarsely chop and cool to room temperature.

In a mixing bowl, cream together softened butter and ¾ cup sugar.

Mash bananas with a fork until the consistency of chunky applesauce and add them to the batter along with 2 eggs, mixing until blended.

In a separate bowl, whisk together: 1 ½ cups of flour, baking soda, and salt then add to butter/sugar mixture.

Add vanilla extract, and mix in chopped walnuts and raisins. Pour into prepared loaf pan. Bake at 350°F for 55-60 min or until a toothpick inserted into the center comes out clean. Let banana bread rest for 10 min before transferring to a wire rack to cool.

BANANA PUDDING

4 large eggs
 ¾ cup sugar
 3 tablespoons all-purpose flour
 ½ teaspoon plus a pinch salt
 2 cups whole milk
 ½ teaspoon vanilla extract
 30 to 40 vanilla wafers
 3 to 4 medium ripe bananas

Separate the yolks from the whites of 3 of the eggs; set aside the whites. Add the remaining whole egg to the yolks.

In a saucepan, whisk together 1/2 cup sugar, the flour and 1/2 teaspoon salt. Stir in the whole egg and 3 yolks, and then stir in the milk. Cook uncovered, stirring often, until the mixture thickens, about 10 minutes. Remove from the heat and stir in the vanilla.

Preheat the oven to 425 degrees F. Spread a thin layer of the pudding in a 1 1/2-quart casserole dish. Arrange a layer of vanilla wafers on top of the pudding. Thinly

slice the bananas crosswise, about 1/8 inch thick, and arrange a layer of banana slices over the wafers. Spread one-third of the remaining pudding over the bananas and continue layering wafers, bananas and pudding, ending with pudding.

To make the meringue, beat the reserved egg whites with a pinch of salt until they are stiff. Gradually beat in the remaining 1/4 cup sugar and continue beating until the whites will not slide out of the mixing bowl when it is tilted.

Spread the meringue over the pudding with a spatula, making a few decorative peaks on top, and bake until the meringue is lightly browned, 5 minutes.

BANANAS FOSTER MILKSHAKE

Bananas Foster:

4 tablespoons unsalted butter
 2 ripe bananas, peeled, cut into ½-inch-thick slices
 ½ cup brown sugar
 ¼ teaspoon cinnamon
 ¼ cup banana liqueur
 ½ teaspoon vanilla extract
 ½ teaspoon salt

Milkshake:

8 ounces Jamaican dark rum, such as Myers's
 2 pints vanilla bean ice cream, slightly thawed
 1 cup whipped cream
 Pinch cinnamon
 4 maraschino cherries, stem-on

For the Bananas Foster: Add the butter and the bananas to a medium nonstick skillet over medium heat and cook until the bananas are caramelized, about 2 minutes per side. Stir in the brown sugar and cinnamon. Pulling the sauté pan away from the flame, add the banana liqueur and stir to combine. Stir in the vanilla extract and salt, and scrape the bananas Foster into a bowl to cool.

For the Milkshake: Combine the rum, the cooled bananas Foster and the ice cream in a blender and blend until smooth and creamy. Pour into glasses and top with a dollop of the whipped cream. Dust with cinnamon, garnish with a maraschino cherry, and serve with a long straw.



Block of the Month

SEPTEMBER 2024



Colors:

Dark green or blue
for the basket



PATTERN: CANDY BASKET

Pattern from www.patchworksquare.com

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

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

<https://www.patchworksquare.com/index.php?function=DisplaySheet&sheet=candy-basket-quilt-block&id=&links=1&link1=&mode=quilt>

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



QUILT TIPS

- Sew your binding on before you trim your edges. Then trim your edges with the binding attached.
- Use "newsprint" for paper piecing. It's softer than say tracing paper, you can run it through the printer, it's light enough in color to trace pattern through, and it tears away readily from seams. "Newsprint" can be found at office supply and art supply stores.
- Use a hairdryer to heat rotary cutter blades which are stuck together. They easily slide apart, and you don't have to worry about slicing your fingers.
- Use a felt tip pen to mark the notch when you take the thread out of a spool the first time. You'll easily be able to relocate the notch to lock the thread end back in place for storage.



Sharon Witbeck provided this picture of the pattern for the top she made and showed at the August meeting.

SEPTEMBER 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 are words for quilting notions. Answers can be found at the end of this page.

luge	melt tape	bus life	tilt toes	clients	eels end
in or	cross sis	dearth	tracer tryout	charts	spin
reefer zapper	leu rr	amateur seep	gab tint	wild angels	chips union
amp respire	belt him	clown spider	bin bob	profaned utopian	apt rent



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:

Friday, September 20th, 2024

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



September is National Mushroom Month



"Ah, September! You are the doorway to the season that awakens my soul." ~ Peggy Toney Horton

SEPTEMBER ANAGRAMS ANSWERS

glue	template	fusible	stiletto	stencil	needles
iron	scissors	thread	rotary cutter	starch	pins
freezer paper	ruler	tape measure	batting	design wall	pincushion
seam ripper	thimble	wonder clips	bobbin	foundation paper	pattern