



Quilt Lines

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President's Message

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Hard to believe that 2 months of 2024 is past and spring is just around the corner. I hope you have had time to work on/ complete some projects that have been awaiting your attention. At this time I have at least 6 quilts waiting to be put on the longarm for quilting, and I'm in the process of planning out another quilt top as well as planning for my challenge quilt.

Our February Souper Show & Tell at Stone Arch Village went very well. Lots of delicious foods, good company, and beautiful quilts. The one thing that we need to be mindful of is side talk when a speaker is speaking at the front of the room. Often times side conversations interfere with member's ability to hear what the speaker at the front of the room is saying.

The camera and microphone set up I had for the February meeting seemed to work fine according to the participant who was using ZOOM. We will be using the same set up for our March meeting. Hopefully we will be back at the Court House for our April meeting.

I'm looking forward to our March speaker, Michelle Banton who will be presenting a program entitled "From Cotton to Consumer", the Journey of a Cotton Boll from the Field to Your Local Quilt Shop. Multi-media presentation of the process of cot-



ton becoming fabric. What is the process of growing cotton, creating fabric, designing fabric, having it printed and delivered to your local quilt shop? Probably much more that you ever considered. You will learn how it's grown and manufactured. You will get insights on how different designers create special lines of fabric, and how manufacturers get their goods into your local quilt shops. (this information is copied from Michelle Banton's website Lectures & Workshops | Little Pup Designs)

At our March meeting we will be voting on a by-law change involving the job description for Member At Large. This was presented and discussed at the February meeting. Please see the notice in this issue detailing the change.

Happy Sewing,

Maurine

Newsletter deadline is the **25th** of each month. Please send all submissions to: CQGuildNewsletter@gmail.com

March Meeting

- * **Stone Arch Village Community Room:** 831 Court St in Keene
- * Wednesday the 13th
- * 6:30 pm start, 6 pm for socializing
- * Michelle Banton—From Cotton to Consumer

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/9570602735?pwd=YS9yQnlQMGMjJhL0dNVVp5Q2RyOXZQQT09>

Meeting ID: 957 060 2735
Passcode: 716565

Charity Scorecard

Cedarcrest

<u>Joanna Paige</u> (Jothro94@gmail.com)		
	Pillowcases	Kerchiefs
January	9	0
February	0	26
April		
May		
June		
July		
August		
September		
October		
November		
December	-	-
2024 Total	9	26

Cuddle Quilts

<u>Helen Shaw</u> (shawhelen40@gmail.com)	
	Donated
January	0
February	5
April	
May	
June	
July	
August	
September	
October	
November	
December	-
2024 Total	5

MCVP - Monadnock Center for Violence Prevention

<u>Linda Daniel</u> (lindadaniel1210@gmail.com)			
	Christmas Stockings	Comfort Bags	Lap Quilts
Carryover for 2024	71	7	0
January	0	0	0
February	12	0	0
March			
April			
May			
June			
July			
August			
September			
October			
November			
December			
Gifted in 2024			
Carryover for 2025			

Giraffe Closet

<u>Jean Lord</u> (thelords76@yahoo.com)				
<u>Lou-Anne Beauregard</u> (louannegyory@gamil.com)				
	Small (<50")	Medium (<60")	Large (>60")	Total
2024 Start	24	30	33	87
= January balance	24	30	32	86
+ February received	0	0	0	0
- February gifted	1	1	2	4
= February balance	23	29	30	82
= March balance				
= April balance				
= May balance				
= June balance				
= July balance				
= August balance				
= September balance				
= October balance				
= November balance				
= December balance				

Wheelchair Quilts

<u>Jan Kenyon</u> (jandavekenyon@cs.com)		
Goal of 75 quilts to be donated in December to area nursing homes		
	Donations	On Hand
Carryover for 2024		12
January	2	14
February	6	20
March		
April		
May		
June		
July		
August		
September		
October		
November		
December		
Gifted in 2024		
Carryover for 2025		

Reminder to all members: If you know of someone in YOUR community who is experiencing a disaster (fire, flood, or some other kind of disaster) please contact me so the guild can arrange for a quilt to be donated from our Giraffe Closet.

Thank you. Jean Lord

February 14, 2024 Meeting Minutes

- The Cheshire Quilters' Guild met at the Stone Arch Village with 32 members attending (one present via Zoom) and one guest. Soup, salad and desserts were brought by members to this annual event.
- Officers and Committee chairs each had the opportunity to report the status of their activities.
 - ◆ The January minutes were approved as printed in the newsletter, Quilt Lines.
 - ◆ Treasurers report was filed as presented.
 - ◆ VP/Programs: Joanne Tong contacted Michelle Banton to confirm her as quest speaker for March 13.
 - ◆ Our Auction on May 8, 2024 will have lots of new fabrics donated from a sewing room clean out.
 - ◆ A few attendees indicated they were working on the February Block of the Month, Monkey Wrench.
 - ◆ Peg Smeltz, our historian, is working on several albums.
 - ◆ Librarian position is still open.
 - ◆ Membership chair, Lou-Anne Beauregard, reported we have 69 paid members and 36 still unpaid.
 - ◆ Quilt choice for donation to the Monadnock Guild was made. Lou-Anne presented 4 of the best available in the giraffe closet and the members chose one with hexagons to be gifted. Peggy Fischer will invite Monadnock representatives to our August meeting to present it to them in support of their 2024 show.
 - ◆ Bonny Peters asked for Newsletter articles to be submitted no later than the 25th of each month for the next issue. Participation is welcomed and encouraged. Submit to: CQGuildnewsletter@gmail.com
 - ◆ Open Sew is Feb 24 at the Stone Arch Village on Court Street. Holiday stocking materials will be available for you to sew either while there or to take home.
 - ◆ Sunshine: Lou-Anne Beauregard sent out birthday cards from the guild.
 - ◆ Cathy deVeer, chair of the 2025 Quilt Show, presented completed house blocks that were donated as a possibility for the raffle quilt. Maurine Henry volunteered to embroider some embellishments on the blocks. There was some discussion on whether we needed a larger bed-sized quilt. No decision was made at this time.
- New Business:
 - ◆ Maurine presented the following changes in the next edition of the Membership book to be reprinted in April.
 - ◇ Cover design to include guild logo
 - ◇ Instructions for charity projects
 - ◇ How to become an officer or committee chair
 - ◇ Add Member-at-Large under list of officers on page 7
 - ◇ Add Article 4C.e. Member-at-Large to read as: iii. Oversees Community Service Committees. This bylaw change will be voted on at March meeting.
 - ◆ There was overwhelming opposition to idea of charging guests to attend guild meetings but agreement was to allow two free meetings before expecting non-members to join.
- The March meeting will also be held at the Stone Arch Village.
- Retreat forms for May's retreat at Waterville Valley were available.
- There were two door prizes raffled by Lindell McDougall
- Show and Tell included many beautiful quilts both large and small, finished and unfinished that were admired by all.

Respectfully Submitted
Peggy Fischer, Secretary

Hi all, just want to let you know Erna O'Shea (longtime member) has moved to a first floor apartment at American House. Her new address is Apartment 114, 197 Water Street Keene, NH. She no longer sews but loves visitors/cards!!
Thanks Norma Jean

First Quarter Birthdays!!

We have the following birthdays to celebrate based on our database. If your name isn't here, maybe you didn't tell us when we asked. Don't be shy! (Updated since February newsletter.)

January

Kathy Cray 1/8
 Tracy LaCombe 1/9
 Kathy Lovell 1/9
 Catherine Fabbri
 Sue Vekasy 1/26
 Pat Wright 1/26
 Linda Daniel 1/27
 Lori Blake 1/29

February

Theresa Murphy 2/7
 Lindell McDougall 2/14
 Lou-Anne Beauregard 2/17
 Joanna Paige 2/20
 Jean Lord 2/21
 Lisa Huckins 2/25

March

Ann Burns 3/10
 Jo Gregory 3/20



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2024 Programs

March 13

Michelle Banton
 From Cotton to Consumer

April 10

Pam Weeks
 Quilt As You Go

May 8

Annual Auction

June 12

Laura Rosenspan
 Landscapes

July 10

Members Guild Program

August 14

Ice Cream Social &
 2024 Challenge Reveal

September 11

Jen Sorenson
 Modern Quilter

October 9

Deb Wendt
 Tentmakers of Egypt

November 13

Annual Business Meeting

December 11

Holiday Party

2024 Officers

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Block of the Month 2024 — Underground Railroad Submitted by The Mystery Quilter

This month we are going to make the Jacob's Ladder pattern. This is also known as the "Underground Railroad" block. The Jacob's Ladder pattern dates back to pre-Revolutionary War America and has been associated with the Underground Railroad Quilt stories. It first appeared in publication in 1884, so many doubt its association with the Underground Railroad. However, families would include this pattern because of its Biblical reference in their quilts, so despite the lack

of antebellum documentation, it was very likely around in the 1830s and 40s.

There are many ways to make this block. This way is one of them. When I made the central 4 patch blocks, I was not thinking like a quilter: I was thinking lazy, so I made them like you make half square triangles. I superimposed a dark and light 5 1/2 inch square, marked the center line and sewed 1/4 inch away. I cut the pieces

apart, I rotated the pieces, to get opposite orientation of the colors, marked the center and sewed away. After cutting down the center line, I had 2 four patches. You are probably laughing hysterically by now, since it would be much easier to do this with rectangular pieces of fabric (2 1/2 inches by 5 inches) or 2 1/2 inch squares and not do as much marking. I was in triangular thinking, what can I say?

March 2024 Block — Jacob's Ladder

You will need:

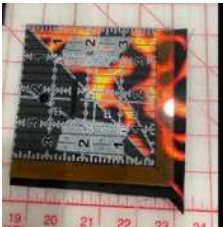
7 dark 5 1/2 " squares

6 light 5 1/2" squares (one extra for possible errors)

4 1/2 inch square ruler

Cutting mat and rotary cutter

1. Lay a 5-1/2" dark square on a 5-1/2" light square and mark the diagonal. Sew 1/4" on either side of the line and cut along the center line. Trim to 4". Make 4 half square triangles like this.



2. Make two four patches with alternating colors. I superimposed two 5 1/2 " squares, marked the center line and sewed the blocks 1/4" away from the line. I then cut on the center line and rotated the blocks to alternate the colors. I repeated finding the center and sewing 1/4 " away and cutting on the center line. That resulted in two 4 patches. Repeat for a total of 4 four patches.



Lining up the opposite colors.

3. Line up your ruler so that the 2" lines of the 4-1/2" ruler cross exactly at the center of the 4 patch and check that the 4 blocks will be the same size (double measure if necessary) then trim so that the block measures 4".



4. You will have unused dark squares that you need to trim to 4". Press your pieces (seams to the dark side or open), then lay the pieces out as below:



5. Sew the vertical blocks together using a heavy 1/4 " seam first. In the right vertical will be a dark

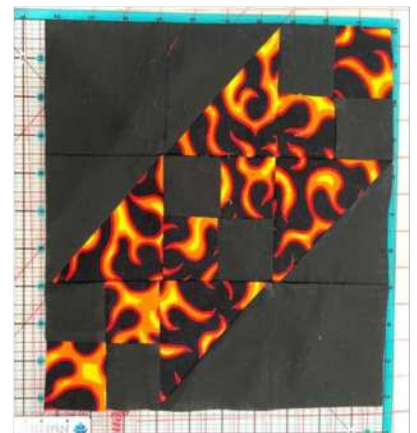
square, followed by a HST, with the light side to the bottom right, and then a 4 patch, with light in the upper right and lower left.

The Center vertical has the top HST with the light side to the bottom right, a 4 patch with light in the upper right and lower left, and a HST, with the light side top left. The lighter sides of the HSTs will touch the light squares in the 4 patch.

The last vertical has a 4 patch, with the light in the upper right and lower left, a HST, with the light side top left and a dark square.

6. Press the overall block.

7. Trim to roughly 10 inches or the size you selected for your Log Cabin block from January. Voila!



Bylaw Change By Maurine Henry

The Guild board met in January and recommended making a small change in the bylaws. This change was presented and discussed at the February 2024 general membership meeting.

- Article 4
- OFFICERS
- C. Duties of Officers
- e. Member-At-Large
- Add --- iii. Oversees community services committees.

Around the Web by Peggy Fischer

It's All About the BLOCKS

- I've been a proud Blockhead for 3-4 years now! This year, Moda Blockheads 5 is all about the many star blocks. <https://modafabrics.com/tags/block-heads>
- Carol Thelen presented a Block of the Day video every single day in 2023. <https://quilt-notes.blogspot.com/com>
- I find Marcia Hohn's free block site a little hard to navigate but there are just so many blocks there, it's worth the visit. [Quilt Blocks Galore! \(quilterscache.com](http://Quilt Blocks Galore! (quilterscache.com)
- Quilting Daily offers over 150 block patterns here: [150+ Free https://www.quiltingdaily.com/150-free-quilt-block-patterns-and-inspiration-from-mccallsquilting-com/Quilt-Block-Patterns-|Quilting-Daily](https://www.quiltingdaily.com/150-free-quilt-block-patterns-and-inspiration-from-mccallsquilting-com/Quilt-Block-Patterns-|Quilting-Daily)
- Looking for all-new, unique sampler blocks? Check out The Jolly Jabber Blog's for the blocks from the Sewcialites 2 Quilt Along: <https://blog.fatquartershop.com/announcing-the-free-sewcialites-2-quilt-along/>
- Have you tried one of the many Disappearing blocks? These are some of my favorite ways to create interesting quilts as there are so many ways to twist and turn the blocks to change the designs. Brita Nelson, the Questioning Quilter, shows you how: <https://questioningquilter.com/>
- Being a Blockhead is so much fun! Can I convert you into a Blockhead too?

2024 Chairs

Auction	Lisa Huckins & Lou-Anne Beauregard
Block of the Month	The Mystery Quilter
Door Prizes	Lindell McDougall
Facebook & Website	Ann Burns
Historian	Peg Smeltz
Librarian	OPEN
Membership & Mailing	Lou-Anne Beauregard

Monadnock Quilt	From Giraffe Closet
New England Quilt Museum Representative	Joanne Tong
Newsletter	Bonny Peters
Norris Cotton Quilt Display	Jean Lord
Open Sew	Ann Burns & Theresa Murphy
Sunshine Committee	Lou-Anne Beauregard
2025 Quilt Show	Cathy deVeer

An Area Quilt Show

Northern Star Quilters' Guild is proud to present our 43rd annual quilt show, A World of Quilts XLIII, on Saturday, May 4th and Sunday May 5th, at SUNY Purchase College, Purchase, NY, about one hour north of NYC. There will be hundreds of quilts on display, speakers, demonstrations, a large vendor marketplace, book sales, raffles, sale quilts, challenge quilts and other surprises. Guest speaker this year is teacher and author, Irene Roderick. This year's special exhibition will display the work of Timna Tarr.

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Discovering a Game-Changer at Fabrics-N-Things in Leominster, MA by Linda Ramrath



During a recent visit to my mom, I stumbled upon a gem at Fabrics -N-Things in Leominster, MA that has revolutionized my sewing experience. Tucked away among the shelves, I found a tool I had never seen before: the Thread Picker.

As someone knee-deep in a project requiring meticulous pressing of small fabric pieces, this find couldn't have come at a better time. The innovative device was the perfect solution for tidying up my ironing table from pesky threads. Its efficiency didn't stop there; I discovered its versatility extended to cutting boards and design walls as well.

For anyone needing a solution to thread clutter or seeking efficiency in their sewing endeavors, I highly recommend giving this tool a try. Who knows, it might just become your new favorite sewing companion!



Jo's Pumpkin Soup by Jo Tong

1 large onion, chopped
 1/4 cup unsalted butter
 1 tsp curry powder
 29oz. can pumpkin
 1 tsp salt
 2 cups half & half
 2 1/2 cups chicken broth
 1/2 tsp cinnamon

Sour cream, fresh parsley, chopped apple, pumpkin or sunflower seeds could be used as garnishes.

Sauté onion in butter until tender; sprinkle with curry & sauté 2 more minutes.

Stir in Pumpkin & salt.

While continually stirring, add 1/2 & 1/2.

Mix in broth & cinnamon & thoroughly heat.

Use garnishes as desired.

Enjoy with some bread or cornbread!

Future Open Sew Dates: March 23, April 20 & May 4 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

February Meeting Show & Tell Sampler Part 1



Barbara Jeffery



Cathy deVeer



Ann Burns



Jo Tong



Elaine Toomey



Pat Wright



Lisa Huckins



Peggy Fischer

February Meeting Show & Tell Sampler Part 2



Sara Fredette



Maurine Henry



Peg Smeltz



Kathy Cray



Nancy Belsky



Guest: Beth



Elaine Laitinen



Stephanie Labanowski



Bonny Peters



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