



# Loose Threads News

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## 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday Agenda

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refreshments & socializing

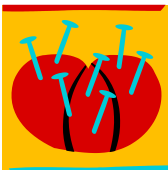
10:00 Business Meeting

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday Agenda

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& socializing

10:00 **Service Projects**

**Workshop** – Bring strip sets of  
red, white, blue and yellow fabric.  
Instructions in this newsletter



Pin cushions galore were displayed  
at the show-n-tell in July. Kiti's  
turned out to be the smallest; Jane  
made the largest version and there  
were so many colorful ones in-  
between. Thanks to Wendy Cole  
for the great Hexies workshop!

## President's Message

Dear Loose Threads,

I can't believe that it is August already. It seems like we were just welcoming spring! Oh well, before we know it, fall will be here and that usually means more quilting. I think it is all about quilting. Yes, each season has its unique features and we should enjoy all of them.

I have enjoyed being President, thank you for having me. Now it is time to move on to a new President. I wish Debby luck as she starts her term. But most of all I want the guild to be a pleasant place to be on the first and third Wednesday of each month. Loose Threads is a great guild and I enjoy being a part of it.

Happy Quilting.....

*Rosemary*



# Minutes - July Meeting

Rosemary Geisler called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M.

## New Business:

- A Thank you note was received from Geri Dullis' friend Linda for all the quilting supplies and quilt. Linda lost everything in a fire.
- All fully completed QoV are due to Judy Snook at the July 16<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- Stephanie Adrian will be participating in a mission trip (Three Angels Ministry) to Haiti. She is requesting that our guild provide aprons for her women's group. Apron's need to be given to her by the July 16<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Sunshine:** A Sympathy card was sent to Pat Leiter for the passing of her father.

**Treasurer's Report:** Judy Peters gave the treasurer's report. Expenses this month were for printer ink for the library/secretary, Quilts of Valor batting, Speaker fees, tickets for Winterthur. Income was from Winterthur tickets, Business Mtg Raffle & interest.

## Retreats:

- All had a great time at the last of the North Mountain retreats. (Except for an incident with a bee. Oh MY!) Good news is that Ann survived the bee sting and the Honey Bee Quilt Shop will be expanding and adding classes. The Quilt Shop will be having an Open House in September.
- Another retreat is being looked into for September 29<sup>th</sup> time frame. Need to look at the New Home for applicability and cost for our group.
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## Speakers/Programs:

- **Reminder:** There is a \$5 fee for Associate Members attending lectures by outside speakers. Please pay Rosemary Geisler or Judy Peters the day the program is held.

**Workshop fees for Assoc & guests are variable and depend on the guild's cost for each speaker. Confirm what your costs will be when you sign up with Laurie Kelly.**

- The July program will be presented by Clem Dupont and Linda Hamel titled "Get Your Woolie's On!"
- Bob DeCarli (author of Hill & Valley Log Cabin Quilts) from Penn Oaks Quilters will be our speaker for our second meeting in September 2014. Lecture topic is TBA.
- Terry Krazmar will be doing a lecture at our second meeting in November.

**Tea Committee:** Dates for next year's Tea are March 21<sup>st</sup> with a snow date of March 28<sup>th</sup>.

**Library:** Two DVDs were by Karen Kay Buckley after her group lecture in May. They are *HAND AND MACHINE APPLIQUE, THE KAREN KAY BUCKLEY WAY* and *KAREN KAY BUCKLEY'S BORDER DESIGN WORKSHOP*. They will be available to borrow in July.

**Fabric Exchange:** July's color is NAVY. August's color is Black and White. Remember to have all of your "I's" dotted (turned in) or else you won't get them back in a timely fashion.

**Secret Pal:** This program seems to be going well but, if you are having any issues, please contact Margie Allen.

## Service Projects/Charity:

- A quilt was given to Geri Dullis' friend who lost everything in a fire.
- Judy Snook will work with Carole Cossa in planning August's Charity Workshop.
- It is recommended that all charity requests be made in a written format and sent to Carole with the name of the organization, what the request is for, your name, telephone number and email address.

## Guild Committees for 2014-2015

**Business meeting raffle** – Sally Ater, Marie Traxler

**Basting** - Jeanne Nalbandian, Takako Pike

**Block of the Month** –Stephanie Adrian, Kathie Travis, Sylvia Homa

**2015 Challenge** -Linda Hamel, Jeanne Nalbandian, Jane Russell

**Fabric Exchange** – Lil Evans, Edy Martin, Linda Garthe

**Field Trips** - Betty Ann Dawson, Bernie Hughes, Cathy Nelson

**Hankin Library Display** – Lenore Clarke, Linda Hamel, Carolyn Ferrandino, Bernie Hughes, Cathy Nelson

**Historian** - Kathy Neiman

**Holiday brunch** – Donna Mathias, Milly Skean, Marie Traxler, Melinda Novatnak, Judy Quintas-Gorman, Sally Ater, Bonnie Swartzentruber, Gayle Hammond

**Hospitality** –Barb Painter, Linda Glass, Gayle Hammond, Sally Ater, Bonnie Strickland

**Librarians** - Pat Leiter, Marylou Bortya, Jill Cardamone, Pat Phillion

**Newsletter** - Linda Hamel (editor), Joanne Cantwell, Linda Glass

**Nominating Committee** - Betty Ann Dawson, Linda Garthe, Susan Glaser

**Programs** –Sue Kehl, Jeanne Nalbandian, Judy Snook

**Retreats** – Lenore Clarke, Carolyn Thompson

**Round Robin Quilts** – Clem Dupont, Jane Russell, Jo Quaglia, Debby O'Keefe

**Secret Pal** – Donna Mathias

**Service Projects** - Carole Cossa, Lil Evans, Bonnie Strickland, Jean Sullivan

**Speakers** – Margie Allen, Susan Glaser, Rosemary Geisler, Laurie Kelly

**Sunshine** - Jean Sullivan, Takako Pike

**Tea Chairs** - Carolyn Thompson, Toni Hughes

**Website** – Lenore Clarke

**Email Blasters** – Lenore Clarke, Linda Hamel

Congratulations to Laurie Kelly who had two of her quilts accepted into the Smoky Mountain Quilters of Tennessee quilt show. She received an Honorable Mention for both Peacock Fantasy and Quilter's Garden!

## July Minutes, continued

- Jean Sullivan has 17 walker bags and 10 quilts.

**Block of the Month:** This month's block is flying geese and half square triangles. Send in pictures of your blocks to post on the website to Lenore Clarke ([LenoreClarke@gmail.com](mailto:LenoreClarke@gmail.com)).

**Hospitality:** Gail Hammond sent around the signup sheet for signups to extend the calendar for drinks/snacks.

### Field Trips:

- A car pool day trip to Olde City Quilts, Burlington, NJ, is being planned for July 29<sup>th</sup>.
- A car pool day trip is being planned to The Wooden Bridge Dry Goods Store, Kutztown, PA, followed by a barbecue lunch at a local eatery for August 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Business Meeting Raffle:** Won by Marie Traxler.

Show & Tell was held with lots of beautiful inspiration.

The meeting was adjourned by Rosemary Geisler at 11:42 AM.

*Jo Quaglia* - Secretary

## July Program

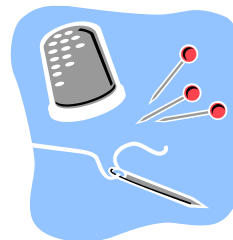
### Our Clever Chemists

Many thanks to professional chemists Linda Hamel and Clem DuPont for their July 15<sup>th</sup> educational and entertaining program on using and dyeing wool. Their well-prepared presentation drew many "ooooh's" and "aaaah's" from mesmerized guild members as they developed stunning colors of wool and silk from their dye pot.

Joanne Cantwell

Carole Cossa will be selling the wool fabric of a deceased friend at the next several guild meetings. The money collected will be used to pay to have her quilts completed and given to her husband.

Left those pins in your UFOs a bit too long?  
Lenore Clarke found these tips online for removing rust stains from your quilts or needlework projects:



**Suggestion #1:** Since the rust marks are mainly on white areas, my first suggestion is to use salt and lemon juice. Make a paste of freshly squeezed lemon juice and table salt. Then using a cotton swab (Q-tip) spread the mixture on the rust marks and then place the quilt in the sun to dry. Then wash the quilt as usual. Check the stained areas before you dry the quilt. If the rust is not gone, repeat the process. There are commercial rust removers but they are much more harsh.

**Suggestion #2:** Use the old kind of soap (bar) put the stain part in water with some of the soap rubbed on the stain and place on the sun. The sun will white out the stain. I have done this with old lace that is yellow and it has turned out like new.



## Quilts of Valor



The final Quilts of Valor were displayed in July. Melinda Novatnak, Gerri Dulis, Clem Dupont and Bonnie Swartzentruber of Kristi Burtch's group completed a striking scrappy half-square triangle design which was quilted by Takako Pike.

Judy Quintas-Gorman, Gayle Hammond, Betty Ann Dawson, Bonnie Strickland and Laurie Kelly comprised Linda Garthe's group. They used strip blocks highlighted with patriotic stars for their QOV which was quilted by Kiti Williams.

Our most recent Service Project, organized by Judy Snook, was a truly worthwhile effort which resulted in seven beautiful Quilts of Valor completed and ready to be sent to our deserving veterans. For more information: <http://www.qovf.org/>



## Upcoming Events

**2014 Crazy Quilters Quilt Show -**  
August 10-31, 2014.

Presented by the Crazy Quilters' Quilt Guild at the Allen-town Art Museum of the Lehigh Valley, 31 North Fifth Street, Allentown, PA. For more info visit <http://www.crazyquilters.org>

**PENNSYLVANIA NATIONAL QUILT EXTRAVAGANZA, Oaks, PA**—September 18-21, Presented by Mancuso Show Management, the largest and most prominent quilting arts event in the Northeast all under one roof. Greater Philadelphia Expo Center in Oaks, PA  
Admission \$14, includes re-admission



Rural America called communal work "bees" because bees symbolize industry. In art featuring families, often a beehive was present because it represented a happy industrious family.

August's Polka Dot is  
**Black & White**

Cut **ten** 6 ½ inch squares.

# Tribute to a Quilter

Jo Quaglia

My friend, Marion Bandura, died June 23rd. She had attended and loved our Teas. She loved quilting, her family, Goodwill and consignment shops, books - especially cook books, and cooking. She was noted, in particular, for her Blueberry Pie and her family had copies of her recipe at the viewing. You could tell by those fine touches by her family members that she was truly loved. She is such a generous person, even in death, she left us all her favorite recipe!!

I thought it would be a nice tribute to her to share her recipe in our Newsletter especially since she supported our Teas. She even contributed books and sewing supplies for our sales.

## Marion Bandura's Blueberry Pie

### SHORT CRUST FOR FRUIT PIES

2 cups flour  
2 teaspoons sugar  
1 ¼ teaspoon salt  
2/3 cup vegetable/canola oil  
3 tablespoons milk

Combine flour, sugar and salt in an 8 or 9 inch pie plate.

Whip oil and milk together with a fork and pour over flour mixture.

Mix with fork until all flour is moistened. Save about 1/3 to ½ cup dough for crumbs.

Press remaining dough evenly in pie pan, covering bottom and sides. Add the fruit filling.

Crumble reserved dough over filling to make top crust. Bake as recipe directs.

### BLUEBERRY/SOUR CHERRY PIE FILLING

3 cups fresh or frozen, unsweetened blueberries or sour cherries

Blueberry/cherry juice

Water

¾ cup sugar

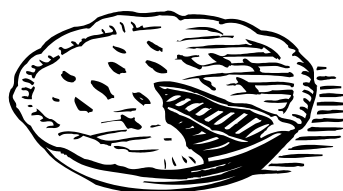
2 tablespoons quick cooking tapioca (I buy it at Freed's in the bulk section (Granulated tapioca))

1 ½ tablespoons cornstarch

1 teaspoon lemon juice

Thaw berries until most of free ice has disappeared. Drain off juice, measure and add water to make ½ cup liquid; (blueberries don't have much juice so you can use all water); stir into mixture of sugar, tapioca, and cornstarch in saucepan. Heat rapidly until thickening is complete. Boiling is not necessary. Set aside to cool.

Add berries and lemon juice to cooled thickened juice. Pour filling into pastry lined pan. Bake in hot oven 425 degrees F. for 30 minutes, or until nicely browned. If using Pyrex pans take out of oven when bottom crust is golden. It will continue to bake for another 10 to 15 minutes as pan cools.



## August Program - Service Projects

In August we traditionally dedicate our program meeting to our guild Service Projects. Here is a summary of the projects that the Loose Threads Quilters currently support.

- Children's Quilts – These colorful quilts are provided for children with cancer, AIDS and other life threatening illnesses, in cooperation with St. Christopher's Hospital. We also donate new or gently used children's books to the hospital.
- Infant Condolence Quilts - The nurses of Montgomery Hospital labor and delivery department use these handmade quilts to wrap infants who do not survive birth. The parents may retain the quilt as a keepsake.
- Southeastern Veteran's Center - Walker and wheelchair bags are distributed to the veterans at the Spring City VA center.
- ConnKerr Cancer - Coordinated by Bonnie Swartzentruber, this organization provides children battling cancer with cheery pillowcases to brighten their hospital stay.
- In Case of Emergency (ICE) Quilts – These larger quilts are kept on hand for an unexpected local need, such as fire, flood or domestic abuse. They are given to local churches or law enforcement agencies to distribute as a need arises.
- Naphtali - Lakota Indians of South Dakota – Coordinated by Jane Russell, we collect personal care items, socks and make knitted garments and infant receiving blankets for the Lakota Indians.
- Safe Motherhood Kits – Coordinated by Lenore Clarke; sponsored by MA World Health, a nonprofit organization that focuses on health and development projects in places like Haiti, DR, Congo and South Sudan. The Safe Motherhood Kit is a small package of clean and sterile birthing supplies that are given to remote or under-resourced clinics to help provide a clean birth and to prevent infection, which is a common cause of maternal death.

At the August program meeting the focus will be on only two of these areas. We are going to organize into groups to make pillowcases for ConnKerr Cancer and quilts for the residents of our local VA center. We will form our groups at the August business meeting, so think about whether you would like to sew, iron, or pin to help out at August 20<sup>th</sup> workshop.

Bonnie Swartzentruber will have fabric kits all prepared for the pillowcases.

For the quilt project, we are asking that each person attending sew together four 2 ½" x WOF strips of red, white, blue, and perhaps yellow to bring to the meeting. We'll cut them into 8 ½" squares and assemble them into quilt tops. Various patterns utilizing these strip sets will be provided. Feel free to use shorter lengths of your scrap fabric – the strip sets just need to measure at least 8 ½" long.



# August Birthdays

7 Jane Russell  
10 Sandy Cantlin  
13 Stephanie Adrian  
14 Geri Dulis  
24 Kathy Neiman  
25 Pat Phillion  
26 Lovye Oesterlin  
30 Linda Wright



## Hospitality

August 6

August 20

**Snack:**

Lil Evans

Carolyn Thompson

**Snack:**

Linda Garthe

Debby O'Keefe

**Fruit/Veggies:**

Bonnie Swartzentruber Sally Ater

**Cold Drink:** Rosemary Geisler Milly Skean

## Mission to Haiti

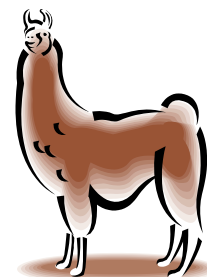


Stephanie Adrian will be participating in a mission trip to Haiti sponsored by Three Angels Ministry at the end of July. She requested that our guild provide aprons for the women she will be working with. The response was overwhelming!

## Wool Source?



Kristi Burtch met an interesting couple at a recent Phillies game. It turns out they own a farm in Gilbertsville that raises Shetland sheep, llamas and angora rabbits. They clean, spin, and sell these "wools." Their web address is [www.angelswool.webs.com](http://www.angelswool.webs.com) (two dots) and business address is 3361 Church Road, Gilbertsville, PA.



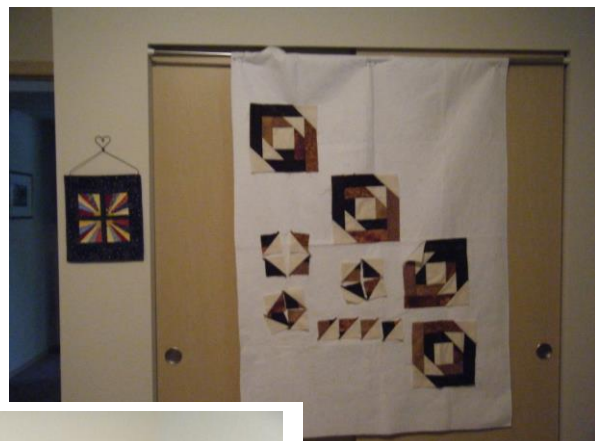


# My Sewing Space

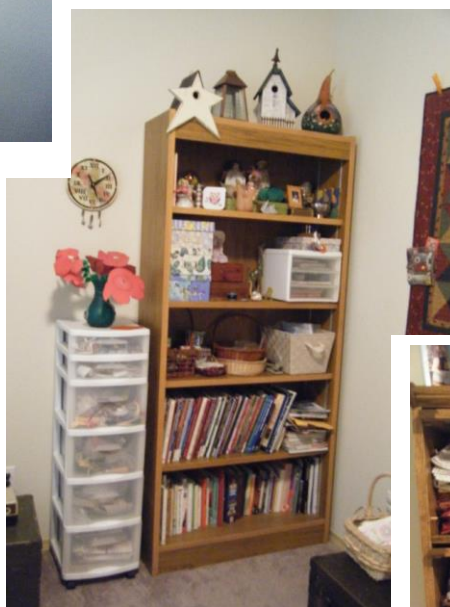
# Sandy Michalec



Actually, I sew in two places. The room I want to be my sewing space also doubles as an office. One of the things I love about this room is the natural light; I believe it faces southeast. This space is in transition. I could really use a large sewing table because I like to spread out and have plenty of room for quilting. I am searching for the right one, but haven't as yet found one I like. I have all my fabric here, in the bookcase, trunks (my dad's old army trunks) and behind the closet doors. Most of my tools are in the drawers and rolling caddies you see near the bookcases. I am not a neat nick, but don't like working in chaos.



The closet serves as a design wall with the use of a tension rod between the door frames. I plan to get a larger piece of flannel.



I have some of my favorite things on the walls and displayed in one of the bookcases



As for my second sewing space...I still sew on my dining room table. It's convenient to use the kitchen island to cut and I have my ironing board set up in the same area. It seems to work well, so until I find exactly what I am looking for in the sewing room, this will do. I have actually finished some UFOs and new projects since my move. I'm now working hard to finish the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Quilt!

## Summer Berry Recipe

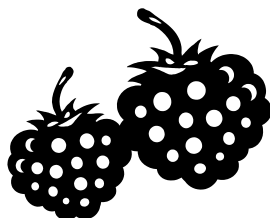
It's summer raspberry season! Yeah! Here is the recipe for fresh raspberry bread. I just made it last night and it is really yummy. I thought I would share it with the guild ladies.

Wendy

### Raspberry Almond Bread

#### Ingredients:

- 2 cups flour
- 1 tsp baking powder
- 1 tsp baking soda
- ½ tsp salt
- ½ cup butter, softened
- 1 cup sugar
- ½ tsp almond extract
- 2 eggs
- 2 Tbsp sour cream
- \* 1 cup raspberries, crushed fresh
- 1/3 cup almonds, slivered and toasted



#### Directions:

Preheat oven to 325 degrees F. Spray or grease a 9 x 5-inch loaf pan. In a medium bowl, whisk together the flour, baking powder, baking soda and salt. Set aside. In a large bowl, using an electric mixer, cream the butter, sugar and almond extract until light and fluffy, about 3 minutes. Beat in the eggs one at a time, beating well after each addition. Mix in the flour and sour cream. Fold in the crushed fruit and almond slivers. Spoon the batter into the prepared pan. Bake in the center of the oven for 55 to 60 minutes, or until a cake tester inserted into the center comes out clean. Cool the bread in the pan for 20 minutes, then invert onto a wire rack, turn right side up and cool completely.

\* crushed strawberries or blueberries can replace the raspberries.



#### From a Fat Quarter (18" X 22")

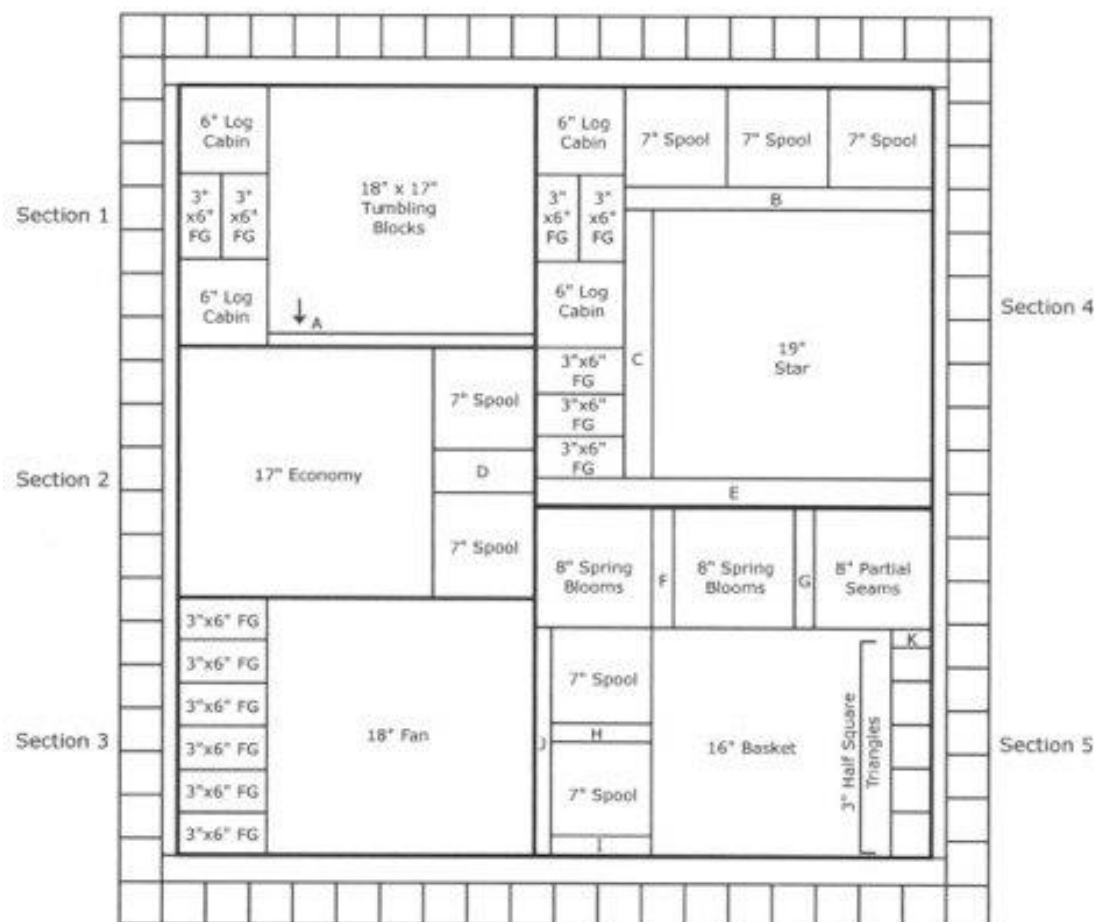
##### You can cut:

- 99 - 2" squares
- 56 - 2½" squares
- 42 - 3" squares
- 30 - 3½" squares
- 20 - 4" squares
- 16 - 4½" squares
- 12 - 5" squares
- 12 - 5½" squares
- 9 - 6" squares
- 6 - 6½" squares

# August Block of the Month

Well ladies, it is time to reveal how to put together those blocks that you have been making for this year's LTQG BOM. The materials we used were from the *2013 Block of the Month with Laura Nownes*. This is a free class found at [www.Craftsy.com](http://www.Craftsy.com). On this site, you will also find all the class materials and photos of finished quilts that others have done and see other arrangements. It is your quilt, so finish it the way that is pleasing to you. If you have any questions or need more instruction with any of the techniques that were taught, you can view the videos at your leisure and get additional suggestions from Laura.

*Note: All block sizes indicated are the finished block size.*



Included in this newsletter are 2 diagrams. At the bottom of the "quilt schematic", you will see the cutting directions for spacers and inner borders to fit around your blocks.

You may need to adjust the size of your spacers to accommodate the sizes of your finished blocks. The "quilt coloring page" (on page 12) is just a visual of how this specific layout will look.

## CUTTING DIRECTIONS FOR SPACERS:

- **A** 1½" x 18½"
- **B** 1½" x 21½"
- **C** 2½" x 19½"
- **D** 3½" x 7½"
- **E** 2½" x 27½"
- **F** 2" x 8½"
- **G** 2" x 8½"
- **H** 1½" x 7½"
- **I** 1½" x 7½"
- **J** 1½" x 16½"
- **K** 1½" x 3½"

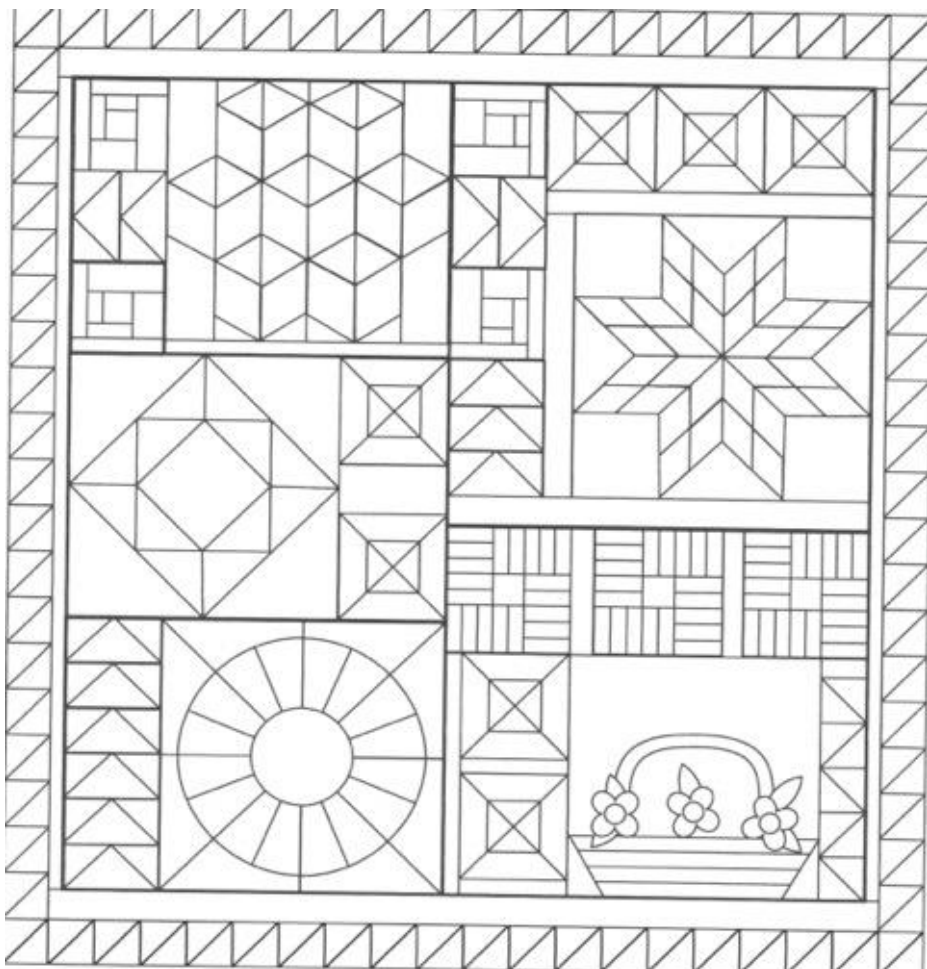
## INNER BORDERS

- **Sides**  
Cut two strips 2" x 53½"
- **Top and Bottom**  
Cut two strips 2½" x 54½"

We hope you have learned some new techniques and that you will not be fearful of trying other techniques that you would not normally do. The goal is to advance our quilting skills. Linda and I thank you for your support and we look forward to seeing your finished quilts. Details of the prizes to be awarded will be announced at the August meeting. Happy quilting!



## August BOM, continued



### Loose Threads Quilt Guild

Meets at 9:30 AM on the  
1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each  
month,  
with a special basting meeting  
on the 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesday at:  
First United Church of Christ  
145 Chestnut St  
Spring City, PA 19475

Annual dues are \$15 per year  
and guests are always  
welcome

Loose Threads Quilters  
Newsletter available on our  
website

[www.theloosethreadsquilters.org](http://www.theloosethreadsquilters.org)

### Row by Row Shop Hop

<http://www.rowbyrowexperience.com/>

Travel and collect rows: July 1 - September 2, 2014

Bring in completed quilt for prize: July 1 - October 31, 2014

**1250 stores in 34 states!**

**No passports!**

**No fees!**

How about this... a shop hop type event with no fees, no passports and all summer to play? Simply visit any of the participating shops and receive a free pattern for a row in a quilt. Combine your rows in any way to create a unique quilt that represents the fun you had traveling throughout the summer. Travel with friends, discover new quilt shops and have fun collecting rows!

### Prizes, collectibles and more fun!

Create a quilt using at least 8 different rows and be the first to bring it into a participating shop to win a stack of 25 fat quarters (6-1/4 yards of fabric!). Use that shop's row in your quilt and win a bonus prize!