



Loose Threads News

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1st Wednesday Agenda

Holiday Brunch

Bring Challenge quilt, gift exchange, holiday mug, cookies & Secret Pal gift

President's Message

Whether you're going over the river and through the woods or creating Thanksgiving yourself, may you enjoy the people and things you are grateful for as the holiday season begins.

Debby

2nd Wednesday Agenda

9:30 Doors open - refreshments & socializing

10:00 **'mystery'** program
Check newsletter for details

3rd Wednesday Agenda

NO Basting Meeting



Our November speaker, Terry Kramzar, gave a fascinating talk about her experiences as a National Park 'Artist-in-Residence' at both Florida's Everglades Park and the Grand Canyon. She then showed us the amazing quilting results of all that beautiful inspiration. Look for a workshop with Terry next year!

Minutes - November Meeting

Debby O'Keefe called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M.

Treasurer's Report: Judy Peters gave the treasurer's report. Expenses this month were for charity projects, programs, Tea file folders, and the deposit for the May retreat. Income was from interest, membership dues and quilt rack rental.

New Business:

- Several visitors graced our meeting. Mary Larkin is on the waiting list to join. Also with us were Betsy Miller and Kathie Travis' mother and sister.
- A Steering Committee – Mary Lou Boryta, Kathie Travis and Pat Leiter – will develop a questionnaire for the guild members. Let a committee member know if you have any suggestions or concerns.
- Bonnie Swartzentruber announced that in the Philadelphia area, 12,000 pillowcases were collected for ConKerr Cancer.
- The second meeting in December will have brief announcements. A program is being planned. There will not be a Business Meeting Raffle at this meeting or the Holiday Brunch.
- NO MEETING DECEMBER 31st!

Membership:

- Betty Ann Dawson updated the Membership List. Copies were available at the meeting. Please check that all of your information is correct. Let Betty Ann know if you have and changes or corrections.
- The guild pins have been found. See Betty Ann if you did not receive one as a new member.
- If you need a nametag, contact Jean Sullivan, Jean.Sullivan@verizon.net

Sunshine: A Get well card was sent to Milly Slean for her cataract surgery.

Basting: If you have quilts that need basting please contact Takako Pike, catseyequiltstudio@dplus.net, or Jean Nalbandian, nalbandian19@verizon.net to schedule for the next basting meeting in 2015. For ease in threading, big eye needles were obtained for next time.

Speakers/Programs:

Reminder: There is a \$5 fee for Associate Members attending lectures by outside speakers. Please pay Debby O'Keefe 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.

- Speakers/Programs for 2015 are yet to be announced.
- Please remember to turn cell phones OFF during the Guest Speakers program.

Fabric Exchange: The 2014 exchange is now officially over and the new 2015 exchange has begun. Details were outlined in the Nov Newsletter. Lil Evans is still waiting on the October squares. Please plan ahead so deliveries are not delayed.

Challenge: This year's challenge, salad quilt, will be revealed at the Holiday Brunch. Contact Linda Glass, glasslinda@hotmail.com, for details.

Hospitality: Signing up now until the end of January 2015.

Field Trips: The musical Half Stitched is playing in Lancaster Co. The only dates right now for this trip are during Thanksgiving week. If you are interested, contact Betty Ann Dawson, wildberryfarm@dejazzd.com.

Retreats: Several retreats are being planned for 2015. Signups are being circulated. Please contact Carolyn Thompson, cthompso99@dejazzd.com or Lenore Clark, LenoreClarke@gmail.com and check the Newsletter for details.

Holiday Brunch: Check your Newsletter for more details. If you will be participating in the gift exchanges please bring your wrapped gift with gift card and your name (so you can be thanked!). There will be separate tables for the Pollyanna and for Secret Pal gifts.

Quilt Shop Review

Serendipity Quilt Shop
31821 Cannon Street
Dagsboro, DE 19939
www.serendipityquiltshop.com

Located on the main street leading into Bethany Beach, Serendipity occupies a charming brick red Cape Cod style house with a wraparound porch. On my first visit, I spent 2 hours doing laps around the store admiring quilts, displays, and fabric.



The store is jam packed with everything quilting and knitting/crocheting related but is organized in “departments” which makes shopping really nice.

They have a great felted wool area with lots of patterns and colors. Lots of batiks, traditional prints, Modas, juvenile prints, and seasonals. On my second visit, I stopped in on a Saturday morning. When I pulled up, the parking lot was packed – I had stumbled on one of their “First Saturday” breakfast meetings. Held once a month, these meetings are a fun way to introduce new products, eat a little breakfast, and of course SHOP.

I would recommend stopping at Serendipity the next time you are in “slower, lower Delaware”. You won’t be disappointed!

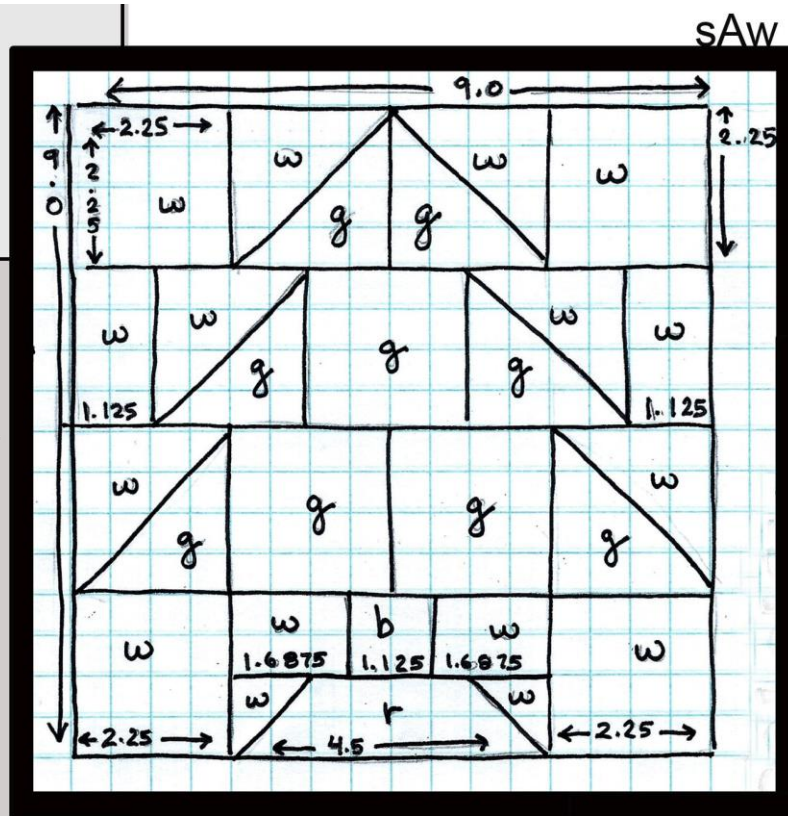
Nancy Miller

2014 BOM December

Based on: a: 9x9 inch square (with 2.75 inch blocks with 1/4 inch seam)
b: Christmas tree theme.

Need: 1: nine white (2.75 inch blocks)
2: six green (2.75 inch blocks)
3: one brown (2.75 inch blocks)
4: one red (2.75 inch blocks)

Color Key:
g - green
w - white
b - brown
r - red



COLORS- GREEN, WHITE, BROWN, RED

An image of this block can be found at: pinkadotquilts.blogspot.com

Select - 2024 and then select - November. I drew what I saw from the image and figured out the basic math. Any QUESTIONS please don't hesitate to ask.

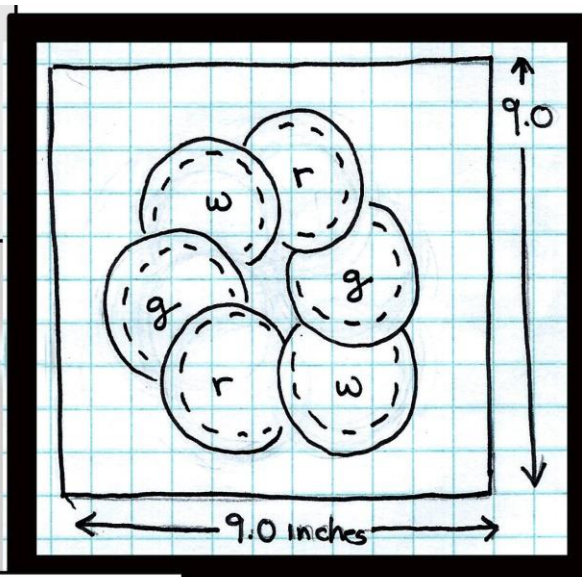
DECEMBER BOM COLORS: Green, red and white

Any Questions: Contact Stephanie Adrian

BOM REPETITIVE BLOCK PATTERN 2014-2015

Based on: a: 9x9 inch solid background. I used recycled denim.
b: The concept of stacked pancakes

Need: 1: 2 green circles
2: red circles
3: 2 white circles
4: An old CD
5: Interfacing



How to make circles: Go on the www and search:

<http://kimberlykesti.typepad.com/thinkfast/2009/08/sew-much-fun.html>

My Sewing Space

Stephanie Adrian

Anyone is welcome in my Sewing Studio; it is a place of creative expression and learning from mistakes. The only creatures that do not cross the threshold into my creative space are my two dogs. This is for their protection from the kitty that guards the space.

I am incredibly thankful for my creative space, for every tool, surface and inspiration that is stored in the four walls. There are antiques and new elements mixed together out of the need to just make things work. I have acquired items from my father's factory, my mother's childhood home, my husband's leftover wood scraps, thrift shops, antique shops and just gifts given with the phrase "I bet you could do something with this".



"I am incredibly thankful for my creative space..."

I have creative storage because my home was constructed in the 1700's. Most of the fabric I have is under my main work surface in plastic bins. I have a large dining room table in an adjacent room and additional storage that I can also use to spread my work out when needed. I tend to work on smaller sewing pieces. I have a small machine and my sewing is very average. I thrive on the design element, the color and the feel of fabric and textiles. The rules for sewing that most people follow are just guidelines for an artist. I push the limits, break needles, mix fibers, and sew against the grain, even put colors together that may seem odd. I am more of a creative quilter than pattern quilter, so my space is much more of a creative sewing studio than a sewing room.

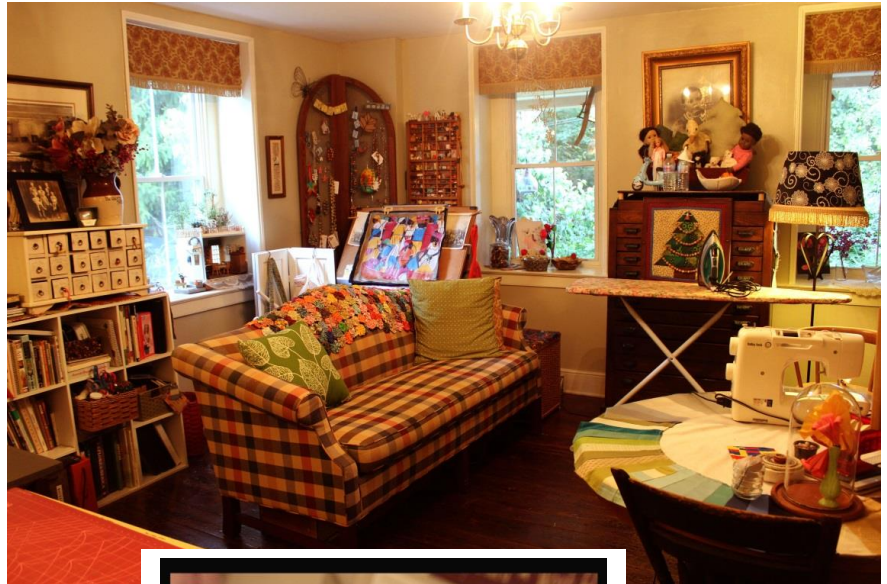


My Sewing Space

Stephanie Adrian

My strongest art medium is photography; my degree is in photography from The Art Institute of Philadelphia. I followed up with art teaching courses at the University of the Arts for working with children with Autism. I do not have my teaching degree, but I have taught for Pottsgrove School District by teaching with Summer Scholar's and Project Purpose. My recent trip to Haiti with the opportunity to teach art to the women there was life changing. I am excited to see how that experience unfolds into new opportunities. For now I am a perpetual freelance artist.

If I could change anything about my space it would be to have my carpenter husband build some open cabinets and add more lighting. I feel like I never have enough light. In my dreams I would have a big space with lots of table space and a collaborative creative design team to work together on projects for Fair Trade for female Artist Worldwide.



So, why am I in a quilt guild? I have a friend who is an excellent quilter and about 25 years ago she taught me a little bit about them. When my son was born I was given a quilt at the NICU at CHOP and then again when he was a little older. It touched me and I wanted to be part of something like that... a quiet gift of love woven together with the tenderness only women can give.

Minutes – November Meeting, continued

Library: Several new books will be available next month from Mary Kovel's. For details and availability contact Mary Lou Boryta, mboryta2@verizon.net.

Secret Pal: The Secret Pal Reveal will happen at the Holiday Brunch in December. There will be a separate table for you to place your Secret Pal gifts or you can deliver them in person. Margie Allen, handheld786@yahoo.com, is the 2014 coordinator if you have any questions.

Donna Matthias will be in charge of the 2015 Secret Pal, john937@verizon.net. Signups for next year will need to be returned to her at the Holiday Brunch. Please contact Donna for the signup questionnaire. The theme is patriotism. A \$10 cap on the each month's gift is suggested.

Block of the Month: Silvia Homa, Silvern6@gmail.com, Kathie Travis, KBTravis92@gmail.com, and Stephanie Adrian, photogal13@verizon.net, will be delighting us each month with ideas for a "Calendar Quilt" theme. Each month's block is to highlight 3 prominent colors. Finished Block size will be 12" X 12". A block suggestion will be provided but you can also use your own block design. If you've always wanted to try out a new block design, now is the time to do it.

November's colors are burgundy, burnt orange and gold. September's colors were red, yellow and blue. October's colors were cranberry, orange and green.

Round Robin: There are 3 different "Round Robin" projects. Two projects use a linear (horizontal strip) quilt format and will be used, as need arises for a guild member who could use the comfort of a quilt made by the guild. The third is a true Round Robin which is done with a medallion center surrounded by consecutive borders (you furnish the center square area, provide the fabric to be used and decide on the 'rules' for your individual quilt).

When completed, this piece will belong to each participant. Contact Debby O'Keefe, dokeefe19@hotmail.com, and Clem Dupont, Cpdupont@verizon.net, for more information about these activities.

Charity Projects: Jean Sullivan had several children's quilts and condolence quilts. She is collecting walker/wheelchair bags. She will pick up at the Holiday Brunch and deliver them. The group is also collecting orphan blocks – any size – and fleece for backing.

Tea: Tea dates are as follows: March 21 with a snow date of March 28. Kathie Travis has designed the Tea Block and will get it to the Tea committee to be included in the invitations which go out later this month. Pat Phillion is collecting items for the Chinese Auction. The speaker will be Sue Reno from Lancaster who will speak on Art Quilts. The same format will be used as last year with the speaker first followed by the workshops. Discussion Group topics will be finalized soon along with the group leaders and assistants. More information will be detailed in the Newsletter.

Business Meeting Raffle: There were two Business Meeting Raffles this month. They were won by Kiti Williams and Judy Snook.

Show & Tell was held with lots of beautiful inspiration. Donna Mathias brought in a "fidget quilt" that she purchased at a show. These are used by Alzheimer's patients to keep them busy.

The meeting was adjourned by Debby O'Keefe at 11:30 AM.

Jo Quaglia - Secretary



Member Recipes

Joanne Cantwell brought this delicious treat to the basting session in October. It's a keeper.

Apple Gingerbread with Lemon Sauce

Liquid Ingredients for Gingerbread:

1 large apple, peeled, cored and roughly chopped
1 cup molasses
1 cup milk
¼ cup melted butter
1 egg

Dry ingredients:

2 cups flour
½ cup brown sugar
2 tsp. ground ginger
1 tsp. cinnamon
1 tsp. baking soda
½ tsp. baking powder
¼ tsp. ground cloves

Spray baking pan with nonstick cooking spray. In a blender or food processor (I used an immersible hand blender), pulse the butter, molasses, egg, milk and apple until apple is pulp, about 15 sec. on high. Set aside while mixing together all dry ingredients in a large bowl. By hand, combine the liquid with the dry until just incorporated, it is fine if lumps are present. Bake in 350 degree oven for 30 minutes or until a toothpick inserted in middle comes out clean. For larger pan, bake about 45 minutes.

Remove from oven to cool a few minutes before slicing to serve warm or refrigerate, covered, before serving cold. Good with Lemon Sauce or whipped cream.

Lemon Sauce for Gingerbread or Cake:

½ cup white sugar
1 tbsp. cornstarch
1/8 tsp. salt
1 tbsp. butter
¼ tsp freshly grated nutmeg (dry ok)
1 cup boiling water
1 tsp. grated lemon zest
1 lemon, juiced

In saucepan, stir together sugar, cornstarch and nutmeg. Gradually stir in boiling water, then simmer over low heat until thick, stirring occasionally. Remove from heat, stir in butter, lemon zest and lemon juice and serve.

(Makes an 8" square pan; for 9" x 13", I doubled the recipe and sauce).



Betty Ann Dawson recently made this pancake recipe, from Martha Stewart Living magazine, for company and got rave reviews. Try them out on your holiday visitors!

Gingerbread Pancakes

Whisk together: 3 cups flour
¾ tsp baking soda
2 tsp ground ginger
¼ tsp ground cloves
1 Tbsp baking powder
1 tsp coarse salt
2 tsp ground cinnamon
¼ tsp nutmeg

Add: 3 large eggs
3 cups buttermilk
½ cup molasses

Stir until combined. Cook on hot griddle. Serve with maple syrup and fresh whipped cream.

Astrology of the Quilt Guild

Excerpts from *A Gathering of Quilters* by Luana Rubin, McCall's Quilting Magazine

Sagittarius Nov 22th to Dec 22nd

If there is a class being offered through the guild, Sagittarius is there to take it! If there is a trip to a local museum or quilt shop, Sagittarius is on the bus! And if there are no classes or trips scheduled for the guild, Sagittarius will go out and research and plan until these events are listed in the newsletter. In between workshops and field trips, you are traveling and learning as much as possible, and then generously sharing your knowledge with the group. Maybe you should teach a class?

December Birthdays

- 8 Toni Hughes
- 10 Linda Garthe
- 10 Carolyn Thompson
- 14 Jean Atwood
- 18 Lenore Clarke
- 20 Bernie Hughes
- 25 Judy Quintas-Gorman



December Program

We will have a 'mystery' program at our December 17th meeting.

To solve mystery #1: Bring to the meeting, one 8" circle of fabric made by sewing together two contrasting fabrics, wrong side together, turn inside out, whipstitch opening. Also bring thread, a needle, and scissors.

Mystery #2 is a complete mystery! Come and find out what we will be doing. (If supplies are needed, they will be e-mailed to you).

The FLOWER fabric exchange color for December is **red/holiday inspired**.

All blocks should be 6 ½ inches square. Fabric can have the color of the month in the flowers or in the background. Please make sure all blocks have flowers on them.

Cut 11 squares and put in one zip lock bag marked with your name and DECEMBER.

Hospitality

Thank you to everyone for the lovely get well cards you sent to me. They sure did brighten my day!

Millie

Snack:

Holiday

Snack:

Brunch!

Fruit/Veggies:

Cold Drink:

December 3

December 17

Lenore Clarke

Bernie Hughes

Marylou Boryta

Judy Shafer

Getting to know you

Did you ever notice the license plate “ILUVTAP” on a car in the parking lot when Loose Threads meets? We tracked it down and found that Marylou Boryta is the owner of this vehicle and there’s some history behind it.

Although Marylou was born in PA, she became a “Jersey Girl” at the age of 10 when her family moved to Long Beach Island, NJ. During one summer in her teenage years, she was asked to perform as a go-go dancer at an Arts Center in Harvey Cedars. Her love of dancing began. Life events brought her back to PA where she attended West Chester University and took Tap Dancing as an elective. She danced on at Lionville School of Dance for many years until a broken ankle took her off the dance floor.

As a visitor to Jane Russell’s “Tudor Rose” quilt shop, Marylou finally decided to try quilting, traded in her tap shoes for some quilting lessons and she has been cutting and sewing ever since. A frequent participant at quilting retreats, Marylou headed up the retreat committee for several years. She never passes up a chance to expand her knowledge with lessons from various quilters at local quilt shows and shops.

Marylou worked in International Transportation before retiring in 2007. She enjoys traveling and lists European River Cruises among her favorites.



Joanne Cantwell



SAVE THE DATES for future 2015 retreats:

In February we are trying out a new retreat site in Reading. We have two options. Come for at least two days Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Monday. This is President's Day weekend. You can come all 6 days. Just think what you could get done! Sleeps ten, 2 or 3 beds per room. One bedroom on first floor

- **Legacy Retreat House** in Reading (Mt. Penn): February 11-16 (Wed- Mon) \$130 for two nights, 3rd night \$40, 4th or more \$20 per night.
- **Cocalico Quilter's Inn**: May 11-14 (Mon-Thurs) \$50/night, \$150 cleaning fee (divided).
- **Blue Lake**: October 13-16 (Tues-Fri) \$40/night, \$100 cleaning fee (divided)

Any Questions: Contact Carolyn Thompson or Lenore Clarke

Polka Dot Baby Quilt

Toni Hughes, who along with Lil Evans ran the polka dot fabric exchange last time around, made an easy and adorable baby quilt with her 'dots.' She found the pattern on <http://sewshesews.wordpress.com/?s=pinwheel+quilt>

Pinwheels and Postage Stamps Baby Quilt

Measures approx. 32"x40"

Materials needed:

- Solid & patterned fabrics. FQ's of patterned fabrics should be plenty for this size if you use variety. For the solids, buy a yard or so.
- $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{3}{4}$ yard fabric for binding
- 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ yard fabric for backing



Step 1. Cut out squares

- For pinwheels you will cut out 5" squares of equal amounts of solid and patterns. You will need two squares of each patterned and solid fabric to complete one pinwheel. I used 12 different fabrics for the pinwheels. So, 2 of each equaling 24 squares and 24 solid squares.
- For postage stamp squares cut 2.5". I used 16 per row with 4 rows total.
- Cut sashing out of solid at 2"x44" for on top, sides and in between each row for a total of 8
- Cut 5-6 straight bias strips for binding at 2.25x44.

Step 2. Assemble blocks and rows.

- Your pinwheels should come out at 9" and then will measure 8.5" when sewn into the quilt top. Assemble 4 pinwheels together into a row. Press seams open when linking pinwheels together.
- Sew your postage stamp squares in groups of 4 and trim and then assemble group of 4 into a row. Do that to all rows until you have 4 rows total.
- Add sashing in between rows of pinwheels and 2 connected rows of postage stamp squares. Add side sashing along entire length on both sides of top.

Step 3. Quilt.

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Loose Threads Quilt Guild

Meets at 9:30 AM on the
1st & 3rd Wednesday of each month,
with a special basting meeting on the 5th
Wednesday at:

First United Church of Christ
145 Chestnut St
Spring City, PA 19475
610 948-4516

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

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Seasons Greetings