



Loose Threads News

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February 2014

1st Wednesday Agenda

9:30 Doors open -
refreshments & socializing

10:00 Business Meeting

Tea Details!

3rd Wednesday Agenda

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refreshments & socializing

10:00 Quilts of Valor Project –
Bring supplies & equipment as
assigned by your mini-groups in
January

Turn in your Tea Block!

Free patterns – heart block, heart
quilt pattern, paper-pieced patterns,
valentine quilt patterns

<http://sewhooked.com/2012/02/03/i-heart-that/>

President's Message

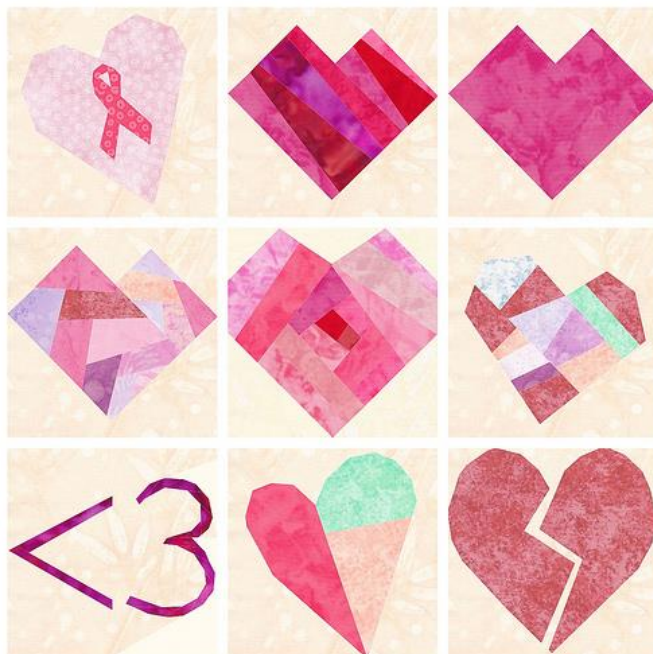
My friends at Loose Threads:

It is February and I am wondering where January went? This is the month of hearts and flowers and I am wondering who made it so?

For us it is time to get ready for our annual tea March will be here before we know it. We need to keep working on our quilts for the tea, think about the cookies or muffins we need to make and get anything else we are signed up for ready. The tea is a special day for Loose Threads. It is a day to spend with friends, food and quilts. What could be better?

See you at the next meeting on the 5th.

Rosemary



Minutes - January Meeting

Debbie O'Keefe called the meeting to order at 10:05 A.M.

Treasurer's Report: Judy Peters gave the treasurer's report. Expenses this month were for the guild Christmas Gift for all guild members and for the Holiday Brunch. Income came from bank interest.

New Business:

- NOTE: There was no Business Meeting in December so there are no minutes for December.
- Thank you to Rosemary Geisler and Laurie Kelly for our guild Christmas gifts.
- The next Business Meeting in February will be split between the Business Meeting and the Tea Committee. In order to shorten the Business meeting, please provide email write-ups to be incorporated into the Meeting Minutes to Jo Quaglia prior to the meeting. joann1455@verizon.net

Basting: There may be one quilt for basting at the end of the month. We can also do charity projects.

Retreats:

- The next Blue Lake Retreat is April 28th – May 2, 2014. A Signup sheets was passed around at the business meeting.
- Marylou asked for volunteer(s) to help for the Blue Lake Retreat.

Challenge: Linda Glass announced the new challenge for 2014. Think salad! And that will your inspiration for COLORS to use in your quilt. Fabrics do not have to be fruit or vegetable but inspired by those colors. Choose any pieced pattern.

Speakers/Programs:

- A **Quilts of Valor** project is planned for January and February. Leaders were designated at today's meeting. The leader will choose the pattern and figure out fabric requirements. Next meeting you will need to decide if you want to cut, sew or iron.

- Margie Allen's embroidery friend, Lynn Dohney, will be telling us how to do make the covered embroidery tape measures in March. We will take our kits home to work on.
- Lisa O'Neill will be doing a workshop in April on Sliver Quilts. Project is to be announced.
- Karen Kay Buckley is planned for May. If you are attending the workshop, bring in your best machine. Limit is 25 people. NOTE: The workshop will be on Tuesday, 20 May, and the lecture will be on Wednesday, 21 May.
- Bob DeCarli (Hill & Valley Log Cabin Quilts) from Penn Oaks Quilters will be our speaker for September or November 2014.

Tea Committee:

Bernie Hughes went over some new changes for our upcoming Tea in March.

- Tea sandwiches will be offered, as well as cookies, muffins, green salad and fruit salad. A \$5 donation per guild member is being requested for purchase of food. Carolyn Thompson is collecting.
- Tea Sandwiches will be prepared by the kitchen committee.
- Each member is to provide 2 dozen homemade cookies or muffins.
- Doors will be open at 9:30 – ½ hour later than previously.
- Committees need to provide info to Bernie to let her know what you need. Please provide info to her by the 19th of January. smallvillemom@aol.com
- Sylvia Homa is collecting the Tea Blocks. Please make sure you get them to her by March 5th.
- Keep checking the Newsletter for MORE information.

Net Notes

This year's Challenge and our Block of the Month has us focusing on traditional quilting techniques but art quilts are always fun. The makers use both modern and traditional methods to transform their experiences and ideas into quilts. And even if you don't make them, it's impossible not to admire their beauty.

Melody Johnson, fiber artist and teacher, exhibits her colorful fused appliquéd quilts on her personal web site and includes information about making them on her blog.

In addition to her gallery, tips and quilt patterns you may also enjoy her knitting.

She is creative, inspiring and worth sharing.

www.wowmelody.com

Fibermania.blogspot.com

Linda Glass

This is the blog from former LTQ member, Sylvia Adair, who was the person who introduced the guild to me. She was only in PA a short time before moving to Ohio and then Wisconsin. I lost touch with her but then I discovered she's following Bonnie Hunter's mystery quilt project and posting her progress.

Sylvia is a traditional quilter and yes, uses treadle sewing machines! (Must have been the Amish influence while living in PA!)

treadlestitches.blogspot.com

Debby O'Keefe



Upcoming Events

Undercover Quilters: Something Wonderful

Saturday, February 22, 9:30-2:30 at St. Matthews Evangelical Lutheran Church in Springfield, PA.

It is a day-long series of mini-workshops, exhibits and a speaker. Admission is \$50 which includes box lunch.

www.undercoverquilters.org

Mid-Atlantic Quilt Festival XXV –

February 27 - March 4, 2014

Presented by Mancuso Show Management at the Hampton Roads Convention Center, 1610 Coliseum Drive, Hampton, Virginia. For more info visit: www.quiltfest.com

Our Susquehanna Valley - February

28 - March 2, 2014 Presented by Susquehanna Valley Quilters, over 100 quilts made by guild members will be on display at Hughesville Fire Hall, Hughesville, PA. For more info visit:

www.susqvalleyquilters.org

The Quilt Fest of New Jersey X -

March 6-9, 2014 Presented by Mancuso Show Management at the Garden State Exhibit Center, 50 Atruim Drive, Somerset, NJ. For more info visit: www.quiltfest.com

AQS Quilt Week - March 12-15, 2014. Presented by AQS at the Marriott at the Lancaster County Convention Center. For more info visit: www.aqsshows.com.

Minutes - January Meeting, continued

Sunshine Committee:

Sympathy cards were sent to Lovye Oesterlin whose daughter passed away on 31 December 2013 and to Judy Snook whose father passed away on 20 December 2013.

Charity: Carole Cossa provided a synopsis of activities:

- Manatawny Manor was given 10 walker bags and 10 wheelchair bags. They sent a very nice thank you letter.
- Sample Condolence quilts were given to Pottstown Memorial Hospital. They were well received.
- One ICE set was given to the United Church of Christ, Spring City, to be used as needed.
- 18 lap quilts went to St. Christopher's
- A Thank you was received from Sandy Kerr for our providing 100 pillowcase to ConKerr Cancer.
- Jean Sullivan dropped off 20 walker/wheelchair bags to the Veterans Center.

It was noted at the meeting that hospitals are getting very strict on donations because of compromised patient immunities. So please wash and bag your pillowcases or quilts and do not use fabric softeners or dryer sheets.

Block of the Month: Carolyn Thompson and Linda Garthe showed us samples. This month's block is a flower basket working with 60° angles. Send in pictures of your blocks to post on the website to Lenore Clarke (LenoreClarke@gmail.com).

Hospitality: Gail Hammond has people signed up for drinks/snacks through the end of March.

Newsletter: Linda Hamel said she is receiving nice reviews for the "My Sewing Space" feature and would like some more write-ups. Linda is looking ahead to getting some biographies for "Our Guild Friends". Please send all inputs to Linda at dhamel1283@aol.com by the 24th of the month.

Field Trips:

- Kathy Nelson sent around a signup sheet for the Lancaster AQS Trip in March.
- A carpool trip to Winterthur is being planned for May 14th. There will be a display of the Downtown Abbey costumes and a possible tour of the Winterthur quilt archive collection.

Secret Pal: The theme will be "Simple Pleasures" – anything to brighten up someone's life. Let Margie know if you are having any problems.

Business Meeting Raffle: Won by Linda Garthe.

Show & Tell was held with lots of beautiful inspiration.

The meeting was adjourned by Rosemary Geisler at 11:40 AM.

Jo Quaglia - Secretary



Two of our members won prizes at this year's Peddlers Village Quilt Competition. Joanne Gardner won Honorable Mention in five (!) categories - Creative, Traditional, Pot Luck, Amish and Quilted Clothing. Linda Hamel won Second Place in the Creative category.

Quilt Shop Review

The Quilter's Store Sedona
where nature's beauty inspires the creative spirit

3075 W. State Route 89A

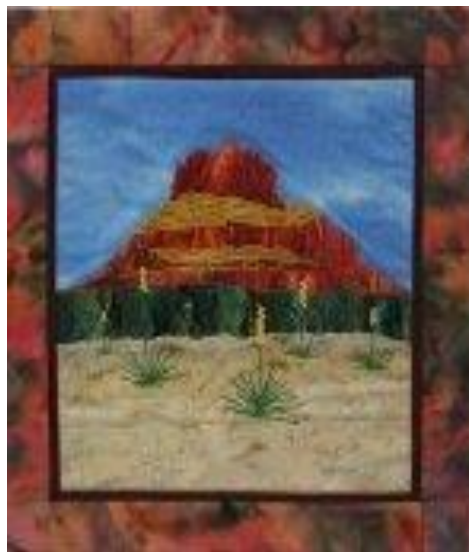
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www.quiltersstoresedona.com

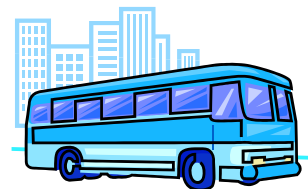
The Quilter's Store Sedona is a really nice store on Route 89A. They had a great selection of fabrics, patterns and books. If you go to Sedona, Arizona you will be stunned by its beauty. This quilt shop has patterns and kits that allow you to capture this beauty in fabric. The operators of this store are super friendly. I arrived there at 4:50 (closing time was 5:00) the Saturday before Christmas and they were very welcoming and never rushed me!

Kristi Burtch



Road Trips

Loose Threads Quilters will be offering bus transportation to the AQS quilt show again this year. The show will be held at the



Marriott Hotel at the Lancaster County Convention Center in downtown Lancaster. The date is Friday, March 14, 2014 and the cost is \$35 which includes show admission (\$12.60) and contribution to the bus driver's tip. Sign up by giving a check for the total cost to Linda Hamel. Feel free to ask family and friends!

2014 Quilters Tea

I LOVE OUR TEA!! I enjoy the preparations of the rooms, food and quilts; not to mention catching up with our returning guests. Admittedly this is a lot of physical and mental work that can be taxing even with the best laid plans. So this year we have made a few changes to help with some of the work needed to ready us for this our only fundraiser.

First, we have a later starting time for the Tea, so those not serving on the kitchen preparation committee do not need to arrive until 8 am. Second, we need each member to prepare two dozen muffins, or two dozen cookies along with donating five dollars (in lieu of preparing a casserole). Third we have made changes to the schedule so that much of the cleanup will be finished by the time our guests are ready to leave.

During the February business meeting on the 5th, we will answer any questions you have as well as walk through what the Friday, March 7th set up and the Tea Schedule for March 8th.

Thanks,
Bernie and Carolyn

My Sewing Space

Betty Ann Dawson

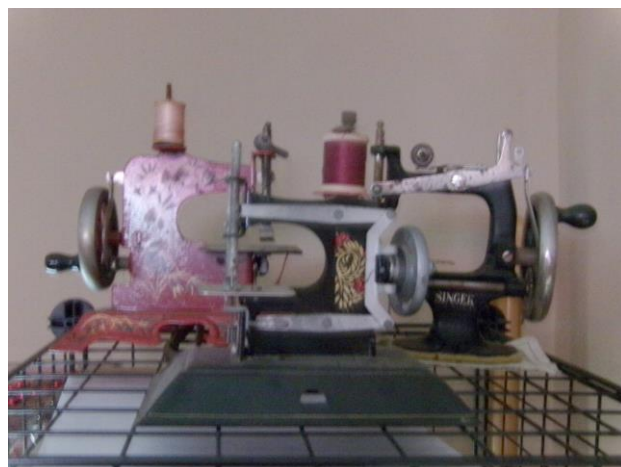
The best things about my sewing space are:

- It's bright (three large windows)
- It's airy in nice weather (ditto on the windows)
- It's warm in the winter (sits over the heater)
- It has a large cutting/workspace table
- It's close to the kitchen and the powder room
- The dogs and cats know where I am



The worse things about my sewing space are:

- It's my dining room, so every time we have guests or it's a holiday, everything has to be put away (it takes forever to find all my supplies again)
- It's too close to the kitchen (too many snacks)
- All of my fabric, extra thread, etc. is either on the second or third floor (all those stairs do provide some exercise)
- The dogs are always under foot and the cats are always trying to sleep on top of everything



Obviously I share this space with the whole household. Sometimes this is good, sometimes this is bad. Good when they all leave me alone and I can work in peace; bad when they all want attention. Despite the few drawbacks, it is my favorite place to sew!

February Program Quilts of Valor

The mission of the *Quilts of Valor Foundation* is to cover all combat service members and veterans touched by war with comforting and healing Quilts of Valor. At our February program meeting we will be working in our 'mini-groups' on Quilts of Valor. There are 6 groups, organized at January's meeting, each currently with 4-5 members. If you haven't been assigned to a mini-group as yet, please call or email Judy Snook. Besides the cutting, sewing and ironing taking place on Feb19th, there are related projects that need completion before we can send off our QOV quilts. Each quilt needs a fabric presentation bag/pillowcase and each of the six quilts needs a label. There are specific requirements for each so call Judy if you can volunteer for either of these projects.

Labeling requirements: Validates to the recipient that quilt is official

May be hand written, embroidered, printed or purchased.

- Must say "Quilt of Valor"
- Documents quilt, quiltmakers – First name of Quilt-topper & state and first name of machine quilter & state
- Personalizes the quilt for the recipient – The words "Presented to" followed by a blank space. This is so the recipient's name can be inserted at a later date.
- Dedication – This can be one dedication or one from each of the QOV makers. Example: Dedicated to my dad, a WWII veteran

Quilts of Valor Foundation Website:
www.qovf.org/

February Birthdays

1 Joanne Gardner
8 Eileen Frankil
9 Edy Martin



Hospitality

	<u>February 5</u>	<u>February 19</u>
Snack	Wendy Cole	Joanne Cantwell
Snack	Toni Hughes	Susan Kehl
Fruit or Veggies	Silvia Homa	Gayle Hammond
Cold Drink	Linda Hamel	Carolyn Thompson

February's Polka Dot color is

PINK

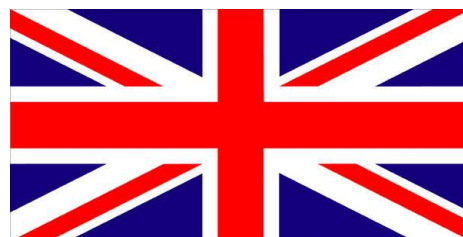
Cut ten 6 ½ inch squares.

The British are coming, the British are coming...

A co-production of Carnival Films and Masterpiece, *Downton Abbey* depicts life in an aristocratic household of the fictional Earl and Countess of Grantham and is one of the most popular and critically acclaimed period dramas ever produced. It has won a Golden Globe Award for Best Miniseries and seven Emmys including a Primetime Emmy Award for Outstanding Miniseries. It was the most watched television series in both the UK and the U.S.

Costumes of Downton Abbey, on display at Winterthur in Delaware from March 1, 2014 – Jan 2015, is an original exhibition of exquisite designs from the award-winning television series. Approximately 40 historically inspired costumes from the television show will be displayed and supplemented by photographs and vignettes inspired by the fictional program and by real life at Winterthur.

Cathy Nelson and Betty Ann Dawson are organizing a guild trip to Winterthur in May.



Andover Fabrics has worked with the costume designers of the PBS television show *Downton Abbey*® to create an exclusive collection of licensed fabrics. There are five different colorways or 'moods' for the *Downton Abbey*® collection. Each of the four leading ladies – the Dowager Countess, Mary, Edith and Sybil – has a specific colorway which represents the personality of her character. There is also a fifth collection of companion prints which compliments and ties together each character's collection.

Free quilt patterns using the collection:

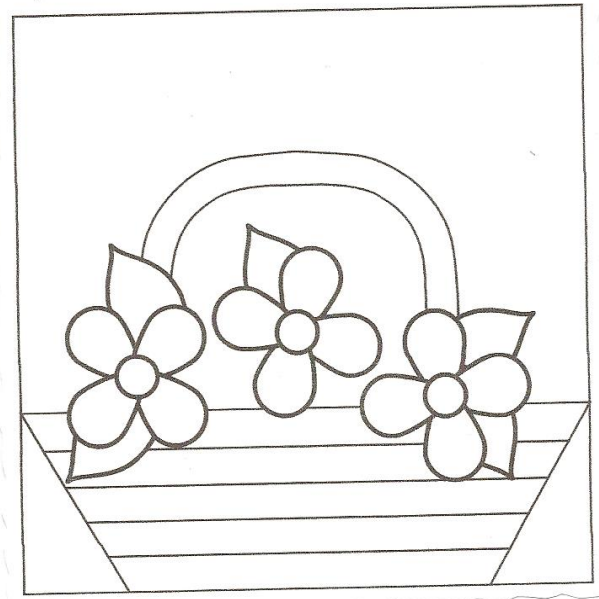
<http://www.andoverfabrics.com/NewsStory.php?NewsSlug=twelve-quilts-from-downton-abbey>





by BOM-Basket Flowers

sewing Skill – appliqué



Fabrics of your choice

Supply list:

- Fabrics of your choice
- Appliqué glue, such as Roxanne's
- Heat resistant template plastic or manila file folder

Yardage and Cutting: Based on 42" wide fabric

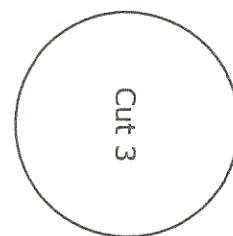
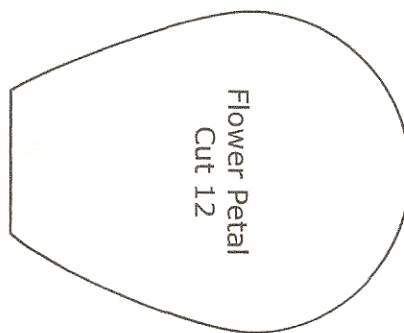
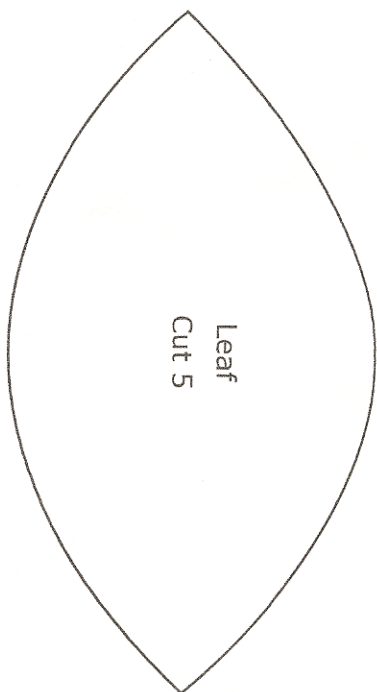
- Leaves: Cut 5 with template
- Flowers: Scraps in colors of your choice
 - Cut 12 flowers and 3 centers using template patterns

Construction: Use a ¼" seam allowance throughout.

1. Choosing your preferred method, make a variety of flowers and leaves.
2. Arrange the flowers and leaves on the top background piece.
3. Stitch the handle, then flower and leaf shapes in place either by hand or machine.

Visual samples of appliqué methods and construction will be given at the February business meeting.

Many instructional videos for appliqué methods can be found on utube and the website



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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

Loose Threads Quilters

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www.theloosethreadsquilters.org

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Blue Lake Retreat - April 28 - May 2, 2014

Sure, it's cold right now but spring is just around the corner...really! Spend a lovely spring weekend with your quilting friends in the Lancaster County countryside finishing up all those UFOs. Bonus...the rambling retreat farmhouse is located only 3 miles from a well-stocked quilt shop! All of the delicious meals are provided, by us. Simply sign up to prepare and then clean up one meal and all the rest is free time. The cost is \$35 per night plus a \$100 cleaning fee that is split up among all those attending. Stay for a many nights as you can. Bring all of your own bed linen and towels. See Marylou Boryta to reserve your spot. There is room for twenty people.