



Loose Threads News

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July 2014

1st Wednesday Agenda

9:30 Doors open -
refreshments & socializing

10:00 Business Meeting
Show and Tell

Turn in Quilts of Valor to
Judy Snook

3rd Wednesday Agenda

9:30 Doors open - refreshments
& socializing

10:00 **Get Your Woolies
On!**

Clem Dupont & Linda Hamel

5th Wednesday Agenda

9:30 Doors open -
refreshments & socializing

10:00 Basting & Service
Projects

President's Message

Hello quilters,

Summer is here! I hope you are enjoying the beautiful weather! I am sitting on a porch in a rocking chair taking a break from quilting at a retreat. It is very peaceful and the view is beautiful. As some of you know, green is my favorite color and nature uses so many shades of this wonderful color. It is amazing as well as inspiring.

Let's all enjoy the summer and keep quilting!

Rosemary

Our librarian, Pat Phillion, reports that 2 DVDs were donated to Loose Threads 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 at the July 2nd meeting.



Happy 4th of July!

Quilt Shop Review

Rose of Sharin' Quilt Shop

311 Mill Street

Danville, PA 17821

www.roseofsharinquiltshop.com

M-T-W-F 10 - 5

TH 10 - 7

S 9 - 3, Closed Sunday

Having already driven up-country to have lunch with a friend in Catawissa, driving 13 more miles to Danville was a no-brainer. Located on Mill Street in downtown Danville is Rose of Sharin' Quilt Shop. Don't let the slightly dusty 19th century Iron Mill town façade fool you, the store inside is delightful. Parking is available both out front and in the rear of the store. The inside is brightly lit, very colorful and artistically arranged. Rose of Sharin' carries, among others, fabrics by Moda, Marcus, PR and Timeless Treasures.

Patterns and kits are displayed amid the various fabrics, usually with an example made from the featured fabric collection. They are currently doing a block of the month quilt titled "House Warming Party" in fabrics by Marcus.



There is a nice selection of pattern books, buttons, notions, batting and thread. A "bargain bin" is located at the rear of the store featuring remnants and no longer used display items (some nice enamelware bowls were in there). A large instruction area and a station for longarm quilting round out the store space.

The woman behind the register was very helpful and friendly. She was more than happy to answer any questions posed by the customers. All of this adds up to a great place to visit when you find yourself up-country!

Betty Ann Dawson

Quilts of Valor

There were more Quilts of Valor displayed at June's show-n-tell. Donna Mathias' group, consisting of Carolyn Thompson, Pat Leiter, Marie Traxler and Linda Glass, did a patriotic variation on the 'rail fence.'



Debby O'Keefe's group staffed by Toni Hughes, Sue Kehl, Rosemary Geisler, Joanne Cantwell, Bernie Hughes, Shirley Horning and Marylou Boryta decided to buck the 'red, white and blue' trend, and make a quilt with a female GI in mind.



Upcoming Events

Muncy Historical Society Quilt Show - July 18 & 19, 2014

Myers Elementary School, 125 New St., Muncy, PA

Hours: Fri 4:30 - 8:30, Sat 10 - 4

Admission: \$5 per day

www.muncyhistoricalsociety.org

Mid-Appalachian Quilters, Inc - July 18 - 20, 2014

Classes by nationally known teachers

Mount St. Mary's University
Emmitsburg, MD

www.maqonline.org

Quilt Odyssey - July 24 - 27, 2014

Hershey Lodge & Convention Center,
W. Chocolate Ave. & University Dr.,
Hershey

Admission: \$10 or \$14 entire show

www.quiltodyssey.com



Kathy Travis designed her group's machine embroidered quilt made with Pat Pillion, Jean Sullivan, Jill Cardamone, Carolyn Ferrandino, and Linda Hamel.

All quilts should be completed by the July business meeting.

Minutes - June Meeting

Rosemary Geisler called the meeting to order at 10:03 A.M.

New Business:

- The New Board for next year will be Debby O'Keefe, President; Betty Ann Dawson, Vice President; Judith Peters, Treasurer; and Jo Quaglia, Secretary.
- Committee descriptions were sent around with a selection sheet to be filled out at the meeting. These will be worked and decided upon by August.
- The Old Country Store in Lancaster is now re-opened.
- All fully completed Quilts of Valor are due to Judy Snook at the next Business Meeting on July 2nd.

Sunshine: A Sympathy card was sent to Joyce Stemple for the passing of her husband.

Treasurer's Report: Judy Peters gave the treasurer's report. Expenses this month were for Speaker Fees, Charity Batting, Quilts of Valor (QoV) Batting, Sympathy flowers, postage for QoV. Income was from guest fees, North Mt. retreat, Winterthur trip, Business meeting raffle & interest.

Retreats:

- The last retreat at North Mountain will be at the end of June and it is full.
- A new person(s) will be needed to head this committee next year.
- New locations are needed for next year as North Mountain is shutting down and Blue Lake's prices are going up.

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 Program in June will be presented by our own Wendy Cole on Hexies. We will be making a pincushion.
- 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 21st with a snow date of March 28th. Descriptions and signups for committees were sent around at the meeting.

Fabric Exchange: June's color is PURPLE polka dots or background. July's color is NAVY. Remember to have all of your "I's" dotted (turned it) or else you won't get them back in a timely fashion.

Service Projects/Charity:

- Six walker wheel chair bags were given to the Phoenixville Senior Center.
- Judy Snook will work with Carole Cossa in planning August's Charity Workshop for program meeting on Aug 20th.
- 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.

Block of the Month: This month's block incorporates 45° angles. Send in pictures of your blocks to post on the website to Lenore Clarke (LenoreClarke@gmail.com).

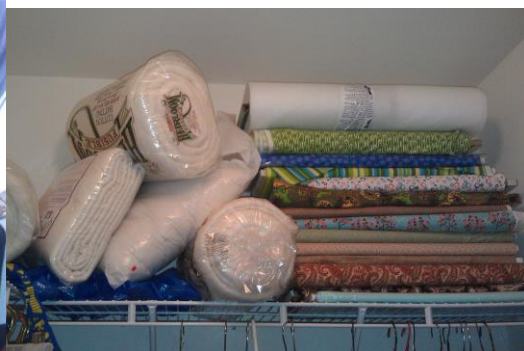
Hospitality: Gayle Hammond sent around a signup sheet for August/September for drinks/snacks.

My Sewing Space

Lenore Clarke

Since I had to move out of my former sewing room, my sewing room is now in my bedroom. I like the window it faces; the easy access to the bathroom; my TV. I can use the floor to lay out quilt blocks as the carpet is light.

I'm waiting to return to my sewing room and move out of my bedroom. Some nights when sleeping was out of the question, I retreated into my room to sew without disturbing my husband. There's something about boomerang children....



In my clothing closet I store fabric on the bolt, and intact batting bats.

I store my fabric sorted by color in large clear tubs. I also have tubs with strips cut in 1.5, 2, 2.5, 3.5 and 4.5 inches a la Bonnie Hunter's scrap system. Then I have boxes, bins, and tubs with fabric scraps that are smaller than fat quarters, and/or donated by friends. I also have a large collection of shirts that have recently been de-boned. They have not been cut into strips yet. Hmm; I also have a large garbage bag of men's white shirts (53 to be exact!) that are not yet de-boned. I have a bin of Orphan Blocks, and fabric donations from my mother as she continues to down-size. A large Rubber-maid tub contains African fabric from my sister who lived in Burkina Faso for 16 years; another contains flannel; another contains yarn.



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Lenore Clarke

A dresser holds interfacings and stabilizer, kits that I have purchased and not yet made, tote bags for project storage, purses I have made, and Christmas presents that are pending. Next to the dresser I store my Accu-Cut Go and mats, a mini ironing board, and the ironing board/Big Board if I ever take them down. Finally a tall cupboard holds Quilting books, some old sewing patterns, and I'm not sure what else because I haven't opened it in a while!! In the basement I have 5 large Rubber-Maid tubs with wool—wool clothing and wool yardage. My mother sewed for herself and her three daughters. Living in Buffalo, NY, young ladies in high school wore wool jackets and box pleat skirts. Add in the pointy glasses and you can see the picture. I wore the wool tent dresses. LOTS of fabric still after sharing with my Stitch Group and the Guild, at least I'm down from 9 tubs of wool.

When I sew I have my ironing board next to me. Usually the Big Board is on top of it. I cut out projects at the sewing table that my husband built for me. It has a sliding door that holds quilting templates on a peg board. I can collapse the table, but it is always up. The Big Board set at right angles to my sewing table helps support the weight of a quilt as I free motion. I keep spare cutting mats under my bed.



I'd love to say I'm a neat-nik, but the pictures tell it all. I know *about* where things are, and have recently started working on some of the scrap boxes and bins. After a while, you just don't see the piles anymore. I also moved all my knitting and yarn to an exited son's bedroom. So far the collection only lives in the closet. I confess I have purchased duplicates of some items because I have stored items all together in a project bag and have forgotten where I have put them!

Blue Ridge Retreat Recipes

Chicken Nacho Soup – Carolyn Thompson

1 Tablespoon tomato paste	14.5 oz. can diced tomatoes (fire-roasted)
One large russet potato, peeled and dice	One zucchini, cut into $\frac{3}{4}$ " pieces
$\frac{1}{2}$ white onion, finely diced	One clove garlic, finely chopped
One small jalapeno pepper, finely chopped, plus sliced for topping	$\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon ground cumin
1 teaspoon dried oregano	One 15-oz. can hominy, drained and rinsed
3 sprigs cilantro	Kosher salt
$\frac{3}{4}$ cup crushed tortilla chips, plus whole chips for topping	
4 cups low-sodium chicken broth	8 ounces American cheese, diced
1 $\frac{1}{2}$ pounds skinless, boneless chicken breast, cut into $\frac{3}{4}$ inch pieces	
2 tablespoons vegetable oil	
$\frac{1}{2}$ cup milk	

Combine the tomato paste, tomatoes, potato, zucchini, onion, jalapeno, garlic, oregano, cumin, cilantro and hominy in a 6 quart slow cooker. Add the crushed tortilla chips, the chicken broth and 1 tsp. salt. Cover and cook on low, 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ hours. Add the chicken and cook 30 more minutes.

Combine the cheese and milk in a medium microwave-safe bowl; microwave, whisking occasionally, until melted and smooth, 2 to 3 minutes. Serve the soup topped with tortilla chips, the cheese sauce and sliced jalapeno. Serves 4

Snickerdoodle Bars – Wendy Cole

2 $\frac{2}{3}$ cups flour
 2 tsp baking powder
 1 tsp salt
 2 cups brown sugar, packed
 1 cup butter, softened
 2 eggs
 1 Tablespoon vanilla extract
 2 Tablespoon sugar
 2 tsp. cinnamon

Preheat oven to 350F. Grease a 9x13 pan. In a large bowl, beat butter, brown sugar, eggs and vanilla until smooth. Add flour, baking powder and salt and beat until well blended. Spread batter evenly in prepared pan.

Combine white sugar and cinnamon. Sprinkle over batter. Bake for 25-30 minutes, until the surface springs back when gently pressed. Cut while warm.



JULY BIRTHDAYS



20 Linda Glass
21 Judy Snook

July's Polka Dot color is

Navy Blue

Cut **ten** 6 ½ inch squares.

Clem Dupont took a class with Edyta Sitar at the AQS Lancaster Quilt show in March. After Clem told her about our guild's 25th Anniversary Quilt project using her 'spool quilt' design, Edyta said she would love to see the photos of the display taken at our recent Tea quilt show. Here is her response:

Hello Clem,

You have made my day by sending those pictures, I love seeing all of the beautiful quilts. Please say hi to the girls and thank them for using my design for their quilts!
Happy Quilting!

Thank you,
Edyta Sitar

edyta@laundrybasketquilts.com
www.laundrybasketquilts.com

Hospitality

July 2

Snack: Jo Quaglia

Snack: Clem Dupont

Fruit/ Veg Silvia Homa

Cold Drink: Bonnie Strickland

July 16

Carole Cossa

Pat Phillion

Margie Allen

Melinda Novatnak

July 30

Laurie Kelly

Cathy Nelson

Barb Painter

Geri Dulis

July BOM
Half square triangles
Flying Geese

Block Size:

- 3 " finished Half-Square Triangles – Make 83
- 3" x 6" finished Flying Geese – Make 13

Yardage and Cutting: Based on 42" wide fabric

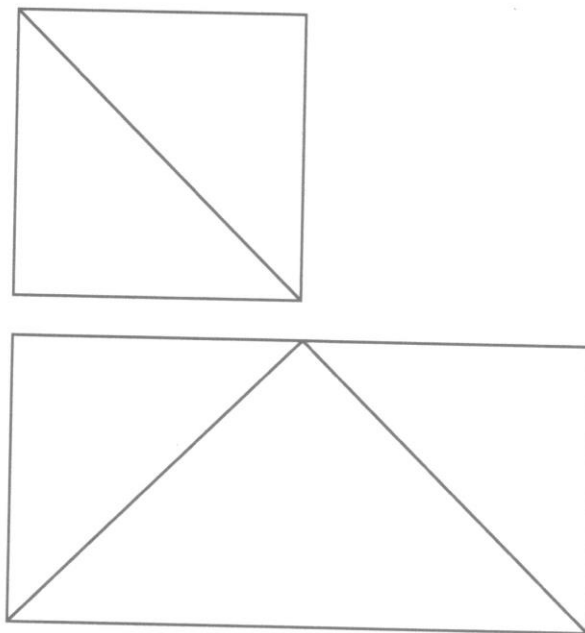
- Half-Square Triangles: Cut 84 4" squares
- Flying Geese
 - Large Triangles: Cut at least five 7 1/4" squares (up to nine for a scrappier look) from a variety of fabrics.
 - Small Triangles: Cut at least four 3 7/8" squares from each of five fabrics (up to eight for a scrappier look).

Construction: Use a 1/4" seam allowance throughout. Use your preferred method of construction to make the half-square triangle and flying geese units.

Here are sites for doing "no waste" flying geese blocks and half-square triangles block if you need a refresher or guide for making them.

<http://quilting.about.com/sitesearch.htm?q=flying+geese+no+waste&SUName=quilting>

<http://quilting.about.com/od/quickpiecingtechniques/ss/halfsquaretria 5.htm>



June Minutes, cont.

Field Trips:

- Betty Ann Dawson has graciously accepted the lead for this committee for next year. Thank you to Cathy Nelson for doing such a GREAT job over the last several years!

Business Meeting Raffle: Won by Melinda Novatnak.

Show & Tell was held with lots of beautiful inspiration.

The meeting was adjourned by Rosemary Geisler at 11:14 AM.

Jo Cuaglia - Secretary



Takako Pike pictured with her quilt at the Brandywine Museum Information Center. This picture was taken when we stopped on our way home from the Winterthur road trip. For more about this Underground Railroad quilt, check the May issue of Loose Threads News.

Net Notes

Summer is here and that means fun in the sun with fabric painting. Harness the power of the sun to create wonderful prints on garments and fabric! This is a great activity for everyone from kids to serious artists. Who doesn't love to get outside and make something? *Setacolor* transparent paint is my favorite and a small jar will last a long time. Just wet the fabric, slather on some paint, layer a few interesting objects on top and let the sun do the rest. Ferns, Ginkgo leaves, buttons, paper cut outs all make interesting designs. These links explain the process very nicely. I can't wait to see your creations.

www.dharmatrading.com/techniques/sun-painting-with-setacolor.html

www.pburch.net > All About Hand Dyeing
www.bloombakecreate.com/2012/06/more-sun-printed-fabric/

Linda Glass



The Salad Bar Challenge 2014

Here we are looking July in the eye. That means only six more months to finish or start your challenge quilt. This year is especially for those who don't appliqué, as the entry must be a pieced quilt. Choose any pattern you like with colors inspired from a salad. Be prepared to tell us what "ingredients" you used and keep the perimeter to 120 inches or less. (Think small wall hangings, hot pad holders, pillows or table runner.) Also, you may enter as many quilts as you want.

Road Trip to Winterthur

There were 26 ladies who gathered at Winterthur to see the beautiful *Costumes of Downtown Abbey* exhibit on June 11th. We were also given a guided tour of many vintage quilts in the historic rooms and behind the scenes in the archives. Many thanks to Cathy Nelson for, yet again, organizing a great road trip for the guild!

Are Marylou and Melinda picking out their guest rooms?



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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

July Program

Our program meeting in July will be another topic from this year's Tea discussion groups – *Get Your Woolie's On!* Clem Dupont and Linda Hamel invite you to discover the pleasure of working with felted wool. The discussion will include sources, tips on the felting process, applique and surface embellishment techniques. There will be a demonstration of easy dyeing techniques using Kool-Ade or food coloring. If you have projects, patterns, books or good tips for felted wool, be sure to bring them along to share with other members.



Rosemary Geisler, Shirley Horning, Kathy Neiman and Jean Sullivan represented the guild at the VA Volunteer Luncheon held at the Spring City veteran's facility in June.

