



# Loose Threads News

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

9:30 Doors open -  
refreshments & socializing

10:00 Business Meeting  
Show & Tell

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

9:30 Doors open -  
refreshments & socializing

10:00 Speaker- Lisa O'Neill  
Sliver Piecing Technique

## Road Trip – Quilt Exhibit

Nine of our members recently hit the road to attend the special exhibit of 19th century Pennsylvania German quilts presented by the Friends of the Gertrude Kistler Memorial Library of Rosemont College. The thirteen “Red and Cheddar” quilts shown were from the quilt collection of Mrs. Joanna S. Rose. The quilts, all bed size and hand quilted, dated from the period of 1840 - 1910 and probably originated in Berks, Montgomery or Lancaster counties.

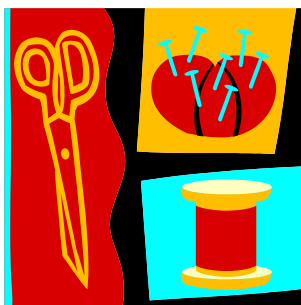
A raffle was held as a fundraiser and the lucky winner of the hand quilted wall hanging made by librarian (and quilter) Cathy Fennel, was our own Pat Philion.



Cathy, Lil, Linda, Pat, Clem, Rosemary, Judy, Melinda and Marylou enjoying the Cheddar & Red Quilt Exhibit at Rosemont College.

## Quilt Shop Review

The Round Bobbin  
1126-B Horsham Road  
Ambler, PA  
215-367-5596  
<http://www.roundbobbinquilts.com>



You open the door of a seemingly small storefront at the end of a short strip mall and walk into a large, brightly lit room chock full of fabric. Welcome to the Round Bobbin located in Ambler staffed by many of the same folks who worked at the Country Quilt Works. The shop has quaintly decorated display areas with class samples adorning the walls and suspended from the ceiling. There are dedicated areas for Civil War, batik, Kaffe Fassett, holiday and kid's fabric and a long wall of fabric organized by color. In the wool corner, overseen by Gretchen Gibbons, you'll find patterns and ornament kits, in addition to beautiful hand-dyed wool fabric. The Round Bobbin's new class listings will be announced in January and will be easily accommodated in the large classroom at the rear of the shop. Customer appreciation discounts are available with accumulated purchases and during the month of your birthday. Although a little out of our regular stomping grounds, the trip to the Round Bobbin is well worth the effort. And there are a number of great lunch spots nearby!

Linda Hamel

Marie Traxler

## Minutes - Oct Meeting

Rosemary Geisler called the meeting to order at 10:07 A.M.

Please send your responses to Rosemary Geisler at [roe305@aol.com](mailto:roe305@aol.com) regarding the following question: What can you do to help the guild???

It was GREAT to have Kathy Neiman in attendance at our meeting today! Welcome back Kathy!!! Kathy also thanked everyone for all the cards and phone calls.

**Treasurer's Report:** Judy Peters gave the treasurer's report. Expenses this month were from block of the Month, Library, Speakers, and Website. Income came from Membership, Retreat, Business Meeting Raffle, Interest on Checking, and Guest fees.

### **New Business:**

- Kristi Burch has volunteered her house for Needle Night, date TBD. An email will be sent out to all members when the date/time is finalized.
- Jane Russell will be collecting socks.
- Bring snacks for the daycare children for our Program meeting on Oct 30<sup>th</sup>. The children will dress in their Halloween costumes for us.
- Debbie O'Keefe has updated our membership list. Membership cards will be available after the meeting. An attendance list will be located near the name tag raffle for sign ins at each meeting.

**Meeting Date Changes:** The following dates are changes from our normal meeting times.

- For January, the first Wednesday is a holiday. This means our Business meeting will be on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday which is January 8<sup>th</sup>. The Program/Speaker meeting will be the following week (the third Wednesday) on January 15<sup>th</sup>. The fifth Wednesday is the Basting Meeting on January 29<sup>th</sup>.

### **Program Committee:**

- The Program for October 30<sup>th</sup> will be on Paint Sticks and Crayons.

## Net Notes

Definition: The term surf, used in the context of "surf the Web", refers to the practice of browsing through Web sites: jumping from one link to the other.

Similar to walking into a book store or "dropping by" the quilt shop, this browsing can cost hours. There's just so much to see.

So, in upcoming newsletters, I will save you time by sharing some of my internet "finds". Yes, I know we all have UFOs waiting, but maybe we'll find some new inspiration or just have fun looking. Either way, check out this one.

<http://www.allcrafts.net/quilting.htm>

It has a lot of info and I want to try 'Binding with Piping.' It's in the 'Borders and Finishing a Quilt' section.

Linda Glass

## Fabric Exchange

The Polka Dot fabric exchange has begun. Please bring **eleven** 6 ½ inch polka dot squares in a plastic sandwich bag with your name clearly printed on it. The fabric exchange coordinators will divide the squares and return them at the next meeting.

### The colors for each month will be:

November - <b>Brown</b>	December - <b>Red</b>
January - <b>Blue</b>	February - <b>Pink</b>
March - <b>Green</b>	April - <b>Yellow</b>
May - Multi Color	June - <b>Purple</b>
July - <b>Navy</b>	August - Black & White

If you have any questions, call Lil Evans 610-489-0797 or Toni Hughes 610-458-0419

Have fun collecting polka dots!

## Upcoming Events

### Quilting Tomorrow's Treasures

November 2-3, 2013

Presented by Quilting on the Line at the Eureka Volunteer Fire Co., 82 N Main St. Stewartstown, PA.

[www.quiltingontheline.com](http://www.quiltingontheline.com)

### Brownstone Quilters Guild Show

November 8-9, 2013

Presented by Brownstone Quilters Guild at Northern Highlands High School, Allendale, NJ.

[www.brownstonequilters.com](http://www.brownstonequilters.com)

### 7th Annual Exhibition of Quilts 2013

November 22-24, 2013

Presented by Lebanon Quilters Guild Lebanon Expo Center, 80 Rocherty Road, Lebanon, PA

More than 100 quilts on display; vendors, book sale, silent auction, demonstrations, appraisals.

Admission \$6.00

[www.lebanonquiltersguild.com](http://www.lebanonquiltersguild.com)

### Quilter's Mantra:

**"Measure twice,  
Cut once,  
Curse,  
Buy more,  
Cut again"**

# Minutes - October Meeting, continued

## **Retreats:**

- The next Blue Lake Retreat is April 28<sup>th</sup> – May 2, 2014 and Sept. 29 – Oct. 2, 2014.
- Marylou Boryta reported N. Mt. Retreat (June 19<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup>) is now full.
- Marylou is looking into other possibilities for retreats. One is located in Bird-in-Hand.

**Challenge:** Only 45+ days to go!!!

**Fabric Exchange:** This year's theme is polka dots. The signup list was sent around at today's meeting. A final list will be sent out by email.

**Library:** Our new Librarians are Joanne Cantwell, Pat Philion and Sue Kehl. A few new books were added this month.

## **Speakers:**

- Lisa O'Neill will be our speaker for November. Topic is Sliver Quilts.
- Karen Kay Buckley is planned for May.
- Bob DeCarli (Hill & Valley Log Cabin Quilts) from Penn Oaks Quilters will be our speaker for September or November 2014.

**Tea Committee:** Send in ideas for the tea discussions to Judy Snook.

## **Sunshine Committee:**

Get Well Cards were sent to Greg Cardamone, Kathy Neiman (and several phone calls), Susan Glaser card (and phone call) and Joan Markowitz. A Sympathy Card was given to and I attended the funeral of the husband of Jill Cardamone. (Report was sent in via e-mail from Jean Sullivan.)

**Charity:** Carole Cossa is trying to get her arms around organizing the charity projects. Please email her and let her know what you have to donate.

**Holiday Luncheon:** Marie Traxler will get together with the Holiday Luncheon Committee members after today's business meeting.

**Block of the Month:** Carolyn Thompson showed us samples that she and Linda Garthe made up. More info will be on the website.

## **Field Trips:**

- Red & Cheddar quilts is today after lunch at Rosemont College. Carpool.
- A carpool trip to Olde City Quilting (recommended by Barbara Persing) is being planned for November.
- A carpool trip to Winterthur is being planned for March. There will be a display of the Downtown Abbey costumes and a possible tour of the Winterthur quilt archive collection.

**Newsletter:** Betty Ann Dawson offered to print copies of the Newsletter for whoever needs a hardcopy. Please let Linda Hamel [dhamel1283@aol.com](mailto:dhamel1283@aol.com) or Betty Ann [wildberryfarm@dejazzd.com](mailto:wildberryfarm@dejazzd.com) know if you need one.

**Odds and Ends:** Jo Quaglia would like to thank everyone for the shank buttons for her mother-in-law, Irene. She now has plenty! You folks are AWESOME!!!

**Business Meeting Raffle:** Won by Kathie Travis.

**Name Tag Raffle:** Won by Carolyn Ferrandino.

Show & Tell was held with lots of beautiful inspiration.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 AM.

*Jo Quaglia* - Secretary

## Blue Lake Retreat

## North Mountain Retreat



Join the fun! The next retreat is Blue Lake in Denver, PA scheduled for April 28 – May 2, 2014. Any questions, contact Marylou Boryta.

## November Program

## Sunshine

Our speaker, Lisa O'Neill, will focus on her book, **Sliver Quilting**, published June 2012 by C&T Publishing. She will discuss how the technique came about, give an overview of the technique, and share the quilted projects in the book

According to Lisa, "The *Sliver Piecing Technique* is quite unique. Most quilters assume the quilts are created using paper piecing, but, I assure you there is not one smitch of paper involved in this technique. You will see just how easy it can be to incorporate *sliver piecing* into your quilted projects.

Please remember to forward to Jean Sullivan any news about our members where a cheerful message and some encouragement would make a world of difference for them.

Contact Jean at [Baltrus@verizon.net](mailto:Baltrus@verizon.net)

Let's make sure all our members know we care about them!



# My Sewing Space

Linda Hamel



I do my sewing and creating in a small room on the second floor of our home. I don't have it all to myself, but share it with my husband, Doug, who uses his part as an office. The light is good but space is really limited. My (beloved) Pfaff sewing machine, in an old Kenmore sewing table that belonged to my Mom, takes up most of the space on the long wall. There is enough room for storage of patterns, books, thread and some of my fabric stash. But since working surface area is at a premium, I wind up using my ironing board, fitted with a Big Board that my husband made for me, for much more than ironing. When I need to cut anything using my rotary cutter and mat, I set up on my dining room table downstairs. Often in the process of cutting and sewing, I get quite the unintended exercise benefit of my 'Stairmaster' situation.

My portion of the room is chock full of sewing knick-knacks made or given to me by family and friends. I have also squeezed as many of my wall hangings as possible on the walls, overlapping many just so I can have them around me. I think of myself as organized, but I must confess to leaving out the things that I plan to work on...as you might imagine, that can add up to some large piles rather quickly. In spite of some negatives, the huge positive of my space is I can leave everything there, walk out, shut the door and return whenever I'd like!





**YOU ARE INVITED**

## Loose Threads Holiday Brunch

Wednesday, December 4, 2013  
10:00 A.M.

Gift Exchange – If participating, bring a wrapped \$15.00 gift, with your name written on a card inside.

Bring your challenge quilt to display.

Bring your Holiday mug.

Bring 1 dozen cookies or muffins to share.

Secret Pal revealed.



## Charity Projects

Shirley Horning recently delivered some of her knitted infant hats to Einstien Hospital and checked on their need for infant condolence quilts. She received this thank you note shortly after.

“...The nurse in the Labor and Delivery department took inventory and told me that they have four quilts left. I asked if I could see one, as I had never seen the quilts. How beautiful they are - such a labor of love and caring. The staff was very thankful to have received the quilts from Loose Threads Quilters. Please convey their thanks to the other ladies.”

Stephanie Sylvester  
Coordinator, Volunteer Dept.  
Einstien Healathcare Network

Jane Russell is renewing her collection of items for the Lakota Indian Reservation. She is looking for hotel size shampoos, lotions and soap for the Bags for New Moms, receiving blankets for newborns and warm socks for any age, any gender. She will collecting items at both November guild meetings. Let's show our usual quilters' generosity this Thanksgiving season!

## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

18 Jeanne Nalbandian  
19 Joan Markowitz  
21 Terri Salindong  
27 Wendy Cole  
28 Bonnie Strickland



## Hospitality

	<u>November 6</u>	<u>November 20</u>
Snack	Edy Martin	Wendy Cole
Snack	Carole Cossa	Judy Peters
Fruit or Veggies	Sally Ater	Barb Painter
Cold Drink	Judy Gorman	Kathie Travis



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## 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  
610 948-4516

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)

Loose Threads News is a monthly newsletter  
for the members of Loose Threads Quilt Guild,  
please forward all materials for publication to

Linda Hamel at  
theloosethreadsquilters@gmail.com

## Fall Fabric Frenzy Shop Hop

**November 8-11th, 2013**

Join us for four days of fabric shopping and excitement with an opportunity to visit 10 of the area's finest fabric/quilt shops! (All within easy driving distance!) We'll have daily door prize drawings at each shop...one lucky participant, per day, per shop, will have the opportunity to win a spectacular gift basket loaded with sewing goodies...a total of 40 winners! Have your Passport validated at each of the ten shops and you will qualify to be in a drawing to win one of five grand prizes.

**For stores and hours: [www.fallfabricfrenzy.com](http://www.fallfabricfrenzy.com)**

## November BOM - Spring Blooms

**Block Size:**

8" finished – Make 3

**Skill:**

Partial seams

**Yardage and cutting:**

Based on 42" –wide fabric

- Fabric A: 1/8 yd  
Cut three 2 1/2" squares
- Fabrics B1-B5: 1/8 yd each

Cut one 1 1/2 "x 42" strip for each of the five fabrics (For scrap quilts, make 12 units measuring 3 1/2" by 5 1/2" strip sets.

**Construction:**

Using 1/4" seams allowance throughout, make 3 blocks.

1. Sew the 1 1/2" wide strips together to make a strip set. Press the seam allowances in one direction. The set should measure 5 1/2" wide.
2. Cut the strip set at 3 1/2" intervals to make 12 units, each 3 1/2" x 5 1/2".
3. Arrange the units around the center squares, referring to the diagram.
4. With right sides together, align the first strip set to one side of the center square with the center square on top.
5. Begin stitching a 1/4" seam at the end where patches meet and sew to the midpoint of the center square.
6. Backstitch and remove the unit from the sewing machine.
7. Align the next strip set with its long edge across the seamed end of the first two patches. Lengths should match exactly.
8. Referring to diagram complete the remaining strip sets.
9. After last strip set is sewn in place, starting at the end of your partial seam, complete the seam joining Set 1 and 4.
10. Press each seam separately, toward the center block or let your seams "speak to you".
11. Trim blocks to 8 1/2" square.

