



Loose Threads News

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1st Wednesday Agenda

Basting at Blue Lake Retreat
in Denver, PA Join us!

3rd Wednesday Agenda

9:30 Doors open -
refreshments & socializing

10:00 Business Meeting
Show and Tell

5th Wednesday Agenda

9:30 Doors open -
refreshments & socializing

10:00 Program begins -

Painting on Fabric

Our New Loose Threads Guild Officers

Standing: Debby O'Keefe, Vice President; Jo Quaglia, Secretary
Seated: Rosemary Geisler, President; Judy Peters, Treasurer



Block of the Month

Just in time! Summer is over; soon we will all be spending more time inside. If you are looking for new project to start, we have a great one for you.

This year's BOM project will not only be fun and interesting, but it has been designed to help you refresh and hone your existing skills, plus possibly learn some new ones. Each month will emphasize a different technique or skill.

Bonnie Swartzentruber, Carolyn Thompson, and Linda Garthe, aka the Block of the Month Committee, will share more information at this months meeting. In the meantime start thinking about one background color and up to 34 other fabric. There will be no set rules. Pick fabrics from your stash or a coordinated collection. Use various colors, fabrics scale, designs, or pick a focus fabric and go from there.

Quilt Shop Review

THE KAPAIA STITCHERY

3-3551 Kuhio Highway

Lihue, Kauai, Hawaii 96766



On a recent trip to Hawaii, I stumbled upon this quilt shop on the island of Kauai. The shop is a lone standing building with an inviting front porch. The windows are adorned with none other than beautiful Hawaiian applique quilts! Although temperatures were in the 80's, the doors and windows were wide open and the quilts that were hanging from the ceiling were gently swaying in the tropical breeze. Since the guys were out playing golf, I had plenty of time to browse and enjoy the shop! They carry a huge selection of batiks in every color imaginable. There are also a lot of tone on tone prints and a nice selection of juvenile prints. There is an entire wall covered with a wide variety of patterns, many of which are made up into samples which are hanging everywhere. They also have a nice selection of kits – I couldn't resist and picked up a pineapple wall hanging kit with brightly colored batiks. It will make a nice souvenir of our trip. The front of the store is dedicated to all things Hawaiian applique. Lots of patterns and samples and they even have a DVD running with mini lessons on various applique techniques. Buttons, threads, cross-stitch supplies, island needlepoint and designs, and Hawaiian fashions fill the rest of the store. It's a wonderful quilt shop – a definite stop on your next trip to Kauai!

Nancy Miller

Minutes - Sept Meeting

Rosemary Geisler called the meeting to order at 10:18 A.M.

Rosemary presented Lenore with a Thank you gift for her service as last years' President.

Treasurer's Report: Linda Hamel gave the treasurer's report. Expenses this month were printer ink - Sunshine Committee, a book - Library and folders - Tea. Interest on our checking account and the Business Meeting Raffle money was our only income.

New Business:

- Homework Assignment. Why did you join the guild??? Please send your responses to Rosemary by the next meeting.
- New nametags will be made up by Jean Sullivan. They will all be similar and will utilize a plastic neck strap. Jean will try to have these made up by the next Business Meeting.
- A Thank you note from Jennifer Williams who sold some of her stash at our meeting last month. Jennifer shared 10% of her profits with our guild.
- Lenore had made up pillowcase kits to be used for the ConKerr Cancer event. Pillowcase instructions are on the website under Members/Patterns. Flannel is an acceptable fabric to use for the pillowcases which all must be washed and sealed in plastic bags.
- All Membership registrations need to be sent to Debby O'Keefe by next meeting.
- The Board is working on a New Member Welcome Packet.
- There is a new position called "Press Relations". Wendy will be designing a flyer which will be highlighting our guild. The brochure will be presented to local quilt shops as a way to advertise our guild in order to attract new members.

Meeting Date Changes:

October - the first Wednesday, October 2nd, will be basting (if any) and will be at Blue Lake Retreat. The third Wednesday, October 16th, will be our Business Meeting. The Fifth Wednesday, October 30th, will be a program or speaker meeting. Donna will check on restrictions for the Halloween parade goodies for the children for the Oct 30th meeting.

Tea Assignments

Tea news from the Tea Chairs:

We are happy to announce that the tea volunteer list is ready. Thanks to those of you that contacted us with new ideas and the willingness to chair those committees. As you can see, we still have openings and not all members have let us know where you would like to serve. Right now the tea discussion group, tea block design and invitation committees need to be working and communicating with each other towards a November 15th deadline.

Thanks for helping to make this a great Tea!
Bernie and Carolyn

Tea Co-Chairs: Bernie Hughes and Carolyn Thompson

Bathroom Monitor: Carol Cossa

Book Sale: Jo Quaglia, Sue Kehl

Chinese Auction: Marie Traxler, Pat Phillion, Donna Mathias

Craft Sale: Margie Allen, Barb Painter

Discussion Groups: Joanne Cantwell, Rosemary Geisler, Judy Snook

Discussion Group Registration: Wendy Cole

Door Prizes: Linda Glass, Bonnie Strickland

Emcee: Lenore Clark

Greeters/White Glovers: Susan Glaser

Invitations: Linda Hamel

Kitchen: Linda Garthe, Bonnie Swartzentruber, Sally Ater

Mailing & Email Address Table: Judy Snook

Parking and Shuttle: ?

Quilt Show: Wendy Cole, Kiti Williams, Betty Ann Dawson

Quilt Exhibit on Stage: Kiti Williams

Registration Table: Laurie Kelly, Marylou Boryta

Set-Up and Take-Down: Tea Chairs

Sewing Room Sale: Debbie O'Keefe, Judy Peters

Tea Block Design: Sylvia Homa, Jean Sullivan, Jeanne Nalbandian

Tea Block Collection: Shirley Horning, Cathy Nelson

Viewer's Choice Ribbons: Kathie Travis, Lil Evans

Upcoming Events

Airing of the Quilts - Outdoor Quilt Show

October 5, 2013

Tunkhannock, PA

Presented by Endless Mountain Quiltworks
www.airingofthequilts.com

Scraps to Treasures

October 11-12, 2013

Presented by Keystone Quilters Guild
Quakertown Christian School

www.keystonequilters.org

Berry Basket Quilt Show

October 19-20, 2013

Presented by Berry Basket Quilters
Marlton, New Jersey

www.berrybasketquilters.com

Tiadaghton Quilt Show

October 18-20, 2013

Presented by Tiadaghton Quilt Guild at
Penn College Field House, One College
Avenue, Williamsport, PA.

Quilts for All Seasons

October 26-27, 2013

Presented by Undercover Quilters at
Brookhaven Municipal Building, 2
Cambridge Road, Brookhaven, PA.

www.undercoverquilters.com/

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

Brownstone Quilters Guild Show

November 8-9, 2013

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

www.brownstonequilters.com/Quilt_show.html

Minutes - Sept Meeting, continued

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

Basting: Currently, there are no quilts to be basted.

Program Committee:

- The Program for October 30th will be on Paint Sticks and Crayons. More info will follow in an e-mail.
- Margie Allen brought in samples of the embroidered tape measure from Lynn Dohney. Margie passed around a signup sheet for those who are interested. Kit price is to be determined but probably ~\$12.

Retreats:

- Marylou Boryta reported N. Mt. Retreat (Sept 19-22) is now full.
- Blue Lake Retreat (Sept. 30-Oct. 3) has openings. Please let Mary Lou know what nights you will be staying. She will have a list of what you need to bring with you at the next meeting.
- The next Blue Lake Retreat is April 28 – May 2, 2014.
- Marylou is looking into other possibilities for retreats.

Hospitality: The new list for signups was sent around during the meeting.

Challenge: Santa Silvia Homa reminded us..... HO HO HO the Challenge Quilts are due Dec 4th at our Holiday Luncheon.

Speakers: Barbara Persing will be our speaker on September 18th. The topic will be "Listening to Your Quilts." She will be bringing her books for purchase.

Tea Committee: Bernie Hughes announced that the Tea Co-Chair is Carolyn Thompson. They will be contacting the committee chairs at a later date. The date for Tea is Saturday, March 8th with a snow date of the following Saturday, March 15th. Bernie would like all Tea Assignments completed by next meeting so please e-mail her with your requests. Contact Bernie if you will NOT be able to attend the Tea.

Sunshine Committee: A card for Kathy Neiman was being sent around at the meeting. Blocks are still being gathered for Kathy N's quilt and need to be delivered to Kathie Travis by next Friday Sept. 13th. Edy will help Kathie Travis put the comfort quilt together.

Charity: Carole Cossa is the new Chair for this Committee. Bonnie is collecting pillowcases for ConKerr Cancer. St. Christopher's sent a thank you note. Carole will be contacting local hospitals for their need for condolence quilts. We have several on hand.

Holiday Luncheon: Marie Traxler will get together with the Holiday Luncheon Committee members after the business meeting in October (Oct. 16th) and will submit a write-up for the next Newsletter.

Secret Pal: This years' Secret Pal ends with the Big Reveal at our Holiday Luncheon. Margie Allen will be planning next years' Secret Pal programming and will have forms for us to fill out at the next Meeting. The theme for next year will be "Simple Pleasures" and will start in January.

Block of the Month: Five people participated in the Block of the Month. Marie Traxler, Joanne Cantwell and Kathy Neiman will each receive a \$20 gift certificate for the quilt shop of their choice.

Field Trips: Cathy Nelson will continue to serve as coordinator. She will be needing help and maybe some of the newer members will step forward to learn.

Newsletter: Linda Hamel announced that she will include a couple of new features for the Newsletter this year: "Our Guild Friends" and "My Sewing Space". She will be sending out the Newsletter 3 to 4 days prior to each Business Meeting so please send finished copy of any inputs to her by the 20th of the month.

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Pennsylvania National Quilt Extravaganza XX



Congratulations to our member Laurie Kelly whose quilt was accepted in the traditional category of the Pennsylvania National Quilt Show held recently in Oaks. Her quilt was machined quilted by Barbara Persing who was our program speaker in September. Laurie's entry entitled *Quilter's Garden* may look familiar ...she used guild member Wendy Cole's original applique and pieced quilt design which was our raffle quilt in 2010-2011.

October Program

On Oct.30th a class, *Painting on Fabric*, will be given by our members Clem Dupont and Carolyn Thompson. There will be a demonstration on paint sticks, crayons and pens and how to use them with stencils or embossed materials (cardboard, metal, etc.). If you would like to try your hand at this technique, please bring Crayola crayons, pens or sticks and ~12" squares of light and dark colored fabric. You could also bring along any stencils or any rubbing surfaces to try. The instructors will be demonstrating only and will NOT have supplies for general use.

Any questions, please call Clem Dupont @ 610-983-0795.

Dog Beds

I have fun making dog beds for rescue dogs. I could use ANY SIZE fabric or batting scraps for stuffing. Bring them along to any meeting. Thanks in advance for your help.

Shirley Horning

My Sewing Space

Linda Wright

Featured this month is our member (since 1994!), Linda Wright, who now lives in sunny Estero, Florida:



“My sewing space is also my hideaway and very essential to my well-being. “

What you like about your space?

I like the fact that it is small, and that I have a walk in closet where I have all my current “goings on” (I can close it to keep things tidy!). I like the view outside the window, and I can take a peek at the street. I have taken over the linens cupboard in the hallway outside the sewing room for my stash. The laundry room is off this hallway too, convenient for the ironing board! Ditto the guest bathroom.

What you hate about your space?

Nothing really, but see below...

Is the area all yours or do you share with others?

Most of the time the room is all mine, however when family comes from England, which is not that often, this is the second guest bedroom. The day bed comes into use and the Horne sewing table leaf is folded away, the sewing machine lowered away. Husband Bill has his own den to hang out in, so I do not trouble him, but move my current project to our bedroom where I have a desk (aka sewing table) especially for this purpose. Consolation - better view, overlooking the lake and Florida preserve.

What equipment is included, i.e. cutting tables, design wall, fabric organization?

I absolutely love my big Horne sewing table, which has a hydraulic lift to put away the heavy Bernina when necessary, and has the insert to have a smooth sewing surface level with the desk. Most of my sewing threads, notions and cutting tools are in the desk. I like to sit while I cut and I have two cutting mats on the 5 foot desk leaf. I have made 108” drapes on this desk with the aid of clamps. I have a quilt hanger (purchased at the Naples quilt guild annual show!) which I am going to use as a design wall (to hang my piece of flannel) and which still needs to be installed.

My Sewing Space

Linda Wright



I have a big dresser in the room, where I keep ribbons, scraps and other odds and ends. The walk-in closet has baskets where I keep trims, lace, elastic, zippers, curtain headings and other supplies. I hang lengths of cut fabric on hangers.

My fabric closet extends from floor to ceiling; I had a light and extra shelves installed. My quilting fabric sorted mostly by color and my Home Dec fabrics are sorted by fabric type: silks, linen, cotton and synthetic. My UFOs (and I still have a lot!) are also in this closet, along with my two portable sewing machines and all my quilting books and magazines are stored in a small bookcase standing on the floor. It is full!

Do you have your area decorated with completed projects, sewing collectibles?

Sewing collectibles are on my dresser. Sadly, I do not have many completed projects yet to adorn the walls, but I have made the curtains, the day-bed covers and pillow cases, which I made using the guild charity pillow case pattern! I am currently making curtains for our master bedroom windows using fabric I obtained from a Loose Threads fabric free-for-all, it is lace and linen-like.

Are you a neatnik and hate clutter or do you work best amid the chaos of UFOs and fabric, knowing just where to look for what you need?
A bit of both!



Minutes - Sept Meeting, continued

Odds and Ends:

- Laurie needs your AQS order by the next meeting, Sept. 18th.
- Wendy requested the name of a reputable upholsterer.
- Jo Quaglia requested shank buttons to use for her mother-in-law.
- Lenore showed us a Mega Wallet for storing all those store cards and sent the pattern by email.
- Kathy Travis mentioned that Jo-Ann's sells an automotive headliner material that can be used as a tote bag stiffening material and less expensive.
- Judy Snook mentioned that the Valley Forge Guild is doing a Pineapple design workshop with Nancy Bills on Oct 26th at Good Shepherd Church in King of Prussia. For details contact Judy or go to the Valley Forge Homestead Quilters website.

Business Meeting Raffle:

- Won by Sally Ater.
- Costs for the shipping of Elizabeth Snead's gift and the Thank you gift for Lenore serving as president came out of the Business Raffle funds.
- Linda Hamel made a motion to send flowers to Kathy N. The motion was seconded by Carolyn Thompson. Jean Sullivan will take care of the request.
- Judy Shafer sent around the sign up list for this coming year's raffle gifts. Judy will no longer be able to do this and Jane Russell volunteered to take over the Business Raffle responsibility.

Name Tag Raffle: Won by Jo Quaglia.

Show & Tell was held with lots of beautiful inspiration.

The meeting was adjourned at noon.

Jo Quaglia - Secretary



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

8	Bonnie Swartzentruber
16	Jean Sullivan
18	Judy Peters
22	Jolene Lorah
27	Joanne Cantwell

Hospitality

	<u>October 16</u>	<u>October 30</u>
Snack	Jane Russell	Gayle Hammond
Snack	Linda Garthe	Margie Allen
Fruit or Veggies	Marylou Boryta	Carolyn Thompson
Cold Drink	Susan Glaser	Judy Shafer



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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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Cheddar & Red Quilt Exhibit

Mark your calendars to attend this special exhibit of 19th century Pennsylvania German quilts presented by the Friends of the Gertrude Kistler Memorial Library of Rosemont College. The thirteen "Cheddar and Red" quilts to be shown are from the quilt collection of Mrs. Joanna S. Rose. Mrs. Rose sponsored the "Red and White" Quilt Exhibit at the New York Armory in 2011 to celebrate her 80th birthday. Mrs. Rose has hand selected these quilts just for this exhibit at Rosemont College. The exhibit is scheduled for October 15 and 16, 2013 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. with a tour and lecture each day at 3 p.m.

The Gertrude Kistler Memorial Library is located at 1400 Montgomery Avenue, Rosemont, PA 19010.

September Block of the Month: Offset Log Cabin

Yardage and Cutting: Based on 42"-wide fabric

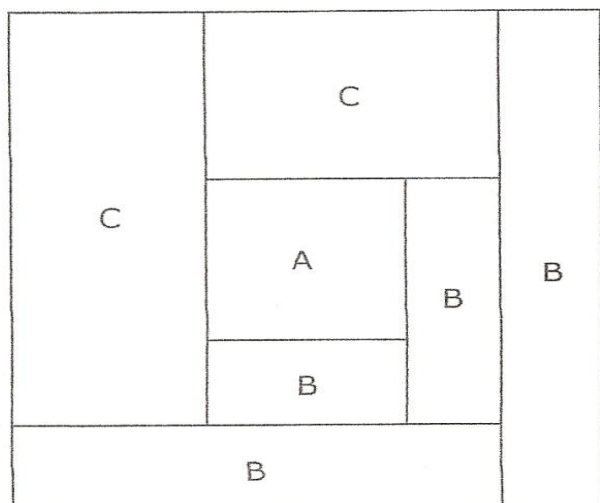
Fabric A: $\frac{1}{4}$ yard - Cut four $2\frac{1}{2}$ " squares

Fabric B: $\frac{1}{8}$ yard (Use background fabric or a similar blended color that will fade into the background) - Cut two strips $1\frac{1}{2} \times 42$ "

Fabric C: $\frac{1}{4}$ yard - Cut one strip $2\frac{1}{2}" \times 42"$

Construction:

Use a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance throughout. You will be making four blocks at one time.



1. With right sides together, sew the four $2\frac{1}{2}$ " squares of Fabric A onto a $1\frac{1}{2}$ " strip of Fabric B. Cut the four units apart and press the seam allowances in the direction of the Fabric B strips. The units should each measure $2\frac{1}{2}" \times 3\frac{1}{2}"$.
2. Sew each of these four units onto a Fabric B strip. Cut the units apart and press the seam allowances in the direction of the Fabric B strips. The units should each measure $3\frac{1}{2}" \times 3\frac{1}{2}"$.
3. Sew each of these four units onto a Fabric C strip. Cut the units apart and press the seam allowances in the direction of the Fabric C strips. The units should each measure $3\frac{1}{2}" \times 5\frac{1}{2}"$.
4. Sew each of these four units onto a Fabric C strip. Cut the units apart and press the seam allowances in the direction of the Fabric C strips. The units should each measure $5\frac{1}{2}" \times 5\frac{1}{2}"$.
5. Sew each of these four units onto a Fabric B strip. Cut the units apart and press the seam allowances in the direction of the Fabric B strips. The units should each measure $5\frac{1}{2}" \times 6\frac{1}{2}"$.
6. Sew each of these four units onto a Fabric B strip. Cut the units apart and press the seam allowances in the direction of the Fabric B strips. The completed blocks should each measure $6\frac{1}{2}" \times 6\frac{1}{2}"$.