



Loose Threads News

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1st Wednesday Agenda

9:30 Doors open -
refreshments & socializing

10:00 Business Meeting
Show and Tell

3rd Wednesday Agenda

9:30 Doors open -
refreshments & socializing

10:00 Program begins –

[Portable Design Boards](#)

5th Wednesday Agenda

9:30 Doors open -
refreshments & socializing

10:00 Basting or service
projects - [Veterans Quilts](#)

**Bring treats for
daycare Halloween
costume parade**

President's Message

Hello Loose Threads,

Twenty-five years ago I missed the first meeting in October. I was still a new guild member, but something got in the way - I went into labor and gave birth to Cassie. Couldn't forget that!

Since that time I've attended many more meetings, enjoyed inspiring speakers, and made a fair number of quilts. Most have been wall hangings, a few bed-size, and a going off to college quilt for each of my daughters. Does my quilt legacy end there?

Unfortunately if I died tomorrow what I'd pass on is my stash of fabric. Little of which my daughters would want to keep, most of which they'd see as a burden to sort through, box up and donate. It wasn't my intention to acquire so much, but I was building a stash for future projects. Well, the future got here a lot faster than the stash got used.

Guilt can be a great motivator...so can regret. I'm starting to realize that impediments like poor eyesight, arthritis or memory loss could one day bring my sewing machine to a rusty halt, perhaps sooner rather than later. So my plan is to commit to quilting again, maybe just using the simplest patterns, my stash and a little new fabric to support the quilt shops.

If my daughters have a pile of quilts rather than a pile of fabric to give away I will feel that I've passed along a quilt legacy. How about you?

Debby



Quilt Shop Review

Web Fabrics

116 North Bailey Lane
Purcellville, Virginia 20132
Mon-Sat. 10 AM to 5 PM
www.webfabrics.net

I discovered Web Fabrics a year ago, in the summer of 2013. My mission among the vendors at the 2013 Hershey quilt show was to find some blender fabric in brown that could be used as picture frames on my mom's 90th birthday photo quilt. I searched all the vendors and found what I needed at a large booth in the center called Web Fabrics. In fact, they had several blender fabrics that could fit the bill. They even helped me pick out the perfect color thread. Mission accomplished!

I was delighted to learn that this shop not only has an online store, but also a brick and mortar local business located in Purcellville, VA. A friend told me she had been there and that this was about a three-hour drive and located south of Gettysburg, PA and about one hour west of Washington, DC.

So this summer (2014), I was taking a trip to Asheville, NC. I planned my driving to swing through Purcellville, and visit Web Fabrics' brick and mortar store. So glad I did! The store is very well stocked and super-tempting. So many of the new fabric lines, I can't list them all. But you can view their inventory at their beautiful website: www.webfabrics.net

I saw many kits and patterns, as well as complete collections of many fabric lines (especially blender fabrics) in all the colorways



available. I kept picking out different bolts of fabric and carried them around dreaming of possible projects. It was a tough decision, but I finally settled on bringing home some yardage from Kaffe Fassett's recently released line, Guinea Flowers. In my mind, you can't go wrong with Kaffe!

I was happy to see the staff busy cutting and preparing products to take to the 2014 Hershey show. When I visited the Web Fabric booth at Hershey this year, they remembered me being at their store. My recommendation is that this shop is definitely worth visiting, either online or at the brick and mortar location in Purcellville, VA. You will definitely find that perfect blender to complete a UFO or something new to inspire you.

Eileen Frankil



Net Notes

My niece is having a baby. Am I ready to select fabric for a new quilt? A little color therapy may be just what I need to create a "soothing comforter". After a few minutes on line I have an eyeful of information.

Quilting 101 has an article specific to our craft and reminds me to consider where the quilted piece will be displayed. "**Color-Picking**" is written by a clever fabric store employee who uses color cards from paint stores to coordinate fabrics. And finally, research and psychology at the **About** site reveals that color can affect people in a variety of surprising ways. I think I'll choose pink for its nurturing and calming effect. It's also perfect for a baby girl.

<http://www.quilting101.com/color>

<http://www.instructables.com/id/Color-Picking-101%3a-It-s-easier-than-you-think/>

<http://psychology.about.com/od/sensationandperception/a/colorpsych.htm>

Linda Glass



Hardly a Challenge at All

It's hard to believe there's only two more months until Christmas and our Challenge reveal. It's been a busy summer and autumn seldom slows down but don't forget to get your quilt ready for our party! This year it couldn't be easier to take part. Any pieced pattern sewn with your favorite salad inspired colors will work. Your efforts can double as a Christmas gift, use up those scraps and maybe win you a prize. More importantly, it's fun to be an active participant in a quilt guild you love.

Upcoming Events

Airing out the Quilts Show – Oct 3 from 10 - 8 & Oct 4 from 10 - 5
Presented by the Earl Township Historical Society at Earl Township Fire Co., 1340 Ironstone Road, Boyertown, PA
Admission \$8

Quilts in the Mill – Oct 3-5, 2014
Presented by the Courthouse Quilters Guild at Prallsville Mills, 31 Risler Road/Rte.29, Stockton, NJ
Admission \$7
www.courthousequilters.com

Airing of the Quilts Outdoor Quilt Show – Oct 4, 2014. Rain or shine.
Presented by Endless Mountain Quiltworks in Tunkhannock, PA
www.airingofthequilts.com

The Wonder of Quilting – An Adventure Filled World... - Oct 18-19
Presented by the Brandywine Valley Quilters at 2 Cambridge Road, Brookhaven, PA
Admission \$5
www.brandywinevlyquilters.org

Valley Forge Quilt Show – Oct 24-25
Presented by Valley Forge Homestead Quilters at Good Shepard Lutheran Church, 132 E. Valley Forge Road, King of Prussia, PA
Donation \$5
www.valleyforgequilters.org

Minutes – September Meeting

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

New Business:

- Judy Snook read a Thank You note from the Quilts of Valor group upon receipt of the quilts made by our Guild.
- This year's Needle Night (Sept. 10th) will be a kickoff meeting for the Evening Bees to be held the Second Wednesday of each month at the church from 6:30pm to 8:00 pm. For this first night, the guild will order pizzas. Please bring a pint of Ben & Jerry's ice cream to share and your own beverage of choice.
- We broke into small groups for discussion of the "STATE OF THE GUILD TOPICS".
- A motion was brought to the floor by Sue Glaser to keep to three issues.
 - Keep "Associate" Membership or NOT
 - Raise the membership total or NOT
 - To have a steering committee to look into the pros/cons of making a raffle quilt or NOT
 - The motion was seconded by Kathie Travis
 - Voting Results were as follows:

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
<u>To Accept the motion</u>	24	4	6
<u>Keep "Associate" Membership</u>	25	2	5
<u>Keep membership total to 50</u>	24	7	1
<u>Steering Committee for Raffle Quilt</u>	23	6	2

Retreats:

- A retreat is scheduled for Sept 29th to Oct 2nd for Blue Lake. Carolyn Thompson is looking to get away from this location in the future due to price increases. Signup sheets and Lists of what to bring were available at the meeting.

- Future retreats will be planned to not interfere with guild meeting dates.

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.

- 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.

Fabric Exchange: Lil Evans announced that the new fabric exchange will be 6 ½ inch squares with a theme of flowers. Some months will be small flowers and other months will be large flowers. More info will follow. A signup sheet went around at the meeting.

Service Projects/Charity: Carole Cossa announced the creation of a Charity Request Form which will be used for all charity requests. The form is posted on the website and Carole will also have a few on hand.

Business Meeting Raffle: Won by Stephanie Adrian.

Show & Tell was held with lots of beautiful inspiration.

The meeting was adjourned by Debby O'Keefe at 11:50 AM.

Jo Cuaglia - Secretary



Accu-Cutter

Four guild members have GO accu quilt cutters that they are willing to let our group use. The guild has purchased plates that cut 2 ½" strips and 4 ½" strips. We can cut a lot of strips for charity quilts such as the VA quilts we just did, but members are also encouraged to use the cutters for their own projects. The only stipulation is that the accu-cutters will only be available at guild meetings - no taking home. Depending on the interest of members, additional dye plates could be purchased for the guild and stored as part of the library. Debby O'Keefe will coordinate this committee, so just contact her if you have any questions or would like to schedule a cutting session.

Kaffe Fassett

Kaffe Fassett will visit Olde City Quilts in Burlington, NJ on Sunday, October 5th from 4 -6 PM. He will talk about his latest projects including patchwork, fabric, needlepoint, mosaic, painting and knitting. A large portion of Kaffe's inspiration comes from his travels. This lecture is designed to empower the audience to create and develop their 'mind's eye.' Following the lecture there will be a meet, greet and book signing. Lecture only \$30 OR Lecture & Latest Book *Quilts in Morocco* \$50.

Needle Nite



We had a great turnout for our Evening Bee/Needle Nite Event. There were 22 members attending, many knitting, others working on Hexies, hand applique and embroidery...but one and all enjoying pizza, ice cream and socializing.

And remember, the Evening Bees will continue on the 2nd Wednesday of every month from 6:30-8:30 at the church.



Our Guild Friends

Everyone attending Needle Nite was asked to write an answer to this question - **“Something my guild friends might be surprised to know about me!”** Here are the various responses and the participating members’ names. See how well you know your guild friends and try to figure out who said what. When you’re done (or if you’re really stumped) check the answers on page 7.

1. When I worked at the Pentagon, I flew a simulator into the Potomac River.
2. I’ve driven cross-country 3 times on my Harley Davidson MC.
3. I met my husband when I was hitchhiking and he picked me up.
4. I was the ‘Potato Champion’ at my local 4-H fair and then was given that honor for the entire state of Kansas!
5. Before I became addicted to quilting, I made antique reproduction porcelain dolls.
6. I’ve been living in the same house for 47 years.
7. I taught 4th and 6th grades.
8. I selected my college for access to ski slopes...and I only skied once in 4 years!
9. My middle name is ‘Majella.’
10. I went to my junior prom in a body cast. My mother made a beautiful dress to fit over it – 47” bust line!
11. I’m a retired photographer. I used to do portraits, weddings and once had to photograph a funeral!
12. I’d rather quilt than clean, any day.
13. I played hooky from school in my senior year and got caught! And punished!
14. I was a downhill skier.
15. I was a Go-Go dancer for a summer job.
16. I studied American Sign Language in high school and was the interpreter for my church.
17. I played the French horn in high school.
18. I won a trophy in a Tango contest.

- A. Marylou Boryta
- B. Lenore Clarke
- C. Clem Dupont
- D. Lil Evans
- E. Eileen Frankil
- F. Rosemary Geisler
- G. Linda Glass
- H. Linda Hamel
- I. Gayle Hammond
- J. Bernie Hughes
- K. Edy Martin
- L. Cathy Nelson
- M. Pat Phillion
- N. Milly Slean
- O. Judy Snook
- P. Kathie Travis
- Q. MarieTraxler
- R. Kiti Williams



October Program

At our October 15th program meeting we will be making a Portable Design Board. Each person needs to bring in a 2 ½ inch x Width of Fabric strip of fabric, a 14" square of batting, and scissors. If you have a glue gun and glue sticks, please bring them along too. This project will make designing blocks much easier!

On October 29th, our Basting day meeting, we will be basting and tying as many of our VA hospital quilts as we manage. There are nine quilt tops that need to be finished. If you are willing to take one or more home and quilt or tie it and bind it, please call Judy Snook, 610-933-8094. The quilts, backings, and batting will be available at our October 15th meeting.

Block of the Month

The Block of the Month committee, Kathie Travis, Stephanie Adrain and Silvia Homa will talk about the colors and patterns to use for October for the next block of the calendar quilt at the business meeting.

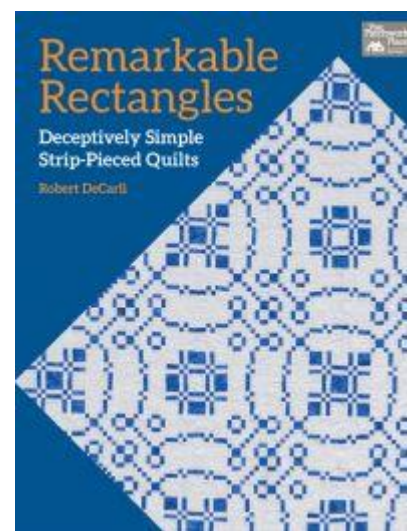
ANSWERS:

1-O, 2-G, 3-M, 4-K, 5-H, 6-Q, 7-F, 8-B, 9-E, 10-P, 11-D, 12-N, 13-I, 14-C, 15-A, 16-R, 17-L, 18-J

How well did you do???



Bob DeCarli, our speaker in September, told us about his quest to make quilts inspired by weaving patterns. He discovered the secret – using strip sets to aid in construction of the quilt - and he (EVENTUALLY!) was able to publish his technique in a book. Loose Threads now has ***Remarkable Rectangles*** in our library.



Astrology of the Quilt Guild

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

Libra September 24th to October 23rd

Your gift in the group is as a mediator, and although you may not have a formal title in the group, you are the person who helps to find balance when fellow quilters take opposite points of view. You would be a good choice to jury a guild quilt show because you have an eye for beauty, visual balance, and design principles. Libra also tries to include all voices and all perspectives, a valuable quality when organizing a large guild project such as a show or conference. Don't be afraid to accept a position of leadership – it will be a great experience.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

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



There's still time to make a little something for Halloween. Need a new pattern? Check out this web site for a number of very cute (FREE!) quilt patterns to download.

<http://www.allpeoplequilt.com/search/site/halloween>



Hospitality



Snack

Oct 1

Judy Snook

Oct 15

Marie Traxler

Oct 29

Joanne Cantwell

Snack

Carolyn Thompson

Linda Hamel

Jane Russell

Fruit/Veg

Lenore Clarke

Donna Mathias

Geri Dulis

Cold Drink

Joyce Stemple

Pat Phillion

Susan Glazer

October seems like a good time to try one of the 'Blue Lake' recipe favorites make by Carolyn Thompson. Delicious!

Pumpkin Scones

Scones:

2 cups flour	6 T. cold butter
7 T. sugar	½ cup canned pumpkin
1 T. baking powder	3 T. half-and-half
½ tsp. ground cinnamon	1 large egg
½ tsp. ground nutmeg	¼ tsp. ground ginger
¼ tsp. ground cloves	

Powdered Sugar Glaze: 1 c. powdered sugar, 1 T. powdered sugar, 2 T. whole milk

Spiced Glaze: 1 cup powdered sugar
3 T. powdered sugar
2 T. whole milk
¼ tsp. ground cinnamon
1/8 tsp. ground nutmeg
1 pinch ginger
1 pinch ground cloves

Directions for Scones:

Preheat oven to 425F.

1. Lightly oil a baking sheet or line with parchment paper.
2. Combine flour, sugar, baking powder, salt, and spices in a large bowl. Using a pastry knife, fork, or food processor, cut butter into the dry ingredients until mixture is crumbly and no chunks of butter are obvious. Set aside.
3. In a separate bowl, whisk together pumpkin, half and half, and egg. Fold wet ingredients into dry ingredients. Form the dough into a ball.
4. Pat out dough onto a lightly floured surface and form it into a 1-inch thick rectangle (about 9 inches long and 3 inches wide). Use a large knife or a pizza cutter to slice the dough twice through the width, making three equal portions. Cut those three slices diagonally so that you have 6 triangular slices of dough. Place on prepared baking sheet.
5. Bake for 14 to 16 minutes. Scones should begin to turn light brown. Place on wire rack to cool.

Plain Glaze:

Mix the powdered sugar and 2 tablespoons milk together until smooth. When scones are cool, use a brush to paint plain glaze over the top of each scone. As that white glaze firms up, make the spiced Glaze.

Spiced Glaze:

Combine the ingredients for the spiced icing together. Drizzle this thicker icing over each scone and allow the icing to dry before serving (at least 1 hour). A squirt bottle works great for this, or you can drizzle with a whisk.

Original recipe from Food.com TSR version of Starbucks Pumpkin Scones by Todd Wilbur posted 27Feb2007 by Rachel-Schnachel.



Getting to Know You

Gayle Hammond

As we scurry around on Wednesday mornings to get to Guild, one in our midst has been up for hours, tending to her menagerie. On a bucolic farm in Birchrunville, Gayle Hammond is outside in snow, ice, rain, and heat to feed and talk to her beloved friend, Marvin. Marvin, a 14-year old Black Angus/Hereford steer (1600 lbs., nearly 6' tall) has resided at the Hammond Farm since he was a calf and he spends his days in the pasture, coming into the barnyard, looking for Gayle's kind words several times each day. She also takes care of her three horses and two dogs as well. Until recently, well-fed pygmy goats and chickens also resided at the farm.

Gayle has been quilting since 1995 and she and her daughter Beth joined Loose Threads in 1997 (Beth has since moved on to teach Nursing at Drexel so put her quilting interests aside for a while). Also a member of the Embroiderers Guild of America, Gayle spends many evenings cuddled in a chair in her lovely 1700's stone house, making complicated needlework pieces. At Guild meetings, she is usually one of the first faces we see in the kitchen where she does a great job keeping the coffee hot and offering us munchies.

So, next time you hesitate to come out to Guild in a driving rain or on an icy morning, think of Gayle who has been out tending to her Marvin and her other 4-legged friends before she gets that first cup of coffee in the morning.

Joanne Cantwell



Congratulations to our member Linda Hamel whose quilt was accepted in the traditional category of the Pennsylvania National Quilt Show held recently in Oaks. Her quilt was custom machined quilted by another guild member, Takako Pike. Linda's entry entitled *Spice of Life* may look familiar. Silvia Homa ran this *Hundred Block Quilt* as a Block of the Month series for the guild about seven years ago.

Suggestions

Here are several suggestions that came from the small discussion groups at the September business meeting:

- Create a new member folder of information
- Have a new member mentor
- More quilting projects as programs
- More member demos as programs, such as paper piecing, appliqué, etc.
- UFO challenge suggested to encourage completing projects
- Create a steering committee to research raffle quilt interest

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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
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610 948-4516

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

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