

# The Loose Threads Quilters Guild Newsletter

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## November Minutes

Wednesday November 21, 2012

The Meeting was called to order at 9:55 A.M by President Lenore Clarke. A former member, Edie Martin, was our guest. Lenore gave the treasurer's report.

**New Business:** The new raffle quilt committee was asked to have their quilt design ready for the December 19<sup>th</sup> meeting. Linda Glass will contact Wendy Cole about design ideas.

**Anniversary Celebration:** Judy Peters and Clem Dupont are looking into reservations for our 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary luncheon at the Bellwood Country Club. The time and date will be decided soon.

**Anniversary Spool Quilt:** People have been added and dropped from the participation list. To date, make 40 spool blocks to trade. Bring in finished spool blocks and alternate blocks to the Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting to be traded. Judy Snook announced we would put the spool quilt top together at the Jan. 16<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Holiday Brunch:** December 5, 2012. For those participating in the gift exchange, bring in wrapped gift valued at \$15.00. Include your name inside. Bring your Holiday mug, one dozen cookies or muffin. Secret pal will be revealed. Bring gift with name included with the gift.

**Block-of-the-month:** November's project was a Christmas tree pincushion.

## Committees

Babysitting: Jean Atwood  
Basting: Jeanne Nalbandian  
Block of the Month: Debby O'Keefe  
Challenge: Silvia Homa  
Charity Projects: Jill Cardamone  
Fabric Exchange: Bonnie Swartzentruber  
Field Trips: Cathy Nelson  
Meeting Raffle: Judy Shafer  
Historian: Melinda Novatnak  
Holiday Brunch: Pat Phillion  
Hospitality: Gayle Hammond  
Librarian: Jo Quaglia  
Newsletter: Amy Smith-Moniz  
Nominating: Joanne Cantwell  
Programs: Judy Snook  
Raffle Quilt Design: Wendy Cole  
Raffle Quilt Tickets: Marylou Boryta  
Retreats: Marylou Boryta  
Secret Pal: Toni Hughes  
Speakers: Laurie Kelly  
Sunshine: Jean Sullivan  
Tea: Linda Garth  
Tea Location: Bernetta Hughes  
Website: Lenore Clarke

**Charity Quilts:** Jill Cardamone announced we have six I.C.E. quilts and 30 condolence quilts on hand. At the Brunch, bring in items to stuff in walker bags for our veterans. Also hand in books collected for St. Christopher's Hospital.

**Field Trips:** Three trips are being discussed: the Lancaster Quilt show, a Virginia Quilt show, and a Maryland sheep and wool show.

**Fabric Exchange:** Sign-up sheet was passed around.

**Challenge Quilts:** They are due at our December Holiday Brunch. Attach your two quilts onto a piece of muslin. Prizes to be awarded.

**Newsletter:** Our membership list is on our web site. Six members need hard copies. Carolyn Thompson asked if there was a simplified format to use less ink when printing the newsletter.

**Tea:** The guild discussed the possibility of making our own quilt show racks since the rental cost has increased considerable. Mr. Thompson and Mr. Garthe have volunteered to construct them. Lenore Clarke will store them. Display curtains will have to be made for the racks. Barbara Garrett will be our speaker for the Tea. The Tea block is the Spool Block.

**Program Committee:** January 2<sup>nd</sup> spool block exchange, January 16<sup>th</sup> spool quilt top assembly, February 20<sup>th</sup> discussion about the Tea.

**Raffle Quilt Ticket Sales:** No time is set to sell more tickets. The guild is open to any other venues to sell tickets.

**Speakers:** V.F.H.Q. member, Dawn Heefner, a certified quilt appraiser, will give a lecture the second meeting in March.

**Sunshine:** Linda Glass's sister passed away.

**Retreats:** A discussion was had referring to open dates or the Blue Lake Retreat House.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 A.M., followed by show and tell.

Secretary

Marie Traxler

## Secret Pal Themes

December: Your choice, but include a note revealing your identity!

## News from the Prez

Thanksgiving has passed, and this early snow makes winter seem like it is right on us. Are you ready for the holidays?? I'm not. We start with our Holiday Brunch on December 5th, with our next business meeting on the 19th. An email blast went out today as to what we needed to bring for the Brunch. The Charity committee requested items be brought to the Brunch to fill the walker and wheelchair bags donated for the VA Center. A drop off of kid's quilts (ages 0-21 years) will be made before Christmas.

Please also check your calendars to attend the Quilt Retreat at St. Mary's Feb 1-3. We currently have 9 people signed up, but need at least 15. You can bring a friend, but need a definitive head count by Dec 5, our brunch date. If we do not get 15 people signed up, we will have to cancel our time slot.

We had a very productive business meeting. Please take a moment, read the minutes, and add the dates to your calendar.

Hope you have a Happy and a Merry; see you in the New Year!

Lenore

## Holiday Brunch

- \*The Holiday brunch will be on Wed., Dec. 5th. We are having a gift exchange. If you are participating, bring a wrapped, (up to) \$15, gift with your name written on a card inside.
  - \*In a paper bag, bring your challenge quilt to display.
  - \*Bring your secret pal Christmas gift, also with a signed card inside, to discover who your secret pal is.
  - \*Don't forget your holiday mug.
  - \*Each member is asked to bring a dozen cookies or muffins to share. The committee will supply the rest of the menu.
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## Fabric Exchange 2012-2013

December **gold**

January **light blue**

February **red**

## December 19 Hospitality

Snack	Silvia Homa
Snack	Jean Atwood
Fruit or Veg	Takako Pike
Cold Drink	Pat Phillion

## Sandy Relief – Where to Send Quilts

As soon as the devastation of Hurricane Sandy became clear, AQS was flooded with requests from quilters for a place to send quilts to help with the relief efforts. Thanks to AQS authors Linda Hahn and Linda Poole, we have established a connection with the Project Linus office in New Jersey. Hillary Roberts, who is president of Project Linus NJ, Inc., is prepared to receive and distribute quilts through the New Jersey National Guard and other outlets that will put the quilts in the hands of those who need them most.

Project Linus normally distributes quilts to children from birth to 18 years of age. However, in times of disaster relief they serve all ages, genders, and counties without hesitation. According to Hillary, “The need is great and with cold weather and holidays approaching, requests will be greater than usual. Given the time of year, the heavier the quilt, the better.”

Please follow the following guidelines when sending your quilts:

Quilts should be twin to queen sizes.

Please include your contact information (name, address, phone and/or email.) Project Linus will try to let you know where your quilt is heading.

Quilts should be machine washed and wrapped to keep the quilts fresh in transport.

Ship to:

Hillary Roberts, President

Project Linus NJ, Inc.

79 Jackson Street

Keyport, NJ 07735

If you have questions, you may call Hillary at [\(732\) 335-9033](tel:7323359033) or email her at [director@blankiedepo.org](mailto:director@blankiedepo.org) or [blankiedepo@aol.com](mailto:blankiedepo@aol.com). You may also visit the Project Linus website at [www.blankiedepo.org](http://www.blankiedepo.org).

Thank you wonderful quilters! We echo what Hillary said to us, “Bring on the quilts!”

## A message from the other Sandy

(See a picture of Sandy with her quilt on the website version of the newsletter!)

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for the beautiful quilt and all the nice messages. The quilt warms my body as well as my soul.

The kids and grandkids are as thrilled as I am to be here. What a blessing. It is hard to believe, Ian, the youngest, will always know his grandmother. I volunteer at Abby's school and have joined the Washington Stars Quilt Guild. They meet twice a month and have 200 members with approximately 100 attending the meetings.

The years I spent with the Loose Threads Quilters and the friendships made there will always hold a special place in my heart. Thanks again for such a special gift.

Hugs to all,

Sandy

## December Birthdays

- 8 Toni Hughes
- 10 Linda Garthe
- 10 Carolyn Thompson
- 14 Molly Gehring
- 14 Jean Atwood
- 18 Lenore Clarke
- 20 Bernetta Hughes
- 25 Judy Quintus-Gorman

## Challenge

Are you finished? Have you started? Deadline for completing challenge quilts is the Holiday Brunch!!

## December Block Of the Month

This month you will be using your three inch strips to make a wine bag. You can also adjust your sizes to make other gift bags.

Basically you need two pieces of fabric the same size.

For the wine bag You need 12 pieces of fabric 1 1/2" by 14" (use 2 or more of your 3" strips. Cut into 14" lengths and then cut those in half length-wise to make the 1 1/2" by 14" strips. (I used two fabrics, cutting 6 of each)

Sew together using 1/4" seams to create a striped fabric piece that is about 12" x 14" (fabric A). From a co-ordinating fabric cut a piece the same size (fabric B).

Fold the rectangle of the side A fabric right sides together (vertically).

With a 1/4" seam allowance, stitch down the side, turn the corner, and stitch across the bottom.

Fold fabric B the same way, and stitch down the side, stopping about 5" from the bottom edge and back stitch to anchor the stitches.

Leave an opening about 2 1/2" long and stitch the remaining side edge, turn the corner, and stitch across the bottom edge.

Turn the side A bag right side out and slide it inside the side B bag (so the right sides are together), lining up the seam lines and the top edges of both bags.

Pin and stitch the top edge closed with a 1/4" seam allowance.

Carefully pull side A through the opening in the side B seam until both sides are right side out. Hand stitch the side b seam closed.

Slide one side inside the other and press the top seam. Place the wine bottle inside and fold over the top edge to form a cuff.

Wrap a cord or ribbon around the top of the bag (under the cuff).

Questions? ask Debby

## **Now through December 15**

### **101 Quilts**

This group show features exquisite quilts that merge elements of color, line and form with artistry and message.

African American Heritage Museum

661 Jackson Rd.

Newtonville, NJ 08346

609-704-5495

[www.aahmsnj.org](http://www.aahmsnj.org)

New Quilt Shop!

Family Farm Fabrics

121 Main Street

East Earl, PA 17519

## **March 13-16, 2013**

Lancaster Spring Quilt Show

Host Resort, Lancaster, PA

## **March 13-16, 2013**

AQS Quilt Show

Lancaster County Convention Center

Lancaster, PA

Our Guild meets on the first and third Wednesday of each month, with a special basting meeting on the fifth Wednesday. We meet at the First United Church of Christ, 145 Chestnut Street, Spring City, PA 19475. Babysitting is available if arranged in advance with Jean Atwood. Dues are \$15 per year and guests are always welcome.

Rosemary Geisler, has more membership information.

Our newsletters are now on-line. Check us out at our website

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