

The Loose Threads Quilters Guild Newsletter

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January Minutes

Wednesday, January 2, 2013

Lenore Clarke called the meeting to order at 10:10 A.M. The treasurer's report was made available. Carolyn Thompson introduced her granddaughter and Nicole Ater as guests.

Anniversary Spool Quilt: Judy Snook announced that 24 people handed in their spool blocks for exchange. Others may hand in their blocks at the next meeting when those participating will be putting their spool top together.

Block-of-the-month: Judy Peters showed a small snowman quilt block of the month.

Charity Quilts: Jill Cardamone stated the guild received a thank you note from St. Christopher's Hospital for our donations of quilts and books. The charity committee has a continuing need for kid's quilts, walker bags, wheel chair bags and pillowcases. Einstein Hospital will gladly accept our condolence quilts. Lenore Clarke showed Safe Motherhood Kits. She distributed receiving blankets to be hemmed.

Field Trips: There is a sign-up sheet for the March 13th-16th bus trip to the Lancaster Quilt Show. The approximate cost is \$35.00. Also, Mary Fonz will be giving a presentation at Shady Maple on May 15, 2013. A sign-up sheet is available.

Challenge Quilts: Sylvia Homa said the 2013 challenge has been changed. One or more spool blocks designed by Wendy Cole must be included in the quilt top. Concentrate on unique borders for your quilt.

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

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News from the Prez

Happy February everyone! I am on a high from the Quilt Retreat at St. Mary's. I had an excellent time. When you start as a quilter you have lots in common with other quilters as we found out with the Valley Forge Quilters and Homestead Quilters. They were amazed at how much they had accomplished, almost running out of projects to work on. The food was improved, as were the linens. The light dusting of snow was literally the "frosting on the cake."

February 20 will be a preparation meeting for all the committees before the Tea. Make sure you attend so your committee can be all on the same page and we can have a successful Tea. We will be having a regular business meeting on March 6 before the Tea on March 9.

The Nominating Committee starts to identify candidates for prospective officers in February. Start thinking how you can be helpful to the Guild in this next year (2013-2014). Joanne Cantwell, Rosemary Geisler and Susan Glaser are the Nominating Committee. VOLUNTEER to serve to one of them, and make their life easier.

In Stitches, and covered with "loose threads",
Lenore

Other News . . .

Check out this cool piecing technique!

<http://quiltville.blogspot.com/2012/09/amazingly-smart.html>

Valley Forge is inviting us to a speaker and workshop if you are interested.

There is still time to sign up for the March 20 (Wednesday) workshop with Donna Lynn Thomas. This event will be held at Steve's Sewing, Vacuum, and Quilting from 10 to 4. Bring your own lunch. The cost is only \$50 and the project is "Twizzle".

Complete the workshop registration form and mail it along with your check to Jean Hayden at 258 Lawndale Avenue, King of Prussia, PA 19406.

Here is Donna's website for more information on her work.

<http://www.donnalynnthomas.com/index.html>

Hospitality

| | Feb 6 | Feb 20 |
|---------------------|-----------------------|---------------|
| Snack | Toni Hughes | Kathy Travis |
| Snack | LindaCarolyn | Jean Atwood |
| Fruit/veggie | Bonnie Swartzentruber | Gayle Hammond |
| Cold drink | Jo Quaglia | Jane Russell |

Fabric Exchange 2012-2013

February **red**
 March **green**
 April **purple**

February Birthdays

1 Joanne Gardner
 8 Eileen Frankil

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Tea: Linda Garthe asked members to buy folders for the Tea. They are on sale at Staples.

Set up for the Tea is March 8th and the Tea is March 9th. The quilt racks are being construction by Carolyn Thompson's husband, with the help of Linda Garthe's husband. We will discuss the Tea preparations at our February 20th meeting. Lenore Clarks asked for help with her discussion group featuring crayons and paint sticks.

Program Committee: January 30th we will be making the drapes for our quilt racks. Bring your sewing machine and sewing supplies.

Raffle Quilt Ticket Sales: Marylou Boryta has additional raffle tickets available. We are now making a profit on the quilt. Because of lack of interest, we will not be selling tickets at the Somerset, NJ show. See Laurie Kelly if you would like to accompany her to the show. At a future time we will discuss the percentage we will give to the charity. Also, Debby O'Keefe suggested that we have a discussion as to whether our guild would like to continue making a raffle quilt every two years, or concentrate on other charitable projects. Lenore will put together a survey about this question.

Retreats: Marylou Boryta announced six people from Valley Forge Homestead Quilters Guild will be joining us on the St. Mary's Retreat being held Feb.1-3, 2013 at a cost of \$120.00. A volunteer is needed to coordinate the retreat. Blue Lake Retreat is being held April 29th to May 3rd. North Mountain Retreat has many openings.

Secret Pal: Toni Hughes will be distributing secret pal lists at the next meeting. The exchange will begin in February.

Membership: Guild membership is full.

Refreshments: Bonnie Swartzentruber needs members to sign up for refreshments.

Library: Jo Quaglia said a suggestion was made to purchase the book Bonnie Garden to be added to the library.

Basting: We will be making drapes for the quilt racks. Bring sewing machine and sewing supplies.

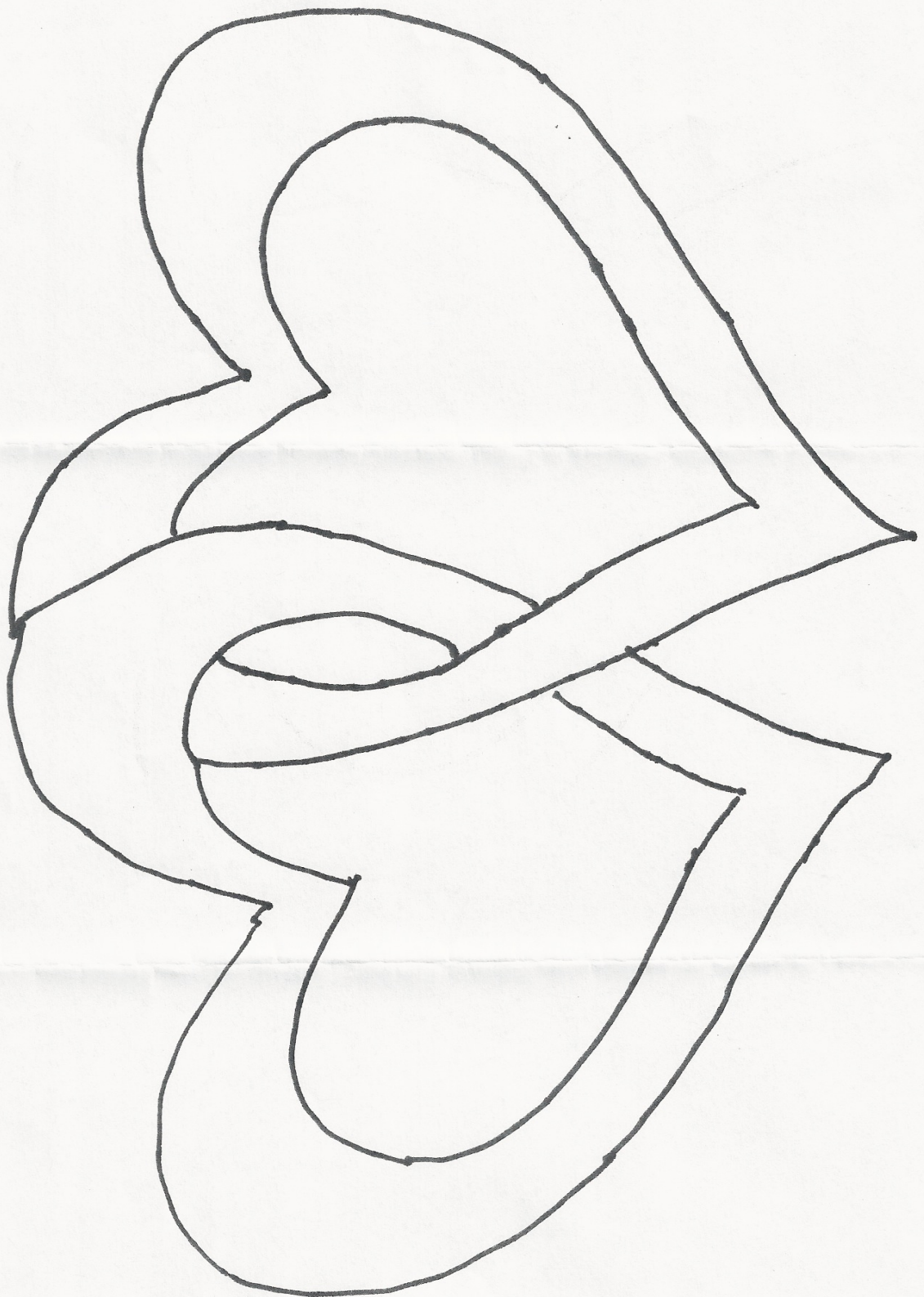
Business Meeting Raffle: Won by Clem Dupont.

February Block Of the Month



1. Cut 3-inch wide strips to various widths. The samples used the pinks, reds and maroons from the 2011 strip exchange. Sew these strips together.
2. On a piece of "Heat and Bond" trace the hearts pattern. Then iron the sticky side of the "Heat and Bond" to the back of the strips section.
3. Cut out the pattern. Note — parts of the hearts need to be cut before ironing. Iron onto any color background you like
4. On the raw edge of the hearts, by hand or machine, sew a satin or blanket stitch
5. Above the finished hearts, embroider "BE MINE." You can use the example font or any you like.
6. Layer this piece into a sandwich with batting and a back piece of fabric. Quilt. Make into a small wall hanging or candle mat.

Variation: cut and sew pieces of the strip fabric for a crazy quilt look.



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AQS

Date: Thursday, March 14, 2013

Time: 8am to 7pm. 1st pickup: Spring City Pool Complex 2nd pickup: Lionville SC.

Cost: \$36/person includes bus trip, bus driver gratuity and ticket to the show.

I have reserved a 47 passenger bus. We have 27 people signed up so far. You can invite family, friends and members of other guilds to fill our bus. This year AQS is doing printed name tags instead of tickets. I need to send them a list of all participants by Tuesday, 2/19 so they can print the tags and mail them to me before our trip. If anyone else is interested in going, please e-mail me (gardener1207@aol.com) so I can add you to the list I send to AQS.

Mary Fons Program at Shady Maple

Date: Wednesday, May 15, 2013

Time: 2pm to 4pm

Cost: \$15/person

Transportation: car pools

We're working on a Wool Festival in Maryland in May and the Quilters Unlimited Quilt Show in Chantilly, Va. May 31 to June 2.

March 7-9, 2013

Preview of 100 quilts to be sold at the
Pennsylvania Relief Sale
517 W. Trout Run Road
Ephrata, PA 17522

March 13-16, 2013

AQS Quilt Show
Lancaster County Convention Center
Lancaster, PA

Lancaster Spring Quilt Show
Host Resort, Lancaster, PA

Lancaster Quilt Show @ the
Continental Inn
<http://www.lancasterquiltshow.webs.com>

March 16-17, 2013

Baltimore Heritage Quilters Biennial Quilt
Show
Goucher College
Toulson, MD
www.baltimorequilters.com

April 5-6, 2013

A Showcase of Quilts XV
Homemaker's Country Quilters
Montgomery County 4-H Center
Creamery, PA

April 5-6

Pennsylvania Relief Sale
Harrisburg Farm Show Complex

May 3-4, 2013

Penn Oaks Quilters
For the Love of Quilting VII
Griffith Hall at Ludwig's Corner
<http://www.pennoaksquilter.org>

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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