

The Loose Threads Quilters Guild Newsletter

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December Minutes

Wednesday, December 19, 2012

Lenore Clarke called the meeting to order at 10:05 A.M.. Linda Hamel gave the Treasurer's report. Stephanie Adrian was our guest.

New Business:

- "Safe Motherhood Kits" are needed. This entails making layette items for mothers in developing nations. Information and directions are on our web site.
- The Three River Quilt Guild located in Pittsburgh needs entries. Show March 21-23rd
- On either January 2nd or 3rd Lenore Clarke and Marie Traxler will visit the Pre-K class at Grove Methodist Church. The class is studying the letter "Q" Lenore and Marie will give a talk, show quilts, and read a story.

Anniversary Celebration: The date reserved is April 17th at 11-11:30 A.M. at the Bellwood Country Club. The menu will be decided closer to the luncheon.

Anniversary Spool Quilt: Judy Snook reminded participating members to bring their signed 40 spool blocks and 40 alternate blocks to the January Meeting.

Holiday Brunch: The Holiday Brunch Committee was thanked for a job well done.

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

The year is half over and my project list is overflowing. How is yours? Did you finish your Mrs. Claus activities? I cheated on one, and handed out the pattern and fabric to one lucky recipient. They were diaper covers and I don't think Maura will hold it against me.

We are approaching preparation time for the Tea. I know I will need a co-discussion leader as my partner in crime has decided to go to Alaska!! The Tea, or a family cruise in Alaska to see the Northern lights. (Hmmm, I'll go steerage. LOL)

Has anyone made any New Year's Resolutions? I'm a little behind on the ones I pledged to do in September, and looking forward to some quilt retreat sewing time. Bring it on!

Please take a look at all the upcoming activities and consult your calendar. See you January 2nd.

Lenore

Snowflakes for Sandy Hook Elementary School

Free embroidery designs for anyone who would like to help in fulfilling the PTSA's call for snowflakes to decorate the new school for when the kids return. For those of you with embroidery machines might the opportunity to participate!

Go to <http://totallystitchin.net/articles/snowflakes-for-sandy-hook-elementary> to download the designs.

When you make your snowflake please mail it here:
Connecticut PTSA
60 Connolly Parkway
Building 12, Suite 103

SOMETHING WONDERFUL
A Quilter's Inspirational Fair

February 9, 2013 9:00-2:00

St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran Church 400 Lynbrooke Rd, Springfield, PA 19064

Come recharge your creative self!
Rotate through **8 mini classes** on a wide variety of quilting topics.
Whatever your interest, you will find something to inspire you.

For more information, check the Undercover Quilters website
<http://www.undercoverquilters.com>

Fabric Exchange 2012-2013

January **light blue**

February **red**

March **green**

January Birthdays

1 Takako Pike

**** The layette guidelines for the Safe Motherhood Kits have been added to the web site. ****

They are in the pattern section of the "Member" tab.

December Minutes (from page 1)

Block-of-the-month: Joanne Cantwell won a participation ticket for completing a wine bag. Instructions were on the web site.

Charity Quilts: Jill Cardamone thanked the guild for donating approximately seven boxes of books and 27 quilts to Children's Hospital. Walker bags were given to Walter Reed Hospital. There is an on going need for walker bags, wheel chair bags and quilts. Patterns are on the web site.

Field Trips: We may sell tickets and white glove at the Mancuso Quilt Show in Somerset, NJ if enough of our members are able to participate. The dates are February 28th to March 3rd.

Fabric Exchange: December's color is gold and January's color is light blue.

Challenge Quilts: Sylvia Homa and Wendy Cole made changes in our challenge quilt for 2013. Wendy will supply revised instructions for the quilt on the web site.

Tea: The reservations for the Tea are filled. Carolyn Thompson showed examples of the drapes we will use to hang our quilts at the Tea quilt Show.

Program Committee: January 2nd business Meeting, bring your signed 40 Anniversary Celebration Spool Blocks and alternate blocks for exchange. January 16th bring in sewing machine and basic sewing supplies to sew blocks together. January 30th bring in sewing machine and basic sewing supplies to sew curtains for our quilt display racks.

Raffle Quilt Ticket Sales: Marylou would like us to pick up/hand in raffle tickets with money for this year's raffle quilt. Laurie Kelly has sign up sheet for NJ Somerset Show.

Raffle Quilt Design 2015: Wendy Cole stated the new raffle quilt will be queen size and include pieced and simple applique blocks. The committee will hand out the block kits in August. Wendy handed out a schedule relating to the raffle quilt.

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

Sunshine: Jane Russell and Kristi Burtch had surgery.

Retreats: Marylou Boryta stated St. Mary's Retreat planned for February 1st-3rd needs more people to reach a minimum of 15 people. We may open it to the VFHQ. Blue Lake Retreat is the end of April to May 1st. Carlisle Retreat June 21-23 and Sept. 21-22nd.

Secret Pal: Toni Hughes and Donna Mattias encouraged participants to use items from their own sewing room for the exchange. The sign up sheet is on the web site.

Historian: Melinda Novatnak mentioned there are Guild photos posted on our web site.

Librarian: Jo Quaglia said we have added three new books to the library.

Misc: The children for the Day Care Center entertained us with Holiday Songs.

Business Meeting Raffle: Won by Margie Allen.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 A.M., followed by show and tell.

Marie Traxler - Secretary

New Quilt Shop!

Family Farm Fabrics
121 Main Street
East Earl, PA 17519

New Yarn Shop!

Purls of Wisdom
2200 Kimberton Road
Phoenixville, PA 19460

610-933-5010

Guild Calendar

January 2: Business meeting.

Bring your 40 Spool blocks, signed, and 40 alternating plain blocks.

January 16: Receive your spool blocks and sew them together.

Bring your machine and basic sewing supplies.

January 30: Basting meeting.

We will also be preparing the drapes for the quilt display racks.

February 6: Business meeting

February 20: Tea discussion preparatory meeting

March 6: Business meeting

March 9: The Tea

March 20: Speaker: Dawn Heefner, Quilt Appraiser

April 3: Business meeting

April 17: Anniversary Celebration luncheon [date to be confirmed]

May 1: Basting at Blue Lake Retreat, no regular meeting this week

May 15: Business meeting

May 29: Program/Speaker TBA

June 5: Business meeting

June 19: Program/Speaker TBA

Hospitality

	Jan 2	Jan 16	Jan 30
Snack	Sue Kehl	Debby O'Keefe	Laurie Kelly
Snack	Bernie Hughes	Judy Snook	Linda Garthe
Fruit/veggie	Lil Evans	_____	Kiti Williams
Cold drink	Jill Cardamone	Melinda Novatnak	Marie Traxler

NEW 2013 QUILT CHALLENGE

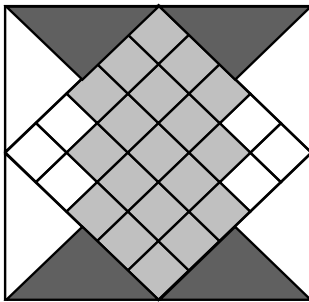
We will ALL be starting with the SAME BLOCK PATTERN (below) this time, and, keeping with our 25th Anniversary theme, this pattern is a spool block.

You can make as many blocks as you like, but you have to include AT LEAST ONE OF THESE SPOOL BLOCKS in the inner part of your quilt. The block can be made bigger or smaller. It can be set straight or on point. It can have sashing, corner stones, etc., if you so choose. The quilt layout is up to you. The quilt size is up to you.

NOW COMES THE BORDERS...Taking the idea of "BETTER BORDERS" from the Tea Workshop, add something wonderful to your spool block or blocks. You can add as many borders as you like, just make them "BETTER" ones. We will be posting "better" border ideas on the website and in the newsletter.

Your quilt entry must be quilted and bound when we display them at the Holiday Brunch.

THIS QUILT WILL BE YOUR OWN. YOU WILL NOT BE MAKING IT FOR ANOTHER GUILD MEMBER!



SPOOL BLOCK PATTERN

(Makes a 7" finished block)

CUTTING DIRECTIONS

- ◆ Cut six 1½" squares of the background (light fabric)
- ◆ Cut nineteen 1½" squares of the thread color (mix of medium & dark fabrics)

SEWING DIRECTIONS

1. Sew the 1½" squares together in strips as follows: two light (background) & three medium, one light & four medium, five medium, four medium & one light (background) and three medium & two light (background).
2. Sew these strips together in the order above to make the thread portion of the spool (see drawing above). This should measure 5½" square.
3. Using the 4½" squares, make two half square triangles. Cut these in half, diagonally, across the two colors.
4. Using the picture for placement, sew the spool tops to the thread square. Center the half square triangles on the square (they are larger) and sew. Press and trim the block down to a square (approximately 7").

And now for the important stuff...

THE PRIZES

❖ Every Participant Wins a Prize ❖

There will also be judging in the following categories...

❖ Viewer's Choice First Prize ❖

❖ Viewer's Choice Second Prize ❖

❖ Judges Choice ❖

January Block Of the Month

Memories of Winter: can be a 7"x8" block or mini quilt

Requirements:

30 1 1/2" Squares cut from your blue/gray 3" strips as well as some white from your stash.

3"x4" scrap of black (figure)

2"x3" scrap of red (scarf)

black embroidery thread (sled)

1 1/2" blue for border

Cut 30 1 1/2" blocks from blue/gray/white and sew 5 across and 6 down in a pattern that looks like a winter snow scene and is pleasant to you. Add 1 1/2" border.

Applique pattern will be a handout at the January Business Meeting.



February 28-March 3, 2013

Quilt Fest of New Jersey IX
Garden State Exhibit Center
Somerset, NJ 08873

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

Lancaster Spring Quilt Show
Host Resort, Lancaster, PA

March 13-16, 2013

AQS Quilt Show
Lancaster County Convention Center
Lancaster, PA

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
www.pennoaksquilter.com

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

www.theloosethreadsquilters.org