

The Loose Threads Quilters Guild Newsletter

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May Minutes

Wednesday, May 15, 2013

President, Lenore Clarke, called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M. Our guests were Stephanie Adrian, Annie Flynn, and Laura Saler.

Treasurer's Report: Linda Hamel gave the treasurer's report reviewing expenses, additions and balance.

New Business: A discussion was had concerning the storage of the raffle quilt ticket spinner: also the possibility of renting the spinner drum to other guilds.

The next meeting is our speaker from Sulky Threads. Our anniversary mugs have been distributed to members. There are a few extra mugs on hand.

Block of the Month: Kristi Burtch showed this month's project, a birthday pincushion.

Charity Quilts: Jill Cardamone will be taking kid's quilts and books to St. Christopher's Hospital the second meeting in June. Wheel chair kits are available.

Thank you notes were received from the Veterans Administration, Mission Kids and St. Christopher's Hospital for our donations.

Field Trips: Mary Fonz will be speaking at Shady Maple today. Cathy Nelson stated there are not enough people interested in the Maryland quilt show to rent a bus.

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 Pillion
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

It's June already. Summer feels like it has arrived with a bang. Graduations, end of the school year, and off we go. It can be too hot for hand quilting anything. Perhaps this is the time to try paper piecing some hexies, or doing some needle-turn applique, or perhaps some redwork. Something small, light, and droppable when a cool glass of iced tea or a dip in the pool beckons.

Has anyone tried some of those new stabilizers that dissolve for redwork? What's your favorite way of marking quilt patterns or embroidery designs?

Make sure you send in your three choices for Committees to president@theloosethreadsquilters.org The descriptions are on the web site under Members Only/forms.

Our next meeting June 5 is elections, with Show 'N Tell, Fabric Exchange, and Secret Pal. June 19 is making fabric wreaths. An email was sent out with instructions. July 3 is a business meeting, July 17 is a program, and July 31 is a basting meeting. Please contact Jeanne Nalbandian if you have a quilt that you would like basted with the size.

Stay cool and find a small UFO to finish.
Lenore

June Birthdays

- 3 Barbara Painter
- 7 Margie Allen
- 9 Sandy Michalec
- 20 Jill Cardamone
- 23 Debby O'Keefe
- Joyce Stemple
- 24 Kristi Burtch
- Linda Miller
- 25 Carolyn Ferrandino

Fabric Exchange 2012-2013

June	Yellow
July	Turquoise
August	Brown
September	Dark Blue

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Program Committee: Judy Snook showed an example of the June 19th project, a fabric wreath made with a purchased wire wreath frame and cut 7 inch fabric strips.

August: quilt charity workshop, possibly using a quilt as you go method for construction.

Laurie Kelly reminded us that the May 30th meeting is with sulky Threads. Packets of information will be hand out at the lecture. Please hold questions during the lecture until the speaker has finished her presentation. The workshop is 12:30 P.M. to 3: P.M. Those attending will need a sewing machine, power strip and 90 weight needles or a variety of sizes.

Retreats: Blue Lake sign-up sheets are available for Sept. 30th-Oct.3rd. The North Mountain Retreat June 20th-23rd is full. Only three people responded to Kristi Burtch's email for suggestions to make St. Mary's Retreat more appealing. The next retreat is July 19-21st. We need a minimum of 15 people to attend.

Nominating Committee: Joanne Cantwell read the slate of nominees:

-- President: Rosemary Geisler -- Vice President: Debby O'Keefe
-- Secretary: Jo Quaglia -- Treasurer: Judy Peters

A list of guild committee choices for 2013-2014 were completed by members and handed in.

Library: Jo Quaglia showed three books donated to the library and two missing books that were returned. Jo also showed a Retro-clean product to clean old fabric and quilts.

Sunshine: Carol Cossa, Cathy Nelson and Joan Markowitz thanked everyone for their cards and good wishes.

Elizabeth Snead: Elizabeth moved to Virginia . A gift basket is being assembled for her.

First meeting in June, bring in wool or red work fabric/items to be included and give to Jane Russell.

Business Meeting Raffle: Won by Marie Traxler

Name Tag Raffle: Also won by Marie Traxler

The meeting was adjourned at 11:27 A.M., followed by show and tell.

Marie Traxler - Secretary

Hospitality

	June 5	June 19
Snack	Margie Allen	Sue Kiehl
Snack	Gayle Hammond	Judy Peters
Fruit/veggie	Linda Hamel	_____
Cold drink	Judy Snook	Jo Quaglia

June Block of the Month

Scrappy Basket Block

This makes 2 blocks. They can be color coordinated or a scrappy mix.

Cut 9 3" squares, sew and into a 9-patch, press and cut in half once, corner to corner. (1)

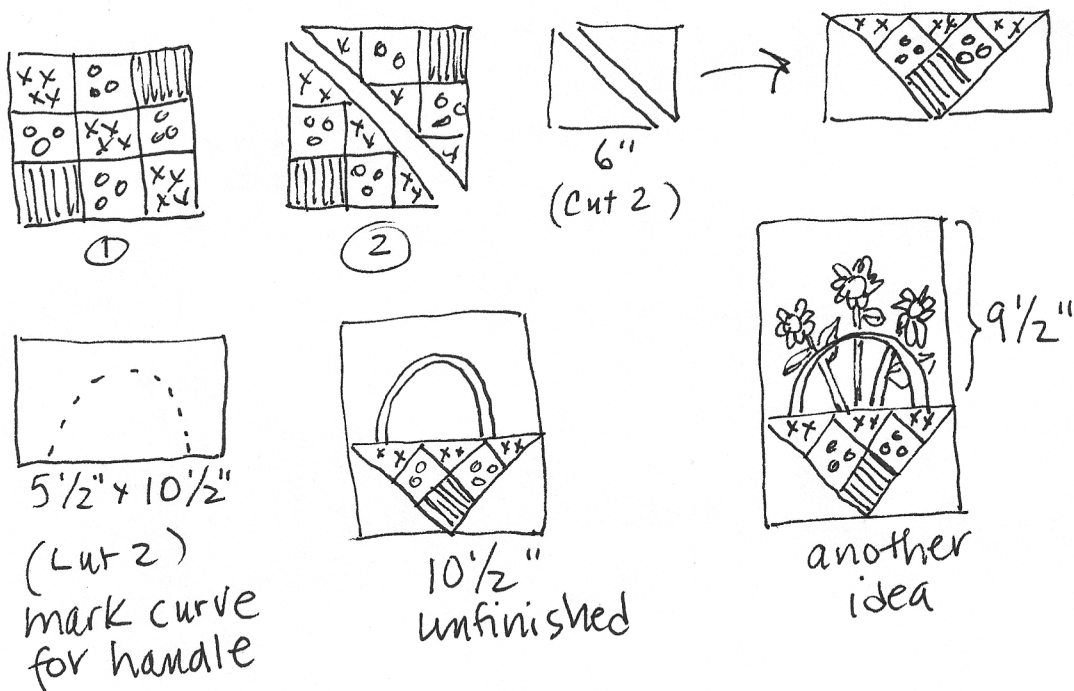
For the background, first cut 2 6" squares. Cut each in half diagonally, and sew one triangle to each of the short sides of your scrappy triangle. (2)

For the top of your block, cut a piece of background fabric 5.5" x 10.5" for each basket. Use a small plate and lightly mark where you want to put a handle. Use a scrap of bias fabric, rick rack or bias tape to sew a handle in place.

Sew the background top to the top of the basket. This will make a 10.5" block.

You can fill the block with appliqued flowers, yo-yo's or leave blank to quilt later.

You could also make your background top piece a longer size, such as 10.5 x 9.5 for a rectangular block.



A Quick Quilt Using 3" Batik Strips and 5" Squares

Those involved in the Fabric Exchange these past 2 years have been collecting 3" batik strips and 5" batik squares. Following is a project that will result in a quick quilt top that can be made to whatever size you wish, depending on the number of strips and squares that you use.

- 1) Join together 3 long 3" strips using a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam (random or color coordinated, your choice). Strip will now be 8" wide.
- 2) Cut strips into 8" squares, press well
- 3) Taking two different 8" squares, place one on top of the other, one vertical, one horizontal, right sides together
- 4) Sew square together (sandwich style) using $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance on all 4 sides
- 5) Cut diagonally once, then cut diagonally again corner to corner. You will then have 4 crazy-quilt like squares measuring 5" each.
- 6) Press and square up the pieces, then, using 5" batik squares from last year, intersperse the crazy-quilt pieces with plain ones in any arrangement to make any size quilt that you choose.
- 7) Add borders and you will have a quick quilt top to finish for charity quilts, gifts, etc.

Examples of the above will be available at an upcoming Loose Threads meeting.

JUNE 19 PROGRAM STRIPPY WREATH DIRECTIONS

Supplies

Wire wreath frame – 18" is good for the door

Lots and lots of strips of fabric

Directions

Fabric could be Christmas, patriotic, floral, etc.

You want a variety of shades, color, etc.

Cut strips of fabric 1-1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 6-7".

You can use a wavy rotary blade or a regular blade.

Cut an amazing amount of strips.

Tie each strip onto the wire wreath frame, pushing them together as you go.

Keep tying until you have filled the frame.

The wreath fluffs up nicely.

Sharing strips of fabric would give more variety.

May 31-June 2, 2013

40th Anniversary Quilt Show,

Dulles Expo Center

Chantilly, VA

www.quiltersunlimited.org

June 22-23

Stitching in the Valley

Milford, PA

Admission \$7.00

<https://sites.google.com/site/milfordvalleyquiltersguild/home/2011-quilt-show/2013-quilt-show>

October 26-27, 2013

Undercover Quilters, Quilts for All Seasons
Biennial Quilt Show,

Brookhaven Municipal Center, 2 Cambridge
Road, Brookhaven, PA, 19015, Sat 10-4, Sun
10-4

www.undercoverquilters.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

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