

The Loose Threads Quilters Guild Newsletter

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February Minutes

Wednesday February 6, 2013

Lenore Clarke called the meeting to order at 10:05 A.M. Linda Hamel gave the Treasurer's Report. Nicole Ater was our guest.

New Business: Lenore distributed raffle quilt questionnaires. Opinions were sought as to whether we continue making a raffle quilt every two years or concentrate on other guild charity projects. Should we proceed with the preparations or cancel the 2015 raffle quilt?

Anniversary Spool Quilt: Judy Snook collected Bernie Hughes's blocks and distributed them. Lenore gave us a hint on an easy way to applique borders.

Anniversary Celebration: Luncheon will be held April 17th at the Bellwood Country Club.

Block of the Month: Samples of previous block of the month projects were displayed. Debby O'Keefe reviewed the rules for participation.

Charity Quilts: Jill Cardamone stated is in need of kids quilts for Children's Hospital of Phila. Lenore Clarke is collecting baby items for the Safe Motherhood Kits. She will be mailing these items to the World Health Organization approximately March 6, 2013.

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

March is such a busy month for the Guild. The Tea with all its many activities, a speaker at the next meeting, the Raffle quilt "Midnight Madness" finding a home. We have the opportunity to renew friendships with the many guests attending the Tea, and collapsing in exhaustion that night! It's our opportunity to share the love of quilting with the area. What a great way to celebrate our 25 years of being a Guild. Anybody started putting together their anniversary quilt yet? At the moment, mine is a UFO, but it is scheduled to be finished this calendar year.

Good luck to all,

Lenore

Fabric Exchange 2012-2013

March **green**
 April **purple**
 May **pink**

March Birthdays

4 Susan Glaser
 9 Gayle Hammond
 16 Kiti Williams
 19 Jo Quaglia
 25 Marie Traxler

Hospitality

	Mar 6	Mar 20	April 3
Snack	Edy M.	Pat Philion	Wendy Cole
Snack	Joanne C.	Takako Pike	Melinda
Fruit/veggie	Donna Mathias	Shirley Horning	Marylou
Cold drink	Jean S	Geri Dulis	Kristi

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Field Trips: A bus will be available for the AQS Lancaster Quilt Show. The cost is \$36.00 and includes cost of admission. Carol Cossa is researching the Maryland's Sheep and Wool Show being held May 4th and 5th. Linda Hamel said a well known quilter, Maggie Walker, will speak May 17th at the Main Line Quilter's Meeting at the library.

Challenge Quilts: Wendy Cole discussed our revised rules for the challenge and showed a sample spool block. Ideas for borders were made available.

Tea: Linda Garthe stated we will discuss Tea preparations at our next meeting. Turn in your Tea blocks to Carolyn Thompson. Judy Peters needs help with the "scrap happy" discussion group. Wendy Cole volunteered to count the viewer's choice ballots. The garage sale, Chinese Auction, and book sale committees will be accepting donations at our next meeting. Book sale books can be dropped off in the Maple Room at the church. Carolyn Thompson said two drapes for the quilt show are still out. Debby O'Keefe asked for help with the fabric flowers discussion group. Members sign up for and take your casserole pan and recipe for the Tea. Quit label forms are available on the web site. Complete and send to Wendy.

Program Committee: February 20th the guild will have a discussion about the Tea.

Raffle Quilt Ticket Sales: Marylou Boryta gave a report.

Retreats: Kristi Burtch volunteered to take over the St. Mary's Retreat.

Blue Lake (Burkholder's) Retreat will be held April 29th -May 3rd. There is room for more attendees. The cost is \$30.00 a night. Email Marylou at Mboryta2@verizon.net. Blue Lake Retreat is Sept. 30-Oct. 3rd. North Mountain Retreat is June 20th-23rd is full.

Secret Pal: Toni Hughes reviewed the rules. Use items from your sewing room

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

Library: Jo Quaglia said books were returned and purchased and donated to the library.

Basting: Next basting day will be May 1st at Blue Lake Retreat.

Fabric Exchange: February's color is red.

Nominating Committee: Joanne Cantwell and her committee are accepting names for next year's guild officers.

Speakers: Laurie Kelly reminded us that Dawn Heefner, a quilt appraiser, will be our guest speaker the 2nd meeting in March.

Business Meeting Raffle: Won by Margie Allen.

Name Tag Raffle: Won by Joanne Cantwell.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 A.M., followed by show and tell.

Marie Traxler - Secretary

March Block Of the Month

Scrappy Trip Around the World Block

a la Bonnie Hunter (quiltville.blog), Melody Johnson (fibermania.blog), Kelly Meanix (pinkadotquilts.blog) and bloggers all over the internet cleaning out their stashes !

Per block, choose 6 strips from your 3" stash, can be any number of colors but there should be some contrast and one strong dark strip.

For those not working from the strip exchange, cut strips about 20" long.

Start with the dark strip and sew the 6 strips together side by side.

Press seams every other row to the right, opposite rows to the left.

Then sew into a tube.

Cut across every 3 inches. You need 6 for your block.

Open seam in a different spot on each of the 6 strips.

Lay out the 6 strips so that the dark fabric forms a diagonal line.

Sew strips to form a square block. It should be about 15" unfinished or 14 1/2" finished.

Make as many of these blocks as you want for a scrappy quilt.

Debby O'Keefe will have samples to look at, and will demo the cutting at the meeting.

Destination Shopping

Quilt Shop Review by Jo Quaglia

Tea Time Quilting

1046 Tulane Street Houston, Texas 77008

713-861-7743 www.teatimequilting.com

Located behind Jana's Flower Shop. The shop is in a 1920's home in the historic Heights section of Houston. A tiny quilt shop with "hometown hospitality". They carry fabrics (mostly western and florals - Texas Bluebonnets!), patterns and notions.

Quilt Appraisal

March 6

The Loose Threads Quilters will be having quilt appraiser Dawn Heefner lecture at our March 20th meeting. Dawn's lecture will be on the soup to nuts of quilt appraisal. What does an appraiser do and how does it happen? It's not the "magic" we see on Antiques Roadshow, but there are mysteries to be solved. Whether a quilt is antique or new an appraisal can be a help.

Dawn will also be doing appraisals this day if you are interested. A written appraisal is \$40 and takes about 30 min. and a verbal appraisal is \$30 and takes approximately 10-15 min. Let Laurie Kelly know ahead of time if you want this done and which type of appraisal you will be getting. Laurie needs to know this info right after our business meeting on March 6th.

Thread Jazz for Quilting and Embellishing plus Needle and Thread Know-How

AND

The Magic of Free Motion

May 29

The guild will be having a lecture and workshop on May 29th with a Sulky representative. The lecture is "Thread Jazz for Quilting and Embellishing, plus Needle and Thread Know-How". Every member and guest at the lecture will receive a folder containing info on stabilizers, threads, needles and more.

The workshop is "The Magic of Free-Motion" and includes a kit fee of \$25.00.

The fee needs to be given to Laurie Kelly by the second meeting in April.

The kit includes 8 spools of Sulky decorative thread, 4 Sulky stabilizers, fabric, batting, and a 14/90 metallic needle.

The rep will be demonstrating and teaching various free-motion techniques using all of the threads in the kit. She will also be showing handwork options and Sulky Solvy-turned applique.

Please see Laurie Kelly to sign up and pay for the workshop.

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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