

The Loose Threads Quilters Guild Newsletter

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April Minutes

Wednesday, April 3, 2013

President, Lenore Clarke, called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M. Our guests were Stephanie Quirk and Betty Ann Dauson.

Treasurer's Report: Linda Hamel gave the treasurer's report with special attention on expenditures and profits from our Tea.

Anniversary Celebration: In lieu of our April 17th meeting, we will gather for a luncheon at 11:30 A.M. at the Bellewood Country Club on Rt. 724. We will be served a three entrée buffet. The cost is \$23.50 with our guild contributing \$10.50 towards each meal. Money is due today or mail your check to Clem Dupont ASAP. Dress-up attire.

Block of the Month: Judy Peters showed an example of the block of the month and instructions for cutting.

Charity Quilts: Jill Cardamone said she will be going to St. Christopher's Hospital the second meeting in June to donate books and quilts. We also need walker and wheelchair bags for the veterans.

Field Trips: The AQS Lancaster Quilt Show trip went well. Cathy Nelson reminded us that Mary Fonz will be giving a presentation at Shady Maple on May 15, 2013 between 2:00 and 4:00 P.M. The cost is \$15.00. Those interested will leave after our Guild Meeting. A trip is being planned to a wool show at Maryland Quilters Unlimited. A bus trip to Virginia is also in the planning stages. A sign-up sheet is available.

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

This newsletter will arrive after the Blue Lake Retreat.

Some of us might have Show 'N Tell at our first meeting in May. Others of us may have just made progress on our UFO collection or stash!

Don't you just love spring? There are craft sales, quilt shows, yard sales---all places to find old wool skirts ready to be felted and crafted into yummy items; old men's shirts just waiting to be incorporated into quilts. Reduce, reuse, recycle. The world is greening up, my worm farm is ready to be emptied onto my flower beds. I have renewed energy for creating.

I've just ordered new Accuquilt dies. The more toys, the faster they will create the quilts I have in my head??? I think the Elves are busy with the Shoemaker, they simply aren't with this Quiltmaker.

Lenore

May Birthdays

- 5 Shirley Horning
- 8 Judy Shafer
- 26 Kim Jacobs

Fabric Exchange 2012-2013

- May **Pink**
- June **Yellow**
- July **Turquoise**

New "editions" in our library

A Fine Finish by Cody Mazuran
 Why Quilts Matter (DVD) by the Kentucky Quilt Project, Inc.
 Welcome Home Quilts by Lynette Jensen
 Bonnie's Garden by Bonnie Sullivan
 Spider Web by Earlene Fowler
 The Goodbye Quilt by Susan Wiggins
 Friendship Strips & Scraps by Edyta Sitar
 It's Playtime by Ann Dutton
 Liberty Quilts, Quick Method by Leisure Arts
 60° Triangle by Creative Grids
 Making History Quilts & Fabric from 1890- 1970
 Playful Quilts for Kids by Carolyn Vosburg Hall
 Watercolor Quilts by Pat Maixner Magaret & Donn Ingram Slusser

Tea: Linda Garthe, co-chair of the Tea, thanked everyone for their hard work. Give suggestions for improvements for next year to co-chair Bernie Hughes. A discussion was had concerning the rental of our new quilt racks to other guilds. A suggestion was made to put that information on our web site. A motion was made to rent the racks for \$200.00

Program Committee: Laurie Kelly reminded us the May 29th meeting will be a lecture by a Sulky Threads Representative followed by a workshop entitled "The Magic of Free Motion". The kit fee is \$25.00 to be given to Laurie by April 17th. May 15th is a business meeting followed by a trip to Shady Maple to hear Mary Fonz. The cost is \$15.00. May 1st is a Blue Lake Basting meeting. No regular meeting this week.

Retreats: Sign-up sheets are available for Blue Lake April 29th-May 3rd and Sept. 30th-Oct.3rd. Sign-up sheet for meals and arrival times for the April 29th -May 3rd Retreat. The North Mountain Retreat June 20th-23rd is full.

Hospitality: Melinda Novatnak stated we need someone to sign up for fruit or vegetables for the June 19th meeting.

Fabric Exchange: Bonnie Swartzentruber stated the months bag of squares are ready for pick-up. May's color is pink.

Library: Jo Quaglia showed items added to the library. The library is officially out of money. A suggestion was made to clean out the library to make room for new books.

Nominating Committee: Joanne Cantwell will present the slate of nominees for next year's officers. We will vote in June. Committee selections can be moved to June also. Lenore Clarke will send out a job function list.

Raffle Quilt: The profit from our raffle quilt will be donated to Mission Kids of Montgomery County.

AQS Book Orders: Laurie Kelly is taking orders.

Homemaker's Quilt Guild Show is April 5th & 6th from 10 Am to 4 P.M.

Business Meeting Raffle: Won by Jo Quaglia.

Name Tag Raffle: Also won by Jo Quaglia.

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

Marie Traxler - Secretary

May 15

May 29

Snack

Clem DuPont

Linda Garthe

Snack

Lil Evans

Edy Martin

Fruit/veggie

Bernetta Hughes

Jean Atwood

Cold drink

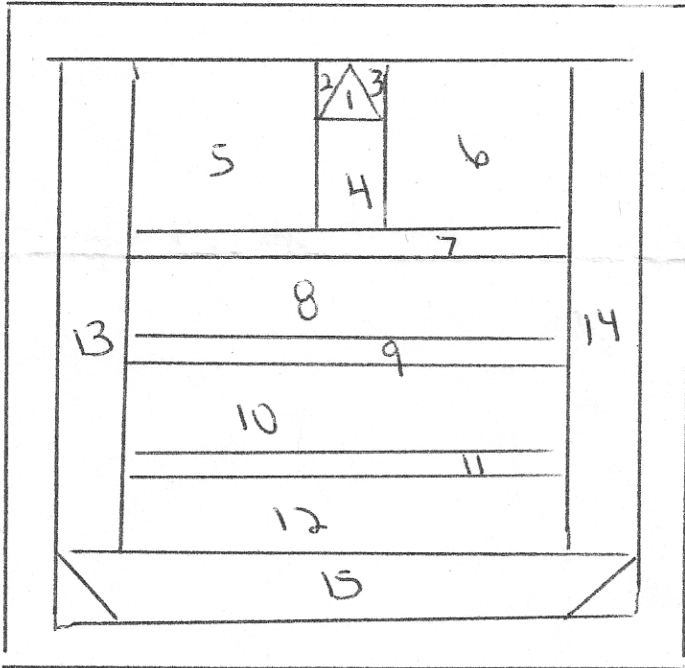
Rosemary Geisler

Jill Cardamone

Hospitality

May Block of the Month

Happy Birthday Pin Cushion



1. Cut 5 pieces of fabric $3 \frac{5}{8}$ by $3 \frac{5}{8}$. They can be cut from the same fabrics, or different. The sixth side of the pin cushion is made using the paper piecing pattern.
2. Sew four pieces together by their sides making a square you can see through. Iron open the 4 seams. Sew the fifth square to one open end of the block (the right sides of the square should be inside and the fifth piece of fabric will face down, into the block)

3. Take the last piece of fabric and sew $3 \frac{1}{2}$ sides to the other open end of the block.
4. Turn the block right sides out. Fill with polyfill, I also put a small bag of sand in a plastic bag, inside the block to give it weight.
5. Hand stitch the opening closed
6. Now you have a great gift to give one of your sewing friends!



Safe Motherhood Kits

For those who want additional information go to IMAWorldHealth.org.

Every minute, a woman dies from complications of pregnancy or childbirth

According to the World Health Organization, for every woman who dies in childbirth, 20 more suffer injury, infection or disease. That's 10 million women a year whose lives are at risk, and whose children suffer with them.

IMA World Health's Safe Motherhood Kits™ provide clean and sterile birthing supplies to expectant mothers in developing countries – areas where infant and maternal mortality rates are among the highest in the world. Too often, unsafe and unsanitary birthing conditions are to blame.

Every mother and child deserves a safe birth

Each Safe Motherhood Kit™ contains essential clean and sterile supplies including gloves, umbilical tie, scalpel, gauze pads, plastic sheeting, bar of soap, washcloth and baby supplies (a hat, tunic and blanket). IMA also provides education on safe birthing procedures and training on the proper use of a Safe Motherhood Kit™ to ensure the safest birth possible.

Destination Quilt Shopping: Olympia Washington

Bayside Quilting and Ruby Street Quilt Shop

Linda Hamel recently went to visit with Sandy Michalec in her new home of Olympia, WA. As part of their busy schedule taking in the local sights, they managed to fit in two local quilt shops that Sandy had discovered. The first (within walking distance of Sandy's house!) was Bayside Quilting along Budd Bay in downtown Olympia. This large shop featured a wide range of all types of fabric and many, many completed quilt samples suspended from the ceiling. The second shop, Ruby Street Quilt Shop, was smaller but filled to the brim with colorful Free Spirit type fabric. Surprisingly (?) several purchases were made.

Take a look on the website newsletter to see Linda and Sandy quilt shopping!



May 3-4, 2013

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

May 17-18, 2013

Penn Dry Goods Market, Quilt Show and Sale
Schwenkfelder Library & Heritage Center
105 Seminary Street, Pennsburg, PA
20 quality dealers in antique & vintage
textiles, quilts, needlework, linens, clothing,
textiles, accessories & tools, baskets,
lectures, workshops, classes, boutique of
contemporary crafts & supplies.
www.schwenkfelder.com

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>

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