

# The Loose Threads Quilters Guild Newsletter

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## September Minutes

Wednesday, September 5, 2012

The guild meeting was called to order at 10:00 A.M by President Lenore Clark. Lenore thanked last year's officers for their dedication and hard work. Treasurer, Linda Hamel , gave the Treasurer's Report. Our guests included Bonnie Strickland and Lil Evans.

### New Business:

- Our guild will be celebrating its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary. A committee will be formed to organize this event.
- Bernie Hughes stated that a decision will be made soon concerning the new site for our Tea in March. The most promising site is the Pottstown Church Hopewell Community.
- Forms are available to sign up for the Tea Committees. Best to sign up for a committee you served on before.
- Loose Threads Guild yearly committee preferences should be completed next month.

## 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 Clark

**Old Business:**

- Needle Night is being held at Kristy Birch's home Friday, September 7. Details in the August newsletter.

Basting: Contact Kathy Neiman to be put on the schedule for October 31, 2012.

Block of the Month: Sylvia Homa's Block of the Month Mystery quilt from last year will wrap up in the next two months. Sylvia will give further instructions. The new committee, Debbie O'Keefe, Kristy Birch and Judy Peters, presented their first Block of the Month project for this year, a table runner using 3 inch strips. Tickets for completed projects will be given out towards prizes at the end of the year.

Charity Quilts: Jean Sullivan reported on how many various charity items are on hand. Kids Quilts were delivered to St. Christopher's Hospital by Jill Cardamone and Shirley Horning.

Field Trips: No field trips planned. Cathy Nelson is collecting LTQG member's quilts to be displayed at Steve's Sewing Center.

Website: Lenore Clark is archiving 2011-2012.

Library: Jo Quaglia showed new/returned books and other items available in our library such as a serger and a repair kit.

Newsletter: Send any submissions to our new newsletter editor, Amy Smith-Moniz.

Programs: September workshop is last year's Block of the Month Mystery Quilt semi-completion.

Retreats: Marylou Boryta and Lenore Clark went to the zoning board meeting for Berkholder's new retreat house. Berkholder's gave the guild fat quarters as a thank you for their attendance. Blue Lake Retreat scheduled for Nov 12-16 has space available. Marylou encouraged retreat attendees to sign up to help with other duties for the retreat.

Raffle Quilt: Marylou Boryta has raffle tickets available for all guild members along with a photo of "Midnight Madness". She encouraged members to sign up to white glove at the Oaks Show

Sunshine: Geri Dulis is home from her stay in the hospital.

Business Meeting Raffle: Raffle was won by Millie Skein. Name tag drawing was won by Debbie O'Keefe.

Membership: Rosemary Geisler asked if anyone had past membership lists so she could determine the year each member joined the guild.

Show and Tell: Finished charity quilts were shown along with other finished quilts.

Misc: A motion was made by Linda Glass to purchase for the library Jane Russell's block of the month by Pat Sloan. Motion seconded.

The meeting concluded at 11: A.M.

## Notes From the Library

New "editions":

Bo-Nash Bonding Agent by Bo-Nash

How to Make an Amish Quilt by Pellman, Rachel and Kenneth

Great Book of Celtic Patterns by Irish, Lora S.

Ties That Bind by Bostwick, Marie

Memory Quilts in the Making by Richards, Rhonda

Memory Quilts with T-Shirts, Autographs, and Photos by Better Homes and Gardens

Quilting More Memories by Bonsib, Sandy

Family Keepsake Quilts by Ritter, Vivian Howell

Happy Anniversary, Loose  
Threads Quilters Guild

Celebration Co-chairs

Rosemary Geisler

Judy Peters

## North Mountain Retreat

dates and pricing

June 21-22, 2013 (Friday 1 pm - Sunday 3 pm)

September 20-22, 2013 (Friday 1 pm - Sunday 3 pm)

2 night stay (6 meals) \$165

3 night stay (9 meals) \$240

4 night stay (12 meals) \$315

If anyone is interested, we could do a retreat during the week (9 people maximum). Contact Marylou about setting up a date in 2013.

## Secret Pal Themes

In each of your monthly packages, include a brief note about yourself pertaining to the theme. For example...September - In Middle School I attended a school that had no walls between classes (true for me)!

October: Orange and brown

November: Animals

December: Your choice, but include a note revealing your identity!

## Out with the old . . .

### Block of the Month mystery stash only 2012 revealed

Finally we are at the end!

Just a few more steps and you are done...

Take the (2) 6X42-45 inch strip and fold and iron sides in half, right sides out, open and fold one long side to the middle and then the other long side to the middle, fold and iron one more time, you should have a finished width of 1 ½ inch strip do this for the other strip.

Sew ¼ along both sides for each strip... by now the mystery should be out.....

Time to layer our panels and sew on the straps to your new BAG....

With right sides up, place the piano key panel down first then the shorter panel on top, trim so they are the same length... place and pin one end of the strap in between the panels, lining up with sashing on the small panel, and about 3 ½ inches down, and place and pin the other end. Do the same for the other strap.

Start from the bottom of the bag and sew up the sashing , in the ditch, onto the strap and across the top and back down the other side... you are forming pockets and securing the handles at the same time...

Now fold the bag in half, RST and sew along the last raw edge side.

For the bottom of the bag, Kathy made her own bottom base by using the extra fabric, she made a "pillow" like rounded bottom and added either interfacing, plastic canvas or timtex to it. She then hand sewed that to the bottom of the bag.

I chose to sew the bottom closed and then use a cup to round the edges, to decrease the bulk in the corner... either way will work, just a matter of preference...

**Thanks for sewing along hope you enjoyed the mystery**

any questions call either Silvia Homa or Kathy Neiman

## In with the new . . .

### Block of the Month for October 2012

Sections are  $3 \times 5 \frac{1}{2}$  inches. Can be a scrappy quilt or color combination of your choice. Block is 10 inches finished.

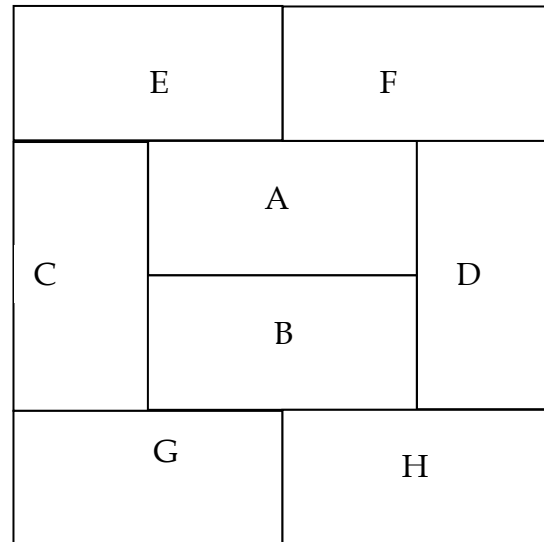
Sew long sides of A&B first

Then add sections C&D (long sides)

Join E& F (short sides) and attach

Join G & H (short sides) and attach

Note : A& B can be replaced with one  $5 \frac{1}{2}$  inch square of a focal fabric.



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### October Birthdays

- 8 Bonnie Swartzentruber
- 16 Jean Sullivan
- 18 Judy Peters
- 22 Jolene Lorah
- 27 Joanne Cantwell

### Challenge

Are you finished? Have you started? Deadline for completing challenge quilts is the Holiday Brunch!!

# Upcoming Area Events

## October 2012

### **1-26** Stitched Through Time: A Legacy of Quilts

This exhibit features over 30 quilts dating from the 1830s-1930s, many of which were chosen for quilt study groups and the Heritage Quilt Project. Gloucester County Historical Society Museum  
58 N. Broad St.  
Woodbury, NJ 08096  
856-848-8531  
<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~njgchs>

### **2-December 15** 101 Quilts

This group show features exquisite quilts that merge elements of color, line and form with artistry and message.

African American Heritage Museum  
661 Jackson Rd.  
Newtonville, NJ 08346  
609-704-5495  
[www.aahmsnj.org](http://www.aahmsnj.org)

### **5,6,7** Quilts in the Mill

Presented by the Courthouse Quilters  
Admission \$7.00  
Prallsville Mills, Rt. 29, Stockton, NJ

### **6** Airing of the Quilts Outdoor Quilt Show

Rain or Shine. Presented by Endless Mountain Quiltworks hundreds of quilts hanging from buildings, homes, storefronts, and porches all along the street of a scenic town known as the gateway to the Endless Mountains, at Tunkhannock, Pennsylvania. For more info visit [www.airingofthequilts.com/](http://www.airingofthequilts.com/).

### **19,20** Valley Forge Quilt Show

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church  
132 E. Valley Forge Road  
King of Prussia, PA 19402  
<http://www.valleyforgequilters.org>

### **20, 21** Making Memories...a fat quarter century of quilts.

Presented by the Brandywine Valley Quilters honor their 25th anniversary as a guild

<http://www.brandywinevlyquilters.org/>

## November 2012

### **9,10,11** Lebanon Quilter's Guild 5th Annual Exhibition of Quilts

Admission \$5.00  
Lebanon Expo Center 80 Rocherty Road,  
Lebanon, PA  
<http://www.lebexpo.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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