

THE LOOSE THREADS

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Website: Lenore Clarke



Veni, Vidi, Velcro. I came, I saw, I stuck around.

JUNE MINUTES

Carolyn Thompson called the meeting to order at 10:00am with 47 in attendance. Membership Chairman Elizabeth Snead reported that Lenore Clarke has transferred from associate member to full member, bringing total membership to 51 with one on the wait list. Linda Hamel shared the Treasurer's report.

New Business:

- Officers elected for the upcoming year are: President - Lenore Clarke, Vice President - Rosemary Geisler, Secretary: Marie Traxler - Linda Hamel will remain Treasurer for the second year of her 2-year term.
- Volunteers are needed for a Project Linus conference in Valley Forge on June 27-30. Those interested may get more information online at ProjectLinus.org.
- A motion was made by Joanne Cantwell, seconded by Kiti Williams, for the Guild to purchase a True Sharp Power Rotary Blade Sharpener for \$69 minus Jane's discount. Motion carried. Debbie O'Keefe will purchase and this tool will be available for use at Guild meetings by all Guild members.

Block of the Month: Sylvia Homa reported that the Mystery quilt will be assembled at the September Workshop.

Challenge Quilts: Debbie O'Keefe encouraged members to start working on their challenge quilts.

Charity Quilts: Pillowcases completed, washed and packaged may be brought in to Jill Cardamone throughout the June meetings and on the July 11th meeting.

Fabric Exchange color for July is turquoise.

Field Trips: Steve's Sewing Shop in King of Prussia will hang guild quilts for 2 months, can take up to 40 quilts, and will offer

a 15% discount to those who participate. More information coming via email.

Jill reported that 63 guild quilts were collected for the **Shannondale Quilt Show** which will be held from June 15-July 19. Jill will return quilts at the first August meeting.

Post Meeting Note: Guild members were invited to view the show as a group on Friday, June 15 from 3:00-5:00pm.

Librarian: Jo Quaglia reported that there are new items available for check-out in our library.

Programs: The second June meeting will feature a speaker and workshop by Pat Sloan.

Raffle Quilt: The raffle quilt is being sent to the quilter and all will be ready for ticket sales at the Hershey show from July 26-29.

Retreats: Bernie Hughes reported that the St. Mary's retreat will be held July 20-22 if a minimum of 15 sign up. The next Blue Lake Retreat is scheduled for October 8-12 and can accommodate a maximum of 20. Sign up with Marylou Boryta for Blue Lake and also for the North Mountain retreat on September 21-23.

Speakers: Guest fees for speaker Pat Sloan on June 20 are \$5 for the lecture and \$40 for the Workshop. At the July workshop, members will make baskets, led by Liz Bedell.

The Business Meeting Raffle and the **Name Tag Drawing** were both won by Carolyn Ferrandino.

The meeting concluded at 11:10 am followed by Show and Tell.

Joanne Cantwell, Secretary

MESSAGE FROM THE PREZ

Greetings! Let me first congratulate the newly elected guild officers for the 2012-2013 year...Lenore Clarke-President, Rosemary Geisler-Vice President, Marie Traxler-Secretary and of course, Linda Hamel will complete her second term as Treasurer. We thank you ladies for your willingness to serve.

Reminders:

- There is no meeting on Wednesday, July 4th. July meeting dates are July 11th and July 18th.
- The Hershey Quilt Show is quilt show is Thursday through Sunday, July 26-29th and we will be asking for

your assistance those dates. If you will be going to the show, please plan to help by donating at least 2 hours of your time to selling raffle tickets.

- "Needle Nite" is just around the corner. Is anyone willing to open your home to host it?
- Plan to have lunch and view the Shannondale quilt show after our July 11th meeting.

Have a wonderful July 4th celebration! God bless America!



NEW "EDITIONS" TO THE LIBRARY

- "Threading the Needle" - Marie Bostwick
- "Free Stuff for Traveling Quilters on the Internet" - Gloria Hansen
- "Color Confidence for Quilters" - Jinny Beyers
- "Precision Pieced Quilts Using the Foundation Method" - Jane & Dixie Haywood Hall
- "Traditional Patchwork Patterns - Full Size Cut-outs & Instructions for 12 Quilts" - Carol Belanger Grafton
- "Magic Base Blocks for Unlimited Quilt Designs" - Patty Barney & Cooky Schock
- "Tennessee Waltz Quilt, Quilt in a Day" - Sue Bouchard
- "Landscape Quilts" - Nancy Zieman & Natalie Sewell
- "Paper Piecing Picnic" - Quilter's Newsletter Magazine & Quiltmaker Magazine
- "Creative Ideas for Color & Fabric" - Susan McKelvey
- "Projects fro Blocks and Borders" - Marsha McCloskey
- "Picture Piecing Creating Dramatic Pictorial Quilts" - Cynthia
- "Meadowbrook Quilts - 12 Projects Inspired by Nature" - Jean Van Bockel
- "Magical Four-Patch and Nine-Patch Quilts" - Yvonne Porcalla
- "Curved Piecing, A New Spin On" - Joyce Lawrence
- "Template Free Quilts and Borders, Book Four" - Trudie Hughes
- "The New Sampler Quilt" - Diana Leone
- "Set of 9 Quilter's Templates" - Yours Truly



QUILT JUMBLE

Rearrange the jumbled letters to spell out a quilting term.

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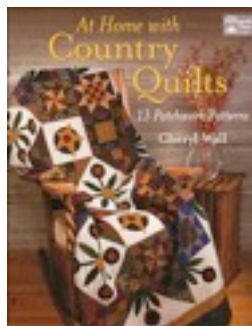
The answer to the Jumble is on page 3 along with a description of this quilting term.

NEW BOOKS ON THE MARKET

At Home with Country Quilts, 13 Patchwork Patterns

By Cheryl Wall

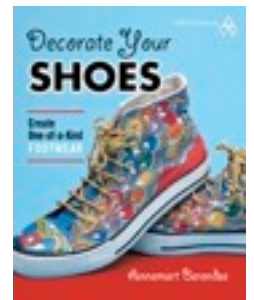
Cheryl Wall has a stress-free approach to quilt design that allows you to enjoy the process as well as the quilt. Learn piecing methods as well as simple techniques for cotton and wool applique.



Decorate Your Shoes

By Annemart Berendse

Wear your passion on your shoes! Paint a quilt on them! On a whim, Annemart Berendse painted a quilt on her shoes to wear to the 2011 AQS quilt show in Paducah. She could barely move through the crowd because people kept stopping her to comment on her brightly colored 'patchwork' clogs. She shares her techniques for creating a quilt design and positioning it appropriately on any style of shoe.



RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Here is the recipe for the delicious Farro Salad that Clem brought to the guild retreat last spring.

FARRO SALAD

10 oz. farro (about 1½ c.)	¼ c. chives (1 small bunch), snipped
1½ tsp. kosher salt, plus ½ tsp.	¼ c. sherry vinegar
8 oz. green beans (about 2 c.), cut in 1" - 2" pieces	¼ c. extra-virgin olive oil
½ c. pitted black olives	1 Tbsp. Dijon mustard
1 medium red pepper cut into thin strips	1 tsp. freshly ground black pepper
¾ c. parmesan cheese, crumbled	

In a medium saucepan, combine 4 c. water with the farro. Bring to a boil over high heat. Cover and simmer over medium-low heat until the farro is almost tender, about 20 minutes. Add 1½ tsp. of the salt and simmer until the farro is tender, about 20 minutes longer. Drain well. Transfer to a large bowl and let cool.

Meanwhile, bring a medium pot of salted water to a boil over high heat. Add the green beans and cook for 2 minutes. Transfer the the cooked beans to a bowl of ice water and let cool for 2 minutes. Drain the green beans.

One the farro has cooled, add the green beans, olives, red pepper, parmesan and chives. Stir to combine. In a small bowl, mix together the sherry vinegar, olive oil, mustard, pepper and the remaining ½ tsp. of salt. Stir to combine. Pour the sherry vinaigrette over the farro salad. Toss to combine and serve. Makes about 6 servings.



SECRET PAL

The Themes for the rest of the year:	September - School	December - Whatever you want, but be sure to include a note saying who you are.
July - Patriotic	October - Orange and Brown	
August - Hot	November - Animals	

UPCOMING AREA EVENTS

Quilts, Quilts, Quilts - July 21, 2012 from 10 am – 2 pm The Alapocas Run State Park's 2nd Annual Quilting Event at the Blue Ball Barn, located off Route 202 Wilmington, Delaware.

Quilt Odyssey - July 26-29, 2012. At the Hershey Lodge & Convention Center in Hershey, PA 17033. For more information visit server7.pacecomputing.com/quiltodysseycom/www/index.php.

Pennsylvania National Quilt Extravaganza XVIII - September 13-16, 2012. Presented by Mancuso Show Management, the largest and most prominent quilting arts event in the Northeast all under one roof at the Greater Philadelphia Expo Center, Phoenixville, PA. For more information visit www.quiltfest.com/activities.asp?id=4.

Airing of the Quilts Outdoor Quilt Show - October 6, 2012. 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/.

Valley Forge Quilt Show - October 19-20, 2012. Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 132 E. Valley Forge Road, King of Prussia, PA on Friday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more info visit our website at www.valleyforgequilters.org/Evt-QShow-Pg.html.

Quilts from the Heart of Berks - October 19-20, 2012. Presented by the Berks Quilters Guild at Designer's Place at VF Outlet Center, 801 Hill Ave., Reading PA. For more info visit www.berksquiltersguild.org.

Making Memories...a fat quarter century of quilts - October 20-21, 2012. Presented by the Brandywine Valley Quilters honor their 25th anniversary as a guild For more info visit www.brandywinevalleyquilters.org/.

FABRIC EXCHANGE 2011-2012...BATIKS

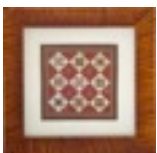
November - orange
December - gold
January - light blue

February - red
March - green
April - purple

May - pink
June - yellow
July - turquoise

August - brown
September - dark blue

QUILT JUMBLE ANSWER



Miniature Quilts or Mini Quilts: A quilt made in miniature of a full sized quilt. Paper foundation piecing is

often used to make the very small minis.

QUILT CHAT

Here is some fun and free patterns for all of the stitchers in our group...<http://www.birdbraindesigns.net/products/840-free-redwork-embroidery-towel.aspx> and <http://>

www.birdbraindesigns.net/products/689-freebie-united-we-stand.aspx.

ANOTHER CHALLENGE

Downingtown Library Quilt Challenge Fundraiser, "Vintage Patchwork Revisited." Calling all quilters and sewers! Join the fun challenge and support the Downingtown library.

Background Story: a set of patchwork pieces meant to be for a wedding ring quilt were donated to the library for a potential raffle quilt. However too many missing pieces and soiled or damaged patches made the project too difficult to complete. A new idea developed which was to use the patches to create small wallhangings or quilt blocks which could then be raffled off so that several people could win a small quilt incorporating the original patches and anything new in the way of additional fabric, embroidery, quilting or even framing.

How you can participate: Stop by the library and pick up a kit which will include several "arcs" from the original pieces (about 28 patches). Fill out the information sheet and return with \$10 in the envelope provided. You will get this back when you return the finished quilt or you can exchange it for a ticket to the reception and raffle of quilts on October 5th.

Make a small quilt using any number of patches from the kit along with any new fabric and/or embellishment you would like

to include (buttons, embroidery, etc.) The design is up to you – traditional, contemporary, whatever inspires you. Maximum size 24" on a side. You can also make a block and frame it rather than make a quilt. Quilts should have a sleeve or rings included on the back or some other way to hang it.

Turn in the finished quilt on or before Oct. 1st. Finished quilts will be displayed as they come in. On October 5th the quilts will be displayed at a reception where all attendees will be able to win the quilts through a lottery drawing. Details are being finalized. Tickets will be \$15 per person. Refreshments will be served.

We are hoping for a lot of enthusiasm and support for this new idea as a library fundraiser. Please consider joining the fun and/or passing the information on to a friend or quilt guild!

Debby O'Keefe will bring samples, challenge directions and the patchwork pieces to the next meeting to explain further. Contact Debby with any questions.

QUILT CONTEST

Havel's Sewing "Cut it Close" Quilt Challenge...
Quilt Theme: "What Does Summer Mean To You?"

First Prize - \$500, Second Prize - \$250 & Third Prize - \$100.
Each winner will also receive a gift bag of Havel's Scissors!

The winning quilts will travel with Havel's Sewing to be displayed in the Havel's Sewing booth for one year, as they attend quilt shows.

Quilt Size: 18" square

Dates: Quilts to be submitted between June 15 - August 15, 2012.

Voting: Voting will begin August 17, 2012. Quilts will be judged by people's choice. Vote on-line for your favorite quilt. Winners to be announced September 17, 2012.

For Contest Rules and Entry Form: <http://blog.havelssewing.com/wp-content/uploads/2012/06/SUMMER-QUILT-CONTEST-2012-RULES.pdf> and <http://blog.havelssewing.com/wp-content/uploads/2012/06/SUMMER-QUILT-CONTEST-2012-ENTRY-FORM.pdf>.

WOODEN BRIDGE WEBSITE

Wooden Bridge Drygoods did not previously have a web presence, but we do now, and invite you to peruse the website at www.WoodenBridgeDrygoods.com.

Since 1999, we have over 3,000 bolts, 23 different classes and workshops led by 7 quilting instructors. We are the area's largest quilt shop, and our prices are generally 20 to 30% less than the other quilt shops, offline or online! We are a drop-off location for the best sewing machine repair in the area, any make or model, and the best scissor sharpener in the area, too!

Because of the popularity of using the internet to search for businesses, we fear many quilters may have missed our store and hope to rectify that by creating the website, and letting you and your guild members know about it. We also realize that the "new" idea of a dry goods store isn't the same as the "old" idea of a dry goods store. [Wikipedia](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dry_goods) states that "...though 'dry

goods' as a term for textiles has been dated back to 1742 in England or even a century earlier." Bottom line? We're a full-blown quilter's dream quilt shop. We also carry some other items such as:

- A great selection of old-fashioned kitchen towels
- Hundreds of embroider-able printed quilt panels
- Tools, implements, threads, utility fabrics, quilted fabrics, fat quarters and bundles and jelly rolls and treats, patterns and other notions
- Fabrics by Moda, Benartex, Timeless Traditions, Clothworks and ALL of the rest of the first-rate fabric houses.

We thank you so much for your time and consideration. Happy quilting!

JULY BIRTHDAYS

20th **LINDA GLASS**

21st **JUDY SNOOK**

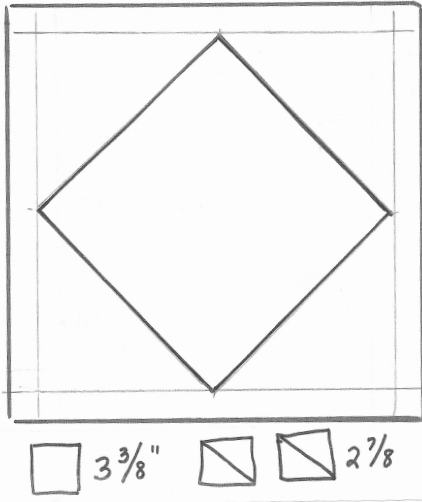
24th **SHIRLEY BUCKWALTER**

MINI BLOCK

The applique part of the "MINI BLOCK" will resume in the fall. This will give everyone time to catch up on their individual blocks and the assembly of them all. The patterns and

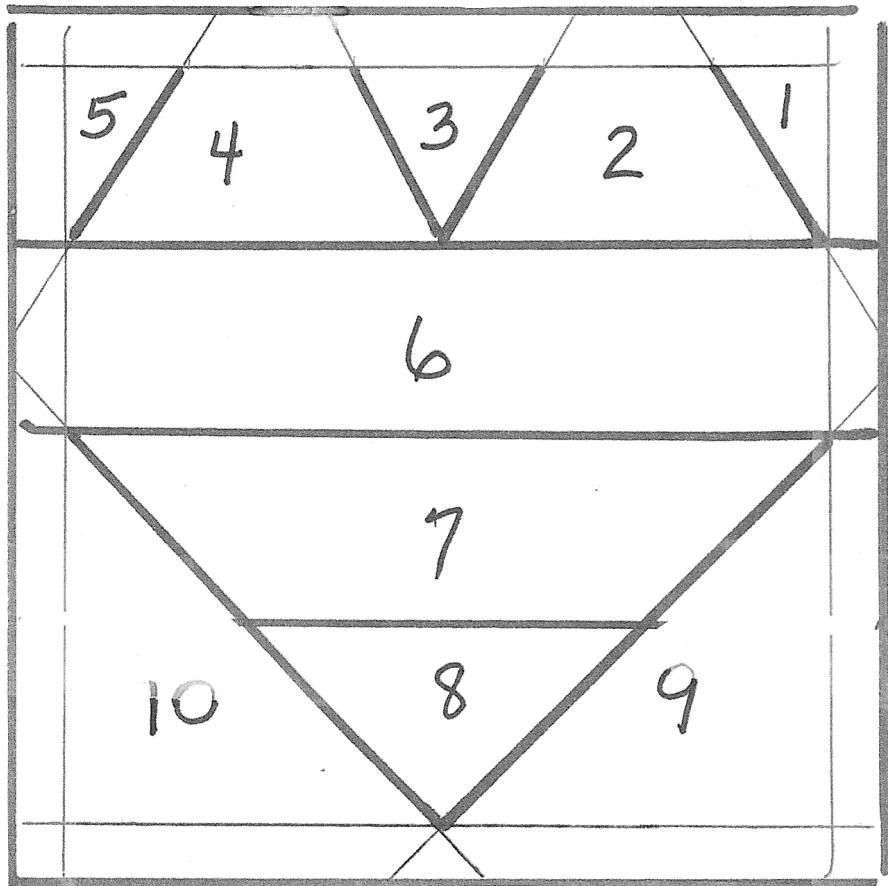
directions are in the Newsletters from September 2011 to June 2012.

BLOCK OF THE MONTH



Square in a Square Block 4½" unfinished

From one fabric, cut a 3 3/8" square. From second fabric, cut two 2 7/8" squares and cut each on the diagonal into two triangles. Sew triangles on opposite sides of the 3 3/8" square.



Paper Pieced Heart Block 4½" unfinished

Follow the numbers in paper piecing. Remember to make sections 2, 4, 6, 7 and 8 in the heart color. If copying, be sure to print actual size.



I keep a large chip clip (for holding closed bags of chips) near my work when doing hand sewing. I get interrupted quite often and I just clip the chip clip over my needle and the area I am sewing so that the cat or my husband (or a child) won't accidentally get stuck with the needle if they happen by or should pick it up. It also takes me right to the place I left off, when I return.

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.

Elizabeth Snead, has more membership information.

Our newsletters are now on-line. Check us out at our website
loosethreadsquilters.org