

THE LOOSE THREADS

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Quilting is my passion ... chocolate comes in a close second.

MESSAGE FROM THE PREZ

February and do you believe it – no snow yet! Makes me happy, how about you? Of course, as a result, at least for me, there is no excuse to spend time confined to the sewing room and be guilt-free for “doing my own thing” which I counted on after the Christmas season. I have done a lot of thinking though about how I want to rearrange my sewing room much to my husband’s dismay because it involves him with

helping to carry out my plans. It has been 4 or 5 years since my last update so isn’t it a woman’s prerogative to want to rearrange a room? I always remind him that it is cheaper than buying “new” furniture! So far he has bought in on my theory.

I want to take the time to welcome 2 new guests that attended our last meeting. Ann Randolph and Valerie

Fisher were both guests of Takako. I want to thank all those who introduced yourselves and made them feel welcomed and included. Also, it was great to have long time member and current Associate Member, Terry Salidong. Welcome to all of you!

JANUARY MINUTES

Carolyn Thompson called the meeting to order at 10:00am with over 50 in attendance, including 5 Associate members.

Membership: Lenore Clark has moved to Associate Member, Toni Hughes was welcomed into full membership and one individual remains on the waiting list.

Snow Policy: Loose Threads will follow the Spring-Ford School District snow policy. If schools are closed, Loose Threads will not meet. If school has a 2-hour delay, the guild will meet at 10:30am.

July meeting: Since the July meeting falls on July 4,th the guild agreed to hold the meeting on **July 11**.

Basting: Contact Kathy Neiman if you have a quilt to baste at the next Basting meeting on February 29. If no basting, all may work on charity projects or tea projects.

Block of the Month: The pattern for the latest Block of the Month was shared.

Directions for **Quilt Challenge 2012** are available in the January Newsletter.

Charity Projects: Jean Sullivan reported that she delivered a large number of items to the Southeastern Veterans’ Center in Spring City on December 7. Post Meeting Note: Jean reported a total of 22 condolence quilts on hand.

The next **FabricExchange** color is red, participants were reminded that all fabrics are to be *batiks*.

Field Trips: Cathy Nelson will investigate possibilities for a bus trip to the Lancaster Quilt Show on March 16.

Holiday Brunch committee and chairmen were thanked for their efforts in making the December brunch a wonderful event.

Library: Committee will be updating the list of book categories, information will be available on the Web Site and in the Newsletter. If there is a particular request, the committee will look for it.

Programs: On January 18, Laurie Kelly will demonstrate machine trapunto. Samples and patterns for tea aprons will be shared. Googling "Free Apron Patterns" will lead to a number of apron ideas.

Quilt Exhibits for the Phoenix Village Art Center Show will be displayed starting on January 6 at the Art Center on Bridge Street, Phoenixville.

Raffle Quilt: Kits have been distributed. Celtic trapunto designs are being considered for some blocks.

Retreats: The scheduled January retreat at St. Mary's in Elverson has been cancelled for lack of interest. Another weekday retreat at Blue Lake is being explored for February. North Mountain Retreat near Carlisle is scheduled on June 22-24 and September 21-23.

Secret Pal gifts may be brought to the February meeting and on the first meeting of each month.

MEET A CANDIDATE

A possible beneficiary of our raffle quilt could be the **Hope Alive! Clinic** in Haiti.

To find out more about this organization go to: www.philly.com/haitimission and read an article that was in last week's Inquirer. Haiti is the poorest country in the Western hemisphere and still suffers from the hurricane that occurred two years ago. In addition to running the clinic the mission wants to install a water purification system. Clean water is two hours away.

NEW BOOKS ON THE MARKET

Nature's Beauty in Applique

By Susan Taylor Propst

Susan Taylor Propst's book has directions for place mats, bags, a neckroll pillow, a wall hanging and more. Suitable for hand or fusible applique. 96 pages.



Modern Mix

By Jessica Levitt

Jessica Levitt's directions for 16 pieced and appliqued sewing projects. Book includes pillows, bags and quilts such as the 52" x 7" Boufriend quilt shown. 8" x 10," 128 pages.



QUILT JUMBLE

Rearrange the jumbled letters to spell out a quilting term.

E E F R - O O N M I T

I I U Q L G N T

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

BUSINESS MEETING RAFFLE

March 7: Amy Smith-Moniz

April 4: Sue Kehl

May 2: Linda Hamel

June 6: Laurie Kelly

July 4: Jo Quaglia

August 1: Margie Allen

September 5: Jean Sullivan

FEBRUARY WORKSHOP



The February Workshop will be devoted to planning for the Tea.



SECRET PAL

Just a reminder that Secret Pal gifts should be brought the first meeting of the month (Business Mtg).

February's theme is "LOVE". Include a note about yourself in the package.

Speakers: Rosemary Geisler has confirmed speaker Pat Sloan for September and is trying to coordinate with Barbara Garrett for March.

Tea: Susan Glaser reported that all Tea groups are to meet on January 18. The Kitchen committee will plan menu, individuals will sign up for food. Many classes will be held on the second floor of the church. Speaker Trish Chambers will present a program in full period (Civil War) costume.

Tea Block instructions are available on the Web Site and must be turned in to Jean Sullivan or Elizabeth Snead by the February 15th meeting.

Raffle Winners: Business Meeting Raffle, Elizabeth Snead and Name Tag Raffle, Carolyn Ferrandino.

Meeting concluded followed by Show and Tell ending at 11:30am.

Joanne Cantwell, Secretary

A N.J. woman involved in the program has secured treadle sewing machines and is training women to make clothing to sell and support themselves. Fabric and other supplies are needed. More information will be provided at the meeting, but please read this article to consider this charity as our beneficiary.

From Debby O'Keefe

UPCOMING AREA EVENTS

Mid-Atlantic Quilt Festival XXIII - February 23-26, 2012.

Presented by Mancuso Show Management, a compilation of quilting, fiber arts, and wearable arts. It's the perfect place for quilt enthusiasts and textile artists to meet, shop, learn and explore their art all under one roof at the Hampton Roads Convention Center, Hampton, Virginia. For more information visit www.quiltfest.com/activities.asp?id=8.

The Quilt Fest of New Jersey VIII - March 1-4, 2012.

Presented by Mancuso Show Management, featuring a Merchants Mall offering the best in fabrics, notions, sewing machines, wearable art, embroidery and everything for the quilter and home sewer at the Garden State Exhibit Center, Somerset, NJ. For more information visit www.quiltfest.com/activities.asp?id=30.

Garden of Quilts - March 2-4, 2012. Presented by Susquehanna Valley Quilters, over 100 quilts made by guild members will be on display, a Quilter's Corner featuring hand-crafted items, vendor booths at Hughesville Fire Hall, Hughesville, PA. For more information visit susvalleyquilters.org/our2012quiltshow.html.

AQS Lancaster Quilt Show - March 14-17, 2012. At the Marriott at the Lancaster County Convention Center. For more information visit aqss-hows.com/AQSLancaster/.

Celebrate 25! Quilt Show - presented by County Line Quilters. March 24 - 25, 10 am to 5 pm at Archbishop Wood High School, 655 York Rd., Warminster, PA 18974.

ArtQuilt Elements 2012. Wayne Art Center, Wayne P.A. This is the 10th exhibition of the internationally acclaimed AQE show set in suburban Philadelphia. This is a juried Art Quilt show. www.artquilelementsentry.com. Show is March 30 - May 13, 2012.

2012 Relief Sale - April 13-14, 2012. Since 1957, all sale day proceeds, benefit the worldwide relief efforts of Mennonite Central Committee which include aid to the victims of poverty and other man-made and natural disasters. At the Farm Show Complex, Harrisburg, PA. For more information visit www.pareliefsale.org/default.aspx.

Quilters Unlimited 39th Annual Quilters Unlimited Show - June 1-3, 2012. At Dulles Expo Center, South Building, Chantilly, VA. For more information visit www.quiltersunlimited.org/show.htm.

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

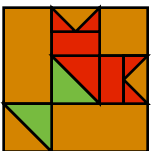
CHALLENGE 2012

Are you thinking about designs for the 2012 challenge?

Rules can be reviewed in the January newsletter. "Complementary" is open to your interpretation. Need ideas? Two quilts using the same pattern in different colors...two

seasons...one quilt with a tree pattern, the other with a leaf pattern...two different house quilts (one a log cabin?).

Don't forget, first finished gets a prize!



NAME THE QUILT BLOCK

Answer and pattern on page 4.

REFRESHMENTS

MARCH 2

Baked Goods: Marie Traxler & Amy Smith-Moniz
Fruit or Veggie: ??????????
Cold Drink: Bernie Hughes

MARCH 30

Baked Goods: Wendy Cole & Bonnie Swartzentruber
Fruit or Veggie: Sue Kehl
Cold Drink: Gayle Hammond

MARCH 16

Baked Goods: Linda Garthe & Jean Atwood
Fruit or Veggie: Debby O'Keefe
Cold Drink: Kiti Williams

QUILT JUMBLE ANSWER



Free-Motion Quilting: A method of quilting or embroidering where the feed dogs of a sewing machine are lowered or covered and the quilter

controls the movement of the fabric under the needle. Freeform designs can be done this way.

FABRIC EXCHANGE 2011-2012...BATIKS

November - orange
December - gold
January - light blue

February - red
March - green
April - purple

May - pink
June - yellow
July - tan

August - brown
September - dark blue

AREA WORKSHOPS

The Courthouse Quilters of Frenchtown, New Jersey announce a workshop led by **Sally Davis** to make the **Potpourri Quilt from Kaffe Fassette's book "Simple Shapes, Spectacular Quilts,"**

Sunday, February 12, 2012 from 10-4.

A sample of the quilt can be seen at the gloriouscolor.com website by searching for Yellow Potpourri or Blue Potpourri.

Admission is \$55 and entitles the quilter to free admission to the evening lecture at the regular meeting of the Courthouse Quilters. Courthouse Quilters meet at the Darcy Lodge, 39 Everittstown Road in Frenchtown, New Jersey. For more information, including a materials list, call Joanne Gardner at xxxxxxxx.



"Elegant Heart" Workshop: March 14, 2012

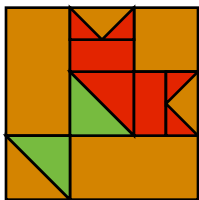
A workshop will be held immediately after the **Calico Cutters Quilt Guild's** morning program at Paoli Presbyterian Church, 225 S. Valley Road, Paoli, from 12 - 4 pm. The workshop is \$25. There will be a \$16 kit fee payable at the Workshop.




Sign up by emailing or calling Christine Kamon (xxxxxxxxxxx). Please supply your contact info: email, PO mail & phone. Please mail check payable to Calico Cutters and mail to Christine (xxxxxxxxx). Click below for more information.

[Elegant Heart Workshop Flyer](#)
[Elegant Heart Workshop Supply List](#)

NAME THE QUILT BLOCK

TEXAS ROSE (12" Block)



-  Cut one 5" square, one 4½" square, two 4½" x 8½" rectangles & two 2½" x 4½" rectangles
-  Cut one 5" square, two 2½" x 4½" rectangles & four 2½" squares
-  Cut two 5" squares

1. Sew HSTs from the brown & green and the green & red 5" squares. Trim one in each color combination to 4½."
2. Sew two flying geese units from the brown 2½" x 4½" rectangles and the 2½" red squares.
3. Sew the block together using the illustration above for placement

QUILT CHAT

Do you want a fun, silly project to take your mind off these chilly winter days? Make a penguin or two or even ten! Go to <http://www.purlbee.com/purl-bee-penguin/> to get the free pattern for these adorable penguins. Have fun!

Need a project to use up all your old "felt balls"? Here it is... Trivets! Check it out at <http://www.purlbee.com/felt-ball-trivets/2011/2/6/mollys-sketchbook-felt-ball-trivets.html>

RECIPES OF THE MONTH

Here is a recipe for a hearty warm stew for those cold February dinners...

MEATBALL OVEN STEW

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| 1 lb. hamburger | 1½ tsp. dry mustard | 2 Tbsp. oil |
| 2 Tbsp. chopped onion | 1 tsp. chili powder | 2 c. tomato juice |
| 2 Tbsp. chopped green pepper | ½ c. milk | 3 potatoes, quartered |
| ¼ c. cornmeal | 1 slightly beaten egg | 6 carrots, halved & cut in 1" chunks |
| 1 tsp. salt | ¼ c. flour | 12 small onions |

Combine meat, chopped onion, green pepper, cornmeal, seasonings, milk and egg. Mix thoroughly and form into 12 meatballs. Sprinkle with some of the flour and brown in hot oil. Place in a 4 quart casserole.

To oil in skillet, add remaining flour, blend and add tomato juice. Cook until thickened. Pour over meatballs. Arrange vegetables

around meatballs. Season with salt. Cover tightly. Bake at 350° for 1 hour. Serves 6 to 8.

From the "Country Goodness" cookbook, Christ Lutheran Church in Oley, PA.



Jane Russell's spicy, crisp cookies at the last meeting were a big hit. Here is the recipe!



PFEFFERKAKA

1 c. butter, softened
 1½ c. sugar
 1 egg
 1½ Tbsp. grated orange peel

2 Tbsp. dark corn syrup
 1 Tbsp. water
 ¾ c. flour
 2 tsp. baking soda

2 tsp. cinnamon *Linda Glass*
 1 tsp. ground ginger
 ½ tsp. ground cloves
 slivered almonds

Cream together the butter and sugar. Add the egg and beat until light and fluffy. Stir in the orange peel, corn syrup and water and mix well. Sift the dry ingredients and stir into the butter and sugar mixture. Chill dough for at least an hour. Roll out thinly on

a floured board. Cut into shapes (Jane made circles). Place cookies on an ungreased cookie sheet, 1 inch apart. Top with an almond sliver. Bake at 375° for 8 to 10 minutes. Makes approximately 6 dozen cookies. *Linda Glass*

PHOENIX VILLAGE ART CENTER QUILT SHOW

Congratulations to our members who are exhibiting their quilts in Phoenixville. Here are some photos from the opening reception.



Linda Glass



Eileen Frankil



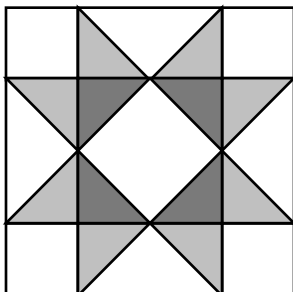
Joanne Gardner



Linda Hamel

MINI BLOCK

FEBRUARY: BLOCK 6 (6" finished)



CUTTING INSTRUCTIONS



Dark: cut four 2" squares



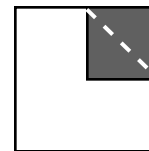
Medium: cut eight 2" squares



Light: cut one 3½" square, four 2" squares & four 3½" x 2" rectangles

SEWING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Sew four Flying Geese units with the light 3½" x 2" rectangles and the medium 2" squares.
2. Make the center Square in a Square block with the light 3½" square and the dark 2" squares.
3. Draw a diagonal line on the backs of the dark squares.
4. Assemble the block by sewing on the drawn line, trimming ¼" and pressing. Placement is shown in the diagram to the right, one corner at a time.
5. Assemble the units using the illustrations above for placement.



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

1st **JOANNE GARDNER**

8th **EILEEN FRANKIL**

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

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