

THE LOOSE THREADS

NEWSLETTER

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Charity Projects: Jean Sullivan

Field Trips: Cathy Nelson

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Holiday Brunch: Judy Snook

Hospitality: Gayle Hammond

Librarian: Jo Quaglia

Newsletter: Wendy Cole

Fabric Exchange: Sandy Michalec

Programs: Judy Peters

Raffle Quilt Design: Laurie Kelly

Raffle Quilt Tickets: Marylou Boryta

Retreats: Bernie Hughes

Secret Pal: Kristi Burtch

Speakers: Rosemary Geisler

Sunshine: Judy Shafer

Tea: Susan Glaser & Linda Garthe

Website: Lenore Clarke



One yard of fabric, like one cookie, is never enough!

MAY MINUTES

Carolyn Thompson called the meeting to order at 10:00am. Patty Doud was our one guest today. The Treasurer's report was read.

Elizabeth Snead reminded guild members that the Nominating Committee (Elizabeth, Bernie Hughes and Judy Snook) is collecting candidates for officers for next year. A slate of prospects will be shared at the May meeting and the election of officers will occur at the June business meeting.

Old Business: Guild members were reassured that meetings for the next year will continue to be held at the current location. If programs are planned that will go into the afternoon, Loose Threads will have priority access to our current meeting room.

New Business: In Takako Pike's absence, Carolyn read her report on the distribution of proceeds from her quilt raffle for the Tsunami victims in Japan. Takako thanked all who supported this effort.

Tea: The 2012 Tea was another rousing success. Susan Glaser reported on the many thanks received from Tea attendees this year who also expressed a desire to attend again next year. Co-chairs for the 2013 Tea are Linda Garthe and Bernie Hughes. Guild members who have suggestions for next year are requested to send them in writing to Linda or Bernie. Jean Nalbandian won a raffle for Tea Blocks.

Block-of-the Month: A finished 4-1/2" block was shared by Judy Snook.

Charity Quilts: Jean Sullivan thanked members for their help with charity quilts. Jill Cardamone stated that the committee has designated June as **Pillowcase Month** with finished projects going to ConKerr Cancer. Members are asked to prewash fabrics, use one of the patterns available on the Loose Threads website, and turn in completed pillowcases during June and up

to July 11 (our July business meeting). Pillowcases use 3/4 yd. fabric plus 1/3 yd. for a border and are to be submitted in sealed plastic baggies. Infant condolence quilts will be collected in May.

Fabric Exchange: Pink batiks will be exchanged at the May business meeting.

Field Trips: Members interested in attending the Wayne Art Quilt Show at the Wayne Art Center as a group from April 30-May 13 should contact Cathy Nelson.

Hospitality: Jean Atwood distributed a sign-up sheet for meeting snacks for the remainder of 2012.

Librarian: Laurie Kelly will submit an AQS order for 30% off when a minimum order of 6 books is reached.

Programs: Joyce Peters announced that the meeting on April 18 will feature presentations from the recent Tea; "Borders" by Eileen Frankil and "Items not found in a Quilt shop" by Debbie O'Keefe.

Raffle Quilt: Laurie Kelly reported that the raffle quilt is ready for quilting by Takako and will be completed in time for the Hershey Quilt Show in July.

Retreats: Mary Lou Boryta shared info on upcoming retreats...

- **Blue Lake**, April 9-12, 15 will attend. Participants were reminded to sign up for meals.
- The next **North Mountain** (Carlisle) retreat is in June and is filled. Another retreat scheduled there will be from September 21-23.
- The **St. Mary's Retreat** in Elverson will be from July 20-22.

Speakers: Rosemary Geisler announced that speaker Pat Sloan is scheduled for June and a possible workshop is pending.

Website: Lenore Clark reminded members that if they have any material or photos for the website, please contact her.

Basting: The next Basting day is May 30, sign up with Kathy Neiman to get on the schedule.

The Business Meeting Raffle was won by Gayle Hammond.

The meeting concluded with Show and Tell at 11:00am.

Joanne Cantwell, Secretary

MAY WORKSHOP

May's program will be "buttons bracelets" Let's make use of some of the buttons we keep collecting!! I have directions for two types.

1. Bring your flat sew on buttons, needle for hand sewing, thread, and elastic to fit your wrist (directions suggests using the same color). I can provide some "off white"elastic.
2. Shank buttons. I will supply the elastic cord.

If anyone has directions for any other button jewelry, please let me know & we will include it.



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

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Here is the requested recipe for the yummy Banana Oat Bars that Takako Pike made for the last meeting.

BANANA OAT BARS

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| 2 cups quick oats (not instant) | 2 large ripe banana, mashed |
| ¼ cup chopped walnuts | ¼ cup unsweetened applesauce, optional |
| ½ cup shredded coconut | 1 tablespoon date sugar, optional |
| ½ cup raisins or chopped dates | |

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Mix ingredients together in a large bowl. Press dough in a 9" x 9" baking pan. Bake for 30 min. Cool on wire rack. When cool, slice into squares or bars and serve.



I have added ¼ cup sunflower seeds in my version and did not add date sugar. Apple sauce help will bind the ingredients and make the bars moist.

QUILT JUMBLE

Rearrange the jumbled letters to spell out a quilting term.

Y O M M R E

L U I T Q

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

NEW BOOKS ON THE MARKET

Impressionist Applique

By Grace Errea & Meridith Osterfield

It's all about value. Create a focal point, develop dimensionality, and create a painterly effect with your quilt design. Use the full-size patterns and work with three different applique methods.



Shadow Trapunto Quilts

By Greta Grama

There is little as elegant and attractive as shadow trapunto. Few people realize just how easy it is to make these stunning quilts.



QUILT CHALLENGE

Your challenge is to make not one, but two complementary quilts. Technique, color, fabric are all up to you. The two quilts should in some way complement each other, in color, design, technique, whatever your imagination envisions. Both quilts could be an appropriate size for a Priority Alzheimer's quilt (9" x 12" maximum, no exceptions). Both quilts do not have to be the same size.

Rule (there is only one): Quilters must submit 2 quilts that are no larger than 12" x 18" each. We will measure and we will have no mercy. Please pin your two quilts to a single piece of muslin for display (your name on the back of the muslin).

UPCOMING AREA EVENTS

A World of Quilts XXXIII Northern Star Quilters Quilt presents a judged show at John F Kennedy High School, Somers, NY May 5-6 2012 Saturday 10-5 and Sunday 10-4
www.northernstarquilters.com **Map & Directions:** <http://northernstarquilters.com/quiltshow/visit-the-show/directions-and-parking>

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.

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 Wil- mington, 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.

REFRESHMENTS

JUNE 6

Baked Goods: Wendy Cole & Carolyn Thompson
Fruit or Veggie: Toni Hughes
Cold Drink: Silvia Homa

JUNE 20

Baked Goods: Milly Skeen & Gayle Hammond
Fruit or Veggie: Joan Markowitz
Cold Drink: Amy Smith-Moniz

SECRET PAL

The Themes for the rest of the year:

May - Glass

June - Fun in the Sun

July - Patriotic

August - Hot

September - School

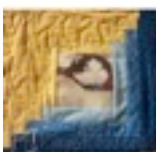
October - Orange and Brown

November - Animals

December - Whatever you want, but be sure to include a note saying who you are.

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)!*

QUILT JUMBLE ANSWER



Memory Quilt: Antique Memory Quilts may have been made from a loved one's clothes after death as a memorial. Some memory quilts may be a gift to a young adult, perhaps a going-to-college quilt which contains

fabrics from their own baby and growing up garments. Now, with the advent now of transfer printing and direct printing a memory quilt may have photos on it.

MAY BIRTHDAYS

5th **SHIRLEY HORNING**

8th **JUDY SHAFER**

26th **KIM JACOBS**

QUILT SHOW @ SHANNONDELL

Gallery at Shannondell
*** QUILT SHOW ***
June 15th to July 19th

Show Dates:

- Delivery of all Items - June 4 (to the Gallery)
- Opening of Show - June 15 (3 to 5 pm)
- Closing of Show - July 19
- Pick up of all Items

QUILTING WITH MACHINES

Join us for our 6th year of offering machine quilting classes in a beautiful relaxing setting. We have teachers who are some of the best in the business. Quilting with Machines is not just about longarm quilting. Along with longarm classes, we offer classes for midarm and domestic machine quilting with wonderful national teachers as well. We also offer several beautiful piecing classes for those of you who are not quite ready to make the jump to machine quilting.

Our venue also offers a quilt show that is just for machine quilters and a vendor mall with lots of tools, patterns, and gadgets for quilting as well as some very interesting fabrics.

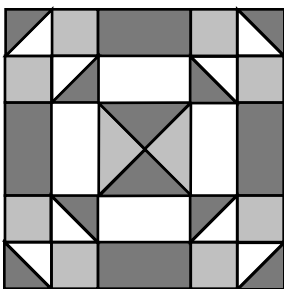
QUILT CHAT

Joan Markowitz wants to share this website that she found. It's a site with a lot of free patterns... www.maryquilts.com.

Here is are two free patterns for all of the grandmas and grandmas to be in our group. A baby blanket and baby booties... <http://www.purlbee.com/chevron-baby-blanket/2011/9/15/whits-knits-chevron-baby-blanket.html> and <http://www.purlbee.com/felt-baby-shoes/2011/12/6/mollys-sketchbook-felt-baby-shoes.html>.

MINI BLOCK

MAY: BLOCK 9 (6" finished)



CUTTING INSTRUCTIONS

- Dark:** cut four 2" squares, four 2½" x 1½" rectangles and one 3½" square
- Medium:** cut one 3½" square and four 2½" x 1½" rectangles
- Light:** cut four 2" squares and four 2½" x 1½" rectangles

SEWING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Sew one QST with the dark and medium 3½" squares. Trim to 2½."
2. Sew eight HSTs with the dark and light 2" squares. Trim to 1½."
3. Assemble the block as shown in the illustration. Trim to 6½."

STICKY CHAIN PIECING

"Chain piecing is kind of like piecing on an assembly-line. After cutting all of your quilt patches, align them right sides together to prep them for sewing, and then take one more step before you begin. Place a medium-hot iron on top of each pair, to help them stick together. Stack the paired units within easy reach next to your sewing machine and start sewing. Feed them through the

machine one after another, but without breaking the threads after stitching each pair. When units are all sewn, cut the threads between them and go on to your next task."

Janet Wickell at about.com



An unused mouse pad works well to anchor the machine's foot pedal!

BLUE LAKE RETREAT



QUILTS IN THE SNOW

Artist Simon Beck must really love the cold weather! Along the frozen lakes of Savoie, France, he spends days plodding through the snow in raquettes (snowshoes), creating these sensational patterns of snow art. Working for 5-9 hours a day, each final piece is typically the size of three soccer fields! The geometric forms range in mathematical patterns and shapes that create stunning, sometimes 3D, designs when viewed from higher levels.

How long these magnificent geometric forms survive is completely dependent on the weather. Beck designs and redesigns the patterns as new snow falls, sometimes unable to finish a piece due to significant overnight accumulations. Interestingly enough, he said, "The main reason for making them was because I can no longer run properly due to problems with my feet, so plodding about on level snow is the least painful way of getting exercise. Gradually, the reason has become photographing them, and I am considering buying a better camera." Spectacular art for the sake of exercise!

From <http://www.mymodernmet.com/profiles/blogs/simon-beck-snow-art>



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