

THE LOOSE THREADS

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I count the stitches line by line; and the watch the thread record the time.

MESSAGE FROM THE PREZ

Another year is starting! Isn't it funny how September seems like the New Year, even if we don't have young ones going to school? January just seems like more winter, not a "new" year. On behalf of the new Board Rosemary Geisler, Marie Traxler and myself, I would like to thank the outgoing Board for a wonderful year (or more!) of service. A big round of applause to Carolyn Thompson, Elizabeth Snead, Joanne Cantwell, and Linda Hamel. Extra kudos to Carolyn for two years as President, and Linda for continuing her term as Treasurer.

With a New Year we think about making resolutions. I'm making a resolution to use some of my stash. Having just emptied my sewing room to make room for my new grand-daughter (with her

parents and the two dogs), I am overwhelmed with the amount of fabric I have. I could sew 8 hours a day for 20 years and I don't think I would use it all up. Plus, I've found lots of items for the Tea garage sale and Chinese Auction. I resolve to produce one charity project a month to "bless my stash forward". I'll have fun working on it, and reduce my stash. What kinds of resolutions might you make? Trying a new technique?, taking a class?, being part of a different guild committee?, using a color you don't normally use?

Resolutely yours,
Lenore

JULY MINUTES

Guild President Carolyn Thompson called the meeting to order at 10:00am and welcomed guest, Nicole Thompson and Associate member Nancy Miller. Linda Hamel gave the Treasurer's report.

New Business:

- One possibility has been identified as a potential location for the 2013 Tea. A final decision must be made by November so it is imperative to begin closing in on final arrangements. Contact Carolyn Thompson with all ideas.
- Kristi Burtch has offered to host the annual Needle Nite on Friday, September 7. Details will be forthcoming.
- New Guild Year: On August 9, outgoing and incoming guild officers will meet to discuss the transition for the year beginning September 1. General committee preferences for all members will be collected at the meeting on September 5. Guild members will also select Tea committee preferences at this time. Membership forms and fees for the new guild year will be collected. All forms are available online.

Block of the Month: Sylvia Homa demonstrated next steps in putting the Block-of-the-Month project together which will be completed at the September workshop.

Charity Quilts: The workshop on August 15 will focus on making charity projects.

Fabric Exchange: color for August is brown, dark blue for September.

Field Trips: No trips planned at this time, however quilts will be collected by the end of August for the Showcase of Quilts to be shown at Steve's in September.

Librarian: Jo Quaglia reported that there are books that have been checked out for 1-2 years. Notes will be sent to those involved requesting returns.

Newsletter: The current committee will conclude their Newsletter editing at the completion of the September newsletter. *Thanks for a terrific run, ladies!*

Programs: August - Block-of-the-Month workshop, September - Charity projects.

Raffle Quilt: The committee is looking for additional venues to sell raffle tickets for "Midnight Madness." Please advise Marylou Boryta of all possibilities. It was suggested that the current and new raffle quilt committees meet to discuss recommendations, commitments and timelines for future raffle quilts.

Retreats: The next North Mountain Retreat is scheduled for September 21 - 23 and has one slot remaining. Blue Lake Retreat is scheduled for November 12-16, has 15 signed up and can accommodate approximately 5 more. See Marylou Boryta for further details.

NEEDLE NIGHT

Loose Threads Quilt Guild Sew-In is Friday September 7th.

When: Come at 7pm and stay till midnight if you want.

Where: Kristi Burtch's house, 1719 Valley Lane, Chester Springs, 610-458-9990

What to bring: A project to work on, either a hand project or one requiring your sewing machine. Also bring a small container of your favorite ice cream to share.

Schedule: At 7pm pizza we will consume tons of pizza (gluten free/vegetarian also). A salad and beverages will be provided. Then it is time to sew and talk (chocolate will also be provided!) Around 9:15 we will break out our ice cream and there will be lots of toppings. Stay till midnight if desired.

Speakers: Rosemary Geisler will share recommendations for future guest speakers with the new speaker committee when formed.

Sunshine: Judy Shafer reported activity sending cards and condolences to members this past month.

Website: Lenore Clarke reminded members that forms are online under the Members section. Photos are always welcome too.

The Business Meeting Raffle was won by Geri Dullis. The Name Tag drawing winner was Jean Nalbandian.

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

Joanne Cantwell, Secretary

RSVP: E-mail Kristi at kburtch1719@comcast.net if you hope to come. An exact count is not needed but sewing tables need to be set up if you are bringing a machine.

Directions: From Phoenixville take route 113 west towards Exton.

Turn right on route 401 (if you pass route 100 you have gone too far and at the corner of 401 there is a Vinny's pizza and an A-Plus market). Turn left at the first left - Byers Road. Turn left at the first left - Valley Lane (you will first pass a horse farm on the left). 1719 is the last house on the left (sort-of looks like a castle).

Parking: You can either drive down the driveway and park in the backyard (not suggested if the grass is wet) or park on the street making sure to not block the neighbor's driveways. **Please don't park on any grass except Kristi's. Call 610-458-9990 if you get lost!**

Other: Please Come!

NOTES FROM THE LIBRARY

Did you know? Our Library is MORE than JUST books???

Also available for signing out is a Singer Serger and the BoNash Bonding & Repair Kit. The Bonding Kit is seen at all the Quilt Shows for fabric, vinyl and leather repair.

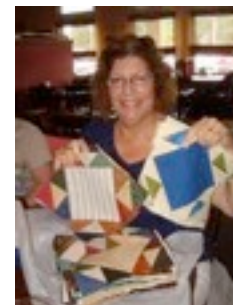
The Library also has a handful of patterns. If you have patterns that you no longer need or duplicates please donate them to the library for circulation.



WE WILL MISS YOU, SANDY!!!

**Have a wonderful life
in Washington State
& enjoy the grandkids**

*Sandy receiving her quilt Blocks.
She was thrilled.*



Thank you to my friends at Loose Threads for the kind words and gestures that were a comfort to me after the loss of my Dad.

Linda Hamel

F.Y.I. FROM JANE RUSSELL

We have sold our house and will be gone by the end of September. To those generous ladies who have donated to the Lakota, PLEASE CONTINUE. If I am not at the meeting to collect school supplies, socks, hotel goodies or any other gift, please give them to Cathy Nelson who will deliver them to Janet.

Dog Beds: I have 24 years of stuff to clean out so I won't have time to make any more. If you have been giving me your scraps,

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 CHAT

From Kim Jacobs: "We all know about "Quilts of Valor" for our wounded soldiers. This is a project for our fallen soldiers

families." Check it out at <http://www.homeofthebravequilts.com/>

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Here is a yummy coffee cake to pop in the oven on those brisk fall mornings.

THE BEST COFFEE CAKE. EVER.

FOR THE CAKE:

1½ stick Butter, Softened
2 cups Scant Sugar
3 cups Flour, Sifted
4 teaspoons Baking Powder
1 teaspoon Salt
1¼ cup Whole Milk
3 whole Egg Whites, Beaten Until Stiff

FOR THE TOPPING:

1½ stick Butter, Softened
¾ cups Flour
1½ cup Brown Sugar
2 Tablespoons Cinnamon
1½ cup Pecans, Chopped



Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Sift together flour, baking powder, and salt. Beat egg whites and set aside.

Cream butter and sugar. Add flour mixture and milk alternately until combined. Don't overbeat. Fold in beaten egg whites with a rubber spatula. Spread in a well-greased 9 x 13 (or LARGER!) baking pan. A cake pan with higher sides would be best.

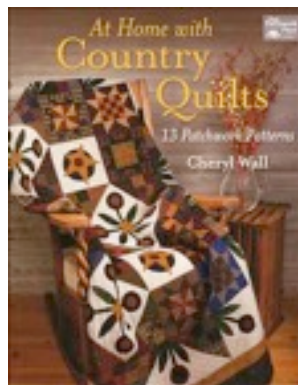
In a separate bowl, combine topping ingredients with a pastry cutter until crumbly. Sprinkle all over the top.

Bake for 40 to 45 minutes, or until no longer jiggly. Serve warm---delicious!

NEW BOOKS ON THE MARKET

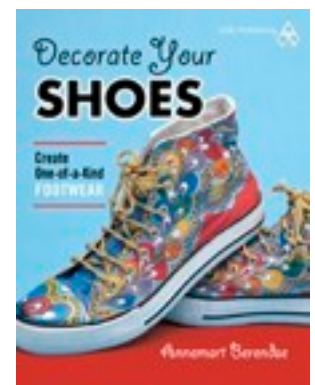
At Home With Country Quilts By Cheryl Wall

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.



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

16th CLEM DUPONT

2nd LINDA HAMEL

13th SILVIA HOMA

5th LAURIE KELLY

BLOCK OF THE MONTH

This year the block of the month theme will be based on 3 inch strips. Members who participated in the exchange last year can use those strips, and members who didn't exchange strips can still work from their stash or purchase fabric for the projects.

Each month a block or project will be presented. Some months will use enough strips to make a finished project such as a table runner, other months may offer a block pattern as a starting point and more fabric can be added to make a larger project.

To encourage participation we plan on a big drawing for prizes next September. We will be giving out tickets to members who complete the block of the month project; one ticket if you make the block (or top), multiple tickets if you show us a finished project using the block or pattern. The finished projects can be shown any time throughout the year. Tickets will be signed and given back to a committee member and we also hope to take pictures and keep a monthly list.



UPCOMING AREA EVENTS

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/.

Quilts in the Mill presented by The Courthouse Quilters. Friday, October 5, Saturday, October 6 & Sunday, October 7, 2012. Special Exhibits, CHQ Member quilts to be donated to the Alzheimers Art Quilt Initiative, Storybook Quilts, a traveling collection of books and their related quilts & "Nature's Treasure" king sized raffle quilt. Show hours: 10 am - 5 pm. Admission \$7.00 (portion of proceeds to benefit the Delaware River Mill Society. Prallsville Mills, Route 29, Stockton, NJ. quilters.com/event/show_2012/2012_quilt_show.html.

Valley Forge Quilt Show - October 19-20, 2012. Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 132 E. Valley Forge Road, King of Prussia,

September Block of the Month: Continuous Strip Tablerunner

This idea was borrowed from the quilt size continuous strip project that several members have made. We suggest that you wait to see samples at the first September meeting before starting your own project.

Use 6 different strips of fabric 3" wide and cut selvage to selvage. I recommend a monochromatic look rather than mixed colors.

- Trim selvages off and cut 12" from your first strip.
- Sew the 12" strip to the end of fabric #2.
- Then sew the other end of #2 to #3, #3 to #4, etc., then finally add the remaining strip of #1 to make a long snake of fabric.
- Fold the end back up to the top end and sew on the right side all the way down, stopping about a quarter inch from the bottom.
- Cut open along the fold and press open. You will now have two long rows of strips sewn together.
- Bring the bottom up to the top and sew on the right side again.
- Cut open along the fold and press open. You will now have 4 rows.

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.brandywinequilters.org/.

Lebanon Quilters Guild 5th Annual Exhibition of Quilts - More than 100 quilts on display, vendors, silent auction, demonstrations, make & take and appraisals. November 9, 10 & 11, 2012. Friday; 12 noon - 8 pm, Saturday & Sunday; 10 am - 5 pm. Admission, adults \$5, 10 & under free. Lebanon Expo Center & Fairgrounds, 80 Rocherty Road, Lebanon, PA. Check our website for more information at www.lebanonquiltersguild.com.

Not that it hasn't been fun, but...YEAH, WE'RE DONE!!!

Thanks for all your support for the Newsletter these past 5 years. It was appreciated.

Susan Glaser & Wendy Cole

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