Loose Threads News

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1st Wednesday Agenda

9:30 Arrive with Challenge entries

10:00

Holiday Brunch

Bring Challenge quilt, gift exchange, 1 dozen cookies, holiday mug, Secret Pal gift…and your appetite.

3rd Wednesday Agenda

9:30 Doors open - refreshments & socializing

10:00 Business Meeting

President's Message

Now that we've all recovered from stuffing ourselves over Thanksgiving, it's time to get down to the serious business of Christmas. Christmas brunch, Pollyanna, challenges and revealing of secret pals. Very serious! Well, it may not be all that serious, more like a bunch of good things to start off the holiday season.

Speaking of good things, this Guild is a good thing. And, I'd like to take this opportunity to wish all of you (one of the best things in my life) a happy, merry, joyous, magical and fun-filled holiday season and good times with family and friends.

Happy Holidays to one and all!

Betty Ann

Dear Guild Members,

Just wanted to let you know that the "Kylie and Garhett Dawson Memorial Scholarship" fund has been set up at Exeter High School. Thank you for the donation that you made to it. Missy and I greatly appreciate your generosity.

Betty Ann

Minutes - November Meeting

CALL TO ORDER: Business meeting started promptly at 10:00 on Nov 6, 2019. Betty Ann Dawson as president.

OLD BUSINESS: Make your hexes, about 10, any color fabric or design, for the Chinese Auction at the Tea. Instructions are in the August newsletter.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Two visitors, Barb and Sandy were welcomed to our group.
- Jane Russell is back and thanks everyone for their cards.
- Donna Kern (church secretary) was voted as Mayor of Spring City during this election.
- Rosemary suggests members to make a holiday themed mug rug for the Hope on the Hill Soup Kitchen, along with donating any art and craft supplies that aren't needed by our guild members. Due by our holiday brunch.
- Jane is collecting toiletries from various travel places for the Indian Reservation
- Our holiday brunch is still scheduled for the first meeting in Dec and our business meeting will be held the 2nd Wednesday of that month. Come January, the evening bee will be held Jan 8, our business meeting will be held on Jan 15 and there will be a program and or basting day on January 29th

BLOCK OF THE MONTH: Was presented by Silvia and Diane as a mystery sewing room themed wall hanging that could be made in 2 different sizes.

CHALLENGE: Alternative ways were discussed on how to hang up our challenge quilts. So the committee has time to plan, please bring in your challenge quilt to the brunch, early @ 9:30

DAY CAMP: Scheduled for April 2020

EVENING BEE: Scheduled for next Wednesday at 6:30 and dinner at 5:00 at Giovanni's in Royersford.

FABRIC EXCHANGE: Starts in Jan, theme is geometrics, let Toni Hughes, Geri Dulis or Takako Pike know if interested in joining by end of this month. Information is in the newsletter and on the website. Visitors can participate in the exchange.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Needed to select 2 people for committee, Linda Glass and Pat Philion were elected to serve with Virginia on this committee.

SERVICE PROJECTS: Crib quilts 40X60, flannel backs are needed. For info see Brenda Calhoun. The guild will look at buying batting in bulk.

SPEAKERS: November will be Ra Nae Merrill. A lecture for Wednesday AM and a design workshop is scheduled for Wednesday PM.

SECRET PAL: New forms are available and pals assigned by Feb 2020. Bring forms to Margie or Jane by Dec 18th. Guests on the waiting list can also join.

SUNSHINE: Jean Sullivan's husband is doing better.

TEA: Remember to bring in fat quarter and 10 hexes for the Chinese auction.

WEBSITE: BOM will be posted on the website.

RAFFLE WINNERS:

Business winner was Marie Traxler

No Nametag Raffle winner or UFO prizes today, Marylou was not present.

Respectfully submitted by:

Silvia Homa – Secretary

Loose Threads Challenge, then and now

Hope that everyone is ready for the **WINGS** Challenge coming up on December 4th. Remember to bring your challenge in a bag (without your name) to the stage area BEFORE 9:30 AM.

Challenges are a real tradition in the guild and have been held every year since 1989. Let's look back 10 years ago at the 2009 Challenge which asked members to make a quilt depicting their interpretation of a famous quote.

Margie Allen won Best Hand Quilting, "Though nothing can bring back the hour of splendor in the grass, of glory in the flower…" by Wordsworth.

Susan Glaser won for Best Piecing and Best Machine Quilting, "I'm going back to dignity and grace. I'm going back to Charleston where I belong." Rhett Butler in *Gone with the Wind*.

Wendy Cole won Best Applique and Viewer's Choice, "Home is where one starts from."

Fond memories…and we'll make more on the 4th!

Eileen Frankil, Joanne Gardner, Debby O'Keefe, Margie Allen, Judy Snook, Wendy Cole, Takako Pike, Susan Glaser and Amy Smith-Moniz in December 2009

Coffee Cake Recipe Barb Painter

With all the company coming around in the next few weeks, this is a yummy coffee cake to have on hand. Barb brought this cake to a recent meeting and there were numerous requests for the recipe.

Apple-Pear Coffee Cake

½ cup butter or margarine, softened
1 cup granulated sugar
2 eggs
1 tsp vanilla
2 cups flour
1 tsp baking soda
1 tsp salt
1 cup dairy sour cream
2 cups finely chopped apples & pears (2 apples, 1 pear)

Topping: 1 cup brown sugar
½ cup chopped nuts
2 Tbsp butter or margarine
1 tsp cinnamon

Grease 13 x 9 x 2-inch baking pan. Cream butter and granulated sugar. Mix in eggs and vanilla: beat well. Stir n flour, baking soda and salt alternately with sour cream. Fold in apples and pears. Spread cake batter into pan. Mix topping ingredients and sprinkle evenly over batter. Bake at 350° until wooden pick inserted in center comes out clean, about 45 to 55 minutes.

Hospitality

	December 5	December 19
Snack:	*Holiday*	Kathy Neiman
Snack:	*Brunch!*	Mary Larkin
Fruit/Veggies:		Gayle Hammond
Cold Drink:		Jane Russell

November Program – RaNae Merrill

At the November program meeting RaNae Merrill showed us the amazing range of quilts she's made over her long career. There were many that featured her well-known 'spiral' techniques and others that were, as she described it, "just for fun." One in this category was a Modern quilt that highlighted a section of a vintage linen tablecloth – truly unique and just stunning.

Modern quilt with vintage linen tablecloth

In the afternoon 22 eager students gathered for her workshop on spiral design. There was a lot to absorb, for sure, but her workshop handout and step by step instruction eased the process considerably. Don't be surprised if you see a spiral quilt at a show-n-tell in the future.

Demystifiying spiral design

Fabric Ornament

Fabric Star Quilted Christmas Ornament Pattern by Stacy Fisher

Make a quick quilted Christmas ornament this holiday season to adorn your own tree or give as a gift. Despite using the name "quilted," nothing is actually quilted for this ornament. In fact, it's a completely no-sew project!
This project takes about an hour to create your first ornament, but after the first, you'll be able to make more in half the time.

Materials
3 different Fabrics (1/4 yd each) Cut into 2 ½ inch squares)
Ribbon, 1-inch wide
3-inch styrofoam ball
Dressmaker pins (around 500)

Tools
Scissors or rotary cutter and mat
Ruler
Hot glue gun (optional)

Step by step instructions with photos available on the site:
https://www.thesprucecrafts.com/quilted-fabric-star-christmas-ornament-pattern-2821348

Each December, a participating member is assigned by the committee the name of someone who will be your secret pal. As that person's pal, you anonymously send remembrances to her throughout the year. These need not be expensive - a card on a birthday, a fat quarter, a bookmark, a quilting notion, flowers from your garden or a tasty treat you made are all possibilities.

At the holiday brunch in 2020, a small gift for your pal and the disclosure of who was pulling off all those surprises throughout the year, will really add to the day's festivities.

Members who plan to participate in Secret Pal for 2020, please return your forms to Jane Russell or Margie Allen. **Forms mailed after Dec.18th will not be able to participate in Secret Pal 2020.** If you need a form, they are available on our website under MEMBERS ONLY.

The instructions for this month's Mystery BOM will be sent out by email in the next several days. In the future, if you have a need for a paper copy, Diane Hess will have a few copies at the guild meetings.

Community Service

Church Gift

The guild is having an optional collection of (mostly paper) products to gift to the church as a token of our appreciation for our wonderful meeting place. Please bring any donations to the church on our December 18th meeting.

The church can put the following items to good use:
Reams of copy paper - regular, and especially legal-size (for the folded church bulletins.)
Paper towels - bi-folded for the dispensers, or rolls
Toilet paper
Stamps
Envelopes - business size, letter size, and 9 x 12
Scotch tape
Napkins
Paper plates
Trash bags - 44-45 gallon or 30 gallon
gift cards to Staples

Hope on the Hill

If you have any craft supplies to share, please donate them to this church effort which helps those in need with dinners each Wednesday. We are also giving holiday mug rugs to add a festive touch for their December gatherings. Please bring mug rugs you've made to the Holiday Brunch.

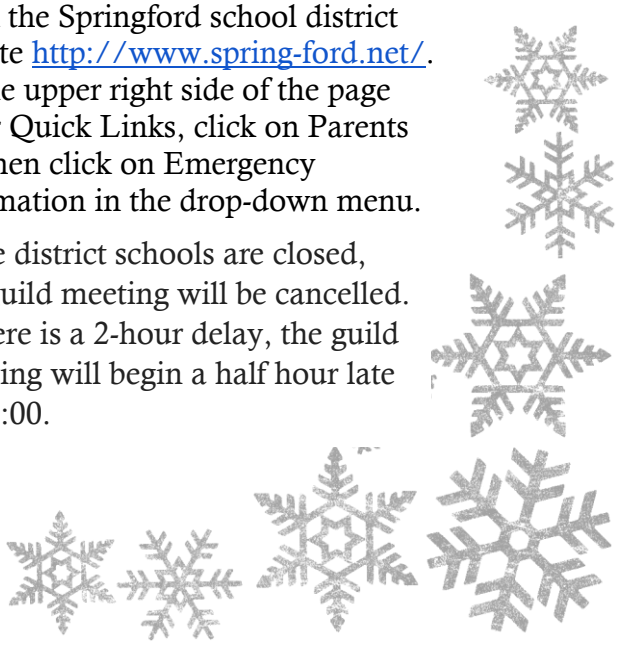
Children's Quilts

Please bring completed quilts for the Crest Children's Traditional Home to a December meeting. The quilt should be 40 x 60 inches and have a flannel backing. Any questions see Brenda Calhoun.

What if it snows?

Wondering if a guild meeting will be held if it's looking pretty white out there? In the event of winter storms, check the Springford school district website http://www.spring-ford.net/. On the upper right side of the page under Quick Links, click on Parents and then click on Emergency Information in the drop-down menu.

If the district schools are closed, the guild meeting will be cancelled. If there is a 2-hour delay, the guild meeting will begin a half hour late at 10:00.



December Birthdays

8 Toni Hughes
10 Linda Garthe
10 Carolyn Thompson
18 Lenore Clarke
20 Bernie Hughes
24 Mary Larkin
25 Judy Quintas-Gorman

Florida Quilt Shops Betty Ann Dawson

The next time you find yourself between Jacksonville and St. Augustine, Florida be sure to check out these three fabulous quilt shops:

- Bee's Quilt Shop and Studio
  1975 Old Moultrie Road
  St. Augustine, FL
  904-826-4007
  www.beesquiltshop.com/

- Miss D's Quilts
  305 St. John's Ave
  Palatka, Fl
  386-385-5678
  www.missdsquilts.com/

- Cinnamon's Quilt Shoppe
  4220 Hood Road
  Jacksonville, FL
  904-374-0532
  www.cinnamonsquilts.com/

Cinnamon's Quilt Shoppe

The ladies operating these stores were all very helpful, funny, delightful and knowledgeable of their products. There was something unique and interesting in each place, along with the usual lines of fabrics that we have come to use and love. Stop by, you won't regret the time it takes!

Bee's Quilt Shop

Miss D's Quilts

2020 TEA BLOCK

Framed Nine Patch

Unfinished size = 10½" x 10½"

Finished size = 10" x 10"

You will need two fabrics - solid white or white on white and a solid or tone on tone cool color (blue, green or purple)

WHITE:	Cut 8 squares at 2½" x 2½"
COOL COLOR:	Cut 5 squares at 2½" x 2½"
COOL COLOR:	Cut 4 strips at 6½" x 2½"

Method:

1. Assemble nine patch using your 5 cool color 2½" squares and 4 white 2½" squares.

2. Sew a 6½" x 2½" strip to the left and right sides of the nine patch.

3. Sew a 2½" white square to both ends of the two remaining 6½" x 2½" strips, then sew these pieces to the top and bottom of the nine patch to form the frame.

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Loose Threads Quilt Guild

Meets at 9:30 AM on the
1st & 3rd Wednesday of each month,
with a special basting meeting on the 5th Wednesday at:
First United Church of Christ
145 Chestnut St
Spring City, PA 19475
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Annual dues are $20 per year and guests are always welcome

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