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The Loose Threads Quilters Guild Newsletter

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March Minutes

Wednesday, March 6

Lenore Clarke called the meeting to order at 10:05 A.M. Our guest was Callie O'Conner.

Treasurer's Report: Linda Hamel reviewed the treasurer's report. Linda will distribute the cash drawers on the morning of the Tea to the appropriate sale groups for the Tea.

Membership: Sally Ater and Stephanie Adrian are on our waiting list.

Anniversary Celebration: Luncheon will be held April 17th at the Bellwood Country Club. We will receive more details at our next business meeting.

Block of the Month: Debby O'Keefe stated this month's block is a Bonnie Hunter "stash buster" block. Judy Peters showed two finished quilts made from this Trip Around the World block.

Charity Quilts: Jill Cardamone said there will be a table set up at our Tea to show examples of our charity projects. Jill also showed us a banner she made for this table. Lenore Clarke is collecting donations for the Safe Motherhood Kits she will be mailing.

Field Trips: Lancaster Quilt Show. Bus pick-up times are 7:45 A.M. in Spring City and 8:30 A.M. in Lionville. More information is on our website.

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Committees

Babysitting: Jean Atwood
Basting: Jeanne Nalbandian
Block of the Month: Debby O'Keefe
Challenge: Silvia Homa
Charity Projects: Jill Cardamone
Fabric Exchange: Bonnie Swartzentruber
Field Trips: Cathy Nelson
Meeting Raffle: Judy Shafer
Historian: Melinda Novatnak
Holiday Brunch: Pat Philion
Hospitality: Gayle Hammond
Librarian: Jo Quaglia
Newsletter: Amy Smith-Moniz
Nominating: Joanne Cantwell
Programs: Judy Snook
Raffle Quilt Design: Wendy Cole
Raffle Quilt Tickets: Marylou Boryta
Retreats: Marylou Boryta
Secret Pal: Toni Hughes
Speakers: Laurie Kelly
Sunshine: Jean Sullivan
Tea: Linda Garth
Tea Location: Bernetta Hughes
Website: Lenore Clarke

News from the Prez

This month we are celebrating the guild being 25 years old. When I was growing up, anything older than 25 years was considered an antique. If that's the case, I have some antique clothing, and fabric!! I would like us to think how we can grow in the guild, keeping it strong and vital to last another 25 years. What can each of us do to contribute to the guild that is welcoming, that makes it fun, educational, and worthwhile to attend on Wednesdays.

The Nominating Committee will be looking for people to serve on the Board, as well as Committee chairs. Start thinking on what you would like to do. Do you feel stale in what you currently do? Do you think you have a better idea for the next quilting mousetrap? Let that energy move you into action. You will feel better, and your guild will thank you for your active participation.

I'm looking forward to the next retreat for some mad sewing time, and getting to know people better outside of our regular meetings. My UFOs are running over!

Happy April!
Lenore

April Birthdays

4	Rosemary Geisler
4	Millie Skean
9	Amy Smith-Moniz
14	Melinda Novatnik
20	Sue Kehl
20	Cathy Nelson
20	Kathie Travis
28	Marylou Boryta

Fabric Exchange 2012-2013

April	**purple**
May	**pink**

HOSPITALITY

April 3

Snack	Wendy Cole
Snack	Melinda
Fruit/veggie	Marylou
Cold drink	Kristi

February Minutes (from page 1)

Tea: Linda Garthe, co-chair of the Tea, stated Friday is set-up for the Tea. Please arrive Friday between 9-9:30 A.M. Saturday arrive between 7-7:30 A.M. to complete set-up. Help other committees if you can. Wearing our guild aprons is optional. Linda reminded us to bring in tea pots, craft sale, Chinese Auction, garage sale and book sale items. We have 144 door prizes. Gayle Hammond mentioned we need one more volunteer to make a casserole.

Program Committee: Laurie Kelly announced Dawn Heefner, a quilt appraiser, will be our speaker at our March 20th meeting. A Sulky Threads representative will give a technique workshop on May 29th entitled "The Magic of Free-Motion". The kit fee is $25.00 to be given to Laurie by the second meeting in April. See Laurie to sign-up.

Raffle Quilt Questionnaire: The guild decided we will not make a raffle quilt for 2015. We will revisit that question at that time. Different ideas were discussed on the best way to participate in the charities we support. We will reevaluate our interest every two years

Retreats: Sign-up sheets are available for Blue Lake April 29th-May 3rd and Sept. 30th-Oct.3rd. North Mountain Retreat , June 20th-23rd , is full.

Sunshine: Edie Martin thanked everyone for the cards and prayers that were sent her way.

Fabric Exchange: April's color is purple.

Business Meeting Raffle: Won by Shirley Horning.

Name Tag Raffle: Won by Jean Sullivan

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 A.M., followed by show and tell.

Marie Traxler - Secretary

A note from Christina Powell of the Safe Motherhood Kits:

I just received your package this afternoon- what a nice surprise! Everything looks absolutely amazing and the quilts are beautiful! Please thank your group for me and IMA, we really appreciate your participation in our program and look forward to your next shipment this summer. I will be in touch soon.

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Christina has also requested a picture, so be sure to bring your best smile to the April 17 luncheon.

April Block Of the Month

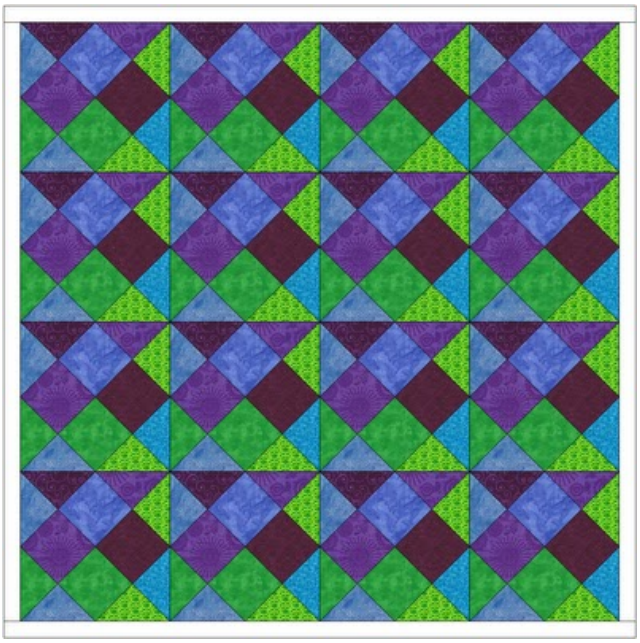
Disappearing 16 patch

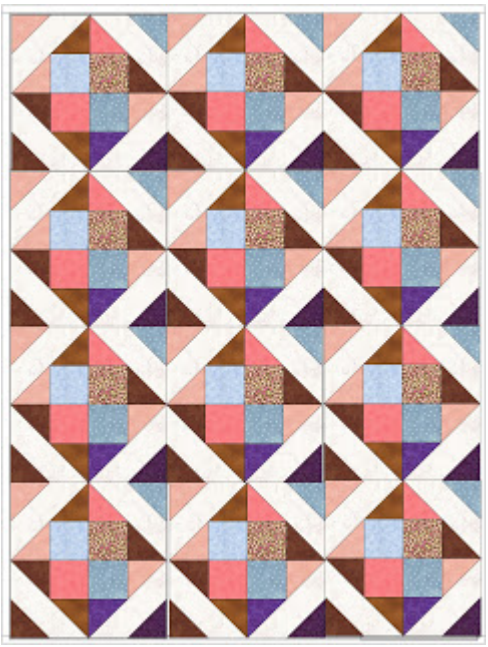
1. Using the 3 inch strips, cut them into 3 inch squares and make a 16 patch block of various colors for a scrappy look. Make at least 2 blocks.

2. Cut the block on the diagonal 2 times. This will give you 4 units.

3. Sew 2 of the long sides together to make a new square of a different pattern.

Depending on how the blocks are arranged the following patterns can be obtained.





Cranberry Pie

Joanne Cantwell

Mix and place these 3 items in bottom of 10” pie plate :

3 cups cranberries
¾ cup broken pecans
½ cup sugar

Mix together:

¾ cups melted butter
2 beaten eggs
2 tbsp. orange juice
2 tsp. orange zest
1 cup sugar
1 cup flour

Pour above mixture on top of cranberry mixture in pie pan.
Bake at 325 for 40-45 min.

April 5-6, 2013
A Showcase of Quilts XV
Homemaker's Country Quilters
Montgomery County 4-H Center
Creamery, PA

April 5-6
Pennsylvania Relief Sale
Harrisburg Farm Show Complex

May 3-4, 2013
Penn Oaks Quilters
For the Love of Quilting VII
Griffith Hall at Ludwig's Corner
http://www.pennoaksquilter.org

May 17-18, 2013
Penn Dry Goods Market, Quilt Show and Sale
Schwenkfelder Library & Heritage Center
105 Seminary Street, Pennsburg, PA
20 quality dealers in antique & vintage textiles, quilts, needlework, linens, clothing, textiles, accessories & tools, baskets, lectures, workshops, classes, boutique of contemporary crafts & supplies.
www.schwenkfelder.com

May 31-June 2, 2013
40th Anniversary Quilt Show,
Dulles Expo Center
Chantilly, VA
www.quiltersunlimited.org

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.
Rosemary Geisler, has more membership information.
Our newsletters are now on-line. Check us out at out website
www.theloosethreadsquilters.org