



Loose Threads Quilters Guild *Spring City, PA*

December 1, 2022

Dear Fellow Quilters,

We are pleased to announce that plans are underway for our annual Loose Threads Quilter's Tea, and we are anxious to share them with you. Mark your calendar for **Saturday, March 25, 2023**, and plan to come to the First United Church of Christ located at 145 Chestnut Street, Spring City, PA. Admission is \$30 per person. To give our guests time to browse, the doors will open at 9:00 a.m. and our guest speaker will start her lecture at 10:30 a.m. Then a delicious luncheon buffet will be served at noon, followed by discussion groups.

The following popular features are scheduled: the member quilt exhibit, sewing room sale, used book sale, craft sale, LTQ basket auction, Tea block raffle, door prizes and the guest Show-and-Tell. It will be a very busy day, but one you are sure to enjoy!

We will take dining room table reservations for groups, but only for groups of eight that can fill an entire table. If all 8 registration forms are mailed together, a table will be reserved in the dining room for your group.

This event fills up quickly, so please mail your registration form early! We hope you will be joining us for this entertaining annual event. If you have some quilting or non-quilting friends who would like to attend, simply tell them to look for the registration form, along with all the information regarding our Tea, on our Guild website, www.theloosethreadsquilters.org.

We look forward to seeing you in March.

Sincerely,
Diane Hess & Chris Rivard
Loose Threads Tea Chairs

Questions? Diane Hess (484 -680 -2456)

2023 QUILTER'S TEA ACTIVITIES

ADMISSION

We are pleased to announce that the doors will open at 9:00 a.m. to allow time for shopping and browsing. You do not need to pick up your registration folder immediately upon entering. The quilt exhibit and sale venues will all be open when you enter, so check those areas out first if you wish. Just pick up your registration folder prior to entering the dining room.

TEA BLOCK 2023

We ask each person who attends to make a quilt block - the instructions are enclosed. Bring it on the day of the Tea and turn it in at the designated table. The collected blocks will be raffled in the main dining room at the end of the day. **Please take extra care to sew accurately with 1/4" seams and check that your completed block has the listed measurements.**

QUILT EXHIBIT

We will have a display of recent projects made by the Loose Threads members. Enjoy the exhibit and then vote for your favorite quilt to receive the Viewer's Choice Award using the ballot included in your packet.

CRAFT SALE

There will be a variety of new handcrafted items and kits for sale that have been made by our members.

SEWING ROOM SALE & USED BOOK SALE

Shop for hidden treasures at our bargain sale loaded with fabric, sewing related items, books, and magazines. See last page for additional information regarding the sewing room.

LTQ BASKET AUCTION

In this auction, our guests buy tickets, which are chances to win a wide variety of items. Buy as many tickets as you would like, and bid them on any item by placing one or more tickets in the container beside the item you would like to win. At the end of the Tea, one winning ticket is drawn from the container beside each item, and the item is given to the owner of that ticket.

SHOW-AND-TELL

Please share with us any quilts inspired by last year's discussion groups, the Tea block raffle, or anything created from treasures you found in our sewing room sale. Please do not bring any current guild raffle quilts.

REGISTRATION 2024

Next year's Tea invitations will again be sent online and available around December 1, 2023, on our website. If you do not have computer access, bring a stamped (FOREVER STAMPS ONLY), self-addressed **legal-size** envelope. We will collect 50 cents to cover the cost of copying. There will be stamped envelopes available to purchase for an additional 50 cents.

Check our website, www.theloosethreadquilters.org for cancellation notice due to inclement weather.

2023 GUEST SPEAKER

Our guest speaker is Janneke van der Ree, her lecture is titled *Diary of a Dutch Quilter*. She will take us through her Dutch beginnings, creative adventures, all the way to Pennington NJ. Janneke will share her life in quilts, her tips to stay authentic to your heritage and stay true to yourself. In Janneke's case that means....do not take life - quilts - too seriously and do not forget to have fun!!

www.jannekequilts.com

2023 TEA DISCUSSION GROUPS

Cute, Easy, Fun Christmas Ornaments - Let's plan ahead! Come with ideas for cute, easy, fun Christmas ornaments and make one too.

Measure Up with Specialty Rulers - Brush up on how to use those specialty rulers you bought and forgot how to use. Rulers from Deb Tucker, Fons and Porter, Bonnie Hunter, and Eleanor Burns will be demonstrated. Also, get a refresher on how to use the bloc-loc and binding tool to finish up those quilts.

Marking Tools for Quilts and Labels - Discussion and demonstration of favorite tips, tricks, and tools for marking your quilts to either disappear (magically!) or stay put forever. Feel free to share your own marking tool hits or misses!

From Scrap Mountain to Quick Quilts - Using one rectangle we'll show you how to make an easy pattern that you can use for any size project. Variations of color and block size will be demonstrated to show endless possibilities for using this simple pattern to reduce your mountain of scraps.

Fractured Quilts – Have you ever seen the group quilts made from a picture that was divided up into sections that a few people work on? These quilts are a wonderful opportunity to test your creative spirit in a small format. Come join us to see what 7 Loose Threads members did and what other possibilities could be had using this technique!

Travel, Cruises, Retreats - Do you like to quilt? Do you like to travel? Come share how to combine quilts and travel in multitudes of ways.

Sashiko, Kantha and Big Stitch Quilting - What is sashiko, kantha and big stitch quilting? What is it used for and how do you do it? We will discuss these three techniques, the differences, and similarities, where they come from and how to use them in our next project. We'll also discover the meditative value of hand stitching.

2023 TEA BLOCK

Sweet Caroline

12 1/2" by 12 1/2" unfinished

Requirements:

Red quilting cotton (solid, print, batik, scrappy)
White quilting cotton (solid or white on white)
1/4" seam allowances



Cutting:

White

2 - 5 1/2" squares
8 - 5" x 1 1/2" rectangles
4 - 1 1/2" squares

Red

2 - 5 1/2" squares
4 - 5" x 1 1/2" rectangles
5 - 1 1/2" squares



1. Draw a diagonal line on the back of the 5 1/2" white squares. Layer them right sides together with the red 5 1/2" squares. Sew 1/4" on each side of the drawn diagonal line. Cut along the drawn line and press units open to make 4 units. Trim these half square triangle units to 5" by 5".



2. Following the picture, sew the red and white rectangles together to make 4 units. Trim unit to 3 1/2" x 5".



3. Following the picture, assemble the center 9 patch unit using the 1 1/2" squares. Unit measures 3 1/2" x 3 1/2".

4. Layout the units according to the block picture above and sew together. Your block should measure 12 1/2" by 12 1/2".

2023 TEA REGISTRATION

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

E-Mail Address _____

Guild Assoc. _____

Please choose 2 of the following discussion topics, putting #1 next to your first choice and #2 next to your second choice. You will attend one discussion group and a presentation in the dining room by our guest speaker, Janneke van der Ree

Cute, Easy, Fun Christmas Ornaments _____

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Mail registration form and check for \$30 (per person) payable to **Loose Threads Quilters** to:

Laurie Kelly
P. O. Box 24
Gilbertsville, PA 19525

**You will be contacted only if the event is sold out.
Registration fee is non-refundable unless LTQ cancels the event.**

SEWING ROOM SALE

Doors Open at 9:00 am

Cotton
Flannel
Wool Bundles
New Pillow Forms
Rulers
Cutting Mats
Vintage Feed Sack (Fat quarters)

Quilt Kits
Grab Bags
Thread
Yarn
Quilting Patterns
Fat Quarters galore!
Orphan blocks

GRANDMA'S ATTIC

Vintage fabric
Sewing notions
Buttons
Wooden Spools
Sewing Boxes
Sewing Machines

AND SO MUCH MORE!

Cash/smaller bills are appreciated

Checks are accepted

NO CREDIT CARDS