

Loose Threads News

1st Wednesday Agenda

9:30 Doors open - refreshments
and socializing

10:00 Business Meeting

3rd Wednesday Agenda

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10:00 Program - speaker
Mary Koval

President's Message



“How was school today?” was an automatic question I asked my kids upon their arrival home after a long day. “Learn anything new?” Sometimes the answers were profound (I learned about quantum physics) and sometimes they were pretty low key (I learned how to open my milk carton at lunch). The same goes for quilting. Sometimes I attend a class where I am learning an entirely new method/concept. And other times I am picking up small snippets that are as simple as “try trimming your corners before stitching down your binding”. So, the question is, “How was quilt guild today? Learn anything new?” Yes I did! I hope you did too.

Yours in quilting,

Nancy

FIELD TRIP

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10
Home Sew Warehouse

Meet at 9:30

at Joann's Fabrics
Pottstown

Questions?

Call Judy McCourry or Sue Umstead

Upcoming Events

SPRING DAY CAMP
MAY 7th and 8th

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

LTQG Challenge 2024 Crayola Box



It's a Crayola challenge to see how many colors from a box of crayons we can represent. First, "blindly" choose your crayon from either Lori Memmen or Carly Moore. Then, make a quilt that represents your chosen color using your own fabrics. The quilt should have a perimeter no larger than 80". It can be any shape. All challenge quilts are due at the December Holiday Party and all members will vote for their favorite to receive a prize. In addition, all participating members will be entered for a prize.

RECENT FACEBOOK COMMENTS ABOUT THE FIELD TRIP TO IN STITCHES...

"Thank you Judy and Sue for arranging our field trip yesterday. Both fabric stores were well stocked with many beautiful fabrics, notions, kits and patterns. Of course, the lunch buffet was delicious and all of those desserts!"

-Mary Larkin

"Fun day yesterday - I still haven't found all the words on Sue's word search!"

-Judy McCourry



March Program Meeting April 17, 2024

Mary Koval

"Who is Mary Koval and How Did She Get Here?" will be the theme of our lecture.

Mary is the owner of Mary's Quilt Shop in Bedford, PA. She has published several books and is also a fabric designer.

In addition to her lecture, Mary will also be setting up a mini store for our shopping pleasure.

Please join us as Mary shares her experience and love of quilts.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR! FIELD TRIP MAY 22

STITCH CENTRAL
GLENSIDE

MEET AT 9:30 AT JOANN'S POTTSTOWN

QUESTIONS?
Call Judy McCourry or Sue Umstead

MARCH MEETING MINUTES

Loose Threads Quilters' Guild

March Minutes

The monthly business meeting of the Loose Threads Quilt Guild was held at the United Church of Christ in Spring City, PA on March 6, 2024, and facilitated by President, Nancy Miller. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m.

The meeting began with Show and Tell.

Old Business: The quilt racks have been moved to Diane Hess' house.

New Business: New logo pins have been ordered for the guild. This was organized and ordered by Josie Sharp.

See Laurie if you are interested in going to the Wayne Arts Quilt Show.

Visitors: Cathy (1st visit) and Debbie (3rd visit).

Basting Day: Confirm with Kiti if you have any quilts for the next basting day in May. Reminder: please let Kiti know if you have signed up and cannot make it.

Block of the Month: Silvia is impressed with our progress!

Challenge: A reminder that all projects should be 20" square or smaller (i.e. 80" in total perimeter/circumference). All challenge projects should be inspired by your crayon and is open to interpretation. Choose a project that makes you excited!

Day Camp: Save the date for May 7 and 8.

Evening Bee: No evening bee in March.

Field Trips: Reminder to bring your passports. March - raincheck to In Stitches. April trip is to Homesew.com warehouse. May trip to the new location of Stitch Central. Lunch to follow all trips. See Judy McCourry with questions.

Hospitality: A new sign-up sheet will be circulated soon. **Change: Bring cold water instead of a cold drink.**

Library: Mary Larkin presented a delightful memory of learning to applique and fond memories of a previous round robin. Mary encourages us to use the library for new techniques and inspiration.

Membership: Susan K. emailed the latest membership list on March 2nd.

Newsletter: Email Nancy Miller with any newsletter items.

Nominating Committee: Members voted for (2) representatives to be announced at a later date.

Programs: March – binding workshop; April – small project workshop; May – applique workshop.

Secret Pal: See Margie Allen with any questions. Reminder to take your gift back with you if your Secret Pal is not in attendance.

Service or Charity Projects: Nancy has recently donated quilts and projects to the Salvation Army and to dialysis patients. We have received a thank you from the Salvation Army that considers our quilt donations invaluable to the children and families in their temporary homes. See Nancy Kinyon-Samec with any donations. Additional sources for donations were discussed.

Sewing Room Sale: NO NEW DONATIONS ARE BEING ACCEPTED. The sign up is full for set-up and day of sale. Reminder no IOU's – bring cash!

The book sale, led by Clem Dupont and Linda Glass, will be held concurrently with the fabric sale. Bring books on Friday, April 5th during set-up. Donations of sturdy paper bags will be welcomed.

Speakers: Sign up for the Tuesday, June 18th workshop (9:30am-4pm) with David Sirota and the Collide-O-Scope quilt is full. Reminder to pack a lunch. See Laurie for a spot on the waiting list. The workshop cost is \$30 for those who signed up and is due now. David will also be giving a lecture at our regular Wednesday program meeting on June 19th on "What Makes a Quilter Tick".

Ann Holte is a potential speaker for October 2024.

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Treasurer's Report: Josie provided a treasury report of expenses, income, and balance.

Website: All up to date.

Other Items: Clem Dupont won the raffle for Nancy Kinyon-Samec's donated grandmother's flower garden quilt. Clem is one lucky lady!

Adjusted meeting date: July Business Meeting will be July 10th (not July 3rd).

Business Meeting Raffle Winners: Donated by Gayle & Bernie. Won by Marie and Cheryl.

Name Tag Winner: n/a

The meeting concluded at 11:15am.
Respectfully Submitted,
Carly Moore
Secretary

Orphan Block of the Month

Silvia Homa

I just want to say thank you for all the donated orphan blocks. Keep them coming! I've been getting a lot of positive feedback with this program. There is still time to join up with this block challenge and make your projects. Be sure to get your card stamped by me or Pat. Remember, there will be a drawing at the end for those who have completed their cards and for those who at least started a card.

Imagine spending a week quilting with friends and going to a big quilt show. That is what Judy Snook, Rosemary Geisler, Marylou Boryta, and Ann Flynn did in Williamsburg, Virginia.

The Mid-Atlantic Quilt Festival was held in Hampton, Virginia. It was advertised to have over 1000 quilts, textiles, and clothing with over 100 vendors. That seems about right, just ask our feet at the end of the day. The awarding winning quilts were spectacular especially the one with over 11,000 tiny triangles. The smaller quilts seemed to dominate the show but were quite nice. Did we take advantage of those vendors, or did they take advantage of us? Well, three of us are going home, mostly with projects to embroider.

Judy was especially happy to wander the shops in Williamsburg's Marketplace and reminisce about going to William and Mary but all of us were satisfied by our sandwiches at the Cheese Shop, a definite place to pick up lunch if you are there.

The sewing machines hummed while Marylou worked on an embroidery. A lot gets done when you are away and can just sew as long and as much as you wish.



Rosemary Geisler, Judy Snook, Marylou Boryta, and Ann Flynn enjoy a fun week in Williamsburg attending the Mid-Atlantic Quilt Festival

THANK YOU

The following is an excerpt of a letter that Nancy Kinyon-Samec received from the Pottstown Salvation Army:

“The Salvation Army Lessig-Booth Family Residence is grateful for your gifts of colorful quilts for the infants and small children to assist them in adjusting to a temporary home at the family residence. Your gifts are invaluable to our families facing the trauma of homelessness. We work with families to overcome past experiences and barriers. Work is done to build a support system for families as they prepare to move into their new homes so that they can have the best possible success. Thank you for actively partnering with us to continue supporting families to reach their goals!”

GREAT JOB, LADIES! KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK!



As part of the library committee, Mary Larkin made a presentation about the resources we have in our own library and how they can help inspire and motivate us in our quilting endeavors.

2025 Pennsylvania Farm Show Block Opportunity

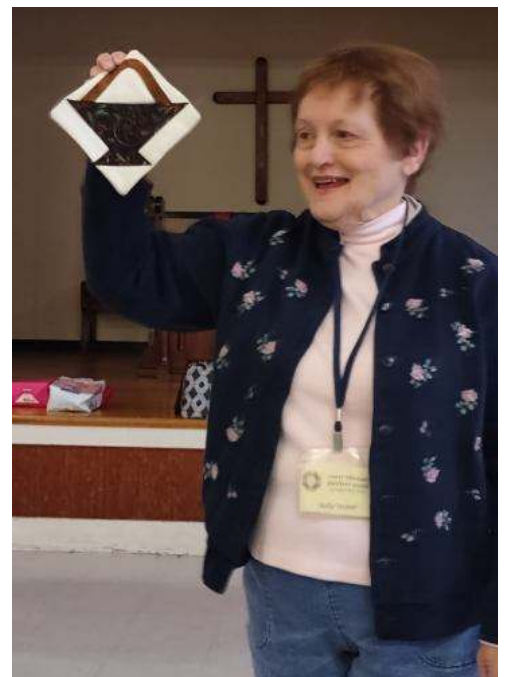
Susan Koederitz

The farm show block requirements leave lots of room for your imagination. The theme is **Fall Harvest**. Blocks should be constructed of 100% pre-washed cotton fabric in the fall color palette, and should measure 12.5" x 12.5" unfinished, with no buttons, charms, or paint. One pieced block and one appliqué block may be submitted. The web site (farmshow.pa.gov) will have directions on how to register. Registrations open later in the year (about September). Entrants must pre-register online by Dec. 15, 2024 (sooner is better). In December, a tag will be sent which must be attached to the block. The block can be mailed to Harrisburg. For reference only, this link has the 2024 guidelines.

<https://www.farmshow.pa.gov/pafarmshow/exhibit/rules-regulations/Documents/Department%202024%20-%20Family%20Living.pdf>



Susan, Debby, Diane, Pat and Judy have been working with orphan blocks for the BOM. Nice job, ladies!





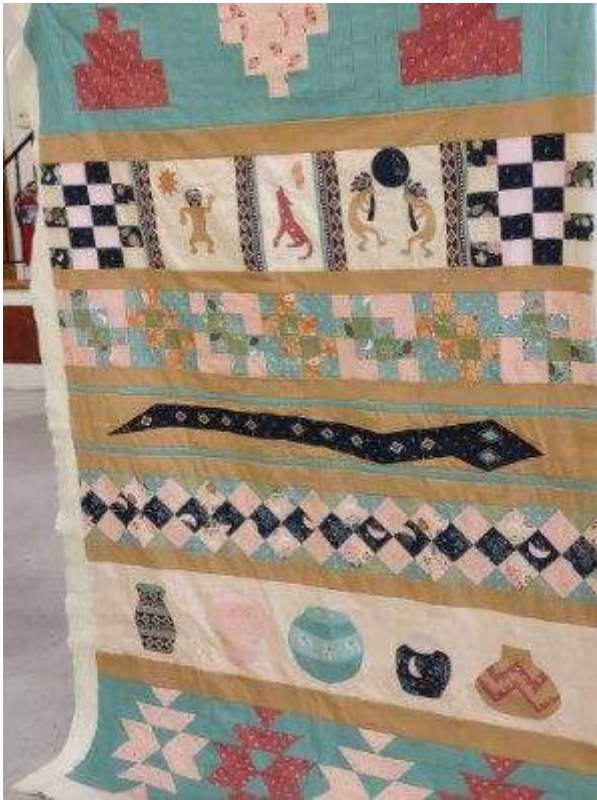
Carly completed her Cobblestone quilt top from Linda Hamel's workshop last August. Love the gradation of color!



Melissa presented this beautiful Edyta Sitar Broken Star quilt.

Jolene showed her Pennsylvania German six pointed star blocks. These are made of tin with an embroidery surface satin stitch using wool yarn. The stitches are then cut to make a pompom effect. Thanks for sharing, Jolene!





Pat put together her round robin quilt. The participants did a great job of working within her theme.



Diane showed us what you can put together with blocks you just happen to find at home. A perfect table runner!



Judy presented two completed tops. One of them is a mystery quilt from a class she took with Charlotte Angotti. Nice work as usual Judy!

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The 2024 Nominating Committee will be comprised of three LTQ members:

Susan Koederitz

Laurie Kelly

Judy Snook

These ladies will be contacting members about filling potential open slots on the executive board. A slate will be presented at the May meeting with voting taking place in June.

Hospitality

Apr 3	snack	Cheryl Scalzi
	snack	Sharon Beideman
	drink	Jean Sullivan
Apr 17	snack	Barb Sherman
	snack	_____
	drink	Rosemary Geisler



APRIL Birthdays

- 4 Rosemary Geisler
- 5 Joanne Borgnis
- 14 Melinda Novatnak
- 20 Cathy Nelson
- 24 Diane Hess
- 28 Marylou Boryta



This lovely group of quilters enjoyed a recent field trip to In Stitches and Burkholders!

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Loose Threads Quilt Guild

Meets at 9:30 a.m. on the
1st and 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
610-948-4516

Annual dues are \$20 per year
and guests are always welcome

Loose Threads News is a
monthly newsletter for the
members of

Loose Threads Quilt Guild
and is available on our website
www.theloosethreadsquilters.org

MEETING CHANGE

LTQ will NOT be meeting
on **July 3** due to the
holiday. Our regular
business meeting will be
held on **July 10** with our
program meeting on
July 17.

COMING IN APRIL

A new round robin for anyone/everyone!
Stay tuned for details at the April meeting...

UPCOMING EVENTS

April

2024 Relief Sale - April 5-6, 2024. Since 1957, all sale day proceeds benefit the worldwide relief efforts of Mennonite Central Committee which include aid to the victims of poverty and other man-made and natural disasters. At the [Farm Show Complex](#), Giant Expo Hall, Harrisburg, PA. For more info visit <http://www.pareliefsale.org/>.

Lancaster Lebanon Quilt Show - April 10-13, 2024. At the [Lebanon Valley Exposition Center](#), 80 Rocherty Road, Lebanon, PA. The show features over 45 vendors, 150 quilts and 30 classes. This show was previously in Lancaster but it is moving to Lebanon in order to bring you a great show, with lots of space, somewhere easy to travel to and be able to continue to offer free admission and free parking. For more info visit <https://www.aquiltersdestination.com/lancaster-pa>.

May

Spring Radiance A Quilt and Fabric Art Exhibition - May 4-5, 2024. Presented by County Line Quilters Guild at St Cyril of Jerusalem Social Hall, 1410 Almshouse Rd, Jamison, PA. For more info visit <https://countylinequilters.org/quilt-show-2024>. Go to <https://saint-cyril.com/directions/> for directions.

Airing of the Quilts - May 11, 2024 from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. in Palmerton, PA. The event will include quilts displayed in the storefronts on Delaware Ave., a quilt show with vendors, quilt lectures, food vendors, entertainment in the park, and a scavenger hunt with prizes! For more info visit <https://www.facebook.com/groups/3447465702234961/>.

Penn Dry Goods Market - May 31 to June 1, 2024. Presented by the Schwenkfelder Library & Heritage Center at 105 Seminary Street, Pennsburg, PA. The Penn Dry Goods Market is a textile-focused antiques and vintage show that offers a textile history lecture series during the antiques show with 11 nationally and internationally known speakers on many aspects of textile history. For a full list of dealers, to register for lectures, and download an admissions coupon go to <https://www.schwenkfelder.org/penn-dry-goods-market>.

June

A Celebration of Quilts - June 7-8, 2024. Presented by the York Quilters Guild at the York College of Pennsylvania, Grumbacher Sport and Fitness Center, 899 South Richland Ave, York, PA. For more info visit <http://www.celebrationofquilts.com/>.

Trash to Treasure Sale – June 15, 2024. Presented by Main Line Quilters at Saint Luke Lutheran Church, 203 N Valley Forge Road, Devon, PA. For more info visit <https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=800672142099255&set=pb.100064694286642.-2207520000&type=3>.

Lazy Crazy Days of Summer - June 21-23, 2024. Presented by the Brandywine Valley Quilters at Neumann University, Aston, PA. For more info visit <https://www.brandywinevalleyquilters.org/lazy-crazy-days.html>.

MidAppalachian Quilt (MAQ) Retreat - June 27-30, 2024. The Mid-Appalachian Quilters gather each summer for a three-day quilting seminar at [Gettysburg College](#), 300 North Washington Street, Gettysburg, PA. We offer a variety of classes presented by some of the best teachers in the Mid-Atlantic area. For more info visit <http://maqonline.org/>.

Kutztown Folk Festival - June 29 to July 7, 2024. The Kutztown Folk Festival is proud to present America's largest quilt sale with over 2500 local handmade quilts on display and for sale! For more info visit <https://www.kutztownfestival.com/quilts>.

July

Maker Festival - August 1-3, 2024. Maker Festivals featuring the event formally known as Bead Fest returns to the [Lancaster Marriott & Convention Center](#), 25 S Queen Street, Lancaster, PA, and we will once again be bringing our fiber artists with us! For more info visit <https://www.makerfestivals.com/lancaster>.