



## *Loose Threads Quilters Guild* *Spring City, PA*

December 9, 2021

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 12, 2022**, with a snow date of March 19, 2022, 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 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 plan to reduce the number of guests at each table to 6 instead of 8 and have our Loose Threads hostesses roaming instead of seated at the tables. We will take table reservations for groups of **six** that can fill an entire table. Due to safety protocols, we will not allow more than 6 at a table. If you have a group of 12, we will reserve two tables back-to-back for you. All 6 registration forms must be mailed together in order for the table to 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](http://www.theloosethreadsquilters.org).

We look forward to seeing you in March.

Sincerely,  
Laurie Kelly & Diane Hess, Loose Threads Tea Chairs  
Questions? Laurie Kelly (610-367-1821)

# **2022 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 2022**

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 ¼" seams and check that your completed block has the listed measurements.**

Hope you still have your 2020 Tea block knocking around in your sewing room! We are using the SAME pattern and block from 2020. Bring as many as you want.

## **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 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 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 2023**

Next year's Tea invitations will again be sent online and available around December 1, 2022, 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.theloosethreadsquilters.org](http://www.theloosethreadsquilters.org) for cancellation notice due to inclement weather.

## **Guest Speaker**

Kathryn Jensen White of Philadelphia will be the guest speaker at the Tea. You may have seen her exhibit at the Oaks quilt show this past September. She has been making quilts using the alphabet. Kathryn will speak about how she got started with this series, her research, and the making of the quilts. This promises to be an informative, interesting lecture that may inspire you to take on a series of your own.

## **2022 TEA DISCUSSION GROUPS**

### **Using Selvages in Quilts**

Those pesky selvages we need to cut off before we start cutting into the fabric have a new purpose now. We will discuss and share how to sew them together to make "fabric" to use in a multitude of projects. A lot of experimenting has gone into this project. Please bring any selvedge projects you may have made to encourage others to make unique, clever "fabric".

### **Feed Bag to Tote Bag**

Repurposing everyday items we normally throw out helps the planet by reducing waste. A quick demonstration will be given on how to turn a 50 lb. feed bag into a reusable tote. These tote bags can be used for groceries, going camping, going to the beach, and more. They are very strong and hold a lot! Everyone will receive a free feed bag to take home and make their own tote.

### **Kanzashi**

Kanzashi is the Japanese art of folding fabric to make flower petals. Learn to make a flower to use for quilt embellishments, hair ornaments, jewelry and more. All materials will be provided to make a sample flower.

### **Knowing your needles**

Needles: seen one, seen them all. I don't think so! What do all those numbers mean? And what is the difference between a piecing or universal needle? Does the thread matter? And what fabric requires what kind of needle? Not to mention hand needles as well. There's embroidery, betweeners, sharps, chenille, easy threading, gold eye, etc. Help is on the way! Join us as we share what we have learned in our journey of understanding needles!

### **Purses and Totes**

We enjoy a new purse! How much more when we make it ourselves? We will discuss products, patterns, and techniques. Please bring your examples and patterns to share.

### **Crazy Quilting**

If you like the look of hand embroidery, you might like to try crazy quilting. With an unlimited array of stitch combinations to try, you can add a bit of Victorian elegance to your projects. With small bits of pretty fabric, you create your own design. Christmas lends lots of ideas.

### **Card Making with Fabric and/or Embossing**

Learn to make quick fabric cards to send to friends in the mail. We will also touch on embossed cards and how to make them. These are fun, creative projects that all your friends and family will be thrilled to receive in the mail.

## 2020 AND 2022 Tea Block

### Framed Nine Patch

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

Cut: 8 - 2 ½" white squares  
5 - 2 ½" cool color squares  
4 - 2 ½" x 6 ½" cool color strips

1. Assemble nine patch using your 5 cool color 2 ½" squares and 4 white 2 ½" squares.
2. Sew a 2 ½" x 6 ½" strip to the left and right sides of the nine patch.
3. Sew a 2 ½" white square to both ends of the two remaining 6 ½" x 2 ½" strips, then sew these pieces to the top and bottom of the nine patch to form the frame.



## 2022 TEA REGISTRATION

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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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, Kathryn Jensen White.

Using Selvages in Quilts \_\_\_\_\_

Feed Bags to Tote Bags \_\_\_\_\_

Kanzashi \_\_\_\_\_

Knowing your needles \_\_\_\_\_

Purses and Totes \_\_\_\_\_

Crazy Quilting \_\_\_\_\_

Card Making \_\_\_\_\_

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

## AND SO MUCH MORE!

Cash/smaller bills are appreciated  
NO CREDIT CARDS