



Loose Threads News

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May 2017

1st Wednesday Agenda

9:30 Doors open -
refreshments & socializing

10:00 Business Meeting

[Nominations for new officers](#)

3rd Wednesday Agenda

9:30 Doors open -
refreshments & socializing

10:00 **Jane Russell**
Microwave bowl carrier

5th Wednesday Agenda

9:30 Doors open -
refreshments & socializing

10:00 Basting

President's Message

"Life is a great big canvas, and you should throw all the paint you can on it"

Danny Kaye

With no offense to Danny Kaye, we can change the paint to material. That, of course, completely justifies a huge stash of fabric. And that stash of fabric can be turned into all the graduation, baby, wedding, anniversary and birthday quilts that are on our lists. Also, don't forget to keep your eyes open for the inspiration that will turn out to be your challenge project for this year. By the way, there are several field trips coming up this Spring and Summer that will enable you to add to those stashes. Next year's Tea Quilt Show should be fabulous if we all get busy now!

Betty Ann

Supply List for Microwave Bowls – May Workshop

Purchase Indigo Junction Pattern: IJ1102

All Fabrics and Threads must be 100% cotton

- Fabric: 2 Fat Quarters and Binding Strip 2¼" × 36" cut on bias, folded in half and pressed.
- Freezer Paper.
- Thread 100% cotton to match all 3 fabrics.
- Scissors large and small, Long fine pins, 12" ruler, pencil or wash-away marker.
- Sewing machine.
- Batting: 100% cotton with cotton scrim is hard to find. I will bring enough for everyone! The Guild will cover the cost.

Before class, trace and cut out the full size medium bowl template onto freezer paper.

I have adapted the technique so that making this bowl is faster, easier and better looking. I am fairly sure there will be extra batting squares if you want to make more for gifts.

Jane

Minutes - April Meeting

Monthly Business Meeting was held at the United Church of Christ in Spring City, PA, facilitated by: Betty Ann Dawson. Meeting was called to order and began on time at 10:00 am.

Business Meeting Raffle: Was won this month by Melinda Novatnak.

Basting Committee: We completed one quilt for the month of March. The next Basting day will be on May 31, 2017. Let the committee know if you have a quilt for basting so they can have it on the list.

Block of the Month: Linda Glass has a beautiful block option in the April Newsletter. The instructions are simple and have easy color requirements. The blocks (2) are due at the May Business meeting. We still have a few months available for anyone who wants to sign up for BOM. See Debbie O'Keefe if you are interested.

Challenge:

Hope you are checking out all the great examples in the newsletter of inspirational images to generate ideas for your "Photo Finish" Challenge quilt. Remember you must provide the photo that inspired your quilt and the quilt can be no bigger than 160 square inches.

Charity Projects: The Pottstown Salvation Army sent us a thank you note for all the quilts that we have sent to them. Our count to date is that we have made the following charity items:

- 4 - Kids Quilts
- 22 - Memory Quilts
- 16 - Walker Bags
- 2 - Adult Quilts
- 22 - Fidget Quilts

Evening Bee: Just sewing and some light snacks the second Wednesday night from 6:30 to 8:30. Come join us at the Church for some sewing fun!

Fabric Exchange: Judy Snook collecting any fabric for the exchange this month for Clem Dupont.

Field Trips: Half Stitched - the Musical – August Field Trip - Lunch/Show - \$50.00 or Dinner/Show - \$55.00; more information to come. May 24, 2017 Shop Hop Field Trip – Sign up is going around and if you want more information please see Christine Fallon.

Historian: Nothing new.

Hospitality: Sign-up is going around. IMPORTANT: the ladies are missing the coffee scoop that has "**use 7 scoops**" imprinted on it. If you find it or accidentally took it home after the Tea, PLEASE BRING IT BACK.

Retreats: October retreat is still on!

Round Robin: This is the week to switch.

Library: Purchases made will be coming to the Library very soon. Quilt Mani is now in the Library.

Membership: Four people are visiting and right now we have a waiting list. Our Guests today: Beth and her baby, Virginia, Judy M and Judy Mc

Newsletter: Nothing to report.

Nominating Committee: Still time to nominate people.

Programs: Jane Russell will do a program on how to make those neat microwave bowls in May.

Secret Pal: All good.

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AQS Lancaster Show

Beyond the beautiful and imaginative quilts that were entered for judging at this year's AQS Lancaster show were a number of special exhibits that added to this year's experience. The Cherrywood Fabrics Challenge for 2016 was a spectacular exhibit of approximately 100 quilts, all 20 x 20", inspired by the artistry, vibrant colors and choreography of the musical *The Lion King*. Of course the New Quilts from an Old Favorite: New York Beauty exhibit had a special connection for our guild. Members Laurie Kelly and Linda Hamel got to see their quilt, *New York's Beauty*, displayed among the other finalists of the 2016 contest. Quite a thrill.



At the Gala of the Unexpected exhibit quiltmakers showcased their most innovative use of materials and techniques. Would you believe sugar packets, film negatives, leather, Tyvek and even crushed beer cans? Amazing what creative minds can use to make a 'quilt'. Loose Threads members spent the day oohing and aahing at all the many quilts and still managed to leave enough time to make a number of the vendors very happy.



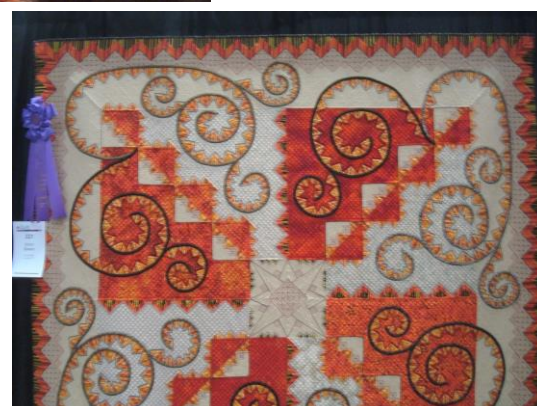
One of the Best of Show winners

An amazing depiction of the harbor at Cape Town by Cynthia England.



A bunch of
tuckered out but
very happy
Lancaster bus
trip folks...all
smiles!

Best of Show



Melissa Sobotka's fiber art which was featured
in another special exhibit.



A portion of the Cherrywood Fabrics Challenge:
The Lion King.

April Minutes, continued

Speakers: Speaker for the month of April is Janneken Smucker.

Sunshine: All good.

Tea: Great time was had by everyone. Only a few comment cards were completed. Basic concerns that people had were over food (not enough time to eat) and shopping (not enough time to shop). Linda Hamel is the Tea Chair next year.

Website: All good.

Treasurer's Report: Please turn in any receipts that you have for the Tea so the numbers can be finalized. March numbers are good, see Mary Lou Boryta if you have any questions.

Show and Tell: Wonderful as always, keep up the great work ladies.

Other Business:

- Millie Challenge – Take an orphan block and make anything. You have until the June Business Meeting. Get those creative ideas flowing!
- Quilters Dream Batting – “Make something with them” challenge.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 11:30, respectfully submitted by

Stephanie Adrian – Secretary



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 **accuquilt**

Mary Larkin brought her electric GO! Qube Mix & Match block cutter to the basting meeting in March to use for making comfort quilt kits. I, for one, had no idea what this state of the art cutter could do. There are 8 dies for various shapes. These different size squares, half square triangles and quarter square triangles can make up to 72 different 9" finished blocks (examples pictured above).

Mary cut the all the squares for my comfort quilt, in 2 different colors, in less than 5 minutes! We have another basting session coming up this month, so talk with Mary to see if her cutter will be available for your quilt project.

Quilt Shop Review

Linda Hamel



I just returned from visiting family on both coasts of Florida...and surprise, I managed to squeeze in a couple of quilt shop visits during my trip. The first was **Rainbow's End** located in Dunedin, just a few miles north of Clearwater. My mom first brought me here over 17 years ago and it still ranks up there among my very favorite shops. Their web site states that they are the largest complete quilt shop in the state of Florida, with over 20,000 bolts of high-quality, 100% cotton fabric with more than 700 books, numerous patterns and kits, and a wide selection of notions, trim, ribbon, and stencils. If you are anywhere nearby, **DO NOT** miss this shop!



While I was in the West Palm Beach area I stopped in at **Quilt a Bit**. This was a small shop but they are in the midst of a renovation to double their current size. This shop looked so 'Florida' to me with bright colors everywhere. There were lots of batiks, Kaffe Fassett, contemporary Robert Kaufman prints and so, so many Florida novelty fabrics. Kiti would go crazy – they must have had 20 different flamingo prints!

Quilt a Bit

2918 S. Jog Road
Lake Worth, Florida 33467
561-304-7211

<http://www.quiltabit.com/>

Rainbow's End

941 Broadway Street
Dunedin, Florida 34698
Phone: 727.733.8572

<http://www.rainbowsendquiltshoppe.com/>



Road Trips

On Wednesday May 24, 2017 we'll be off to Lancaster County, specifically Mannheim and Lititz.

First Stop - Weavers Dry Goods located at 108 West Brubaker Valley Road, Lititz, PA

Second Stop – Lunch @ Tomato Pie Restaurant (23 North Broad Street, Lititz) with free time to shop at the quaint stores nearby

Third Stop – Stitch & Craft Quilt Store located at 2957 Lebanon Road, Manheim, PA

Contact Christine Fallon if you'd like to join us.

On Tuesday August 22, 2017 we'll return to Lancaster County, this time to see the play *Half Stitched - the Musical* appearing at the Bird-in-Hand Family Restaurant & Stage located at 2760 Old Philadelphia Pike in Lancaster. The cost will be \$49 which will include lunch, theater ticket, tax and gratuity. Sign up with Betty Ann.



“Find out what could possibly go wrong when an Amish widow decides to teach a small weekend quilting class. Cultures collide and personalities conflict when 6 loose threads and an Amish widow spend a weekend together learning a little about quilts and a lot about themselves.”

April Speaker



At our April program meeting Janneken Smucker gave an informative and interactive presentation about Amish quilts. She works closely on the digital projects of the Quilt Alliance, a national non-profit dedicated to documenting, preserving, and sharing the stories of quilts and quiltmakers. She has served as a board member of the Quilt Alliance since 2005, and is its current president.

At the end of her talk, Janneken described the new Quilt Alliance video project entitled “Go Tell It!” which is designed to capture the stories of quilts. The formula for “Go Tell It!” is simple: **one person** talking about **one quilt** in front of **one camera** for **three minutes—another quilt story shared!** Anyone can do a “Go Tell It!” interview: quiltmakers, quilt appreciators, recipients of quilts, quilt collectors, curators or historians. The Quilt Alliance is saving quilt stories, three minutes at a time! Go to the website listed below and talk about your quilt....

<https://quiltalliance.org/projects/gotellit/>

Upcoming Events

Sunshine and Moon Glow – April 28-30, 2017. Presented by Friendship Star Quilters at Montgomery County Fairgrounds, Home Arts Bldg., Gaithersburg, Maryland. Admission \$10
www.friendshipstar.org

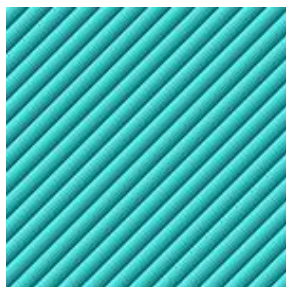
For the Love of Quilting IX – May 5-6, 2017. Presented by Penn Oaks Quilters at Griffith Hall, Ludwig's Corner Fire House, Pottstown Pike (Rt. 100 - near Rt. 401), Glenmore, PA. Admission \$8
www.pennoaksquilters.org/quilt-show-2017.html.

Penn Dry Goods Market
 May 19 – 20, 2017
 Antique & Vintage Textiles at the Schwenkfelder Library & Heritage Center, Pennsburg, PA
<http://schwenkfelder.com/Penn-Market/index.htm>



May Birthdays

8 Judy Shafer
 23 Betty Ann Dawson



Fabric Exchange May - TURQUOISE

Bring 14 6 ½" squares
 in a ziplock bag with
 your name on it.



Hospitality

	<u>May 3</u>	<u>May 17</u>	<u>May 31</u>
Snack:	Toni Hughes	Judy Snook	Debby O'Keefe
Snack:	Pat Leiter	-----	Judy Peters
Fruit/ Veg	Eileen Frankil	Mary Larkin	Linda Hamel
Cold Drink:	Jane Russell	Clem Dupont	Gayle Hammond

If anyone would be willing to bring a snack to the May 17th meeting, please contact Gayle Hammond.

May Block of the Month

The May BOM was submitted by Judy Peters

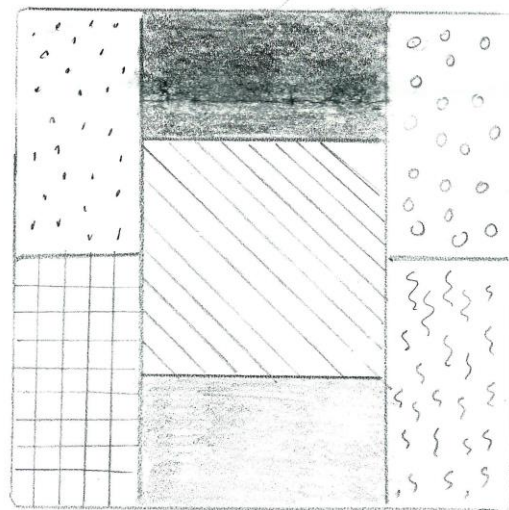
This 'Easy Block' has no points or matching seams.
Makes a bright kid's quilt.

Cut 1 center: 5 ½" square from a novelty print (kid friendly)

Cut 6 logs: 3" x 5 ½" rectangles in all different bright colors

Sew one log on top and then another log to the bottom of the center square. Sew 2 logs together lengthwise and then attach to one side of center. Repeat for the other side.

Block should measure 10 ½" unfinished.



Getting to Know You

Loretta Radewonuk

While visiting her cousin Mary Koval's quilt shop in Bedford, PA, a lady came in and heard Loretta mention that she would like to meet a group of quilters nearer to her home and the visitor suggested Loose Threads! She came to her first meeting solo and, after attending our meetings for about a year, she recently snagged one of our membership slots. Welcome, Loretta!

Born in Trainer, PA, she graduated from Notre Dame High School, then went on to St. Francis Hospital where she studied to be a Lab Technician. She enjoyed her work in Dr.'s offices, then married, welcomed 5 children (4 girls/1 boy) and continued working in Medical billing until she retired in 1990.

As a child, Loretta learned to sew from her aunt who was an excellent seamstress and she enjoyed making Barbie clothes by hand for her two sisters. She especially enjoys hand sewing to this day as well as knitting. After she had her own family, making matching outfits for her 4 daughters was in order each spring. When a sister started quilting, Loretta began to quilt and primarily made charity quilts. She now sews all of the time, focusing on quilting and enjoying being tucked away in her sewing room, away from the crowd. Her household is a busy one, serving 4 generations, a husband, mother, daughter and adult grandson. Aside from one of her children in South Carolina, her entire family lives within 5 miles of her home in Royersford, and now includes 3 granddaughters and 10 grandsons.



Since that initial Loose Threads meeting, Loretta has enjoyed meeting many interesting quilters and seeing the varied projects that our members create. She has made a number of smaller items and soon will have her first large quilt headed to Diane Hess for that long-arm touch. Her cousin Mary also gave her some coverlet fabric for which Loretta has designed a pattern and she is eager to begin. Stay tuned! Loretta enjoyed working on our recent Tea and very much looks forward to learning and sharing more ideas with her new quilting friends.

Joanne Cantwell

PS Lenore Clarke did a quilt shop/retreat review of Mary Koval's Quilt Store for our January 2015 newsletter. Check out a reprint of that article on page 11.

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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
610 948-4516

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

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available on our website
www.theloosethreadsqilters.org

About 3 hours west of here, below Altoona, is a sweet little town called Bedford. On the main drag you can find [Mary Koval's quilt store](#) in a building from the 1830s. Mary is a quilter, appraiser, quilt dealer, collector and fabric designer. Her store has antique quilts for sale, and repros of 19th century fabric, many of which she has designed. Upstairs are nestled 5 bedrooms, 2 full bathrooms, a large sitting room and modern kitchen for a pleasurable quilt retreat. The sewing room is downstairs, best for 4-6 machines only; with cutting and ironing in the spacious hall. The sitting room is ideal for comfy hand work.

Marylou and I recently were on a retreat here and had a lovely time. We were in charge of our own breakfast and lunch, then walked to nearby local restaurants (no chains!) for dinner. The staff is very friendly skilled quilters. While we were there they were getting ready for Quilt Market in Houston.

This was a pleasant change-of-pace. Grab a few friends, and go visit Mary. It's about 15 miles from the Flight 93 Memorial in Shanksville. It's \$75 per night, sheets and towels included, full kitchen available, as are local yummy eateries.

