



Loose Threads News

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July 2017

1st Wednesday Agenda

9:30 Doors open -
refreshments & socializing

10:00 Business Meeting
Show and Tell

3rd Wednesday Agenda

9:30 Doors open -
refreshments & socializing

10:00 Program begins –
Charity Workshop



President's Message

This is a very busy time of year for all of the Loose Threads Quilters. We've just had our election of new officers. Congratulations to all of them! This month we will begin the process of selecting the new committee assignments for the coming year and next month is the selection process for our Tea assignments. And, please remember, that try as we might, we can't always guarantee you your first choice. So, put on your thinking caps and select a few choices of where you'd like to serve the Guild for the coming year! This might be the year to try something new.

Betty Ann



The June Show-n-Tell featured a number of members showing off their completed microwave bowl carriers that Jane Russell taught at the May program meeting.

Road Trip



We were fortunate to have an ideal summer day on the 28th to head off on our June road trip down the country roads of Berks County. We began at **Jackie's Woolens** located on a bucolic 100 acre farm in Fleetwood. She has beautiful dyed wools in every color of the rainbow, along with many patterns and kits. Our group photo was taken in Jackie's flower garden near the 60 year old trumpet vine. Jackie even dug up a few offshoots for some of the ladies. Lunch was in nearby Kutztown at the Tavern who served the most delicious warm soft pretzels ever made. Our final stop of the day was **Woolen Bridge Dry Goods**, always a great source of fabrics, bargains and friendly service.



Geri and Gayle relaxing on the front patio at Wooden Bridge.

Upcoming Events

13th Annual Quilt Show - July 14 -15, 2017. Antique, vintage & traditional quilts presented by Muncy Historical Society at 1st United Methodist Church, 602 S. Market St., Muncy, PA. Admission: \$8; \$12 multi-day www.MuncyHistoricalSociety.org

Visions of a Quilter – Presented by Chambersburg Quilt Guild - July 14 - 15, 2017 at the Falling Spring Presbyterian Church, 221 North Main St., Chambersburg, PA www.chambersburgquiltguild.org/

Quilts in the Orchard Quilt Show – Jul 21-22, 2017. Presented by Ocean Waves Quilt Guild at Cape Henlopen High School, Lewes, DE. Guest Speakers: Terry Kramzar (Fri) & Laurie Simpson (Sat) www.oceanwavesquiltguild.org

Quilt Odyssey 2017 – July 20-23, 2017 Hershey Lodge & Convention Center, W. Chocolate Ave. & University Dr., Hershey, PA
Hours: Thurs - Sat 10 - 6, Sun 10 - 4
www.quiltodyssey.com

On Tuesday August 22, 2017 there is a trip to Lancaster County 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 is \$49 which will include lunch, theater ticket, tax and gratuity. **All those who have signed up should bring their full payment to Betty Ann Dawson at the July meeting.**

June Program Meeting

Postponed from our snowed out March program meeting, our June gathering featured two of this year's Tea discussion topics: Yikes Stripes and Let's Go to the Movies. Linda and Clem discussed stripes and suggested ways to use these fabrics to give motion and interest to your quilt designs – from borders and bindings to the blocks themselves.

Betty Ann's presentation showed the group the many, many movies, from the 1940's to the present, that have used quilts as part of their set decoration. Added features - popcorn for all and DVD door prizes!



Thanks for the photos Diane!

Minutes – June 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: Carolyn Ferrandino provided the raffed today.

Basting Committee: There is no time to waste there is a lot to baste... we had so much basting for the month May that we continued to do basting during the business meeting. Many thanks to everyone who is helping today to get that last quilt basted.

Block of the Month: Marie Traxler won the extra blocks from last month. This month's block is a "String Block" that Christine Fallon has requested and the directions are in the June Newsletter or on the website. You may also see Debby O'Keefe if you have any questions about the BOM.

Challenge: Do your challenge!

Charity Projects: We are waiting for calls back – but we have about 30 quilts ready to go out to people.

Evening Bee: Our Evening Bee will be on Wednesday, June 14, 2017.

Fabric Exchange: We are up to May - light blue.

Field Trips: Jackie's Woolens on June 28, 2017, The Tavern for lunch and then Wooden Bridge Dry Goods. Meet at Betty Ann Dawson's at 9:30 or at Jackie's Woolen's. Contact Betty Ann with any questions @ 610-256-4235.

Sign up is going around for the field trip to ½ Stitch Musical at Bird in Hand, PA on August 22, 2017.

Historian: All good.

Hospitality: Sign-up is going around.

Retreats: October is still on.

Round Robin: Those involved with the Round Robin, this is the day to switch.

Library: The new Quilt Mania is in the Library, two new books, and one pattern

New Members: No visitors.

Nominating Committee: Voting for 2017-18 Board Members took place and the results are as follows:

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| President | Eileen Frankil |
| Vice President | Pat Leiter |
| Secretary | Stephanie Adrian |
| Treasure | Christine Fallon |

Programs: June 21, 2017 there will be two programs, Yikes Stripes and Let's Go to the Movies.

July 19, 2017 Meeting will be for charity projects.

Secret Pal: Lots of bags in the back!

Speakers: Jack Edson in August (second meeting) Gyleen Fitzgerald is scheduled for September.

Sunshine: Continue to keep Bonnie Strickland in your thoughts, she has been moved to Rehab and any cards would be wonderful. The address is: **Bryn Mawr Rehab Hospital**, 414 Paoli Pike. ROOM 103W Malvern, PA 19355. Also continue to keep the other people mentioned in your thoughts as we all go through different things. We all need to encourage one another.

Tea: There are double pocket folders on sale at Staples right now. Pick some up for the Tea.

Website: Everything is up to date.

Show and Tell: Favorite part of the meeting, as always excellent quilts! (Great idea for a class came out of it for "Bias Binding/ and Curved Binding).

Other business: New "Walker Bag" pattern was introduced – super cool.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 11:30, respectfully submitted by

Stephanie Adrian – Secretary

Milly Challenge



We all know that Milly Skean was always busy sewing. She was well known in the guild for her many, many donated children's quilts. After her passing Milly's son donated the contents of her sewing room to Loose Threads and there were quite a number of panels, orphan blocks, and unfinished projects. Betty Ann called for a '**Milly Challenge**' and asked that members come up with various ways to make use of her UFOs. This group of ladies created a number of lovely items, from walker bags to totes and quilts. Kathy Neiman's appliqued pillow was voted as the guild favorite winning the Milly Challenge.

Lenore, Christine, Judy P, Jane, Marie, Judy Q, Kathy and Susan display their 'entries' in the Milly Challenge. Lil and Betty Ann also took part.

Seven ladies, Laurie, Sally, Judy, Lil, Betty Ann and Cathy, at the June Evening Bee hand stitching on the binding of a quilt that Bonnie Strickland made for her granddaughter. Missing from the photo is Judy Quintas- Gorman.



July Block of the Month

These directions should look very familiar to you. This was the block that Linda Glass chose for her April BOM. Well, **Stephanie Adrian** liked it so much that it is her choice for July. This time you'll be using different fabrics - use black as one color and any other bright color as the second fabric.



“Twin Sisters” or “Jack and Jill Block” ala Missouri Star Quilt Co.

Sew an 18”x 2½” **BLACK** strip to an 18” x 2 ½” strip of a **BRIGHT COLOR**.

Cut the sewn strips into 4½” increments.

Cut each square from corner to corner once on the diagonal.

Note: All must be cut in the same direction.

Select 4 triangles and sew them together as shown. Notice the **BLACK** pieces form an x.

Select 4 triangles and sew them together as shown. Notice the **2nd COLOR** pieces form an x.

July Program

The third Wednesday meeting in July we will be working on charity quilts. The Charity committee will bring in quilt kits, irons and covered boards and an Accuquilt machine. If anyone wants to start sewing their quilt kits at the meeting, please bring in your sewing machines. I will be collecting any finished quilts at the end of our meeting at noon. If any quilts are taken home to finish, please return to me as soon as possible.

Judy Quintas- Gorman has shown us a great, EASY walker bag for the guild to make for one of our charity efforts. It is made like a 'saddlebag' with 2 strips of Velcro on the inside to keep it attached to the walker. The directions are on the guild website and I will be passing out the pattern at both July meetings.

Nancy Kinyon-Samec



New Officers



President: Eileen Frankil

Vice-President: Pat Leiter

Secretary: Stephanie Adrian

Treasurer: Christine Fallon

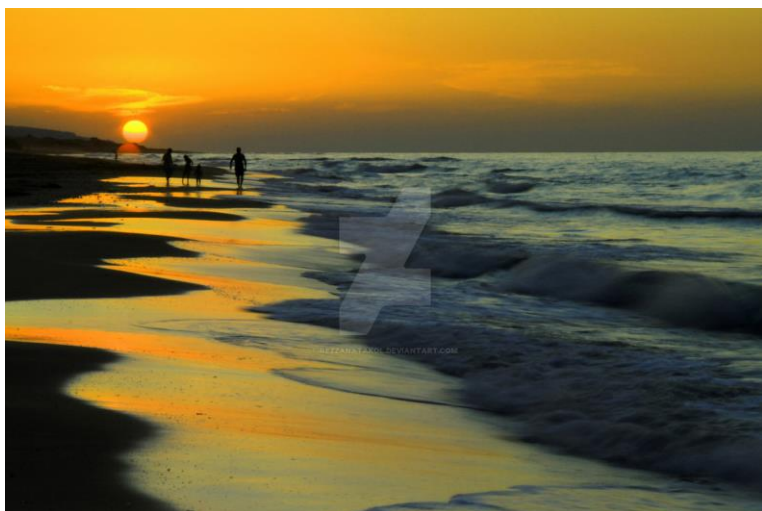
The ballots were counted and the members have spoken – these lovely ladies will be our guild officers for 2017 – 2018.

Congratulations

They will get right to work in July, working along with the previous board, to appoint members to all the guild committees which will begin their work in September. Sign-up sheets will be available to select your top 3 choices for committee assignment at the July meeting.

*A summer night is
like a perfection of
thought.*

Wallace Stevens



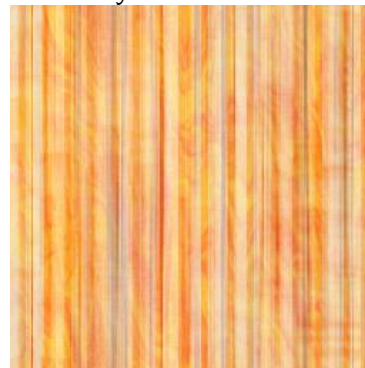
JULY BIRTHDAYS

20 Linda Glass
21 Judy Snook



Fabric Exchange July– Gold/Orange

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



Snack
Snack
Fruit/Veg
Cold Drink

Hospitality

July 5

Eileen Frankil
Mary Larkin
Marcela Sivco
Nancy Kinyan-Samec

July 19

Carolyn Thompson
Sally Ater
Brenda Calhoun
Christine Fallon

Getting to Know You

Cathy Nelson

At Loose Threads meetings, when you hear “Hi Mom” it’s usually Laurie Kelly greeting her mother, Cathy Nelson, whom she introduced to quilting a few years ago. It’s often the other way around, with “Mom” leading her daughter to a new interest and skill so we’ll have to hear more about that.

Cathy grew up in West Philadelphia, the oldest of 4 sisters and 1 brother. After West Catholic High School she attended Misericordia Hospital Nursing School where she earned her RN, then got married and went right to work at Sacred Heart Hospital in Norristown. She took a 5-year hiatus from work to welcome Laurie, Mark and Kelly, then they moved on to Paoli and she continued her work at Norristown, traveling to and from work on the Hi-Speed line.

Meanwhile, Cathy was moving on with Nursing and after a move to West Chester in 1974 she cared for retirees at the Camilla Hall (Immaculata) facility, then on to Bryn Mawr Rehab Hospital where she spent 6 more years. Eventually she left hands-on nursing and joined Prudential Insurance Company which was then sold to Aetna in 1985 and where she became Manager of Catastrophic Case Management requiring her to travel around every county East of the Mississippi! She was most happy to retire a few years ago and at last had more time on her hands.

Cathy had learned to sew in high school and her mother made a lot of clothes for her. When Laurie finished school and went to work at “Dress and Drape”, Cathy’s interests perked up, then Laurie got the quilting bug and joined Loose Threads 22 years ago, enjoying our babysitting features with her 3 children. Laurie had introduced Cathy to our Teas which she attended with a neighbor for about 5 years but Cathy considered everyone very skilled and far beyond her abilities. She also cared for elders for a few years after retirement but then in 2012, Cathy joined Loose Threads. She was thrilled with the group and initially took baby steps into quilting, making small quilted articles and eventually taking on more and more complex projects. Her favorites are contemporary quilts.



Cathy also took on responsibilities within our Guild, especially serving as a representative for our adventuresome field trips, arranging busses, tickets, routes, etc. We have enjoyed many a trip thoughtfully planned by Cathy.

In addition to quilting, Cathy does enjoy life at the shore for a few family weeks each summer and longer stays in sunny Florida each winter and she enjoys a serious interest in gardening when time permits.

She has very much enjoyed her years with Loose Threads, attending some of the retreats, and participating in workshops to learn new skills. Thanks, Laurie, for bringing “Mom” to our Guild -- we have all greatly mutually benefitted!

Joanne Cantwell

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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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newsletter for the members of Loose
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and is available on our website
www.theloosethreadsquilters.org



It seems I have been into half-square triangle quilts lately. Here's another one that caught my eye. I think it's a terrific layout with wonderful color placement. Get out your design wall and have fun designing a version of your own.

This quilt is 10 squares across and 10 down, so it's very easy to make this quilt exactly to your specifications depending on your choice of block size.