



# Loose Threads News

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September 2017

## 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday Agenda

9:30 Doors open -  
refreshments & socializing

10:00 Business Meeting

**Time to renew your  
membership! Cost is  
\$20. Bring or mail your  
completed membership  
form and check to Pat  
Leiter, our Vice-  
President.**

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday Agenda

9:30 Workshop with  
Gyleen Fitzgerald

Going in Circles

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## President's Message

September begins a new year for Loose Threads. This message has two purposes. First, to thank the outgoing board members for an outstanding job and secondly to express how grateful I am for our wonderful guild and the opportunity to serve as new president. Betty Ann seemed to consistently achieve the perfect combination between fun and functional as our President. Thanks also to Lil and Mary Lou for their excellent service as VP and Treasurer where they organized and communicated huge amounts of important information and financial records for our guild. The new board is lucky to have Stephanie expertly continuing in her secretary duties, along with Pat Leiter (new VP) and Christine Fallon (new treasurer). This guild is so productive, creative, and friendly because of the special role our members (new and long-time) play in helping with all the committee tasks and supporting each other. For all of this, I am very grateful.

*Eileen*

## Needle Nite 2017

Needle Nite began as the 'Sleepover' in 1992 and has been a huge success through the years. Held yearly at the end of summer, we meet at a member's home and the menu of the day is pizza and ice cream. Work is done on our own projects or members sometimes seek advice and opinions on their latest quilting dilemma. The ultimate goal is a fun, relaxing and enjoyable time getting to know each other a little bit better. This year's gathering will be held on Friday, September 8, 2017 at 6:00 at Winnie McCarraher's home located at 1885 Kepler Road in Pottstown. Winnie, a charter member of the Loose Threads guild who has recently rejoined the group, might even be convinced to reveal some amusing stories of the 'early days'! Plan to stop by, even for part of the evening, and share in the fun.

## Minutes - August 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.

**Annual Fall Needle Nite:** Winnie McCarraher will host this fun event this year. More details to come!

**Business Meeting Raffle:** Eileen Frankil provided the raffle today and it was won by Melinda Novatnak.

**Basting Committee:** The fifth Wednesday of August (30<sup>th</sup>) will be the next basting meeting. Contact the basting committee to let them know if you have a quilt to baste.

**Block of the Month:** Jane Russell was a lucky winner of a stack of Tea Blocks in March. She would like to add to her collection so she has chosen the Sea Glass for the August Block of the Month. You will find the instructions for completing the block in the August Newsletter. If you should have any questions about the block you can see Debby O'Keefe.

**Challenge:** Keep working on it and don't be intimidated. Have fun with the concept and the process.

**Charity Projects:** The following were handed out at the last work session: 30 Charity Quilt kits, 14 Regular Walker Bag kits, 7 Saddle Bag walker kits. Please complete them by the end of 2017.

**Evening Bee:** Our Evening Bee will be on Wednesday, August 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30.

**Fabric Exchange:** Anyone who is involved in the fabric exchange please pick up your fabric. If you have not turned in your fabric please turn in your fabric.

**Field Trips:** Next field trip is to ½ Stitched Musical at Bird in Hand, Pennsylvania on August 22, 2017. Will be meeting at the Walmart in Morgantown next to the Buggy Sheds, avoid the poo. Lunch is at 11 am.

**Historian:** All good.

**Hospitality:** A sign-up is going around.

**Retreats:** October Retreat to Blue Lake Retreat Center has been canceled by the folks at Blue Lake. They are having some water problems.

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

**Library:** The new Quilt Mania is here. Please check your shelves for books you have checked out.

**Membership:** New Membership list will be mailed out – so check your email.

The 2017-18 Membership form was sent out. Please complete it and return it to Pat Leiter (checks only for membership dues).

**Newsletter:** If you went to a quilt shop or went on a good vacation send a little snippet.

**Secret Pal:** Look for your bag in the back if you are involved with Secret Pal.

**Speakers:** Jack Edson will be here on August 16, 2017.

Gyleen Fitzgerald is scheduled for September. Special workshop will be on Tuesday September 19, 2017. Price and additional information will be communicated closer to the event. Workshop is, "Art of Color Blending".

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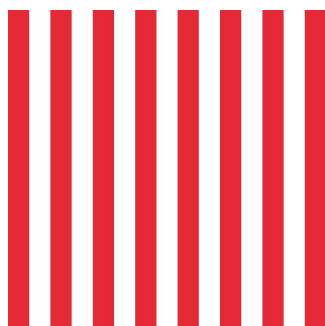
# Hospitality

	<u>September 6</u>	<u>September 20</u>
<b>Snack:</b>	Linda Hamel	Sally Ater
<b>Snack:</b>	Pat Leiter	Pat Leiter
<b>Fruit/Veggies:</b>	Christine Fallon	Judy Magner
<b>Cold Drink:</b>	Laurie Kelly	Silvia Homa



## Fabric Exchange September - Red

Bring 14 6 1/2" squares in a ziplock bag with your name on it.



## September Birthdays



2	Linda Hamel
5	Laurie Kelly
13	Silvia Homa
14	Barb Kuterbach
15	Carol Cossa
16	Clem Dupont
22	Nancy Miller

## Upcoming Events

**Quilt Spectacular** – September 9-10, 2017. Presented by Schuylkill County Quilters Guild at the Walk In Art Center, 110 West Columbia St., Schuylkill Haven, PA  
Admission \$5.

**Pennsylvania National Quilt Extravaganza** - September 14-17, 2017. Presented by Mancuso Show Management at the Greater Philadelphia Expo Center, Phoenixville, PA  
[www.quiltfest.com/upcoming-shows-and-events/pennsylvania-national-quilt-extravaganza](http://www.quiltfest.com/upcoming-shows-and-events/pennsylvania-national-quilt-extravaganza)

**AQS Quilt Week** - September 13-16, 2017. Presented by AQS at the Schroeder Expo Center, 1 Executive Blvd, Paducah, KY.  
[www.quiltweek.com/locations/fall-paducah/](http://www.quiltweek.com/locations/fall-paducah/)

'Swiffer' cloths are great for dusting off your machines, cutting tables etc.

## Minutes - August Mtg, continued

### **Sunshine:**

Bonnie is home!

Kathy Travis will be having both of her shoulders re-done.

Keep Carol Cossa in your thoughts and prayers.

**Tea:** Please complete your Tea Committee sign-up form because we will be assigning Tea committees and would like to know how you wish to serve.

We received a nice pile of folders for this year – thank you to everyone who purchased them. Sewing Room is already collecting fabric. See Lil Evans with your donations. Reminder: **ONLY** cotton and wool quilting fabric, no decorator fabric.

**Website:** Everything is up to date.

**Treasurer's Report:** No report this meeting.

**Show and Tell:** As always, excellent!

Meeting adjourned at approximately 11:30,  
respectfully submitted by:

*Stefanie Adrain* - Secretary

## Apples!



Apple season will be upon us soon. Yea! Came across this idea on Pinterest. There's no pattern for this cute apple design, but it doesn't look too hard to figure out. By manipulating some snowball blocks and a number of half-square triangles you can make one for yourself.

Mary Fons is coming to Steve's Sewing, Vacuum and Quilting located at 268 West DeKalb Pike in King of Prussia on Friday, Sep 8, 2017 at 11:00 AM to 7:30 PM and Saturday, Sep 9, 2017 at 11:00 AM to 7:00 PM. She will be giving 4 lectures (Standing on the Shoulders of Giants: A Brief History of the American Quilt, 10 Things I Know About Quilting ...and Life, Quilt Styles in America, and There's Never Been a Better Time to Make a Quilt) and 2 workshops (Paper-pieced Log Cabin: New Cool Approach and Sweet Pea Block: No Fear Partial Seams) The cost for this jam packed 2 day quilting experience \$290. Contact Steve's for more info and to reserve your spot.

<http://www.stevessewandvac.com>



## How I Spent My Summer Vacation



One day in dreary March I returned home from a Loose Threads meeting to hear an announcement from my husband, Chuck: “Here’s where we’re going in August, it’s now or never!” Since we had let our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary slide by 3 years ago without any special happenings, we had been savoring trip brochures that seemed to arrive in our mailbox every other day. So – Chuck had picked up the phone and spoken with a friendly voice who coaxed him through the steps to schedule an August trip on a “Viking Homelands Cruise.” We left PHL on August 11<sup>th</sup> to join my sister and husband from Michigan who celebrated their 49<sup>th</sup> aboard ship.

We arrived in Stockholm on the 12<sup>th</sup> and were transported to the “Viking Star” a newer ocean-going ship in the Viking fleet and were among their 900 passengers for the next 14 days on the Baltic Sea. Having heard that Scandinavian countries have lots of rain, we were so fortunate to have 14 SUNNY days! Our accommodations were great with a balcony for each state room.

Each day included an excursion to one of the cities on our itinerary so aside from Stockholm, we visited Helsinki, St. Petersburg, Tallinn, Gdansk, Berlin, Copenhagen and three cities in Norway. The city travel was most usually via bus though we enjoyed some canal trips and train rides as well.

A visit to a family farm near a fjord in Norway was most memorable as we were served the local specialty, crisp waffles with sour cream and strawberry jam! Time for shopping was very limited, especially for one with mobility issues on cobblestone streets, so unfortunately I never had a chance to see if Scandinavia has wonderful quilt shops! But – for those knitters out there, we saw many raw materials as sheep were in abundance.

We arrived back home on Saturday, August 25<sup>th</sup> after starting with a 3:30am pick-up in Norway, stopping in 2 countries to get back to PHL with lots of wonderful memories, photos to sort, and another diet to begin!

Joanne Cantwell



If you are an owner of a Singer Featherweight sewing machine you may be interested in checking out The Featherweight Shop at [www.singer-featherweight.com](http://www.singer-featherweight.com). They offer parts and accessories for your machine as well as many helpful tutorials on their YouTube channel (under the channel The Featherweight Shop). A bonus to shopping on this site is the free shipping that is always offered!

Christine Fallon

## Getting to Know You

## Winnie McCarraher

Welcome back... Winnie McCarraher!!! One of the original founders of Loose Threads, Winnie has returned to our guild after an absence of several decades. Born in Phoenixville, Winnie attended Spring-Ford School and began a close friendship with Judy "Smith" McCourry in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade; this friendship continues today... Judy is also a returning early member of Loose Threads and we'll hear more about her in another newsletter. After high school and nursing school, Winnie lived in Plymouth, MA for three years where she enjoyed membership in a quilt guild.

After returning to the Pottstown area, she met up with Ginny Spielman who wanted to get a quilting group together in this area. Ginny and Winnie decided to put out notices in the area and a group was formed in 1987-1988 that met in members' homes. Other names from that period including Judy McCurry, are Sue Johnston, Debbie O'Keefe and Laurie Kelly. Eventually they moved their meetings to a church and it wasn't long before they found the UCC Church in Spring City where we meet today.

Winnie moved to Frederick, Maryland where she lived for 10 years. She then joined her husband in Perth, Australia for 18 months where she also was involved in a quilt guild in Brisbane. She found western Australia fascinating but they were soon transferred back to the US, again settling in Frederick, MD where they lived for another 10 years. Winnie loved the Frederick area where she again joined a guild and she just returned to the Pottstown area last September where she is thrilled to rejoin her friends, new and old, in the Loose Threads Guild once again.

Along with raising two children, Winnie enjoyed her work as a labor and delivery nurse for about 30 years. She is now also a proud grandmother of one grandchild and is expecting another.

Having always been involved in a quilt guild, she is most happy to be back at Loose Threads. She is also



pleased that we are still a daytime guild. She initially most favored patchwork and handwork, but now finds that any type of quilting "keeps her sane!" Winnie is one who "collects fabric" and loves to see it move into wonderful works of art. She is also the proud owner of a long-arm machine. In addition to sewing, Winnie enjoys walks and hiking and just ask her about her dogs!

We're so glad to have you back with us, Winnie and look forward to many exciting days ahead as you explore our quilt shops, quilt shows and field trips with us in PA once again. And, we look forward to soon spending "Needle Nite" at your home!

Joanne Cantwell



## September Workshop

This is the information for the TUESDAY workshop with Gyleen Fitzgerald:

### Going in Circles - Full Day Workshop

**Description:** Very similar to the Drunkard's Path with an extra curve. Learn raw edge applique technique to achieve perfect "stress-free" curves without piecing. Experiment with different layout designs to produce a unique design. This project stitches very fast; most finish complete top during the workshop. Wall hanging (25" x 25") uses 16 fabrics from 4 color groups.

### Fabric Requirements:

(16) 6" x 22" strips (assorted variety of fabric).  
 Door Peephole – from hardware store, get the cheapest  
 36" square cotton batting for design wall  
 1 yard for backing and binding  
 30" x 30" batting

### Homework:

Cut (2) 6" x 6" squares from each (16) fabrics.  
 Cut (1) 3" x 6" rectangle from each (16) fabrics.  
 Bring all remaining fabric to class.

### Special tools: None

### Instructions: Pattern (\$10)

### General supplies:

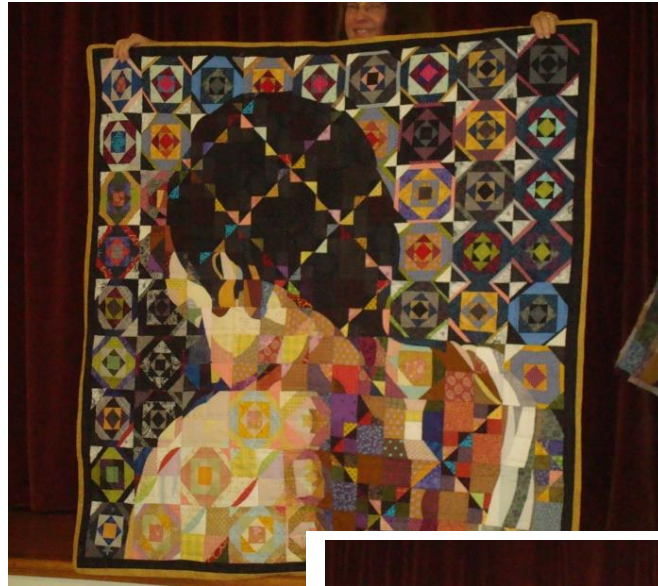
Sewing machine with manual; ¼" foot without edge guide (if possible); neutral thread; seam ripper; thread snips; rotary cutter, ruler and mat; paper scissors; 8" fabric scissors; and straight pins.

**Gyleen's thoughts:** Select fabric based on scale and texture rather than color and try not to over match. When in doubt, bring extra 6" strips. Going for a touch of modern? Use solids or semi-solids.

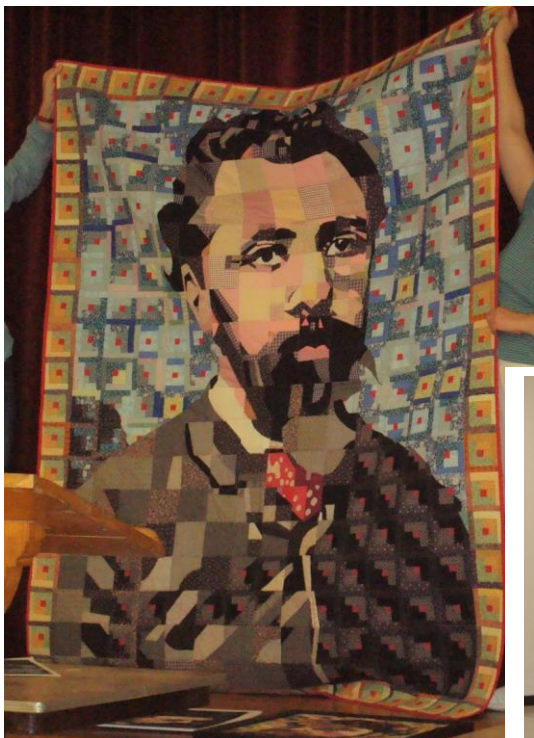
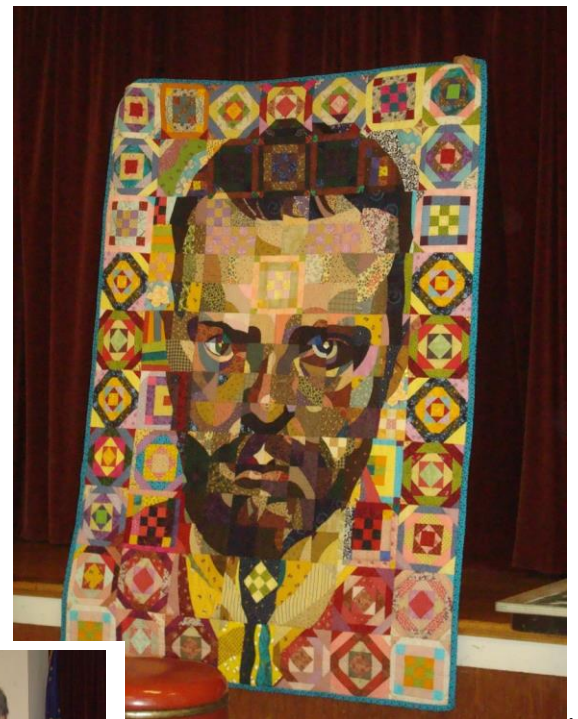




## August Program - Jack Edson



I think the most frequently repeated word at our program meeting in August had to be "WOW!" The work of Jack Edson was truly remarkable and we were all thrilled to see and hear about the art of this talented and gracious man.





## 2017-2018 LTQ Guild Committee Assignments

If anyone wonders about the assignment process, we tried to accommodate everyone's choices as best we could and still fulfill all our needs. Some committees had a lot of interest. In that case, the board assigned new blood to those committees to give new people a chance (versus keeping people in their same old assignments.) In some cases, there was less interest from new people, so people might have been assigned to their same old committees (as willing.)

If a committee begins to meet, and determines the need for more (or fewer) members, adjustments can be made. Board should be notified if committees are making changes. Thanks to everyone for being flexible and willing.

**Officers:** President - Eileen Frankil, VP – Pat Leiter, Secretary– Stephanie Adrian, Treasurer- Christine Fallon, (Past President- Betty Ann Dawson-advisory)

**All Day Sew-A-Thon (Day Camp at the church) (Oct 10-11):** Stephanie Adrian, Lil Evans, Betty Ann Dawson

**Basting:** Kathy Neiman, Loretta Radewonuk, Jean Sullivan, Kiti Williams

**Block of the Month:** Sylvia Homa, Kiti Williams, Carolyn Thompson

**Business Meeting Raffle:** Carolyn Ferrandino, Mary Larkin, Marcela Sivco

**2018 Challenge:** Toni Hughes, Jane Russell, Judy Snook

**Evening Bee:** Bonnie Strickland, Sally Ater

**Fabric Exchange:** Clem Dupont, Nancy Kinyon-Samec, Linda Glass, Mary Lou Boryta

**Field Trips:** Cathy Nelson, Betty Ann Dawson, Christine Fallon

**Historian:** Linda Hamel, Kathleen Parker, Bernie Hughes

**Holiday Brunch:** Janet Freedline, Susan Glaser, Jane Moses, Melinda Novatnak, Pat Phillion, Carolyn Thompson, Linda Garthe, Loretta Radewonuk, Marie Traxler, Donna Mathias

**Hospitality:** Gayle Hammond, Geri Dulis, Barb Painter, Sally Ater

**Librarians:** Jean Sullivan, Marie Traxler, Judy McCourry

**Name Tag and Membership Card Printing:** Jean Sullivan

**Name Tag Raffle:** Mary Lou Boryta

**Needle Nite Hostess (9-8-17):** Winnie McCarraher

**Newsletter:** Linda Hamel, Joanne Cantwell

**Nominating:** Pat Leiter *(Will select 2 additional committee members from the interested volunteers via ballot vote around November): Laurie Kelly, Pat Phillion, Judy Shafer, Kiti Williams, Carolyn Thompson*

**Programs:** Bernie Hughes, Debby O'Keefe, Judy Peters

**Retreats:** Rosemary Geisler, Christine Fallon, Donna Mathias

**Round Robin:** Clem Dupont, Winnie McCarraher

**Secret Pal:** Margie Allen, Winnie McCarraher

**Service Projects:** Nancy Kinyon-Samec, Kathleen Neiman, Lenore Clarke

**Speakers:** Laurie Kelly, Rosemary Geisler, Stephanie Adrian (support)

**Sunshine:** Judy Shafer, Mary Larkin

**Tea Chairs:** Linda Hamel, Diane Hess

**Website:** Diane Hess

## Recipe of the Month

Along with the quilts of Jack Edson, the other item that got rave reviews at the August 16<sup>th</sup> meeting was those tasty snacks that Eileen Frankil brought for us to sample. By popular demand, here is the recipe.

### Sticky Ham and Cheese Buns

There are many versions of this recipe on Pinterest. Here is the way Eileen Frankil made it.\*

Three dozen small Kings Hawaiian buns  
36 thin slices of ham- about  $\frac{3}{4}$  pound  
36 thin slices of Swiss cheese – about  $\frac{3}{4}$  pound  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  cup Mayonnaise

#### Sauce:

$\frac{1}{2}$  cup (1 stick) butter  
1 Tablespoon mustard  
1 Tablespoon Worcestershire sauce  
2 Tablespoons Brown Sugar  
1 Tablespoon poppy seeds



In small saucepan, bring all sauce ingredients to a boil. Lower the heat and let simmer for a few minutes. Set aside.

Slice buns in half. Put a bit of mayonnaise on top and bottom of each bun. Add a slice of ham and a slice of cheese to each and assemble sandwiches. Place tightly packed into a couple of baking dishes. Pour sauce all over, using a spatula to make sure they are all coated. Cover with foil and let marinate in fridge for at least one hour, or overnight.

Bake in preheated 350 degree oven for 10 minutes covered, and an additional 10 minutes uncovered.

NOTE: Other recipe versions use 12 or 24 buns with same amount of sauce. Eileen used 36 buns. Using fewer buns would be much stickier and sweeter.

**TO QUILT IS HUMAN;  
TO FINISH DIVINE**

# September Road Trip

**Date** Wednesday, September 27, 2017

**Meet-Up** 9:15 a.m.  
We will meet in the Kohl's Parking Lot in Royersford, PA and will form carpools  
\*Please remember to bring the driving directions with you.

**First Stop** 10:00 a.m.  
Schwenkenfelder Library & Heritage Center  
105 Seminary Street, Pennsburg, PA 18073

Two Special Exhibits:

Bloomin/Blumen – Flowers in PA German Textiles & Folk Art

Summer Quilt Exhibit – Works Program Administration (WPA) quilt designs

**Second Stop** 12:15 p.m.  
Lunch at Jamison Public House  
1860 Gerryville Pike, Pennsburg, PA 18073

**Third Stop** Time to be decided  
Pennypacker Mills  
5 Halderman Road, Schwenksville, PA 19473  
Free tour which lasts for about an hour. Part of the regular tour is an exhibit  
“Stitch To Learn, Learn To Stitch” with a suggested donation of \$2.00. The  
exhibit features needlework with a display of samplers, Redwork, and other  
embroidered items.

Sign up with Christine Fallon



Pennypacker Mills



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## Loose Threads Quilt Guild

Meets at 9:30 AM on the  
1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month,  
with a special basting meeting on the 5<sup>th</sup>  
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](http://www.theloosethreadsquilters.org)

## August Road Trip



On Tuesday August 22<sup>nd</sup>, a large contingent of Loose Threads members enjoyed a buffet lunch and the play *Half Stitched - the Musical* at the Bird-in-Hand Family Restaurant & Stage.