



Loose Threads News

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October 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 Making a quilt
from strips – share
your stash!



Of course, Halloween is the most well known October holiday, but were you aware of these?

Oct 1 - Fire Pup Day

Oct 2 - National Custodial
Workers Recognition Day

Oct 12 - National Farmer's Day

Oct 23 - Swallows Depart from
San Juan Capistrano Day

President's Message

Fall is a busy time for Loose Threads. In addition to our regular Wednesday meetings, September included a fun needle night at Winnie's, the PNQE event in Oaks, a terrific speaker and full day workshop, plus a field trip. New officers and committees are getting organized with ideas, plans, and tasks. Quilters' Day Camp is a brand new event coming up in October. We have new members to be welcomed and folded into our group. And we also have members who need some cheer and sunshine to stay connected. Thank you to everyone who has encouraged me in my new role. It's easy to be the president when most of what I do is shine the spotlight on everyone else doing a splendid job.

Eileen



We had a great day on Sept 27th touring the quilt exhibits at the Schwenkenfelder Library, enjoying a delicious (!) lunch at the quaint Jamison Public House and finishing the day at Pennypacker Mills.

Minutes – September Meeting

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

Annual Fall Needle Night: Winnie McCarraher will host this fun event on Friday September 8, 2017. The gathering will begin at 6:00 pm and pizza will be provided. Please bring your favorite ice cream to share with the group, your sewing project or just come and fellowship.

Business Meeting Raffle: Linda Hamel provided the raffle gift today and it was won by Betty Ann Dawson. A correction to last month's minutes, Silvia Homa provided the gift for last month.

Basting Committee: The fifth Wednesday in November (29th) will be the next basting meeting. Contact the basting committee to let them know if you have a quilt to baste. One quilt was basted in August.

Block of the Month: All done for the 2016-2017 year. Thank you to everyone who participated.

Challenge: Keep working on them. There will be prizes for the winners!
FYI, we are still working on getting the 2016 Birds and Words Challenge in a local show.

Charity Projects: On hand - 12 Adult Quilts, 9 Children Quilts, 7 Walker Bags

Day Camp: We will be having our first Day Camp on October 10 and 11, 2017. (Tues & Wed) The cost of the camp is \$20 and must be pre-paid with a sign-up form. Please see Lil Evans or Betty Ann Dawson for the form.

Evening Bee: Our Evening Bee will be on Wed, September 13 at 6:30.

Fabric Exchange: One more exchange in October.

Field Trips: September 27, 2017 day trip to Schwenkenfelder Library & Heritage Center, Lunch at Jamison Public House and finish up with Pennypacker Mills. See Christine Fallon for details.

Historian: Linda Hamel will complete a book for 2017 and then Kathy Parker will take over for 2018.

Holiday Brunch: First big event of the year! Ladies on the committee please gather at the stage after the meeting with Marie Traxler.

Hospitality: Good for now.

Retreats: Nothing now.

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

Library: Marie Traxler reported that we have new books to add to the library and once they are registered you will be able to check them 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 \$20 membership dues).

We have a guest today, Lori, welcome!

(Note about Associate Membership: You cannot become an Associate Member before becoming an Active Member. You must first be an Active Member for a year before you can go Associate.)

Name Tags: We (Marylou Boryta and the Board) would like to see everyone wear name tags again. There will be an opportunity to win a fat quarter if you participate.

Newsletter: Please get your items for the newsletter to Linda Hamel as soon as possible, but no later than the 25th of the month.

Programs: Be sure to have your fabric cut for the workshop on the 19th. There is a \$10 pattern fee that Gyleen will collect that day.



Day Camp

This year our annual fall retreat wasn't able to happen, so some industrious guild members went about planning a Day Camp to take its place. On Tuesday and Wednesday, October 10th and 11th a Loose Threads day camp will be held at our regular meeting place, the First UCC in Spring City. On Tuesday the camp will run from 9am until 6pm and on Wednesday, from 9am until 3pm. (Our regular Wednesday Evening Bee will be held that evening starting at 6:30pm.) Snacks and lunch will be provided along with beverages (non-alcoholic). The cost per person will be \$20 payable with your registration. The final day for registration is October 4th.

Activities planned are:

- All day sewing – You will need to bring your machine and your own project. We will have 2-3 design walls and 3 ironing stations set up. All machines/projects may be safely left overnight on Tuesday.
- Basting Area – Should anyone have a need to baste a quilt the rack will be available.
- Tuffet completion station – There will be a specified work area complete with electric upholstery stapler.
- Handwork area
- Scissors and Knives sharpening – Each item must be tagged with your name and phone number and must be accompanied by CASH payment.

Any questions, contact Betty Ann Dawson or Lil Evans.

Recipe for October

My sister made this for us on a recent visit to NY; we thought it was delicious. I made it for the September guild meeting and members agreed. Here is her recipe. One change – I added ~½ cup of chopped pecans to the topping.

Blueberry Muffin Cake

Crumb Topping:

- ¾ cup granulated sugar
- ¼ cup plus 3 Tbsp all-purpose flour
- ¾ tsp ground cinnamon
- ¼ cup plus 2 Tbsp butter, room temp

Cake:

- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- ¾ cup granulated sugar
- ¼ cup butter, room temp
- ¾ cup milk
- 1 egg
- 2 ½ tsp baking powder
- ¾ tsp salt
- 2 cup fresh blueberries

Glaze:

- ½ cup powdered sugar
- ¼ tsp vanilla
- 1 tsp milk

Preheat oven to 375°. Spray a 9" Springform pan with nonstick spray and set aside. In a medium bowl combine all the Crumb ingredients with a fork or pastry cutter until they are blended. Set aside. In a large bowl combine all the cake ingredients except the blueberries and mix until mostly smooth. Fold in blueberries. Spread the cake batter into the prepared pan and top evenly with crumb topping. Bake for 40-50 minutes until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean. Allow to cool for 10 minutes in the pan. Loosen the edges of the cake from the pan with a butter knife and then remove the sides from the pan. For the glaze mix together all ingredients until smooth and then drizzle on the top of the cake. Serve warm at room temperature.

Needle Nite 2017

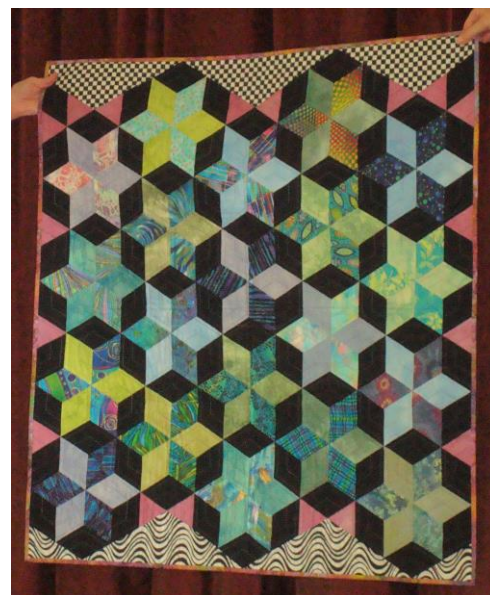
This year's gathering was hosted by Winnie McCarragher at her lovely 'house in the woods.' Over 20 members gathered on a Friday evening to sew, chat and of course, eat just a bit. The main course was pizza but there were some tasty appetizers added to the mix (Geri Dulis' spinach dip was a big hit). And of course, folks dove into those pints of ice cream before the night was over!

The highlight of the evening was a tour of Winnie's amazing sewing studio. It's a large area with plenty of room for her long-arm quilting machine, a domestic machine, design wall, fabric storage, peg board storage and even a patchwork ceiling. Assisted by her husband's carpentry skills, she has designed an area that meets all her sewing requirements both technically and aesthetically.



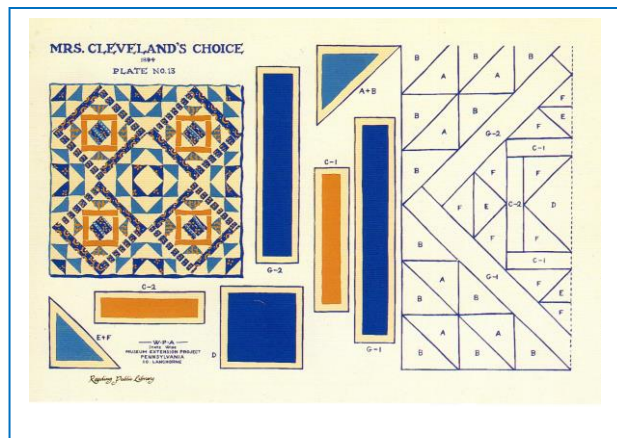
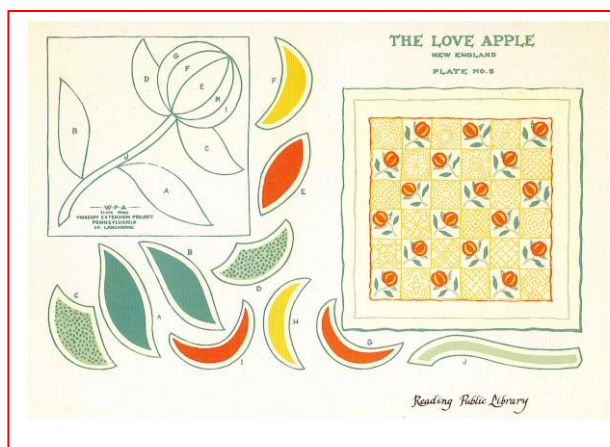
Gyleen Fitzgerald

Our September workshop and lecture with Gyleen Fitzgerald was both great fun and truly inspirational. For more quilting with Gyleen check out: www.ColourfulStitches.com.



WPA Quilt Exhibit

On our recent road trip to the Schwenkenfelder Library in Pennsburg we saw an exhibit of newly made quilts (by the Variable Star Quilters) made from Works Progress Administration quilt patterns popular during the 1930s. These interpretations were made from both 'period' and contemporary fabrics, each displayed with a copy of the 14" x 20" quilt pattern, originally silk screened in 1941 by WPA Museum Extension Quilt Project So. Langhorne, Pennsylvania. (In the private collection of the Reading Public Library) To our surprise and delight, the library gift shop had reproductions of all the WPA patterns, in their original format, for sale. A complete set will soon be available to borrow from our guild library.



2018 Tea Committees

This year's Tea assignments are complete and were based on the Tea committee sign-up sheets, trying hard to accommodate everyone's choices. As always some committees were more popular than others but many graciously agreed to help out where help was needed. If you have any questions or haven't been assigned to a committee please contact Linda Hamel or Diane Hess.

Bathroom Monitors: Winnie McCarraher & Judy Schafer

Book Sale: Debby O'Keefe, Jean Sullivan, Judy McCourry & Judy Snook

Coffee: Bernie Hughes, Carolyn Thompson, Toni Hughes, Nancy Miller & Kathy Parker

Craft Sale: Stephanie Adrian, Barb Painter & Margie Allen

Dining Room Set-up: Brenda Calhoun, Gayle Hammond, Linda Garthe, Judy Peters, Geri Dulis & Toni Hughes

Discussion Topic Selection: Judy Snook, Kathy Neiman, Kiti Williams, Rosemary Geisler & Bernie Hughes (NOTE: Will need 6-12 discussion group leaders/assistants for the day of the Tea)

Door Prizes: Pat Leiter, Linda Glass, Mary Larkin & Carolyn Ferrandino

Emcee: Jane Russell, with Pat Leiter as back-up

Greeter/White Glove: Susan Glaser, Winnie McCarraher, Cathy Nelson & Jean Sullivan

Hostess: Marylou Boryta, Laurie Kelly, Pat Leiter, Jane Moses, Debby O'Keefe, Lenore Clarke, Judy Peters, Kiti Williams, Donna Mathias, Marie Traxler, Eileen Frankil, Judy Schafer, Brenda Calhoun, Judy McCourry & Susan Glaser

Invitations: Joanne Cantwell, Mary Larkin & Kathy Parker

Kitchen: Loretta Radewonuk, Lenore Clarke, Sally Ater, Gayle Hammond, Geri Dulis & Bonnie Strickland

Mailing Table: Melinda Novatnak

Menu selection/catering: Linda Garthe, Janet Freedline, Sally Ater & Gayle Hammond

Parking Shuttle: Lenore Clarke

Quilt Show: Rosemary Geisler, Eileen Frankil, Nancy Kinyon-Samec, Judy Magner and Loretta Radewonuk, Laurie Kelly, Diane Hess & Linda Hamel

Registration: Laurie Kelly & Nancy Miller

Sewing Room Sale: Lil Evans, Betty Ann Dawson, Linda Glass, Geri Dulis, Rosemary Geisler, Stephanie Adrian, Silvia Homa & Jane Russell

Auction: Donna Mathias, Marie Traxler, Pat Phillion, Clem Dupont & Christine Fallon

Tea Block Design: Silvia Homa, Clem Dupont & Toni Hughes

Tea Block Collection/Distribution: Joanne Cantwell and Judy Schafer

Tea Folders: Joanne Cantwell, Mary Larkin, Kathy Neiman & Marcela Sivco

Viewer's Choice Ribbons: Margie Allen

Viewer's Choice Tabulations: Rosemary Geisler & Cathy Nelson

Sept Minutes, cont.

Secret Pal: Make sure you get your gift.

Speakers: Gyleen Fitzgerald is scheduled for September. (Special workshop will be on Tuesday September 19, 2017.

Kay Healy, who is a fiber artist, will be our speaker for November.

Cynthia England is scheduled for May 2018.

Sunshine: Susan Glaser is now walking and doing better.

Kathy Travis would love cards, keep her in your thoughts and prayers.

Bonnie Strickland is doing so much better.

Judy Peter's husband is going into hospice.

Linda Glass is back!

Keep Carol Cossa in your thoughts and prayers.

Tea: Committee sign-up went around. In the process of getting committees together.

Website: Everything is up to date.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer is switching from Marylou Boryta to Christine Fallon today. Not much financial activity for August.

Show and Tell: As always, excellent!

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

Stefanie Adrain - Secretary

New Fabric Exchange

This year's new fabric exchange is about to begin! The featured fabrics this time around are BATIKS. If you'd like to build your stash with some of these colorful fabrics all you need to do is sign-up with Clem Dupont. The exchange will begin in November. Each month you will cut 6 ½" squares of the selected color of the month, place them in a zip-lock bag labelled with your name and turn them in to Clem. In return you will receive all the batiks the other members have chosen. **The exact number to cut will be determined when the sign-up period is completed at the end of October.**

Here are the colors for each month:

November	Green
December	Red
January	Dark Blue
February	Pink
March	Yellow
April	Purple
May	Turquoise
June	Light/medium Blue
July	Gold
August	Black & White
September	Orange
October	Brown/rust

The Downingtown Library is sponsoring a quilt show to promote quilts as art with the quilts to be raffled off as a fund raiser for the library. We are looking for any interested quilter to make a small "art" quilt as a donation. The size request is 16" wide by 20" long. Any subject matter, any method, including hand or machine quilting and any form of embellishment is acceptable. Please sign or label your quilt and include a sleeve or corner triangles for hanging. A dowel is not necessary.

Raffle tickets will be sold at the library while the quilts are on display. Winning tickets will be drawn at an evening reception on April 6th. Winners will be able to take their quilts that night or pick them up later at the library. For a little incentive, the quilter whose quilt sells the most tickets will win a \$25 cash prize.

Quilts will be accepted any time between now and March 20 at the library or they may be given to one of the following people: Karen Smith - ksmith@ccls.org, Debby O'Keefe - dokeefe19@hotmail.com, Leslie O'Brien- leslieobriensk8@comcast.net

Please send Your name and E-mail address to confirm your intention to participate to Debby O'Keefe.

Upcoming Events

Quilt Bazaar – Saturday, Oct 7, 2017

Presented by the Lancaster Modern Quilt Guild at Manor Church, 530 Central Manor Road, Lancaster, PA Time: 9 AM – 2 PM

Quilter's Garden - October 13 - 14, 2017

Presented by Keystone Quilters Guild at the Finland Mennonite Church, 1750 Ziegler Road, Pennsburg, PA.

www.keystonequilters.org/show.html.

A Stitch in Time – October 14-15, 2017

Presented by the Newtown Quilters' Guild at Lower Bucks Masonic Hall, Edgewood Rd & Heacock Rd in Woodside (Bucks County), PA.

www.newtownquiltersguild.org.

Sew Many Memories – Oct 20-22, 2017.

Presented by Undercover Quilters at the Brookhaven Municipal Bldg. (Community Room Entrance), 2 Cambridge Road, Brookhaven, PA. Admission \$8

www.undercoverquilters.org

A Harvest of Quilts' Show – Oct 21-22, 2017

Presented by Evening Star Quilter's Guild at Belvidere High School, 809 Oxford St., Belvidere, NJ. Admission \$7

37th Annual Quilt Show - Oct 20-22, 2017.

Presented by the Fulton County Quilt Guild at the Fulton Theater, 100 Lincoln Way West, McConnellsburg, PA

Bi-Annual Quilt Show - Oct 20-22, 2017

Presented by South Shore Stitchers Quilt Guild at the Upper Township Community Center, 1790 Route 50, Tuckahoe, NJ.

www.southshorstitchers.com

Indoor Yard Sale – Saturday, Oct 21, 2017

Presented by Valley Forge Homestead Quilters at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 132 Valley Forge Road, King of Prussia Time: 10-3

October Program

Program for October 18th guild meeting:

We will have a hands on program to begin a quilt using strips from all members who wish to join in. Share your stash and your energy. Each person will choose a job to participate - pinning, sewing strips, ironing, cutting blocks, and each participant will be able to take home lots of blocks for her own quilt.

Bring 2 ½" strips of any length in Red, Pink, Orange, Yellow, Green, Aqua, Blue and Purple. Strips can be tone on tone or patterned but predominantly one color. We will have various patterns including one for the crayon quilt pictured below!! Bring your machine if you like, and/or cutting supplies. We will have ironing stations and plenty for everyone to do. Any questions contact Debby O'Keefe.



Speakers at Local Guilds

At Main Line Quilters on October 20th the speaker will be Cynthia Friedman, the founder of the *Art Quilt Elements* show that many of us visit at the Wayne Art Center. She will share the story of this local art show that has evolved into a highly respected and well-known show that attracts fiber artists from all over the world. The meeting will be held at the Tredyffrin Public Library, 582 Upper Gulph Road, Strafford and begin at 9:45 a.m. The guild website is www.mainlinequilters.org.

The *Art Quilt Elements* 2018 show will be held March 16-April 28, 2018 at the Wayne Art Center, 413 Maplewood Ave, Wayne. www.artquiltelements.org

Guest speaker at the Penn Oaks Quilt Guild on Monday, October 9th will be Janella Macbeth, the author of **ScrapStashic Quilts: Organizing Your Scrap Fabric Stash and ACTUALLY Using It.** The meeting will be held at the Frazer Mennonite Church, 57 Maple Linden Lane in Frazer and begin at 7:00 p.m. There is a \$5 guest fee.

Visit Janella's website at: www.janellamacbeth.com

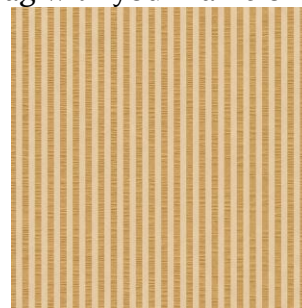
OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 8 Bonnie Swartzentruber
- 16 Jean Sullivan
- 18 Judy Peters
- 27 Joanne Cantwell



Fabric Exchange October - Brown

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



This completes the **Yikes Stripes** fabric exchange for this year. A new exchange will begin in November.

Hospitality

Snack
Snack
Fruit/Veg
Cold Drink

Oct 4
Christine Fallon
Margie Allen
Lenore Clarke
Diane Hess

Oct 18
Joanne Cantwell
Barb Painter
Marcela Sivco
Diane Hess

Getting to Know You

Jane Moses

An avid quilter, Jane Moses was invited to a Loose Threads Tea and enjoyed it so much she attended again... and again! Although she was a member of an evening guild, Quilt Makers in Boyertown, her friend Diane Hess eventually encouraged her to attend a Loose Threads meeting. She visited three times and when a membership spot opened up, Jane joined us as a member in January, 2017. She continues to be an active member of the Boyertown evening guild as well.

Jane grew up locally and graduated from Pottstown High. She enjoyed hand embroidery, learning at age five, then started to sew in Home Ec. classes at school. When Jane was in 7th grade her grandmother found herself the owner of two sewing machines so she gave Jane the electric machine while she herself kept the treadle machine which her grandmother preferred. Jane started to turn out all kinds of garments on her machine, then picked up quilting in 1975, primarily sewing patches. She continues to enjoy sewing and working with traditional blocks today.

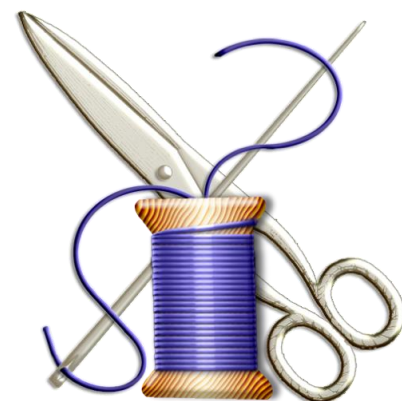
Working at Joann Fabrics and Pottstown Sewing on a part-time basis enhanced her interest in all things related to sewing and quilts, however her real career was in banking where she worked for 40 years. An early retirement allowed her to enjoy long walks 3-4-5 times a day as she recovered from several surgeries. Jane has been married for 52 years and has 3 children and 7 grandchildren, three of whom are triplets! When her children were still at home, the Moses family lived in East Coventry but moved 14 years ago to Stowe where they reside today. Those triplets (two girls/one boy), born in Georgia, are now high school seniors and thankfully live in nearby Birdsboro so they see their grandparents frequently.

Jane enjoys traveling and has been to Paducah for quilt shows on several occasions, to Houston for the big show there, also to shows in Nashville, Memphis and in Virginia. She also enjoys meandering through Vermont and other Eastern states (wherever there is a quilt shop)! She also likes crossword puzzles when "Elsie Mae" her 11-year Lhasa Apso gives her a few moments.



Our guild field trips and busy activities have been very appealing to Jane and she finds our members are a most friendly group. We will agree that joining Loose Threads has been a good fit for Jane and for us!

Joanne Cantwell



Quilt Shop Review

I recently had the opportunity to visit my old college town- St. Paul, Minnesota. I had not been there since my graduation in May of 1983. It was decided I would meet my best friend, Ellie, at the MSP airport and we would spend a long weekend taking a trip down memory lane. We both remembered the best time to visit St. Paul is September during the days we recount as Indian summer.

I can't tell you how much fun was had, but I will share one inspiring event. We made a stop by the *Twin Cities Quilting* shop – found in a suburb of St. Paul. (It is located very close to my alma mater but funny – quilting was not on my mind then!) As soon as we walked in, I felt at home. It was bright and colorful, which are two settings I find inspiring. They had an extensive line of Moda – but fabric I had not seen before that was vivid and inspiring. I will say there was a modern twist to the place. I am not ordinarily a modern quilter but I felt comfortable with the selections.

The employees were not only available but ready to spend time auditioning fabric and offering suggestions. I made a purchase of Minnesota fabric (Shop Hop leftovers) and plan to make a snuggly lap quilt for the winter. But here's the exciting part – Ellie had stopped quilting about 8 years ago and as soon as she walked in the store she was lost in the fabric. Next thing I know she's at the counter with twice as many bolts as I had. I questioned her and she laughingly said, "I need to rebuild my stash". We bought the same Minnesota panel and will make similar lap quilts. Not only did I leave with a great purchase, but my friend was inspired to re-enter the world of quilting!

If you happen to find yourself in the twin cities, I highly recommend a stop by *Twin Cities Quilting*. You will find the staff helpful and the selection delightful.

Pat Leiter



Twin Cities Quilting

1085 Dionne Street
Roseville, MN

651.340.8263

www.twincitiesquilting.com

Quilt Challenge

It's getting close! In a little over 2 months, we will unveil our works of art known as the 2017 Quilt Challenge. I am excited to see the presentation because experience tells me we have a talented and inspiring group of quilters! The topic is "Photo Finish" – which simply means your interpretation of a picture you have seen or taken. No, it's not the actual picture on the quilt – but your recreation on fabric of that photo. It can be literal, abstract, or anything in between. A few rules to remember:

- No larger than 106 inches perimeter
- Quilt must be totally complete by Holiday Brunch (12-6-17)
- Photo must accompany the quilt - We will provide 8 ½ X 11" protector sleeves to put your photo in so that it can be attached to your quilt.

For a little inspiration, click on this blog site. Victoria Gertenbach shares her process of abstract photo quilts.

<https://thesillyboodilly.blogspot.com/2017/09/processing-inspiration-attempt-at.html>

Haven't started – not too late. Let's get sewing! Questions? Contact Nancy Miller or Pat Leiter

Tea Block Quilt



In 2016, to commemorate the 25th anniversary of our Quilters' Tea, guild members made up every Tea Block that was featured over those years. It was agreed that it would be nice to sew up all these blocks into a quilt. Time marches on.... This summer there was renewed interest to make this happen. Sashing and backing fabric were purchased, the final missing block pattern (1996) was located by Eileen and after living on a design wall for weeks, the Tea Block quilt is underway. Betty Ann and Lil have been working hard to assemble the 23 past Tea Blocks into an actual quilt. When complete there will be a raffle held among all guild members to see who will get to take home this lovely piece of Loose Threads history.



<u>Year</u>	<u>Tea Block Title</u>
1993	54-40 or Fight Variation
1994	Farmer's Daughter
1995	Propeller (paper-pieced)
1996	Friendship Star
1997	Amish Basket
1998	Card Trick
1999	Wedding Ring
2000	Celebration Star
2001	Teacup & Teapot
2002	Odd Fellows March
2003	Grandma's Choice Variation
2004	9 Patch Log Cabin
2005	T-Block
2006	Flower
2007	Spring Basket
2008	Spool Block (square)
2009	Alerted 4 Patch
2010	Star Cross
2011	Plaid Square in a Square
2012	Kentucky Crossroads
2013	Spool Block (rectangle)
2014	Strippy Block
2015	Patriotic
2016	Disappearing Hourglass
2017	Sea Glass

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



Our featured speaker in September, Gyleen Fitzgerald, led a terrific Tuesday workshop called 'Going in Circles'. It was easy, fun, totally stress free and, huge bonus, we all left at the end of the day with our quilt tops completed! This was our show and tell at her Wednesday lecture.