



Loose Threads News

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February 2018

1st Wednesday Agenda

9:30 Doors open -
refreshments & socializing

10:00 Business Meeting
Show and Tell

President's Message

As I write this message I'm happy to notice how almost our entire region is looking forward to the Eagles' appearance in the 2018 Super Bowl. Hopefully the good spirits will continue after our underdogs win their first super bowl on February 4. Here's something I came up with to join in the fun and relate it to quilting.

Quilters' Song*

(*Sung to the tune of the Eagles Fight song
"Fly Eagles Fly")

Sew, quilters, sew

On the road to the Loose Threads Tea

Piece and Applique

Add a binding 1-2-3

We have stash

We can buy

Just watch our fabric fly

Quilt, Ladies, quilt

For the Loose Threads Quilters' Tea

Q-U-I-L-T-S QUILTS!

Eileen



3rd Wednesday Agenda

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January Minutes

The Monthly Business Meeting of the Loose Threads Guild was held at the United Church of Christ in Spring City, PA on January 3, 2018 facilitated by President Eileen Frankil. Meeting was called to order at 10:00am.

Guests: Former long-term member Jill Cardamone was welcomed back as a visitor. Also visiting was Kiti Williams' daughter, Calli. Church secretary, Dona Kern, passed along an invitation for a seamstress to sew drapes for 3 windows within the church; Calli volunteered her services.

Routing: Members were reminded that items passed to all meeting attendees (sign-up sheets, samples, etc.) are to be started from the right-hand (window) side of the meeting room, front-to-back, then across to the left side of the room, back to front. Adherence to this new procedure will ensure that all attendees have an equal opportunity to review items passed.

Basting: Next basting meeting is on January 31. Contact Kathy Neiman, Loretta Radewonuk or Jean Sullivan if anyone has a basting project.

Challenge: Jane Russell reminded the group that Challenge projects representing a Beatles song to be shown in December are to be made during 2018 and must be originals, not made from a kit.

Charity Projects: Nancy Kinyon-Samec reported that a few new quilts made by members have been received for charity and have filled our requirements for ICE (in case of emergency) quilts. Kathie Travis suggested making sleeping mats for a charity project and was referred to the Program committee for review.

Day Camp: Betty Ann Dawson announced that the next Quilters Day Camp program will be held at the UCC Church on April 10-11 this year. More details will be forthcoming.

Evening Bee – the sign-up sheet for January's Evening Bee was circulated. Guild members were reminded that if Spring-Ford School District is closed, there will be no Evening Bee.

Fabric Exchange: Clem Dupont and Linda Glass sorted fabrics for the fabric exchange and they were available for pick-up at the conclusion of the meeting.

Field Trip: A bus has been reserved for a trip to the Lancaster Quilt Show on Friday, March 23. To reserve a space on the bus, a \$47 fee is requested by Christine Fallon by January 31.

Historian: Linda Hamel has had guild activity photos from 2017 bound into a book as well as a compilation of member bios in another book. Both will be available for review at the next meeting.

Hospitality: Gayle Hammond reported that the quarterly sign-up sheet for treats at meetings has been fulfilled.

Library: Reported by Marie Traxler, the committee is in the process of purging and adding new books to the library.

Newsletter: Linda Hamel welcomes input for the monthly newsletter.

Programs: The crayon quilt project, led by Debbie O'Keefe, will be continued at the next meeting (January 17). Susan Glaser will present a program on Binding at the February project meeting (February 21).

Speakers: Laurie Kelly is firming up speakers for several dates in the upcoming months.

Round Robin: Sign up with Winnie McCarraher for the 2018 Round Robin. Starting in February, it will be a row-by-row project for 6 months; members who sign up to participate will commit to follow through for the entire 6 months.

Secret Pal – Participants were reminded to pick up gifts each month or take them home if the Guild member is absent from the meeting. A total of 12 members will participate this year.

January Minutes, cont.

Tea: Linda Hamel will update members on all aspects of the annual Tea in the February newsletter.

Web Site: Has been updated with newsletters and information on the block-of-the-month and challenge information.

Raffles: Winners: Name Tag Raffle: Judy Magner, Business Meeting Raffle: Betty Ann Dawson.

Show and Tell was brief this month since the previous meeting was held only two weeks earlier and in between was a busy Holiday period.

Other Charity: Jane Russell is collecting stamps from correspondence all over the world to be used in a project at the Veteran's Home in Washington, DC.

Other Items: The Downingtown library is having a display of small (16" x 20") quilts; these quilts will be donated and raffled with the proceeds going to the Library. Quilts that receive the most raffle tickets will be awarded a \$25 cash prize. Contact is Debby O'Keefe.

Meeting concluded at 11:10am.

Respectfully submitted by:

Joanne Cartwell

Acting Secretary

SAVE THE DATE
QUILTERS DAY CAMP
APRIL 10-11, 2018

Upcoming Events

Mid-Atlantic Quilt Festival - February 22-25, 2018. Presented by Mancuso Show Management at the Hampton Roads Convention Center, Hampton, Virginia. www.quiltfest.com/.

World War I Centennial - March 2-3, 2018. Presented by Susquehanna Valley Quilters at Warrior Run Area Fire Dept. Social Hall, 1st Street, Allenwood, PA. <http://susqvalleyquilters.org/2018quiltshow.html>

Quilt Preview - March 1-3, 2018
Thursday & Friday: 9 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Saturday: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. MCC EC
Material Resources Center 517 W. Trout Run Road, Ephrata, PA Preview over 100 quilts that will be sold at the Pennsylvania Relief Sale. Free Admission

Quilt Show Bus Trip



Loose Threads Quilters will be offering bus transportation to the AQS quilt show to be held at the Marriott Hotel at the Lancaster County Convention Center in downtown Lancaster. The date is Friday, March 23, 2018 and the cost will be \$47 which includes show admission and the bus driver gratuity. (The price could decrease if we can fill the bus.) There will be two pick-up locations – one in Spring City and one in Lionville. Sign up by giving a check for the total cost to Christine Fallon. Feel free to ask family and friends! If you don't need transportation or are going on a different day, check with Christine if you want to purchase only the \$10 entry tickets.



Tea Reminders

● **Tea Block:** Please make a MINI TRAJECTORY Tea block (two blocks would make you eligible for the guild drawing of extra blocks). The pattern is available on our web site, under the January newsletter or the Tea Invitation section. The blocks are due by Friday, March 9th, but turn them in any time prior to Toni Hughes or Silvia Homa.

● **Quilt Show:** Put the finishing touches on your quilting projects so they will be ready for display at the Tea. We hope that all our members will have something to show at our annual show. We hope to see all 18 entries from last year's Photo Finish challenge in the show! And those creative Row Robins! If your quilt is bed-size please attach a sleeve for hanging either permanently or even temporarily using safety pins.

● **Book Sale:** We will begin to accept books beginning at the Feb 7th business meeting. Last day to accept books will be the day before the Tea (Friday Mar. 9th). No donations the day of the Tea!

WANTED: Accepting quilt books, craft books, quilt novels, quilt magazines **no older than 2010.**

NOT WANTED: In an effort to reduce the number of leftover books, we will NOT accept: general fiction and non-fiction, children's books, cookbooks, instruction "booklets," quilt magazines before 2010 or any dusty, damaged or otherwise unappealing books and magazines (please recycle).

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

● **Sewing Room Sale:** We have started collecting items and will continue to do so. **The final day to donate is February 14th, the night of the evening bee.**

WANTED: Accepting 100% cotton fabric suitable for quilting, Cotton flannel, Wool and wool felt, Sewing notions, Vintage cotton fabric, notions, Quilt patterns, Yarn, knit and crochet items, Rulers, scissors, rotary cutters, sewing boxes and sewing storage items, Orphan blocks and UFO quilt projects, Thread, Quilt related artwork.

NOT WANTED: Polyester fabric, decorator and drapery fabric or tissue paper patterns for clothing.

Any questions, ask committee members Lil Evans, Betty Ann Dawson, Linda Glass, Geri Dulis, Rosemary Geisler, Stephanie Adrian, Silvia Homa and Jane Russell

● **Loose Threads Auction:** Do you have a quilt, UFO, new skein of yarn or sewing item that really is just too nice for the sewing room sale? Perhaps it might work for the Loose Threads Auction! Talk to members of this committee (Pat Philion, Marie Traxler, Christine Fallon, Clem Dupont or Donna Matthias) to see if your donation would help their efforts. Members are asked to donate a FQ or two of holiday fabric...not just Christmas, any holiday at all (They could use some Easter fabric). We are also putting together a Notions Basket – if you have any NEW notions you'll never use lurking in your sewing space.

● **Craft Sale:** Here is an opportunity to sell your handicrafts. Items are sold on consignment with the guild retaining 10% and prices are set by each crafter. Contact committee members Margie Allen, Stephanie Adrian or Barb Painter for the inventory/price sheet required for all sale items.

February BOM



The Block of the Month pattern for February is the Log Cabin Heart block. Directions have been sent as an attachment with this newsletter. Carolyn Thompson can answer any questions.

Keep working on all your BOMs and be sure to get them quilted. The BOM committee is going to have their program in the spring to show us how to put it all together.

February Birthdays

- 1 Joanne Gardner
- 3 Pat Leiter
- 4 Virginia Gates
- 8 Eileen Frankil
- 9 Brenda Calhoun
- 9 Edy Martin
- 13 Sally Ater
- 20 Judy Magner
- 27 Jane Moses



Fabric Exchange

February's **Batik** color is **Pink**.
 Cut 6 1/2" squares and place them in a zip-lock bag marked with your group, A or B, and your name.

- **Group A** give your squares to Clem Dupont.
- **Group B** give your squares to Linda Glass while Marylou Boryta is away.

Hospitality



| | <u>February 7</u> | <u>February 21</u> |
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| Snack: | Debby O'Keefe | Susan Glaser |
| Snack: | Betty Ann Dawson | Jane Russell |
| Fruit/Veggies: | Geri Dulis | Gayle Hammond |
| Cold Drink: | Kathy Parker | Jane Moses |

Naphtali

Jane Russell spearheads donations for a group serving Native Americans called Naphtali. Here is a wish list for the residents of the Lakota reservation. Jane is thrilled to accept any of these items at any time.

Needs for Baby Bundles:

All clothing should be Newborn size
 Receiving blankets
 Heavy blankets
 Disposable diapers
 Infant washcloths
 Long or short sleeve side snap undershirts
 One piece suits or gowns
 Sweaters, caps, booties

Needs for Bags for New Mothers:

Cloth bags
 Scarf, hat, gloves / mittens, slippers or socks
 Sugar packets, tea bags, hot chocolate packets
 Cereal bars or cookie packets
 Combs, tooth brushes, hair ties, band-aids
Travel Size items: hand lotion, shampoo, conditioner, tooth paste and soap

Household:

Blanket
 Sheets (flannel are great!)
 Towels

School Supplies:

Notebooks
 Coloring books or pads of plain paper
 Crayons
 Pencils
 Pens
 Markers or colored pencils
 Back Packs
 Erasers
 Rulers
 Glue Sticks (Not liquid glue)

Nominating Committee

The nominating committee is up and running! Please contact: Laurie Kelly, Pat Leiter, or Pat Philion if you have a recommendation for officer. The open positions are: President, Vice-President, and Secretary. Please check with the person you are recommending before you submit their name. You may also recommend yourself.

A nominating slate will be presented at the May meeting at which time nominations from the floor are also accepted. The election is held in June.

Thanks for your willingness to serve our great guild!

Art Show

*Malvern Retreat House
 315 South Warren Avenue
 Malvern, PA*

*Wednesday, February 7 - Sunday
 February 11, 2018*

10 am - 7 pm (Sun until 4 pm)

Over 100 juried artists selling art pieces including painting, photography, jewelry, fine art, glasswork and ceramics.

www.malvernretreat.com/artshow

A quick word about membership!

I plan to send out an updated membership address list in February. If you have any changes, please email them before February 15th so updates can be made. Thanks!

Pat Leiter

Getting to Know You

Bonnie Strickland

While growing up in Kimberton and graduating from Phoenixville High School, Bonnie had many opportunities to learn to sew from her widowed mother who was a seamstress. However, she never really had a serious interest in needles and thread until much later.

Giving up the single life at ages 17 and 18, Bonnie and Fernley were happily married for 55 years until he passed away from a long illness just two years ago. They were the parents of two children. Bonnie's invalid daughter died just last year. Her son, 5 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren, live in the area. Having family nearby has been a blessing for Bonnie.

After marriage, Bonnie went to work at Container Corporation and stayed for 33 years. During those years she worked in the Quality Control, R&D and Accounting departments. As a teacher in the Owen J. Roberts district, Fern had summers off and they took their pop-up camper throughout the U.S. and Canada, especially enjoying national parks with a particular interest in Yellowstone. Canoeing was also a favorite family pastime. They loved history and were inspired by various European countries as well as Ireland.

Bonnie was active with the American Legion in Spring City where she was involved in activities to raise money for the Veterans' Center and support national crises. She has also served her church in a number of volunteer capacities.

Bonnie and her friend, Lil Evans, heard of a quilt guild in the area a few years ago, did some investigation and were invited to attend one of our meetings. After watching "Show and Tell" a couple of times and learning all that goes on in our guild, they joined Loose Threads in 2015. Bonnie quickly got back to sewing and, with Lil's help, created her first quilt in record time. Since then,

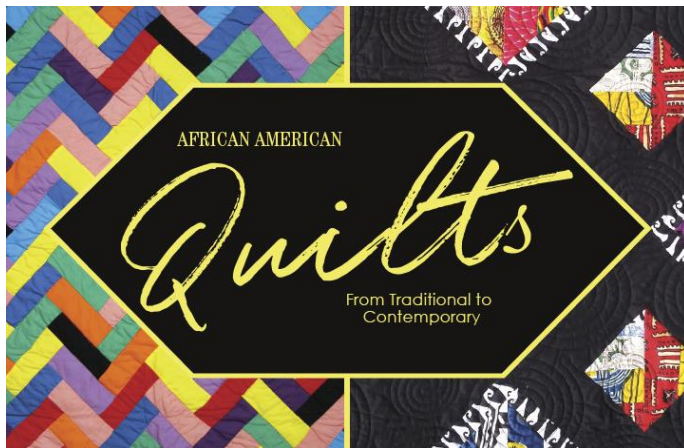


she has tackled a number of new quilting challenges and created quilted items for charity. She also has served on several committees and especially enjoyed being involved with the caterers for the past Tea.

Bonnie feels that a new door has opened for her and is very pleased with the many friendships she has made within the Guild. She has especially enjoyed the retreats, the speakers, and the demonstrations of new techniques. Guild meetings are very convenient to her home in Royersford and she finds it very satisfying to learn new skills with such friendly, helpful people while making items that are helpful to others.

Joanne Cantwell

Local Exhibit



African American Quilts: From Traditional to Contemporary January 20 - April 15, 2018

The Mercer Museum hosts two African-American quilt exhibits featuring both traditional and contemporary pieces. *Unpacking Collections: The Legacy of Cuesta Benberry, An African American Quilt Scholar* highlights the textile collections of the late Cuesta Benberry, a 20th Century pioneer and researcher in the field of American, and especially African-American, quilt-making. The exhibit features 13 important quilts from Benberry's collection, plus related materials. It traces her contributions to quilt scholarship, as well as reveals the rich history of African-American quilting. The show includes works by such well-known individuals and communities as Faith Ringgold and the Gee's Bend quilters, as well as a quilt by Benberry herself.

Also on view in conjunction with the Benberry exhibit is *The Friendly Quilters: 21st Century Traditions*. A vibrant and highly-creative quilting group, centered in Bucks County, the Friendly Quilters continue to produce both traditional and innovative textiles that push the boundaries of African-American quilt-making. Approximately two dozen works, ranging from full-size quilts to wall hangings, comprise the exhibit.

Members on the Go



Sandy Michalec, a Loose Threads associate member now living in Olympia, Washington was in Troy, NY visiting family during the recent holidays. Clem Dupont, Pat Phillion and Linda Hamel couldn't pass up an opportunity to visit with a favorite 'quilty' friend when she was this close by. There was a lot of catching up, equal parts reminiscing and, as usual, a good deal of laughter.

February Program

The February program will be **BINDING**, with several demonstrations including how to make bias binding, facing as an alternative, and how to connect the end strips of your binding.

Be sure to bring a notebook and pen and if you want to follow along, bring a **SQUARE** of fabric any size from 12" to 18", a rotary cutter, ruler, mat and sewing machine if you choose.

Debby O'Keefe

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

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and is available on our website
www.theloosethreadsquilters.org



Valentine Quilt

Here's a cute Valentine themed quilt I saw online. It would be very easy to duplicate without any pattern. The background is scrappy, pieced with rectangles, and the 'heart' flowers have a rick-rack stem.