



Loose Threads News

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April 2018

1st Wednesday Agenda

9:30 Doors open -
refreshments & socializing

10:00 Business Meeting
Show and Tell

3rd Wednesday Agenda

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refreshments & socializing

10:00 Quilt as You Go
Kiti Williams and
Silvia Homa

President's Message

I'm writing this on March 21. It's the 4th time in 2018 that a snowstorm has fallen on a Wednesday morning affecting our quilt guild meeting. It's disappointing to miss our guild meetings where we experience comradery and carry out many fun and important tasks.

But we can be grateful that we were able to accomplish our 2018 Tea set up and Tea. The show and activities were awesome this year. We also had the March 14 evening bee and have planned a March 23 field trip to the AQS show in Lancaster. Hope some of us were able to use our winter and spring snow days to finish (or start) some sewing projects.

The April 4 meeting looks to be very full. Please watch your emails and read through the newsletter for announcements so that we can be organized for catching up on guild activities. We have another Day Camp planned for April 10 and 11 and a speaker and workshop coming in May. Let's hope we will be *snow-free* going forward.

Eileen



Lancaster Quilt Show



This year's bus to the quilt show may have been smaller, but not the good time!



27th Annual Quilter's Tea

Despite several extended winter snowstorms causing the loss of two critical planning meetings, the 27th Annual Tea of the Loose Threads Quilt Guild went off without a hitch on Saturday, March 10. Approximately 115 guests found their way to the United Church of Christ in Spring City where they were welcomed by 50 Guild members and associates for a busy and fun day of immersion in the 'sport' of *quilting*!

A flurry of activity on Friday, March 9 resulted in a meeting site transformed from top to bottom. As described by a newer member who had been a guest at several previous Teas, it was totally amazing to "get behind the scenes" and watch the rooms take on new meaning as tables went up, stations were identified for registration and various activities, see the meeting room take on a new look with tablecloths, teapots for centerpieces, place settings, etc. A visit to the church Sanctuary was mind-blowing with a vast array of beautiful quilts created by members being displayed artfully.

Saturday morning dawned crisp and clear and coffee was brewing early, bountiful baskets of yummy muffins appeared in the dining room and guests started to arrive promptly at 8:30am. They registered, received folders advising them of the workshop that they would attend, enjoyed a cup of coffee and went on to peruse the various stations of interest. A huge sewing room displayed dozens of items collected from Loose Threads members along with a number of donations, all for sale. One could fit out an entire sewing room from all that was available plus find fabrics, yarns, rulers, and much more, all for sale at bottom-dollar prices. From here, folks wandered on to a craft room featuring unique items for sale and all made by Guild members. Another corner offered dozens of used books and magazines, all of interest to fellow quilters. The LTQ auction was popular as individuals chose beautifully displayed items of interest and purchased tickets for drawings held at the conclusion of the Tea.

A trip upstairs (with elevator service for those interested) led to the Sanctuary where ambitious Guild members had displayed dozens of colorful quilts of all sizes hung on quilt racks and draped over pews. One display featuring the quilts made for the annual "Challenge" was stunning. A special exhibit here and on the stage of the dining room featured "*Threads of Love*" Memorial Quilts made by family members of organ donors paying tribute to those who have given the gift of life.

After shopping and viewing the many displays, guests gathered in the dining room to hear Dr. Janneken Smucker, Associate Professor of History at West Chester University. Janneken, who grew up in a Mennonite home in Indiana, spoke on the topic of "Amish Quilts." Her family background plus extensive study of the history of quilts made a most interesting program. Within minutes after the speaker concluded, a beautiful and delicious catered luncheon appeared in the dining room with appetizing trays of mini-sandwiches, veggies and fresh fruits, along with cookies and cakes for dessert. Lunch was served to the total 165 attendees in record time and was very well received by all.

From here, guests went on to one of six Discussion Groups featuring Guild members as hostesses and leading discussions accompanied by demonstrations on various techniques. Approximately 45 minutes later, they reconvened to a freshly cleaned dining room for the final activities of the day. Guests were encouraged to bring in items for "Show 'n Tell" and several did. In particular, some of those who had won Tea Blocks in last year's drawing brought in finished quilts that they had created using those "Sea Glass" blocks. Next came drawings for door prizes, LTQ Auction Prizes, Tea Block winners and finally, Viewer's Choice Awards with Donna Matthais winning "Viewer's Choice" for her unique and stunning giraffe quilt!

Sincere thanks were extended to Linda Hamel and the Quilters Tea committee members for the many hours spent planning and executing another wonderful day and a delightful way to spend a chilly March Saturday once more!

2018 Quilter's Tea

Melinda gathering email addresses



'Crafty' ladies Margie and Barb ready for sales

Marie selling those blue tickets!



Pat & Clem working the Auction



Jean & Debby - Book Sale





Judy putting the Sewing Room crew, Lil, Betty Ann & Linda, to work



Judy, Judy Brenda & Laurie



Carolyn & Toni, the busy (!) coffee crew



Our emcee Jane



Tea blocks won by our former member Alicia Paist



Bonnie, Loretta, Gayle & Linda



Threads of Love, special exhibit

Schwenkfelder Library & Heritage Center

PENN DRY GOODS MARKET Antiques Show & Sale



Antique and
Vintage Textiles



May 18 & 19, 2018

Schwenkfelder Library
105 Seminary Road
Pennsburg, PA
Friday, May 18 10-5
Saturday, May 19 10-4
Admission \$6

"The Penn Dry Goods Market is a special kind of antiques show and sale. It features antique and vintage textiles plus things that might have been found on the shelves of an old dry goods store. More than an antiques show, it is built around two days of lectures on textile history and workshops, attended by people from all parts of the country."

~Lita Solis-Cohen Maine Antique Digest,

The Penn Dry Goods presents the most noted textile experts in the country together with some of our local historians offering a lecture program of great diversity. Each lecture is \$25 (\$30 at the door). Pre-register for your choices by sending an email to joane@schwenkfelder.com or call Joanne Jalowy at 215-679-3103. Spaces fill quickly. Show admission is free with purchase of lecture ticket.

Here are the quilts topics:

Friday, May 18

American Quilts and Their Stories Linda Baumgarten, Textile and Costume Specialist

What in Your Shrank? A View of the Evans' Shenandoah Valley Quilt Collection
Beverley & Jeffery Evans

Saturday, May 20

The Fabric of Our Nation: Quilts and their Makers at the National Museum of American History Madelyn Shaw

New York Quilts Sharon Waddell, Independent Quilt Historian

Future Exhibit at the Library

Pennsylvania German Samplers

April 27 – October 5 in the Fraktur Gallery

The survey of samplers will focus on regional similarities and differences, and a comparison of needlework done by member of religious groups such as the Schwenkfelders and the Mennonites.

Cynthia England - May Workshop

These are the choices people have for the Cynthia England workshop on Tuesday, May 15, 2018. You can do either one! I need to know who wants to do the workshop **by April 2nd** and which design you want. Cynthia will be making up kits and sending them to us ahead of time. We also need to know so that if we have any openings we can offer them to Valley Forge members for a minimal fee.

Members can email me at family5kelly@comcast.net to let me know if they want to do the workshop and their choice of project. Once committed they must give a check payable to Cynthia England for \$37.00 to Christine. This cost covers your kit which includes all materials to make your wall hanging top. **This is a commitment** since Cynthia is making kits ahead of time.

Laurie Kelly

Country Road

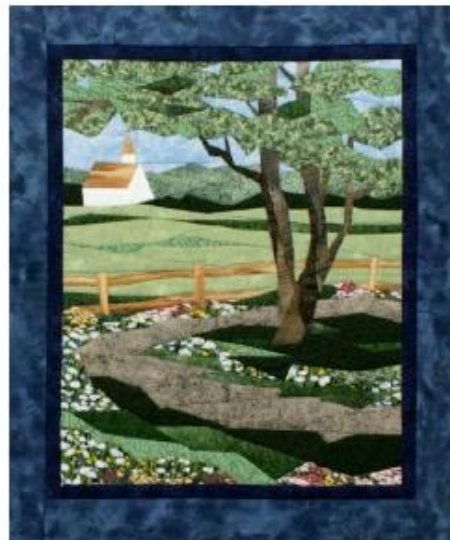
Supply List

17" X 19"

Material Fee: \$37.00, payable in class

Includes pattern and fabric for top complete with borders and binding.

This landscape design features "Picture Piecing", an original technique using freezer paper. This is NOT foundation piecing! We will not be sewing through paper.



Tropical Scene

Supply List

17" X 19"

Material Fee: \$37.00, payable in class

Includes pattern and fabric for top complete with borders and binding.

This landscape design features "Picture Piecing", an original technique using freezer paper. This is NOT foundation piecing! We will not be sewing through paper.



Upcoming Events

Pennsylvania Relief Sale – April 6-7, 2018
Benefits the Mennonite Central Committee.
At the Farm Show Complex, Harrisburg, PA
www.PAReliefSale.org

Around the Garden Path Quilt Show -
April 14-15, 2018. Presented by County Line
Quilters at St. Cyril of Jerusalem Social Hall,
1410 Almshouse Rd., Jamison, PA. For
more info visit
<http://countylinequilters.org/>.

Roses 2018 Quilt Show - April 14-15, 2018.
Presented by Beachplum Quilters of the
Jersey Shore at Tom River Elks Lodge
#1875, 600 Washington Street, Toms River,
NJ. For more info visit
<http://www.beachplumquilters.org/>.

Steel City Fiber Festival – April 15-16, 2018
At Merchant Square Mall, Allentown, PA
www.steelcityfiberfestival.com

The Quilt & Sewing Fest of NJ – April 26-
29, 2018 Presented by Mancusco at the
New Jersey Convention and Expo Center,
97 Sunfield Ave., Rariton Center, Edison,
NJ www.quiltfest.com

April Birthdays



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| 4 | Rosemary Geisler |
| 14 | Melinda Novatnak |
| 20 | Cathy Nelson and Kathie Travis |
| 24 | Diane Hess |
| 28 | Marylou Boryta and Janet Freedline |

Fabric Exchange

April's **Batik** color is **PURPLE** Cut 6
½" squares and place them in a zip lock
bag marked with your group, A or B, and
your name.

- **Group A** turns their squares into Clem Dupont at each business meeting.
- **Group B** turns their squares into Marylou Boryta.
- If either Clem or Marylou is NOT at a meeting, give your squares to Linda Glass

Hospitality

Snack:

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Fruit/Veggies:

Cold Drink:

April 4

Toni Hughes

Loretta Radewonuk

Margie Allen

Clem Dupont

April 18

Barb Painter

Linda Hamel

Melinda Novatnak

Jane Russell



COFFEE CAKE.

Quilters Day Camp

The final opportunity to sign up for Quilters Day Camp (Tuesday, April 10 and Wednesday, April, 11) will be at the April 4th business meeting. Please remember, you must pay when you sign up. We are at capacity. Anyone not paid by the 4th will be dropped to make room for someone else. The cost is \$20 regardless of how many days (one or two) you attend. Lunch will be included on both days. If you cannot make it to the meeting, please mail your payment to Betty Ann Dawson.

John will be at Day Camp for knife sharpening on Tuesday only. Please label your scissors and knives. Payment is cash to John on the day of service. Since all the snow cancellations, we didn't have the chance to send around the sign-up for the knife/scissor sharpening, but we will do that on April 4th.

Lil Evans
Betty Ann Dawson



The half-price sale of everything left from the Tea Sewing Room Sale will take place prior to and after the Business Meeting on April 4, 2018. That will be the only time that it will occur. Bring cash or check, we take either.

April Program

Okay ladies, the time has come to start putting together the BOM blocks you have been making! Join us for the April workshop. Bring your sewing machines, sewing supplies, completed blocks, sashing fabric for Silvia's technique, and a note pad and pencil. The fun is just starting, remember, we promised you this would NOT be "just another UFO"!

If you doing the 'Quilt as You Go' workshop by Silvia's sashing method:

1. You will need to bring in fabric for the front and back sashing - we will be cutting a 1 1/8" (front) and 1 3/4" (back) strips of fabric

If you don't want the sashing to show in the quilt, bring in fabric that is the same or will blend in with your background or backing fabric

2. If you want a have a **wider** sashing, for the front, we will be cutting larger strips (4 1/2 and 2 1/2 inch strips) and you will need to bring in some strips of batting also. (1 1/2 inch)

3. An accurate 1/4 inch seam allowance will also be needed, so whatever tools you use to obtain that, (seam guides, tape, or special 1/4 inch feet), bring that in also.

4. Iron and starch, like Best Press

Any questions please call Silvia [610-933-5295](tel:610-933-5295)

Kiti Williams
Sylvia Homa

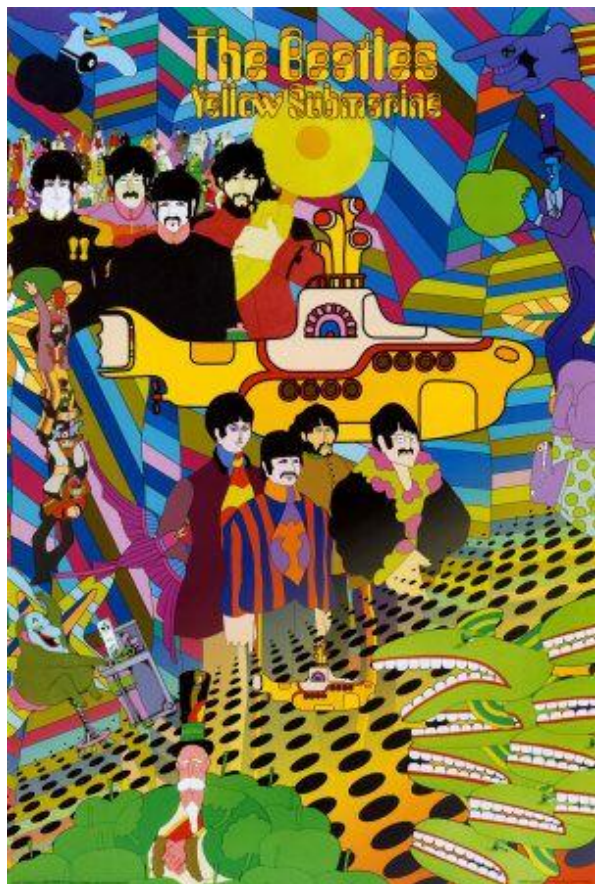
2018 'Beatles' Challenge

Have you started yet? I've been listening to the Beatles channel on Sirius radio for inspiration and there are so many Beatle's songs that I'd forgotten about. Remember *Blackbird*, *The Long and Winding Road*, *This Boy*, *Mean Mr. Mustard* or how about *My Guitar Gently Weeps* or *Do You Want to Know a Secret?* I've got so many ideas churning around in my head, but just haven't been able to settle on one yet. Soon.

Remember the rules:

Use any Beatles' song or lyric as an inspiration for your challenge quilt. Songs from their solo recording days are also acceptable. You can utilize any technique, fabric, embellishment or shape to make your quilt. It should measure no larger than 160 inches around the perimeter.

Questions? Contact Jane Russell



Free Pattern

Brighten up your kitchen this spring with this fun and whimsical *Dash into Spring* placemat! All you need is a charm pack and two 2 ½ " precut strips OR it's scrap friendly!



Happy Spring ladies! Here is a free pattern from Craftsby for an adorable spring placemat.

<https://www.craftsy.com/quilting/patterns/dash-into-spring-placemat/480624>

Christine Fallon

Help for Hospitality

Our current Hospitality committee (also known as the "coffee committee") includes Gayle Hammond, Geri Dulis, and Barb Painter. We so appreciate these ladies. Our meetings would not be the same without them. Sadly, our Geri Dulis is unable to lift and carry items while recovering from a fractured right shoulder.

During Geri's recuperation, we would like to have one or two additional people volunteer to help with hospitality. It involves arriving by 9:15 to bring items from our closet area to the kitchen. The committee brews the coffee and hot water, and sets out paper products and the refreshments brought by guild members. The committee also cleans up during the final half hour of the meetings.

Please consider helping until Geri is back in good shape. You'll get to know EVERYONE, and have first crack at the goodies. Please call Gayle Hammond or Eileen Frankil if you are interested or have questions. Thank you!

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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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www.theloosethreadsquilters.org



Our guests liked so many of the quilts at the Tea that just 2 awards weren't enough...
congratulations to all the Viewer's Choice winners of the 2018 Tea Quilt Show!

1st Place to Donna Matthais and 2nd Place tie, Susan Glaser and Laurie Kelly & Linda Hamel