



Loose Threads News

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July 2018

1st Wednesday Agenda

NO MEETING

3rd Wednesday Agenda

9:30 Doors open -
refreshments & socializing

10:00 Program begins –
Christmas in July

President's Message

Summer is here, and it's always been my favorite time of year. I love the sunny days and long evenings' daylight. Beautiful flowers, and fresh produce are in abundance. Summer brings special occasions for many of us. Graduations, weddings, new babies, vacations and visiting – all good reasons to create a quilt.

Summer is a fun time for outdoor events and traveling. Prepare some handwork that you can take along when you're out of the house. Summer is playtime. And sewing is our play.

Summer is the end season for our Loose Threads Guild year. In August and September we will be planning and forming our committees for the new year. Over the summer, as you enjoy your play, begin to ponder what new things you'd like to help with next season.

Happy summer!

Eileen



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June Show 'n Tell

Linda Garthe and
Linda Hamel
showed their
projects from the
Cynthia England
workshop held in
May.

Beatles Challenge



We're half way there...it's six months until our Holiday Brunch and the reveal of this year's challenge, the Beatles. A quick survey at the June meeting showed that many have started, several can't decide due to an abundance of ideas and Betty Ann is already done!

To recap the rules:

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

(And songs from their solo recording days are also acceptable.)

Fabric Exchange

July's **Batik** color is **gold**. 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

Upcoming Events

Annual Bucks County Quilt Showcase

– July 1-September 3, 2018. At the Bucks County Visitor Center, 3207 Street Road, Bensalem, PA 19020. www.visitbuckscounty.com/events/annual/bucks-county-quilt-show/.

The Muncy Historical Society 14th Annual Quilt Show & Exhibition July 13-14, 2018 at the 1st United Methodist Church, 602 S. Market St, Muncy, PA www.muncyhistoricalsociety.org

Quilt Odyssey - July 19-22, 2018. At the Hershey Lodge & Convention, W. Chocolate Ave. & University Dr., Center in Hershey, PA 17033. www.quiltodyssey.com/.

Calico Cutters Quilt Guild

Meets at 9:30 AM on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at:

Goshen Fire Company
1320 Park Avenue
West Chester, PA

July 11, 2018 – [Mark Sherman](#)

Join Mark for this hilarious and inspirational look at what it's like to be a man quilter. He will take you to guild meetings, quilt shows and more. Mark discusses how he became a quilter, what quilts he's currently working on and where he's going with all of his art in the future. This lecture includes showing you his quilts (not slides). This lecture promises you will have more fun than a barrel of "quilters".

Farewell to a Friend

Jean Atwood

A memorial service was held on June 14th for the family and friends of Jean Atwood. It was a celebration of a remarkable life. (Among many of her interests and achievements, we learned that Jean had a private pilot's license in the early 1950s!)

Jean joined Loose Threads in 2002 and became a hard-working and valued member right from the start. No matter what the job, Jean would take it on with her even-tempered, no nonsense attitude and always do her very best. Jean was always busy; rarely would a Show 'n Tell pass by without Jean displaying a quilt she'd just completed, destined either for a member of her large family or our charity efforts.

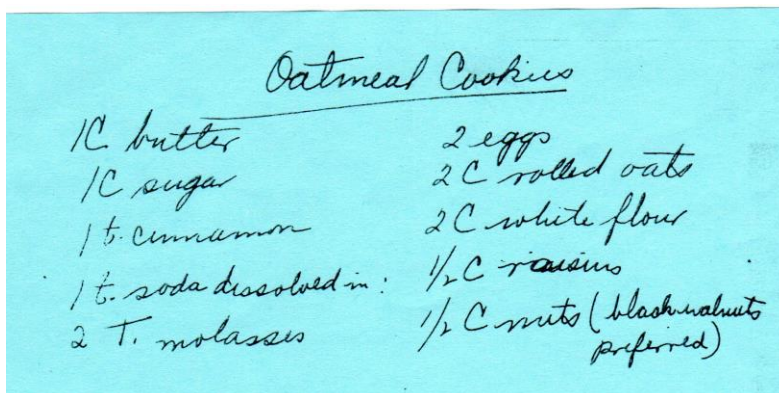
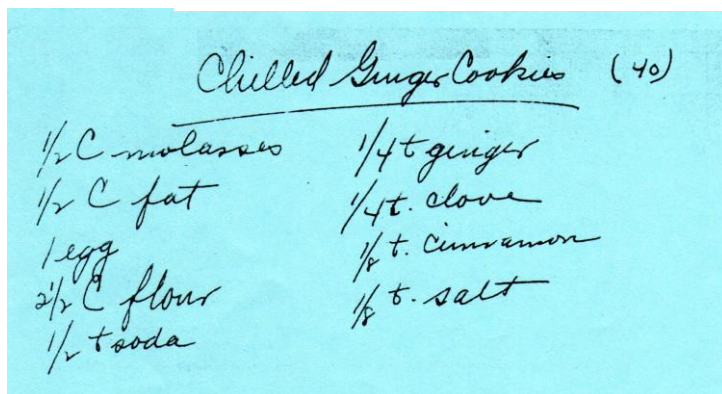
A large portion of the refreshments served at the memorial service luncheon was made from Jean's own recipes. The family included copies for the attendees and here's a couple of tasty ones for her guild friends.



Jean's 90th birthday celebration at our guild meeting in December 2013.



Imagine Challenge, December 2007



Minutes – June Meeting

The Monthly Business Meeting of the Loose Threads Guild was held at the United Church of Christ in Spring City, PA on June 6, 2018 facilitated by President Eileen Frankil. Meeting was called to order at 10:00am.

Announcements: A memorial service for former member, Jean Atwood, has been planned by her family and will be held on June 14 at 11:00am at the Faith of Phoenixville Baptist church.

A card from Geri Dulis was read, thanking everyone for their calls and cards during her recent convalescence.

The Challenge: All were reminded to keep working on their Challenge project for December.

Charity Projects: Nancy Kinyon-Samec reported on the total number of completed charity quilts made by Loose Threads members and available for distribution. Additional fabrics are available for charity projects, see Nancy for additional information. Our host church has also been the recipient of fabrics that they are passing along to Loose Threads for charity projects.

Day Camp: Sign up with Betty Ann Dawson if you wish to attend the next Day Camp on October 9-10. The cost is \$20 and monies are being collected by Betty Ann at this time. Available space limits the attendance to 32-35.

Evening Bee – A sign-up sheet for the Evening Bee on June 13 was circulated.

Fabric Exchange: Linda Glass and Mary Lou Boryta collected blue fabrics for the fabric exchange.

Field Trips: A possible bus trip to the Quilt Show in Chantilly, VA late May/June 2019 was proposed. Christine Fallon will research.

Hospitality: A volunteer was requested for temporary help with the Hospitality Team for several months beginning in August when Gayle Hammond will be recovering from knee surgery.

Contact Eileen Frankil if you can offer assistance for a few months.

Library: Books are being purged from the Library to make room for new books. A list of new books will be available in the July newsletter.

Needle Night: Winnie McCarraher has offered to host the annual “Needle Night” on Friday, October 19. Details will be forthcoming.

Newsletter: Linda Hamel welcomes input and articles for the monthly newsletter. Linda reminded members that if Block-of-the-Month instructions exceed one page, they will be offered in a separate attachment to the newsletter.

Election: In accordance with the By-Laws, 2/3 of the membership were in attendance so the annual Election proceeded. Nominations from the floor were allowed, however in the future, nominations from the floor will occur at the **May** meeting. The slate was read, there were no further nominations, ballots were circulated and the following were elected: President: Eileen Frankil; Vice-President: Patt Leiter; Secretary: Silvia Homa. Christine Fallon will be returning for the second year of her 2-year term as treasurer.

Programs: The June program will feature presentations by some of the Tea Discussion groups: Sewing Tips: Christine Fallon; Sourdough Exchanges: Melinda Novatnak; Dresden Plate: Nancy Miller (bring small scissors, needles, thread). Check the July Newsletter for the July program.

Row by Row: Boxes with projects are being exchanged today, June 6.

Secret Pal – Since there will be no Business Meeting in July, bring July gifts to the second July meeting.

Tea: The 2019 Tea will be held on Saturday, March 9 with a snow date of March 16. Tea Chair Diane Hess is reviewing two potential speakers. Donations

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Exhibit at Audubon Center



Recognize this challenge display? It was our *Birds & Words* challenge from 2016. The John J. Audubon Center at Mill Grove located at 1201 Pawlings Road in Audubon, PA is interested in our 2016 *Birds & Words* challenge quilts for a fall exhibit. The quilts are to be displayed in the upstairs gallery space of this historic house/ museum in our community. Information about the center can be found at www.johnjames.audubon.org.

Expect our exhibit to be on display from mid-September to mid-October. Please consider participating by lending your 2016 challenge quilt. Eileen Frankil will coordinate the gathering and delivery of the quilts to and from the project coordinator.

Please call back your quilts from wherever they may have flown. Eileen will collect quilts anytime between now and the deadline of the **August 1st** business meeting. You should receive the quilts back at the first meeting after the exhibit ends. Please be sure your name is on your quilt. Thank you!

Any questions, call Eileen 267-304-0969.



First home of John James Audubon in America

Member Experience

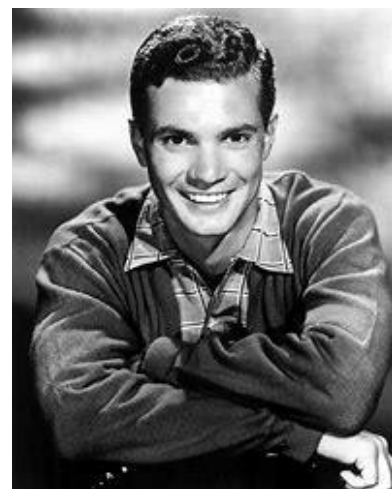
Game Shows

As we watch Eileen Frankil's second brother, Jim McGinnis, compete on Jeopardy on July 3, it brought back memories of my experience on a game show. Living in Los Angeles in the late 1960's, I had several co-workers who had been contestants on "You Don't Say" – an NBC afternoon game show hosted by Tom Kennedy (sort of a Tom Bergeron of the day). The format of the game included a "celebrity" who played with a contestant, vs. another "celebrity" with a second contestant. The focus of the game was to come up with the name of a famous person or place so the host would call out a clue such as "On Mondays, homemakers usually always do the _____". Answer: "Wash... Washington... George Washington!" (Yes, it's true... there were lots of homemakers in the '60's who still declared Mondays as Wash Day). Winners solved more clues than their opponents.

To become a contestant, one had to attend a taping show at NBC Studios in Burbank, pick up an application there, fill it out and mail to the producer in Hollywood. Applications were sorted and potential contestants were invited to the Hollywood office to play the game. It went pretty well so I was called for a second game-playing session in Hollywood. Passed that "interview" too so then received a call two weeks later to be at the NBC Studio on a Thursday evening and take 3 changes of clothes with me – "bright colors" requested, no black/white. Potential contestants had to wait until the contestant before them bowed out, and when I was next in line, I was asked what type of refreshment I would like: Scotch, bourbon, gin, vodka, etc.– all served in coffee mugs, trying to get anxious contestants relaxed.... as the producers already were!

They taped three shows one at a time and I got on the second and third game of the night with my celebrity partner, Mary Ann Mobley, a former Miss America. We did well and I came back the following week with more wardrobe, to play with celebrity Dwayne Hickman, "Dobie Gillis" of Gilligan's Island. Didn't take long that time and I was stumped but happy to have had the experience of being on three shows AND I earned \$500 which just covered the cost of two round-trip plane tickets home to the Midwest for Christmas!

Joanne Cantwell



Dwayne Hickman



July Program



Join us for our July Program - **CHRISTMAS** in July. We will set the room up in stations like last program meeting.

- Lenore Clarke will display her collection of quilted ornaments
- Judy Peters will have her seven snowmen runner (This pattern can be purchased at www.allthroughthenight.net or auntiejusquiltshoppe.com now on clearance for \$7.50) and a Winter's Welcome door hanger (free pattern on <http://www.allpeoplequilt.com>).
- Nancy Miller and Bernie Hughes will demonstrate a pincushion using hexies. Bring fabric, hand sewing supplies and we will have the rest. (These make great gifts or make one for yourself!)

If you have any favorite "Christmas ideas" bring them along to show to the group

Since this is our only meeting for the month of July, bring a lunch and stay to visit with other members.



Reminder: Eileen's brother, Jim McGinnis, from near Pittsburgh, will appear on Jeopardy. The episode is scheduled for July 3.

And yes, this is a different brother! When is it Eileen's turn?



Thank you to my secret pal!

Eileen

Quilters Unlimited Quilt Show

My daughter, Sharon, and I took beautiful back roads to get to Chantilly, Virginia for the quilt show put on by the Northern Virginia quilt guilds that ran from June 1-3, 2018. It is a huge quilt show rivaling the ones we go to locally. Vendors are plentiful coming from far flung places such as Louisiana, Florida, and Massachusetts. (Yes, I made several purchases!) The quilts are grouped by the guilds, Arlington, Vienna, Alexandria, etc.

The most fascinating display of quilts was one entitled Whisper Down the Lane. Remember Whisper Down the Lane? The first person makes a quilt based on a photograph. In this case, it was a vase of flowers with a small elephant in the background. She gives it to the second person who makes a quilt with her interpretation of the first quilt. (This quilter picked up on the elephant). She passes only her quilt to the next person to be interpreted by that person. The final quilt's theme was Japanese flowers! I'd love to participate in this with five quilting friends!

Sharon and I took a class, Scrap Petals, all day on Sunday with Penni Domikis (www.cabinquilters.com). We arrived with our background prepared in quadrants. Sharon and I fused our petals while most of the class used a product called Terial Magic. Of course I bought some. When you spray it on fabric and iron it, it becomes as stiff as paper. It ran through my printer making perfect quilt labels. It washes out to become fabric like again.

It was a great weekend!

Judy Snook

Judy suggested that next year's Chantilly show might make a fun day trip. Our field trip committee is looking into that possibility.

June Minutes, cont.

Tea: Donations for the Sewing Room Sale will be received beginning in July and may be transferred from car-to-car in the parking lot (no need to carry everything in!). Committees will be formed in August/September.

Announcement: Eileen Frankil has confirmed that the John Jay Audubon Society would be delighted to show the 2016 "Birds and Words" Challenge quilts at the Wildlife Sanctuary. They can accommodate 33 quilts. Eileen will receive member's challenge quilts by August 7. She will then help with the display in the historic Audubon house for the month of September.

Raffle Winners: Business Meeting Raffle: Kathy Parker; Name Tag Winner: Judy Snook

Membership: It was announced that any Associate members wishing to come back as Active Members of Loose Threads, please let Pat Leiter know.

The meeting concluded at 11:00am, followed by a robust "Show 'n Tell" period. June Block-of-the-Month directions followed.

Respectfully submitted,

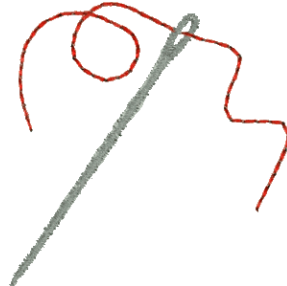
Joanne Cantwell, Acting Secretary



Quilt Frame for Sale – Cost \$25
Contact Betty Ann Dawson

June Program

Tea Discussion Topics



Members working hard on their Dresden Plate samples.



In June we enjoyed having our fellow members as program speakers. Three popular Tea discussion topics were presented:

Sewing Tips to Make Your Quilting Life Easier
Christine Fallon and Judy Snook

Quilters Exchanges
Melinda Novatnak

Easy Dresden Plates
Nancy Miller



New Officers



President: Eileen Frankil

Vice-President: Pat Leiter

Secretary: Silvia Homa

Treasurer: Christine Fallon

congratulations

JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 20 Linda Glass
21 Judy Snook
31 Winnie McCarraher



Thank You

Dear friends,
I want to thank all of you who took the time to call me and sent those beautiful cards. Once again! I also want to thank the guild for the beautiful flowers that helped to cheer me up. This was just another bump in the road. I hope and pray my bumps are over for a while.

Thanks again,
Geri Dulis

Hospitality



Snack
Snack
Fruit/Veg
Cold Drink

July 4
NO
MEETING

July 18
Kathy Parker
Nancy Kinyon-Samec
Linda Hamel
Loretta Radewonuk

Getting to Know You

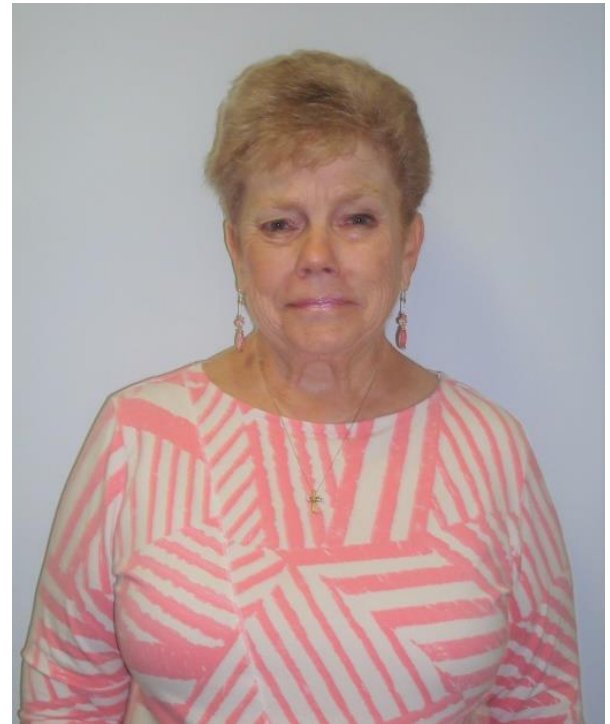
Gerri Dulis

Gerri grew up in Pottstown and graduated from Pottsgrove High. While in middle school, her mother took her to the local Singer store and enrolled her in a sewing class where she made her first dress. Since then, she has been an avid sewer, turning out not only her own clothes, but her husband's suits, daughter's wedding dress, and countless clothes for her family (3 daughters, 1 son, 5 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild). Sadly, Gerri lost her oldest daughter to a serious illness only a few months ago. She and her husband, Al, (married 54 years) live in East Coventry. She initially chose to stay at home with their small children, then eventually went to work in a podiatry office for a number of years, a job that she enjoyed.

Gerri also has a love for embroidery. She was a member of the Covered Bridge Embroidery Guild for many years where she met her friend Gayle Hammond. Gayle invited her to a Loose Threads meeting in 2004 and she joined soon thereafter.

She greatly enjoys quilting and finds that piecing is her most favorite part or sewing applique. Within the Guild, Gerri can be found working at the Tea and the Holiday Brunch and is usually behind the coffee counter at each Loose Threads meeting. Her other activities center around her church and annual trips to Florida with her husband during our cold winters.

Gerri loves to participate in our field trips and visits to quilt shops and one of her most memorable Guild field trips was a bus trip to the DAR Museum in Washington DC several years ago. An errant door on the bathroom in the bus resulted in some serious injuries, the severity of which were only discovered after she got home, leading to a 2-year recovery. Nevertheless, she is eager to get out to more field trips once again.



One of these days Gerri will be joining the "Show and Tell" line to introduce us to her lovely long-awaited **King-Size** quilt! Started in the 1980's, it has been resurrected from the UFO category several times, has traveled to workshops and retreats now and then and has been fully quilted. It will appear as soon as she can get the binding sewn on it. Unfortunately, other things keep getting in the way of this large sewing task so maybe LT members could help out some day at one of our "basting days"? Stay tuned!

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
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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

SAVE THE DATE

Winnie McCarraher has graciously
agreed to host our annual **Needle
Nite** again this year. It will be held
on Friday, October 19th.

