



Loose Threads News

Volume 24 Issue 2

November 2018

1st Wednesday Agenda

9:30 Doors open -
refreshments & socializing

10:00 Business Meeting
Show and Tell

3rd Wednesday Agenda

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10:00

**Bring Your Own
Project**

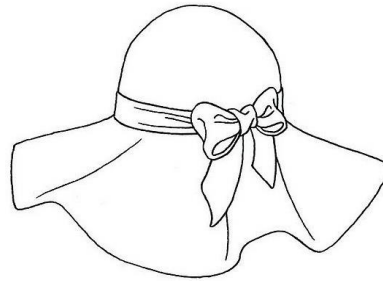


President's Message

*"One of the challenges of wearing so many hats, is that I love each
and every one of them."*

~Andrea Davis Pinkney

In our group we are all quilters. If quilting doesn't keep us
busy enough, we all wear many other hats. We are:



Nurses, Teachers, Domestic Engineers, and other
Professionals.

Knitters, Crocheters, Painters, Writers, and other Artists.

Mothers, Grandmothers, Aunts, Children, Siblings,
Partners, and other Relatives.

Neighbors, Parishioners, Volunteers, Board Members,
Voters.

Sports Fans and Players, Readers, Cooks, Collectors,
Movie buffs.

Travelers, Hikers, Dancers, Exercise, and Game
enthusiasts.

And very importantly, "Friends."

In November try not to let social media and shopping
consume all your time. Enjoy all of your many hats.
Especially the quilting and friend ones.

Eileen

Minutes – October Meeting

CALL TO ORDER Business meeting started promptly at 10 am

ITEMS TO NOTE:

- The church is sponsoring a candy fundraiser and is taking orders.
- Check the new committee sheet for your new responsibilities. See Eileen if you are interested in a committee that has a need for more members
- Linda Glass had a request from her neighbor, who is looking for someone to finish a quilt by hand or machine. Let Linda know if interested

Basting: Next scheduled day is Halloween 10/31. See new committee members if you have a quilt to be basted

BOM: The last block was discussed and pattern available. There will be a new focus for the next BOM

Challenge: Those members on the waiting list can also participate in the challenge

Historian: Committee members are looking for any pictures to put in the archive – contact Kathy Parker

Holiday Brunch: Planning is under way for the brunch on Dec 5th

Hospitality: Sign-ups are full til next year, new sheet available for Jan 2019

Programs: Vote was taken to cancel the program meeting in Nov, (day before Thanksgiving) 13 cancel ; 19 keep meeting scheduled

Speakers: Speaker is scheduled for Oct meeting. See newsletter for details. OK to send out invites to other guilds to come. Guests will have to pay for workshop and lecture.

Retreats: Needle Nite is Oct 19 at Winnie's

house. Pizza at 6pm. Members can come earlier. See Winnie if you have any parking /walking issues. Don't forget to bring your own ice cream

Round Robin: Ending Oct 3. The reveal will be at the holiday brunch. A finished top would be great

Sunshine: Kathy Nelson's planned surgery went well, long recovery time. Sue Glaser back from lengthy illness

Tea: Diane Hess will be handing out committee forms, place your preference: new list will be available soon. Tea is March 9, 2019 with snow day March 16th.

Upcoming Events: Birds & Words exhibit ends Oct 7

UFO challenge: New committee, Mary Lou handed out a form to list all your pending UFO's. Encouraged to work on them with prizes offered every 3 months, starting in Jan.

Website: Diane is looking for apprentice to take over website in the future

Membership: membership is full with 2 on the waiting list.

Treasurer: Christine reported guilds' expenses and income.

Raffle winners: Gift provided by Bernie Hughes; Business Meeting Raffle: Susan Glaser Nametag: Linda Hamel

Meeting finished at 11:00 am, followed by show and tell.

Respectfully submitted by:
Silvia Homa – Secretary

October's Workshop & Program with Nancy Bills



Everyone really enjoyed Nancy Bills, our guest speaker in October. Her lecture, "*What to do with things that you don't know what to do with*", offered so many great ideas which ranged from using small pieces of batting on your sweeper to techniques using orphan or vintage quilt blocks in unique settings that result in terrific quilts.

A similar theme was carried over into her workshop where we learned to use vintage hankies, embroidered dresser scarves, doilies, lace and buttons to make 'crazy pieced' projects.

Nancy brought a wonderful variety of vintage supplies for us to add to our workshop pieces or, for some, our stash. Great fun!



Members on the Go

Mary Larkin

Alex and I went on a trip to see America's National Parks in September. We flew into Denver, CO and joined a bus tour going to Rapid City, South Dakota, the city of the presidents. There were statues of all of the presidents along many streets. It was so nice to stop and read the details on plaques for each of the Presidents. Next day we visited Crazy Horse Memorial and Mount Rushmore National Memorial. It was such a beautiful warm day, we just had to have an ice cream cone made with Thomas Jefferson's famous ice cream recipe.

We then headed towards Wyoming enjoying a drive through the Black Hills National Forest and a guided tour of Deadwood. Afterwards, we visited Tatanka to learn about the story of the Bison and the Lakota people - how their survival depended on using the Bison for food, clothing, utensils and making material for lodging.

The following day was southern Montana and a visit to Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument. The museum was so informative and the history of the battle trail really gave you an idea how strategic the Lakota, Cheyenne and Arapaho warriors, led by Chief Sitting Bull, managed to defeat Custer and his military.

On to the Buffalo Bill Center of the West which had five areas of historic weapons, art and memorabilia from his *Rodeo and Wild West* shows. I wished we had a whole day to spend there.

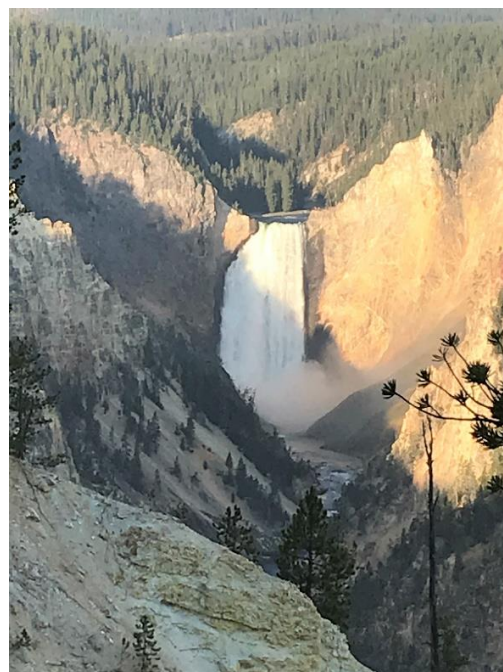
We spent two days in Yellowstone National Park and it was awesome, so hard to even describe the beauty of this park. We visited the geothermal properties such as geysers, hot springs and mud pots. We viewed the Grand Canyon of Yellowstone, the Lower Falls and Mammouth Springs. It was so exciting to see Old Faithful in its glory. In fact, I managed to see it at least 5 times.

We traveled south into the breath-taking Grand Teton National Park and settled into the town of Jackson. That night we were treated to a horse-drawn covered wagon trip into Cache Creek Canyon and had a great Barbeque dinner and wild west show. Great fun. Our last day in Jackson Alex and I took a float trip down Snake river and enjoyed the scenery of the beautiful Tetons.

Finally, we journeyed south from Wyoming through beautiful mountain ranges into Utah. In Salt Lake City we took a tour of the capital city, historic monuments and the Mormon Tabernacle and Temple Square. We returned home with wonderful memories of our National Parks trip.



Ronald Reagan



Grand Canyon of Yellowstone

Quilter's Day Camp

Another Quilter's Day Camp is in the books and all agreed it was another great success. The organizational ability of Betty Ann Dawson and Lil Evans is now legendary. Every detail is considered from ample extension cords, cutting and ironing stations, room set-up complete with our 'Quilter's Café' dining area and finally to all that delicious food - morning, noon and even afternoon snack. Well done! Of course, there were sewing machines humming on both days but so many other different projects were happening also – wool embroidery, hexie hand piecing, T-shirt quilt design, coiled clothesline bowls, Accuquilt-cut Christmas trees and even cutting pink felt into a poodle skirt circle.



Diane Hess shows a group her Accuquilt Christmas wreath



'It takes a village' to help Mary Larkin cut out a Halloween costume poodle skirt.



Marie Traxler's daughter Patty came to sew...broken bones or not!



Fabric Exchange 2019

The Fabric Exchange for 2019 will begin very soon. We are featuring 2 ½" strips this year in both batiks and solids. If you are interested in collecting these strips for your quilting use, please sign up in November 2018 with Joanne Cantwell.

The 2019 Fabric Exchange will begin in January and will run through September, 2019. Each month you will cut 2 ½" strips of a pre-selected color for the month and place them in a zip-lock bag with your name on it and turn them in to **Virginia Gates, Toni Hughes or Joanne Cantwell**. At the following meeting you will receive a group of strips in that color that other Fabric Exchange members have chosen.

When the sign-up period ends on November 30, 2018 and we know how many are participating, you will be notified of the exact number of strips to cut monthly for the remainder of our quilting year 2019.

We will be selecting **batiks strips** in specific colors for the first part of the year, followed by **plain strips** in specific colors for the last part of the quilting year as follows:

MONTH	SIZE	FABRIC TYPE	COLOR
January 2019	2 ½" strips	batik	orange tones
February	2 ½" strips	batik	brown tones
March	2 ½" strips	batik	deep reds
<u>April</u>	<u>2 ½" strips</u>	<u>batik</u>	<u>dark green tones</u>
May	2 ½" strips	plain	orange tones
June	2 ½" strips	plain	brown/rust
July	2 ½" strips	plain	deep red
August	2 ½" strips	plain	dark green
September	2 ½" strips	plain	yellow

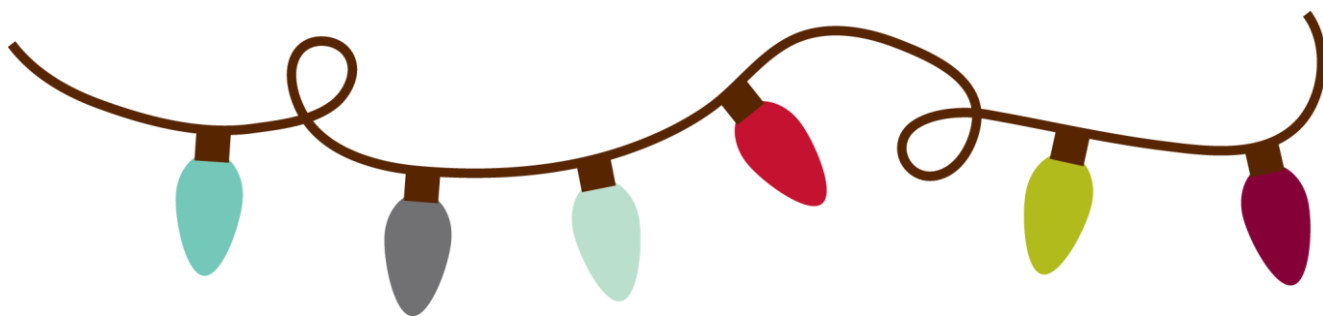
We will conclude the exchange at the end of September, 2019 so that the next team can be off and running a bit earlier than we are able to this year. If you have any questions, please contact Virginia Gates, Toni Hughes or Joanne Cantwell.

Hospitality

Snack
Snack
Fruit/Veg
Cold Drink

Nov 7
 Kathy Neiman
 Joanne Cantwell
 Brenda Calhoun
 Betty Ann Dawson

Nov 21
 Barb Painter
 Silvia Homa
 Donna Matthais
 Geri Dulis



YOU ARE INVITED

Loose Threads Holiday Brunch

Wednesday, December 5, 2018

10:00 A.M.

Gift Exchange – If you would like to participate, bring a quilt related gift valued at \$20, wrapped with your name written on a card inside.

Bring your Beatles' challenge quilt in a plain bag

Bring Row by Row quilt tops for display

Bring 2 dozen cookies to share

Bring your Holiday mug

Secret Pal revealed

2019 Tea Committees

Lead Up

Discussion Topic Selection: Judy Snook, Cathy Nelson, Carolyn Thompson, Eileen Frankil, Marylou Boryta, Debby O'Keefe (NOTE: Will need 6-12 discussion group leaders/assistants for the day of the Tea)

Door Prizes: Winnie McCarraher, Judy McCourry, Mary Larkin, & Marcela Sivco

Invitations: Diane Hess, Linda Hamel

Menu selection/catering: Susan Glaser, Linda Garthe, Janet Freedline, Sally Ater

Registration: Laurie Kelly & Catharine Morano

Tea Block Design: Jane Russell, Silvia Homa, Christine Fallon

Tea Block Collection (Distribution-Saturday): Christine Fallon, Silvia Homa

Tea Folders: Joanne Cantwell, Toni Hughes, Nancy Kinyon-Samec, Janet Freedline

Viewer's Choice Ribbons: Margie Allen

Parking Coordinators: Linda Hamel, Clem DuPont

All - Lead-up, Friday & Saturday

Auction: Donna Matthias, Marie Traxler, Pat Pillion, Kathy Parker, Linda Hamel

Book Sale: Clem DuPont, Silvia Homa, Debby O'Keefe & Judy Snook

Craft Sale: Stephanie Adrian, Barb Painter, Loretta Radewonuk & Margie Allen

Sewing Room Sale: Lil Evans, Betty Ann Dawson, Toni Hughes, Judy Peters, Carolyn Ferrandino, Nancy Miller, Bonnie Strickland, Jane Russell

Friday

Quilt Show: Rosemary Geisler, Eileen Frankil, Nancy Kinyon-Samec, Judy Magner, Laurie Kelly, Mary Larkin, Pat Leiter, Virginia Gates

Quilt Rack Load-in/Set-up: Diane Hess to coordinate getting help

Friday & Saturday

Coffee: Bernie Hughes, Carolyn Thompson, Nancy Miller

Dining Room Set-up/Clean-up: Brenda Calhoun, Lenore Clarke, Jean Sullivan, Lori Memmen, Judy Magner, Geri Dulis

Kitchen/ Food Prep: Susan Glaser, Linda Garthe, Lenore Clarke, Sally Ater, Gayle Hammond, Marylou Boryta

Saturday/Day of Tea

Bathroom Monitors: Judy McCourry, Christine Fallon

Emcee: Lori Memmen (with Pat Leiter as back-up)

Greeter/White Glove: Linda Glass, Kiti Williams, Rosemary Geisler, Winnie McCarraher

Hostess: Marylou Boryta, Laurie Kelly, Pat Leiter, Debby O'Keefe, Lenore Clarke, Jean Sullivan, Judy Peters, Kiti Williams, Marie Traxler, Eileen Frankil, Melinda Novatnak, Judy Snook, Brenda Calhoun, Clem DuPont & Catharine Morano (Alternates: Donna Matthias)

Mailing Table: Kathy Neiman

Parking Shuttle: Virginia Gates

Quilt Rack take-out/load in truck: Diane Hess to coordinate

Viewer's Choice Tabulations: Linda Hamel & Eileen Frankil

Needle Nite



This year's Needle Nite saw a return visit to Winnie McCarraher's home. Most members brought projects to work on, but it seemed most time was spent snacking, chatting and laughing. We all enjoyed the opportunity to visit with Joanne Gardner, one of our associate members living in New Jersey. Thank you Winnie!

The guild is having an optional collection of (mostly paper) products to gift to the church as a token of our appreciation for our wonderful meeting place. Please begin collecting the following types of items and bring to the church on our 2nd meeting in December 19th.

The church can put the following are items to good use:

- Reams of copy paper - regular, and especially legal-size (for the folded church bulletins.)
- Paper towels - bi-folded for the dispensers, or rolls
- Toilet paper
- Stamps
- Envelopes - business size, letter size, and 9 x 12
- Scotch tape
- Napkins
- Paper plates
- Trash bags - 44-45 gallon or 30 gallon
- gift cards to Staples

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS



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28 Bonnie Strickland

Upcoming Events

12th Annual Exhibition of Quilts - November 9-10, 2018 Presented by the Lebanon Quilters Guild at the Lebanon Expo Center & Fairgrounds, 80 Rocherty Road, Lebanon, PA Admission \$8
www.lebanonquiltersguild.com/exhibition-of-quilts/

Fall in Love with Quilts – Nov 17, 2018 Presented by Mail Line Quilters at Berwyn United Methodist Church, 140 Waterloo Ave., Berwyn, PA
www.mailinequilters.org

Beatles Challenge



It's not too late!

Questions?
Contact Jane Russell

Getting to Know You

Kathy Parker

About two years ago Kathy Parker's friend, Lil Evans, urged her to visit a Loose Threads Quilt Guild meeting and she was excited to find such an inviting group! Kathy was born in Media and moved to the Norristown area as a child. She worked in banking and was taking up business law before she married. She has lived in the same house in the Royersford/Collegeville area for 39 years which was built by her husband who sadly passed away two years ago. They had been married for 46 years and have two children, a daughter and son who both live in the area and she now enjoys her 3 grandchildren.

Kathy started to sew while in the 6th grade, taught by her Mom, and she made her own wedding dress and 3 bridesmaid dresses as well as a wedding dress and bridesmaid dresses for her daughter! She got into quilting in the past five years and has a sewing room in the basement that is most handy.

For 27 years Kathy worked for the Spring-Ford School District as Food Service Director responsible for 72 employees in 11 schools. She retired from that busy job in 2011 and now enjoys her quilting hobby. This year she is making quilted table runners for Christmas gifts and also crochets baby blankets and preemie hats. She likes to work in pinks (a favorite for her oldest granddaughter) and purples.

Kathy has fond memories of the travels that she took with her husband to Italy, Germany, and Austria as well as to Mexico and the Canadian Rockies, and their cruises to the Caribbean and Alaska. She also counts reading and church work among her many interests.



Kathy has found many friendly, light-hearted ladies in the Loose Threads Guild who are most helpful and she has gladly taken on responsibilities coordinating our Secret Pal program and serving as our new historian – (you'll catch her snapping lots of photos in that new role)! We're so glad to welcome Kathy as one of our newer members.

Joanne Cantwell

New Block of the Month

Applique – but without tears!

Intro and demo after November business meeting

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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:

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610 948-4516

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

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www.theloosethreadsquilters.org



It was a crisp autumn day for our October road trip. We started off at the Quilt Ledger in Christiania, PA, a delightfully bright and cheery shop with a modern spin featuring Tula Pink fabrics, books and quilts on display. Lunch was nearby at the Bullfrog Inn where most everyone ordered (and then raved about) their special, Mom's Crab Bisque. Our final stop was the Quilt Block in Exton.