



# Loose Threads News

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## 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday Agenda

9:30 Doors open -  
refreshments & socializing

10:00 Business Meeting  
Show and Tell

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday Agenda

9:30 Doors open -  
refreshments & socializing

10:00 Finalizing Work  
on the Tea



## President's Message

*Women friends are our mental health insurance."*

*~Mary Pipher, author*

I like this quote because it reminds me of our Loose Threads Guild. In fact, many of you have expressed this. Here are some of your responses from the September 2018 survey question:

"These are some things I like about our guild."

- *Such a great group of women*
- *The friendships*
- *Everyone really enjoys getting together*
- *It is easy to get to know members*
- *A group of creative, fun, and loving women*
- *A willingness to help each other out personally*
- *Everyone gets along so well*
- *Everyone is willing to help anyone that asks for help*
- *The friendliness*

In our flurry of guild business and efforts leading up to the March Tea, let's not overlook one of the most precious benefits of guild membership – the friendships. Let's be kindhearted, understanding, and accepting of our friends. Let's remember to cheer each other's efforts and achievements. And be tolerant, forgiving, and encouraging to those who struggle. Try your best to work together, to perform your important duties, to give help where needed, and to look out for one another. We are each other's mental health insurance.

*Eileen*

Reminder: The President's mini challenge quilts will be due at our **February 20th meeting**, so they will be available to use at our 2019 Tea. Make an **8-inch by 8-inch square** quilt, of any technique, that conveys the message "Don't Touch the Quilts."

# 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 2, 2019 facilitated by President Eileen Frankil. Meeting was called to order at 10:00am.

**Business Meeting Raffle:** Gift was provided by Lori Memmen. A reminder that the tickets are for 50 cents a chance.

**Basting:** Next basting day is January 30<sup>th</sup>. If a quilt needs to be quilted, see member of basting committee, Kiti, Jean Sullivan or Kathy Neiman.

**Block of the Month:** BOM pattern in the January newsletter. See Kiti or Silvia if you have any questions.

**Challenge:**

1. President's Mini Challenge: create an 8 X 8" finished mini quilt block, that can be used at future quilt shows to remind guests to not touch the quilts. These will be due on Feb 20<sup>th</sup>.
2. Wings is the theme for this years' challenge. Linda Glass and Debbie O Keefe will help inspire and give ideas to participate.

**Charity Projects:** Collecting Lap quilts for Manatawny Manor. See newsletter for updated information.

**Day Camp:** Next Camp date is April 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>, cost \$20.

**Evening Bee:** Next date is Jan 9<sup>th</sup>. Check Springford School District website for closings or early dismissal. Bee will be canceled if school is closed for the day.

**Fabric Exchange:** 2½" orange batiks strips are being collected for Jan. Feb will be brown batik 2½" strips.

**Field Trips:** Wednesday February 27<sup>th</sup> at the Philadelphia Museum of Art will be a Fabulous Fashion Exhibit. Senior admission \$18. More info to follow next month.

**Holiday Brunch:** The committee is looking for new ideas for favors and would like guild members to bring in their collection of favors for inspiration at Feb 6<sup>th</sup> meeting. If you have any new ideas, please share with the committee.

**Hospitality:** Gayle is going for her next knee replacement in Feb.

**Library:** New Quiltmania magazine available for check out.

**Membership:** Collecting currently, if there are any changes in address or email, please highlight the change on the form. If you need a new name tag, let Pat Leiter know.

**Newsletter:** Linda is looking for any interesting articles to add.

**Programs:** Skills Day is set for January's program meeting.

**Round Robin:** Whisper Down the Lane will start in Feb. See newsletter for description. Groups are formed and envelopes handed out for first exchange.

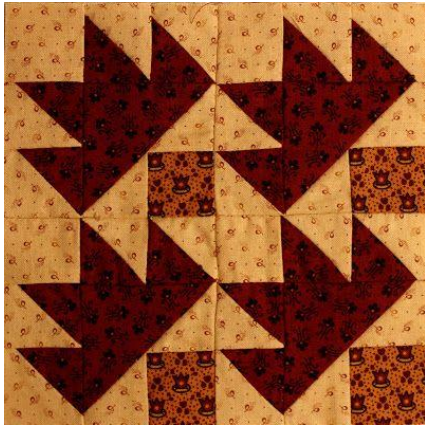
**Secret Pal:** See Margie or Kathy Parker for any questions. New exchanges start Feb.

**Speakers:** Next speaker is Joyce Hughes on machine thread painting. Workshop Tuesday April 16 and lecture Wed April 17.

**Sunshine:** Needed for Kathy Neiman who had pneumonia and is now home: Loretta Radewonuk who fractured her femur and went to rehab and will be home soon: Barb Kuterbach who is recovering from an illness at Sanatoga Manor: Virginia Gates who got a new knee and is doing well: Judy Shafer who is also doing well and Kathy Travis who is battling another bout of cancer and would appreciate cards, texts or emails.

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# WINGS Challenge



Darting Birds

For those of you who do not appliqué, fear not! After a brief discussion with my committee co-member, we decided anything with wings is good. I spent a short time on the internet and came up with a list of pieced quilt blocks that will “qualify”.

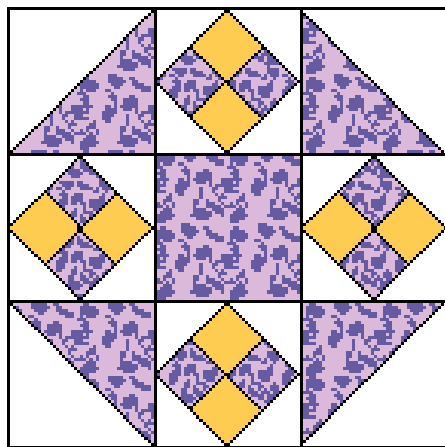
B is for Butterfly, Darting Birds, Birds in the Air, Crows Foot, Shoofly and Flies in the Barn. Of course, there is Flying Geese, Goose in the Pond, Hovering Hawks, Dragon and Pegasus. Yes, they all have wings!

And I found Water Wings, Red Wing, Broken Wing and a Bat Wing. There are more and we’ll keep you posted and hopefully inspired. Keep it simple and have fun!

Here are some web sites with lots of block directions:

[www.generations-quilt-patterns.com](http://www.generations-quilt-patterns.com)

[www.quilterscache.com](http://www.quilterscache.com)



Butterfly

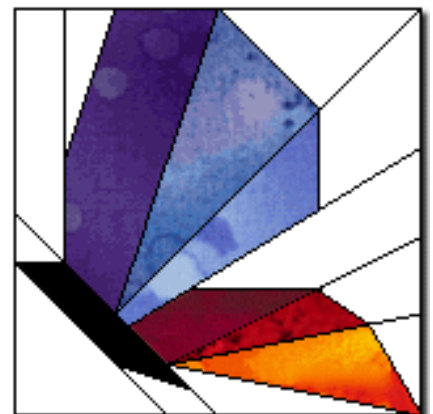


Hovering Hawks



Crows Foot

Linda Glass



B is for Butterfly



## Road Trip

### *Fabulous Fashion: From Dior's New Look to Now*

Currently on exhibit at the Philadelphia Museum of Art

Day trip on February 27, 2019

Admission \$18

Sign up with Betty Ann Dawson



“Experience the drama and glamour of some of the most creative feminine fashions ever designed, from romantic ball gowns to audacious contemporary ensembles, and everything in between. See how designers have used color and pattern, shape and volume, draping, metallics, and embellishments to continually reinvent the art form. The pieces in the exhibition—daywear, bridal wear, and more—showcase the Museum’s outstanding costume collection. Many are on view for the first time.”

<http://www.philamuseum.org/exhibitions/873.html>

## Upcoming Events

**Mid-Atlantic Quilt Festival** – Feb 28 – Mar 3, 2019 Presented by Mancuso Show Management at Hampton Roads Convention Center, Hampton, VA  
[www.quiltfest.com](http://www.quiltfest.com)

**Quilt Preview** – Feb 28 -Mar 2, 2019  
Thurs. & Fri.: 9 a.m.- 8 p.m. Sat.: 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

So what is this thing called quilting which so engages us all? It is a creative craft that challenges us at all levels, from the simplest block to the art quilt. But it is also a community, a community mostly of women, who through quilting, are able to give a space to themselves. Ostensibly we create quilts for our family, friends, and good causes, but actually the quilts give us space to express ourselves. We meet for quilting, but through the quilts we find people of like mind who become friends.

Margaret Rolfe, Australia  
*Down Under Quilts*

## UFO Challenge

Reminder - UFO Challenge lists need to be turned in to Marylou at the February Business Meeting (2/6/19). Additional projects can be added to lists as projects are completed (or if you find a hidden UFO!). Any questions, see Marylou Boryta at the meeting.



## Tea Reminders

- Tea Block:** Please make a SCRAP HAPPY 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 December newsletter or the Tea Invitation section. The blocks are due by Friday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, but turn them in any time prior to Christine Fallon
- Quilt Show:** Put the finishing touches on your quilting projects so they will be ready for display at the Tea. We hope that everyone will have something to show at our annual show. Don't forget workshop projects from Cynthia England and Nancy Bills, last year's Beatles challenge, all those creative Row by Rows and the 'quilt as you go' BOM. If your quilt is bed-size please attach a sleeve for hanging – temporarily, using safety pins, will do.
- Book Sale:** We will begin to accept books beginning at the Feb 6<sup>th</sup> business meeting. Last day to accept books will be the day before the Tea (Friday March 8<sup>th</sup>). No donations the day of the Tea!  
**WANTED:** Accepting quilt books, craft books, quilt novels, general fiction and biographies (fairly recent and in good condition) and quilt magazines no older than 2010.  
**NOT WANTED:** In an effort to reduce the number of leftover books, we will NOT accept: 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: Clem DuPont, Silvia Homa, Debby O'Keefe & Judy Snook
- Sewing Room Sale:** We have started collecting items and will continue to do so. **The final day to donate is the February 6<sup>th</sup> business meeting.**  
**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.
- 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 (Linda Hamel, Pat Philion, Kathy Parker, Marie Traxler, or Donna Matthias) to see if your donation would help their efforts. Members are asked to donate a FQ or two of fabric for our *100 Fat Quarters Basket* – no theme this year. We are also putting together a *Notions Basket* – if you have any NEW notions you'll never use lurking in your sewing space, consider a donation.
- Craft Sale:** Here is an opportunity to sell your handicrafts. Prices are set by each crafter and items are sold on consignment with the guild retaining 10%. Contact committee members Margie Allen, Stephanie Adrian, Loretta Radewonuk or Barb Painter for the inventory/price sheet required for all sale items.

## January Minutes, Continued

**Tea:** Date March 9, 2019 and snow day is March 16<sup>th</sup>. Tea Blocks are being collected by Silvia Homa & Christine Fallon. Feb 6<sup>th</sup> meeting is the last day to donate to sewing room. Chinese auction looking for donations for themed baskets. Please donate a fat quarter or 2 for the raffle basket.

**Treasurer:** A 3-month recap was provided by Christine.

**UFO challenge:** 14 sign-ups so far; encouraged to start your UFO.

**Raffle Winners:** Business Meeting Raffle: Sue Glaser; Nametag: Jean Sullivan

The meeting concluded at 11:00 am, followed by a "Show 'n Tell" period.

Respectfully submitted by:

*Silvia Homa* – Secretary

## February Birthdays

- 1 Joanne Gardner
- 3 Pat Leiter
- 4 Virginia Gates
- 8 Eileen Frankil
- 9 Edy Martin
- 13 Sally Ater
- 15 Kathy Parker
- 19 Brenda Calhoun
- 20 Judy Magner



## Fabric Exchange

February's **Batik** color is **BROWN**. Cut 2 ½" strips and place them in a zip-lock bag marked with your name. Turn in to Virginia Gates, Toni Hughes or Joanne Cantwell

## Hospitality



**Snack:**

February 6

Toni Hughes

**Snack:**

Linda Garthe

**Fruit/Veggies:**

Donna Matthais

**Cold Drink:**

Diane Hess

February 20

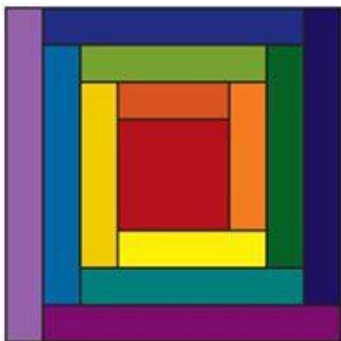
Marie Traxler

Nancy Kinyon-Samec

MaryLou Bortya

Sally Ater

## Quilt Shop



Chester County Quilt Shop no longer has a brick and mortar shop but Ramona still is in the quilting business. You can find her shop link through her Facebook account for Chester County quilting. Her Etsy site has available quantities and a way to directly message Ramona.

I recently placed an order from Chester County Quilting's test shop. Ramona saved me the shipping cost by meeting me at Wawas for a pick up.

<https://www.facebook.com/ChesterCountyQuilting/>

<https://www.etsy.com/shop/ChesterCountyQuilting>

Christine Fallon

The guild is looking into arranging transportation to Lancaster Quilt Show which is March 27-29, 2019. If you have any interest contact Christine Fallon.

## Area Quilt Lectures

### ***Gees Bend Quilts***

Free lecture at Immaculata College

LOYOLA HALL 127

February 13, 2019 12:10 to 1:10 p.m.

Gees Bend is a small area in one of the poorest sections of Alabama. These women made wonderfully interesting quilts from leftover cloth and clothes. Presentation will include a video of the Gees Bend story and a copy of one of the quilts.

### ***The Underground Railroad Quilt Code, fact or fiction, is there proof?***

Sharon Tindall takes the participants through a journey of African ancestry by incorporating all senses of the history of cotton, spinning cotton into thread, weaving the thread into cloth, and creating a narrative about the revelation of quilt codes. The quilt codes are symbolic of hidden messages from which slaves could glean whether or not they were a taste away from freedom or danger was within the shadows.

The talk is February 23, 2019 and will begin at 10:00 AM. It is **free** with **no registration required**.

Location: The Cope House at Awbury Arboretum, 1 Awbury Rd, Philadelphia, PA 19138

Quilt Exhibit: Sharon Tindall's ***From Cotton to Quilts*** will be on display through the month of February 2019 in the Cope House Parlors

<http://awbury.org/events/quilt-code/>





## Getting to Know You

## Joanne Cantwell

It's time to get to know the person who has been writing this column about our Loose Threads members for about 4 years now. Joanne learned to sew at age 10 in a 4-H club that met at the one-room school she attended. Born in Howell, Michigan, she grew up on the family farm purchased from the Michigan Territory (before it became a State) in 1835. She was the fourth generation to attend the same school which was located on a corner of the farm. Serving grades K-8 with one teacher, the total enrollment during her years there fluctuated between 17 – 32 students each year in the 9 grades. She graduated from Howell High and went on to Michigan State University where she earned a degree in Business Ed.

After an interesting experience as a student teacher, she realized that she didn't enjoy reviewing dozens of typing papers each night so she decided to work with adults rather than children. She accepted a job at the Chevrolet Engineering Center in Michigan where autos were developed five years into the future.

Sewing her own clothes throughout high school and college, she continued making dresses and suits for work, then took a tailoring course. She recalls a beautiful wool coat that was so full of tailor's canvas that it was simply too warm and heavy to wear, even in chilly Michigan!

Married to an automotive engineer, she and Chuck drove to Los Angeles where he was engineer on the original Shelby Mustang and she continued with GM at the Oldsmobile Zone Office in Beverly Hills. They welcomed a daughter in California and she began sewing lots of little dresses and play clothes for the baby. A job with Penske Racing brought them to Pennsylvania where a son was born who completed their family. During the next years, she became a stay-at-home Mom who sewed items for the house as well as for the kids.

As the children got older, Joanne took on small part-time jobs, then became the executive assistant to the President of Eastman Pharmaceuticals Research, a division of Kodak. With mergers, etc., her paychecks came from 4 or 5 different pharmaceutical firms as she continued to stay at the same location for the next 15 years, eventually retiring from GlaxoSmithKline in Collegeville where she managed a number of site services.



She eventually discovered Jane Russell's wonderful "Tudor Rose" quilt shop and started taking quilt lessons from Jane who introduced her to Loose Threads. Jane's flannel "snuggle" quilts were some of her early fun projects. She finds that sewing on binding is her most favorite part of quilting as that means the project is nearly completed! Her other interests include her four grandchildren, travel, a book club, church activities and accompanying her husband of 54 years to antique car events throughout the country.

Convenient to her home in Kimberton, in 2003 she was thrilled to join the nearby day-time quilting guild that had so much to offer: friendships, new skills, challenges, retreats, field trips, etc. She served two years as guild Treasurer and a year as Secretary as well as in other capacities. She is proud to be a member of such an inspiring group from whom she has learned so much!

Joanne Cantwell



## January Program – Skills Day

We had a highly informative program in January presented by talented members of our own guild. Members were divided into groups and rotated between four different quilting demos. Silvia Homa showed various tips and techniques for tackling hand applique. Carolyn Thompson had a number of clever suggestions for manipulating pre-cuts for ease in making half square triangles and flying geese. Judy Peters' topic was binding tips and she included a simple technique for a piped edging that everyone was excited about. Toni Hughes, 'paper-piecer extraordinaire,' gave a thorough overview of this technique that she has mastered so well, convincing many folks to give this technique another try.



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## Loose Threads Quilt Guild

Meets at 9:30 AM on the  
1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month,  
with a special basting meeting on the 5<sup>th</sup>  
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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[www.theloosethreadsquilters.org](http://www.theloosethreadsquilters.org)

## Valentine Quilt Ideas



Here's two ideas I saw online which would be very easy to duplicate. Whether you're into 'hexies' or have lots scraps cut into strips, these would be easy projects to add to your TO DO list.

