



Loose Threads News

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March 2019

1st Wednesday Agenda

9:30 Doors open -
refreshments & socializing

10:00 Tea - Final
Details

3rd Wednesday Agenda

9:30 Doors open -
refreshments & socializing

10:00 Tea Discussion
Topics

President's Message

Unfortunately, we had a snow cancellation on February 20. The activities planned for that meeting will be moved to March 6 instead of a business agenda and show and tell. On March 6, come prepared for the following:

- Bring your finished (8-inch) "Don't Touch" mini-challenge quilts. We will have a display, vote, and prizes in the second half of the meeting. – Give to Eileen
- Bring your "SCRAP HAPPY" Tea blocks (2 if you want a chance to win a whole set) – Give to Christine
- Bring your auction/ basket items - Give to Linda Hamel
- Bring your fat quarter donations (at least 2 – no specific theme) and random new notions for our special auction baskets. – Give to Linda Hamel
- Bring books for book sale: quilt and craft books, quilt novels, general fiction, quilt magazines no older than 2010. – Give to committee
- Bring tables or any other items labeled with your name if you offered to lend for the Tea preparation.
- Sign up on the list of quilts for display at the show (with approx. sizes) – Rosemary will have a list. Bring actual quilts on Friday.
- Sign up to provide muffins or cookies on Saturday– look for the lists
- Notify craft committee if you will be selling items
- Bring any sample items you may have offered to lend to discussion group leaders.
- Bring any available receipts to Christine for reimbursement from the Tea Budget.
- Listen to all announcements and read all emails leading up to the Tea.

If participating in the following groups, please bring your items on March 6:

- Fabric exchange for March – deep red batiks
- Secret Pal gifts for March
- Whisper challenge blocks – Pass block #2 to next member/ Return block # 1 and your write-up of how it inspired you to your group's coordinator. (Do these passes without showing anyone else.)

DON'T BRING: Sewing room donations for Tea – It is too late!
Show and tell – will postpone till next business meeting

Eileen





It is with a grateful heart that I express my appreciation for the many acts of kindness and encouragement that you gave me during the recovery from my accident. The flower arrangements, the visits, the newsletters and the many, many cards lifted my spirits during a very difficult time.

I still have physical therapy to do to strengthen my left arm, wrist and hand so I can start sewing again.

I feel so blessed to be part of a group of such caring women. Your friendship means a great deal to me. Thank you again for all your kindness.

Affectionately,

Judy Shafer

March Program

This year's Tea, again, will feature a wide range of discussion topics: Working with Felted Wool, Redwork, the New England Museum, Better Bindings and Edges, Hexies and the 100 Day Project. At our March program we will hear two of these presentations.

Tea Quilt Show

One of the main attractions of the Quilter's Tea is our member quilt show. Here are this year's show rules and reminders:

- All sizes and shapes of quilts are welcome as long as they have never been shown at the Tea before.
- We're anxious to see your personal quilts but don't forget about those 'Guild Projects,' such as the BOM, Row by Row exchange, Cynthia England's and Nancy Bill's workshop projects and, of course, our *Beatles* Challenge.
- Each quilt must have a paper label (described below) attached with safety pins.
- The quilts must be delivered, first thing, to the 2nd floor Church Sanctuary on set-up day, Friday morning March 8th. **NO QUILTS WILL BE ACCEPTED ON SATURDAY!**
- Queen-size quilts must have a hanging sleeve on the back. If you don't want to sew it, then pin it on with safety pins.
- All the quilts will be numbered so the Tea guests can vote for Viewer's Choice. Reminder: **ONLY GUESTS VOTE, NOT MEMBERS.**

Specifications for typing and printing the quilt label: Attached with this newsletter is a **REVISED** electronic MSWord .doc version of the quilt show label for guild members to use at the Tea show. Just type your info directly into the label and print out. It is also posted on our website.

Label size: 5" x 6" Pin with safety pins on the **front**, in the middle of the **RIGHT** side of the quilt.

If you don't have a computer or printer or are simply having trouble, give Linda Hamel your write-up and she will type and print it for you.

Questions: Contact Diane Hess or Rosemary Geisler

Getting to know you

Nancy Miller

Starved for some good quilting conversations, four years ago Nancy conceived an idea for developing an Evening Bee for Loose Threads members who work during the day or who want more “together” time for working on their projects. Meeting for 2-1/2 hours on the second Wednesday evening each month, Loose Threads Evening Bee enjoys regular attendance of approximately ten or so quilters per session. Thank you Nancy for that initiative!

Growing up in Westfield, New Jersey, Nancy recalls learning to sew in the 7th grade Home Economics class where she made her first skirt. She loved to sew and continued taking sewing through Jr. and Sr. High, then followed this eventually with a couple of tailoring classes. She earned a degree in Business Administration from Albright College in Reading, PA where she met her husband Kip. After marriage they moved to Douglasville, PA where she worked in retail and banking for a period until their children arrived. Kip and Nancy now reside in North Coventry and she became a stay-at-home Mom for 18 years with daughter Mandy, now a kindergarten teacher in Boyertown, son Eric, a nuclear physicist in Elizabethtown and daughter Betsy, a mechanical engineer in northern VA.

Many years ago, a friend invited her to attend a Loose Threads Tea and, upon hearing that there was a local quilt guild that offered babysitting, Nancy jumped at the chance to join the Guild. Here she met several of our current members from those early days: Bernie Hughes, Laurie Kelly and Debbie O’Keefe among others. In 1989 she attended a quilting class at the Summer House in Oley (now known as Ladyfingers). Here she made two quilt blocks per month and, at the end of a year, had enough blocks to make a quilt! Her one fiasco with quilting in those early days was her passion for making a Lone Star quilt. After repeated attempts, her quilt just was not coming together and it now resides in Quilter’s Heaven!

Her most favorite aspect of quilting is enjoying the many *fabrics* available today – the colors and



patterns of so many and the shortcuts one learns along the way. She also finds watching the process of quiltmaking fascinating... from the bolt to the piece... many pieces... with the end result of one BIG piece! She also enjoys seeking out and visiting quilt shops as she travels. She is also now a member of the Quilters of Boyertown, a guild that meets in the evening once a month.

Nancy eventually went to work as a Teachers Aide in the Owen J. Roberts district where she enjoys her current role in learning support and autistic support at West Vincent Elementary. She served as Treasurer for Loose Threads before she returned to work and now during her school breaks, she participates in the Loose Threads road trips and various other activities. She finds our Loose Threads members very talented, welcoming and supportive. When she’s not sewing or quilting, she also enjoys reading but her primary interest is spending time with her family!

Joanne Cantwell

How to Care for Your Quilts

Excerpted from the American Patchwork & Quilting website: All People Quilt

<http://www.allpeoplequilt.com/how-to-quilt/quilting-basics/how-to-wash-and-care-your-quilts>

Caring for Quilts on Display

Rotate quilts on display often to give them a rest. This will diminish their exposure to dust, light, and other potential sources of fabric. A quilt that doesn't have an obvious top or bottom can be turned periodically to prevent distortion or damage to the fabrics along one end. You may wish to add a hanging sleeve to more than one edge to make rotating the quilt easier.

TIP: An unused bed makes an ideal storage spot for quilts. Spread your quilts on the bed, separating them with layers of cotton fabric, cotton sheets, or batting to prevent any dye transfer.

Clean and freshen a quilt using one of these methods

TIP: Evaluate antique quilts individually before attempting to clean them. Improper cleaning can damage a quilt. If a quilt has sentimental or monetary value, consult an expert before cleaning it.

Airing Outdoors

Take quilts outdoors once a year on an overcast, dry, and windy day to refresh them. Place towels or a mattress pad on the dry ground and lay your quilts on them. Cover the quilts with bedsheets to prevent debris from falling on them. Avoid placing quilts on a clothesline to prevent stress on the seams.

Using a Dryer

Quilts can be freshened in a dryer on a gentle-cycle/air-dry setting without heat.

Vacuuming

Vacuuming both the front and back of a quilt can help preserve it by removing dust and dirt. Place a nylon hose or net over the end of a vacuum hose and gently draw the hose over the quilt's surface without rubbing it. Always clean a quilt with at least a quick vacuuming to remove dust and dirt before storing it.

Washing

Many everyday quilts are made for heavy use and therefore require laundering. Take care to use a dye magnet, such as a Color Catcher sheet, in a washing machine on a gentle cycle to absorb any excess fabric dye. Avoid washing an antique or heirloom quilt unless it's absolutely necessary. Washing, even when done on a gentle cycle, causes fabrics to fade and is abrasive to fibers. As a last resort, cotton quilts can be washed in cold water with a gentle soap by hand or in the machine on a gentle cycle. Do not wring or twist a quilt; instead, gently squeeze out the water. Wet quilts are heavy and need to be supported when you are moving them to a flat area to dry.

February Minutes

The Monthly Business Meeting of the Loose Threads Guild was held at the United Church of Christ in Spring City, PA on February 6, 2019 facilitated by President Eileen Frankil. Meeting was called to order at 10:00am.

Items to note:

- Pat Lieder's mother recently passed away, services will be held in Texas. Sympathy cards are welcome.
- Kathy Travis is receiving treatment, she is not feeling well enough to come to the meetings at this point, feel free to text or email her to wish her well.
- Gayle Hammond will be going back for surgery for the other knee, in the near future.
- A letter was read from Judy Schafer's husband, thanking the guild for the cards

Basting: Next basting date is May 29th, see committee members if you have a quilt for basting

Block of the Month: Kiti Williams will revise her Feb BOM bird to an easier version for those who are beginner appliquers

Challenge: President's challenge for 8X8" finished quilt blocks, that convey the message, Do Not Touch the Quilts, is due Feb 20 meeting, Eileen has received a few so far. These will be voted on for a prize.
"Wings challenge" there is a list of blocks in the newsletter for piecing.

Charity Projects: Have 1 child and 3 adult quilts

Day Camp: April 9&10 20\$ for a spot, Let Betty Ann know if not able to come

Evening Bee: Feb 13th @6:30 - Members can meet at Giovanni's in Royersford at 5 for dinner

Fabric Exchange: February brown batiks are due.

Field Trips: Feb 27th at the Phil Art Museum, Fabulous Fashion exhibit is planned. Nine have signed up to go. Transportation details need to be finalized.

Sign-up sheet for Lancaster Quilt show bus trip was going around, \$40/ person

Holiday Brunch: Past favors were displayed on the back table

Hospitality: Geri Dulis will take over once Gail is out for her knee

Library: New Quilt Mania magazine ready to be checked out

Newsletter: Tea reminders are in the newsletter. Keep sending Linda Hamel any interesting information for the newsletter.

Nominating Committee: Let the committee know if you are interested in running for office. president, vice-president, treasurer and secretary are all up for re-election. **Programs:** Tea wrap up is scheduled for Feb and in March, a presentation from a Tea discussion is planned

Round Robin: Whisper down the lane challenge will have their first exchange this month

Secret Pal: Gifts given out at the business meeting and will be at the back table for pick up.

Tea:

- Christine is collecting tea blocks, be sure to pin your name on it.
- Kitchen committee is looking for volunteers for set up on Friday at 9am.
- Bring your crafts along with filled out form of name and price on Friday.
- Bring in your books/magazines/ novels on Friday.

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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

AQS QuiltWeek - March 27-29, 2019 At Lancaster County Convention Center, 25 South Queen Street, Lancaster, PA. www.quiltweek.com/locations/lancaster-pa/

The Lancaster Quilt Show, 'The Renegades' - March 27-30, 2019 At Double Tree Resort, 2400 Willow Street Pike, Lancaster, PA. 3 miles from the convention center, 40 plus vendors Free Admission & Free Parking www.lancasterquiltweek.com/

2019 Pennsylvania Relief Sale – April 5 - 6, 2019 All sale day proceeds benefit the worldwide relief efforts of Mennonite Central Committee which include aid to the victims of poverty and other manmade and natural disasters. At the Farm Show Complex, Harrisburg, PA. www.pareliefsale.org

We make quilts like we make our lives - one step at a time - but with quilts we have the option of taking out and reworking the mistakes.

Carter G. Houck

March Birthdays

- 4 Susan Glaser
- 9 Gayle Hammond
- 16 Kiti Williams
- 19 Jo Quaglia
- 25 Marie Traxler
- 25 Judy McCourry
- 26 Betsy Miller



Fabric Exchange

February's **Batik** color is **DEEP RED**.

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

Nomination of Officers

During the months of March and April the nominating committee is accepted nominations for officers. We must elect a new President, Vice President and Treasurer. Sylvia Homa is eligible to be re-elected for another term as Secretary. Serving on the nominating committee is: Pat Leiter, Marylou Boryta, and Kathy Neiman. Let any one of us know, but before you submit a name for the ballot please check with that person to make sure they are willing to serve. The ballot will be presented at the May business meeting and elections will be held in June.

Pat Leiter

Wings Challenge

Here's a few thoughts to help you get started on your challenge quilt.

The 120" maximum perimeter has lots of options.

- For instance, a wallhanging of four 12 inch blocks still allows enough space to add generous borders if you want them.
- Or a quilt of 9 squares, three across and three down, still has room for a border.
- And 120" is plenty of space to create a table runner 40" long.

A medallion quilt could be a perfect design to highlight one beautiful butterfly surrounded by borders.

Don't forget that you can use fabric with birds, butterflies, and other motifs combined with a pattern of your choice.

Add embellishments if you choose. There are lots of buttons of ladybugs, butterflies, bees and bugs available. Be on the lookout for vendors if you head to the Lancaster quilt shows.

And finally, like the samples below, 'wings' can certainly fill the bill when it comes to choosing the quilting design for your project.



February Minutes, Continued

Treasurer: Christine gave the most recent report of guild's finances

UFO challenge: Feb 5th is deadline for sign-up; 26 members are ready for the challenge

Upcoming Events: Immaculata College hosted a free lecture on Gees Bend Quilts on Feb 13th

Website: Quilt labels for Tea are on the website under forms

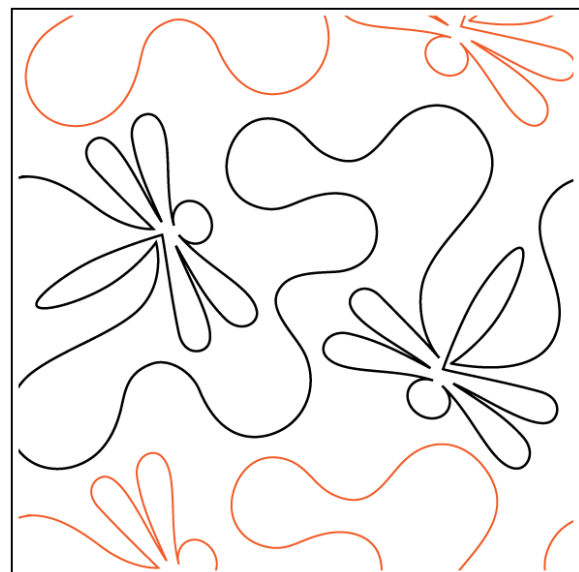
Raffle Winners: Business Meeting: Donna Mathias; Nametag: Melinda Novnatak

"Show 'n Tell" period.

June Block-of-the-Month directions followed.

Respectfully submitted by:

Silvia Homa – Secretary



Road Trip – Fabulous Fashion



The Philadelphia Museum of Art special exhibit displayed a 'fabulous' array of fashion from the late 1940s through 2018. Highlighting techniques that utilized volume, embellishment, draping, color and pattern, our group marveled at the creativity and skill of the designers.



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

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newsletter for the members of Loose
Threads Quilt Guild
and is available on our website
www.theloosethreadsquilters.org

Hospitality

March 6

- Snack:** Judy Peters
- Snack:** Linda Garthe
- Fruit/Veggies:** Bernie Hughes
- Cold Drink:** Silvia Homa

March 20

- Betty Ann Dawson
- Christine Fallon
- Winnie McCarraher
- Diane Hess

