



Loose Threads News

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January 2020

1st Wednesday Agenda

No Meeting

Happy New Year

3rd Wednesday Agenda

9:30 Doors open -
refreshments & socializing

10:00 Business Meeting

Final Whisper
Challenge Exhibit

5th Wednesday Agenda

9:30 Doors open -
refreshments & socializing

10:00 Program -
Cleaning Your
Sewing Machine by
Steve's Sew & Vac

President's Message

Happy New Year everybody! My New Year's wish for all of you is that the year brings happiness, good health and lots of fun Guild adventures (and not a lot of snow and ice). Our year is packed with upcoming events: guest speakers, interesting programs, maybe some field trips, and, of course, the Tea. With any luck, you've gotten a quilt or two finished for display at the quilt show part of the Tea, cleaned out some of your sewing room stuff to donate to the Sewing Room sale and are preparing to do your part as assigned in committees. The Tea is our chief fundraiser for the Guild and it requires the help of all of you to make it a success.

For some, the previous year has been lousy, for others wonderful and, if you're lucky, for others even-keeled. However, this Guild of wonderful women has sustained us, boosted our spirits, loved and supported us, and given each of us something to look forward to every month. With any luck, we will be able to do the same in the coming year!

As always,

Betty Ann



December Minutes

CALL TO ORDER: Vice-President Virginia Gates started the meeting promptly at 10:05

OLD BUSINESS:

- A Thank you note was read from Dona Kern, the church secretary for the gifts presented to her.
- Hope on the Hill needs un-used craft items to donate. There is a collection box by the coat rack.

COMMITTEES:

BOM: Sample shown of sewing room theme BOM. Will provide instructions for the small and large version. Check web site for any updates.

CHALLENGE: “Winter theme”, details coming in January.

CHARITY (SERVICE) PROJECTS: Always in need of some donated quilts

EVENING BEE: Next meeting will be Jan 8 at 6:30. Dinner at Giovanni’s in Royersford at 5pm.

FACEBOOK PAGE: Waiting to set up page with moderators

HISTORIAN: Kathy Parker presented several photo books for the guild to view.

NEWSLETTER: Linda is always looking for information to place in the newsletter.

PROGRAMS: Steve from Steve’s Sewing and Pottstown Sewing will be at the January 29th program. He will teach us how to clean our machines.

SPEAKERS: Gail Garber will be here in April for a lecture and workshop on circular flying geese.

SUNSHINE: Kathy Travis’ cancer has reoccurred; any cards would be appreciated. Lenore is doing well after her fall and concussion; cards are also welcomed.

TEA BLOCKS: Judy Peters and Debbie O’Keefe discussed the tea block requirements and showed an example.

TREASURER: Diane Hess reported the expenses for October and November.

UFO CHALLENGE: Submit new forms to Marylou Boryta for 2020.

RAFFLE WINNERS:

BUSINESS winner: Mary Larkin

NAMETAG winner: Carolyn Ferrandino

Respectfully submitted by:

Silvia Homa – Secretary



We are saddened to learn that former Loose Threads’ member Gladys Mosteller, a lovely lady and very talented quilter, has passed away at the age of 93. Many of our long-term members will remember fondly Gladys’ willingness to share her knowledge and enthusiasm for quilting.

2019 Challenge

WINGS



The guild response for this year's WINGS Challenge was terrific. There were 24 members who submitted entries and 2 over-achievers (Clem and Stephanie) who did two! Such a variety, with pieced blocks, applique designs, wool and embroidery techniques all represented. Laurie Kelly and Linda Hamel each received a handcrafted ribbon and \$25 for Viewer's Choice Award.

Kudos to Debby O'Keefe and Linda Glass for managing the large quilt display, a challenge now that we are no longer able to use the stage curtains for our exhibition.





Holiday Brunch



Clem, the gift elf



Kiti & Judy



Linda & Marylou



Margie, Geri, Loretta & Jane



It was all there... numerous Christmas sweaters, blinking Christmas lights necklaces, Christmas fascinators, tiaras and even 'Ruby' slippers were all seen at the 2019 Holiday Brunch. The brunch committee outdid themselves with our Quilter's gift exchange, delicious food (with cookies galore!), beautiful table decorations including M&M favors and holiday table runner giveaways. All the smiles certainly were evidence that a wonderful time was enjoyed by all!



Takako, Carolyn, Carolyn, Melinda & Judy



Susan & Marie



Donna & Pat



Nancy, Silvia, Judy & Laurie



Lil, Lenore & Nancy



Betty Ann, Barb & Mary

Resolutions



Do you make new year's resolutions? Here are some ideas that don't involve a diet but would make our meetings run smoothly.

1. **Bring a pen**

How many times are sign-up sheets passed around and people are scrambling for a pen or a pen is attached and then lost? Just keep a pen in your tote or purse and you're prepared.

2. **Silence your phone.**

Having phones go off during a presentation is annoying and rude. You silence your phone in church, at movies, etc. Why not at guild meetings? Keep it in your pocket (it will vibrate if you get a call) or keep it on the table so you can see it light up.

3. **Focus!**

Pay attention, especially during committee reports. If you're talking, you're not listening and can miss important information (like hearing your name called for winning a prize!)

4. **Read the newsletter BEFORE the business meeting.**

It's all the news you need to know and keeps you in the loop for what's going to come up at the meeting. Be prepared, not surprised.

Good ideas, right? Of course, you can still vow to tackle the UFO pile, clean your sewing room, and lose 5 pounds, and if you do, you can announce it during show and tell (in less than two minutes). Happy New Year!

Debby O'Keefe

January Program

With the New Year's holiday falling on a meeting day, this month's schedule has been switched around. Of course, there is NO Loose Threads meeting on the first Wednesday.

The third Wednesday, the 15th, will be our business meeting with the added attraction of an exhibit of the final group that took part in the last year's Whisper Challenge.

On the 5th Wednesday of January, the 29th, rather than a basting day, the program committee has arranged for Steve of *Steve's Sew and Vac* and Liz from *Pottstown Sewing* (Steve's new store) to attend our meeting. They will give a talk about maintaining and cleaning your sewing machine. There will also be a discussion of needles.





2020 Challenge - “Winter Wonderland”

What makes you smile on those “snowy days” of winter? Is it snowmen and sledding or skiing? Is it watching the birds (and squirrels) at the feeder? Is it sitting by a fire with hot chocolate or coffee as you watch it snowing out your window?

How about making a quilt to represent one of those “snowy” days so that you will have a wall hanging to keep up after the 2020 holidays?

Rules:

1. Finished piece must be a “winter scene” that includes snow and/or snowflakes!
2. Must not be larger than 100 inches!
3. Due Holiday Brunch, December 2, 2020

Questions: Carolyn Thompson and Linda Glass, Challenge Committee

Quilt Odyssey

It is with heavy hearts we announce Quilt Odyssey will not be taking place this year. Due to health concerns we must cancel the show scheduled for July 23-25, 2020 in Hershey, PA. We apologize to our Quilt Odyssey family including our registrants, visitors, merchants, sponsors, teachers and staff. Quilt Odyssey has been part of our family for two decades and this decision didn't come without many thoughtful hours of consideration for our entire community. We will miss seeing all of you this summer.

Because the rumors will fly – please note officially: We did not sell the company, nor did we partner or merge with any organization. We will still have future retreats and we will not rule out a future quilt show, but right now, a focus on health is necessary.

We appreciate your love for all things Quilt Odyssey and wish health and happiness this holiday season and into the new year.

With love,
The Molino Family

January Birthdays

- 1 Takako Pike
- 14 Lil Evans



Geometrics
Fabric Exchange
January
Blue

Bring **fat quarters** in a zip-lock bag with your name on it.

Hospitality

	<u>January 1</u>	<u>January 15</u>	<u>January 29</u>
Snack:	NO	Bernie Hughes	Clem Dupont
Snack:	MEETING	Judy Peters	Pat Leiter
Fruit/Veggies:		Pat Phillion	Laurie Kelly
Cold Drink:		Lil Evans	Judy McCourry

Business meeting raffle gift to be provided by Kathy Parker on January 15th.

Getting to Know You

Joanne Gardner

One of the familiar faces we see at our Christmas Brunch each year belongs to Joanne Gardner, long-time Loose Threads member and now a busy Associate Member. Born in Cheyenne, Wyoming in a family with 5 siblings, Joanne wanted to strike out on an adventure and came East to attend Villanova Law School. It was here that she earned her JD degree and met her future husband, Charles. Working as an attorney, she quickly became comfortable with life in the Quaker state.

Joanne had learned to sew at home and recalls having to tear out a zipper 3 times to get it right! She also did endless hemming of her clothes due to her petite stature, but eventually she ventured into quilting on her own and found it relaxing. She prefers more traditional quilting patterns, is not fond of applique, but does enjoy working in wools from time to time.

Eventually as a new mother they had moved to Royersford and she was delighted to read in the newspaper about the nearby Loose Threads Quilt Guild that even offered babysitting! A lifesaver for a new Mom juggling a career, a sincere interest in quilting, and a wiggly child. Here she met other young mothers who were quilters and soon she was enjoying the annual “sleepover” (back when members actually DID sleep over, now known as “Needle Nite”). Current members of Loose Threads from her early days in the Guild are: Debbie O’Keefe, Laurie Kelly and Winnie McCarragher. Also interesting to Joanne were the many workshops, speakers, and especially retreats where she was able to accomplish a lot of projects over a 3-day session.



Gayle Hammond, Joanne and Eileen Frankil in 1998



Charles’ job was transferred to New Jersey and regrettably Joanne had to move on but she now resides in Flemington, NJ which is still a doable trip to keep up with Loose Threads once or twice a year. Joanne continues to practice law and works out of her home, allowing flexibility. Her two sons live at home but quilting remains important to her. She enjoys the Challenge projects each year and enjoys participating in Loose Threads special projects.

Joanne has appreciated the opportunity to be a Loose Threads member and when she lived closer, she served one year as Guild President. The one word that most describes what Loose Threads means to Joanne is “supportive.” She has found Loose Threads members very supportive to her during many life experiences and she is thankful to all.

Joanne Cantwell

Tea Info



Craft Sale – We would love to sell your handcrafted item or kits at the Tea. Check out Pinterest for loads of clever ideas. Remember the guild consignment fee is only 10%...you keep 90% of the cost of your sale item. Questions? Contact Margie Allen

Sewing Room Sale – The **deadline** for accepting cotton or wool fabric and sewing related items for our Tea sale is the **first week of January**. Contact Betty Ann Dawson.

LTQ Auction – Again this year we are putting together 2 ‘super’ baskets: one of sewing notions and another containing 100 fat quarters. If you could donate 2 fat quarters and/or NEW sewing notions or patterns that would be terrific. If you have a quilt kit that you never got to (and realize you never will!) or a UFO that you’ll never finish, think about donating it to the auction.

If you would like to put together a basket for the auction with some other members, please contact Linda Hamel. It can be any type; it doesn’t have to be sewing related...and we could even arrange it into a basket for you.

Tea Block – A reminder that members are asked to make 1 Tea block to donate to this drawing. If you make 2 (or more, if you’d like), then your name will be entered into the guild drawing to win a group of blocks. Give your block to Silvia Homa.

Book Sale – You can donate sewing related books or novels to this sale. Bring the books in anytime to Clem Dupont.



Dear “Sisters”,

You all mean so much to me – so the surprise basket full of goodies was an unexpected gift. The gift card, hand towels, soap, Oreos, pickles, applesauce, throw and all those Hershey Kisses will be used and consumed with great pleasure! Eric and I are really looking forward to visiting the *Sedona Tap House* some evening.

You are such a blessing and a treasured friendship.

Love,

Dona

“The best kind of sleep beneath heaven above is under a quilt handmade with love.”

The women of the Needlework Guild and St. Peters Sewing Circle wanted to “Thank you” for your generous gift. Your quilts are so beautiful and will be a blessing to every baby who receives one.

May God bless you all.

Kathy Krasley, Secretary,
St. Peters Sewing Circle

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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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www.theloosethreadsquilters.org



Dear Guild members,

Thank you for all the thoughts, prayers, cards, calls, visits, flowers. We really are an extended family. When one of us hurts, we all hurt.

My exterior bruising is gone, but my brains are still screwed up. I start at the Concussion Clinic 12/31. I'm not sure when I will be returning to Guild, but it will have to wait until I'm no longer dizzy.

Love to all,
Lenore