



Loose Threads News

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May 2023

1st Wednesday Agenda

9:30 Doors open -
refreshments & socializing

10:00 Business Meeting

3rd Wednesday Agenda

11:30 Anniversary
Luncheon
Landis Creek Clubhouse
in Limerick

5th Wednesday Agenda

9:30 Doors open -
refreshments & socializing

10:00 Basting

President's Message

This month is shaping up to be a very busy one! Our business meeting (on May 3rd) is first on the agenda. Followed by Day Camp (May 9th and 10th) and there's still time to sign up for it. Don't forget dinner at Giovanni's and Evening Bee on that Wednesday. Our 35th Anniversary luncheon will happen the following week (last day for signing up for that will be the business meeting on May 3rd) on May 17th. Then there's a Field Trip scheduled for the 24th of May. Check with Winnie and Judy McC for details. And, last but not least, there will be a basting meeting on the 31st of May. If that doesn't keep us busy for the month, nothing will! Looking forward to all kinds of fun this merry month of May!

Betty Ann

Loose Threads Quilters
35th Anniversary Celebration
Wednesday, May 17, 2023, Arrive at 11:30
Landis Creek Golf Clubhouse
765 N. Lewis Road, Limerick, PA
Cost to members \$20

(Pay our treasurer, Marylou Bortya by May 3rd)

There will be NO meeting in Spring City that day. A show & tell program titled *Every Quilt Tells a Story* will be held at the luncheon. Please bring one of your quilts and share your story.

April Meeting Minutes

The Monthly Business Meeting of the Loose Threads Quilt Guild was held at the United Church of Christ in Spring City on April 5, 2023 facilitated by President Betty Ann Dawson. The meeting was called to order at 10:08.

Old Business: Last meeting's notes were approved. Last month's treasury report was corrected, read, and approved.

- The next day camp is May 9 and 10. Please see Lil to sign up. Payment is \$30 this year as food prices have increased quite a lot. Last year there was a shortage and Betty Ann and Lil covered the difference.
- The guild's 35-year celebration luncheon is at Landis Creek on May 17th. Please see Marylou to sign up and pay \$20. The guild will be picking up the difference. It will begin at 11:30 am and will be in place of a meeting. We will be having about a 45 minute "program" at Landis Creek. The theme is **Every Quilt Tells a Story**. It can be any quilt, or a photo of a quilt that has a special story to you. It is limited to only one quilt and will need to be brief so we can all share.

New Business: The guild has received a lot of fabric and still has a lot of fabric left from the Tea's sewing room sale. Betty Ann has already received 3 deliveries. We are hoping to do a fabric sale in August in which we will send out invites to all area guilds and the public. Betty Ann said we already have two times what we usually start off with for the sewing room sale. They are also setting aside fabrics to donate to different organizations. From time to time, Betty Ann will ask for people to measure and mark fabrics.

- Rev. Epps has asked for all dates that we have reserved the Church for the rest of the year. This information had been provided prior to Dona's departure. Rev. Epps is asking for a rental agreement and Betty Ann has suggested that a meeting should happen for transparency and potential rent increases. Rev. Epps stated he didn't know that we pay for our own guild insurance. We currently pay a rental fee of \$1000 per year.

That averages out to \$25 per meeting. There are 28-day meeting and 12-night meetings. Day camp is paid with our personal payment. The guild pays an additional \$150 for the Tea. Discussion occurred about the night meetings and that if rent increase is happening, maybe stop the night meetings altogether as the number of people attending is relatively low. The dinner at Giovanni's on the second Wednesday of each month could continue to happen, but just not the meeting afterwards at the church. Since we are already paid until the end of December, we can make that decision later in the year. Rosemary will keep a tally of how many people are attending the night meeting so we can have that data to make that decision.

Basting: The next basting meeting is May 31. See Kiti if you want to reserve a space for your quilt to be basted.

Block of the Month: Silvia reviewed the next step in the block of the month. Directions are in the April newsletter and on the website.

Challenges: The row by rows are both going great and on track. The fractured quilt was at the meeting today. Lori Memmen spoke about the two-color challenge that is due at the Holiday brunch. Feel free to reach out if you have questions.

Historian: Kathy Parker has brought in some of the guild's photo books and are on the stage to look through. She is doing a great job capturing our events.

Sunshine: Josie Sharp's niece passed away when her car was struck by a tree. Josie is currently in Pittsburgh to assist in funeral arrangements. This is the daughter of Josie's brother that died in March of 2022. Her cousin is also having quadruple heart bypass surgery. Please send her a card. No new information on Jane Russell or Kathy Nieman.

April Meeting Minutes, continued

Field trips: Our next field trip is April 18th and will be a Lititz do over. We will be leaving Joann Fabric's parking lot at 9:30 am and head to Wilbur's chocolate Factory. We will be fine tuning the agenda and will send out information through emails, as this is the day before our next meeting.

- The next date is for Intercourse PA on May 24 and will probably include the Log Cabin Quilt store and the Old Country quilt store. Debbie O'Keefe said if you visit the Old Country Store during the month of your birthday-show them your license and you can pick out 3 free fat quarters.
- June 2nd will involve the Schwenkfelder Heritage Center and the Penn Oaks Dry Goods market. More details coming for these dates.

Library: The library cart is now being stored in the first classroom as you enter the building. It is being pulled out every business meeting. Three new books are now available. They are part of Fabric Café which also offers free patterns to download from time to time. They are called the 3-yard quilt books-Modern View, Favorites and On the Double. Carolyn Ferrandino will be providing information about the library in the newsletter.

Newsletter: Nancy Miller is interviewing members for the newsletter. This is a great way to learn about our many new members.

Nominating committee: This Committee, Judy Snook, Josie Sharp and Laurie Kelly is submitting these nominations: Carly Moore-Secretary, Josie Sharp-Treasurer, Susan Koederitz-Vice President, and Nancy Miller-President. The announcement will be made again in May, and we will vote in June. Other names can be added to the nominations until we vote.

Programs: April will be Winnie McCarraher for Sashiko and Carly Moore for Marking Tools. May program will be at the luncheon – **Every Quilt Tells a Story**. July program is charity quilts.

Retreats: No interest in a retreat at this time so we will table for now.

Secret Pal: Please take home your secret pal gift if she is not at the meeting.

Service projects. There were some completed tops that Betty Ann combined with backing fabric that members can finish to donate to charity quilts. Please sign out if you take a project. Nancy Kinyon-Samec said she is still collecting quilts, hopes to extend to other Dialysis units as Pottstown seems to have plenty and the contact person was giving them to Coatesville's VA. Manatawny Manor's contact person was overwhelmed at the time, so that is on hold for now. Places are asking for prayer shawls. Nancy will get sizes for prayer shawls and other quilts that are usually donated, and Diane will place information on the website. Flannel hearts for infants are still in great demand and the guild has lots of flannel that will be handed out at the next meeting.

- Nancy also discussed the availability of the display case at the Hankin Library for the month of October. Judy Snook, Clem Dupont, Sue Umstead, Debbie O'Keefe and Marylou Boryta are on that committee.

Speakers: Aurifil thread-- Karen Miller for September or October. Linda from New Jersey has not finalized her plans. Her antique quilts are on display until June in New Jersey. She would come here for lecture, then we would all travel the hour trip to the display, and she would provide a guided tour.

Membership: Cheryl Scalzi is officially a new member today.

Tea: Diane Hess thanked everyone for their help. Feedback from guests was mostly positive. Several guests stated that the church was cold. Time schedules were difficult to maintain and sandwich choices could have been better managed.

April Meeting Minutes, continued

Tea, continued: Diane handed out cards for us to comment or make suggestions. Chris Rivard will head up the Tea next year and is still looking for a co-chair.

- **LTO Members Viewer's Choice:** Diane Hess brought her quilt as she won member's choice first place for large quilt, and the fractured quilt took member's choice for small quilt. Tea block raffle was won by Marie Traxler.

Treasurer: Please give Marylou any receipts for reimbursements from the tea.

Raffle Winners: Donated by Melinda Novatnak
 Business Meeting Raffle: Kiti Williams
 Name Tag Winner: Judy Magner
 The quarterly UFO challenge of \$25: Margie Allen.

Respectfully submitted by:

Judy McCourry – for Winnie McCarraher, Secretary

May Birthdays



8 Judy Shafer
 11 Carly Moore
 23 Betty Ann Dawson

Loose Threads Spring Day Camp
 First United Church of Christ
 Spring City
 Tuesday, May 9 & Wednesday,
 May 10
 Cost is \$30 which includes lunch
 and snacks both days
 Payable to Lil Evans or Betty Ann
 Dawson

Hospitality

	<u>May 3</u>	<u>May 17</u>	<u>May 31</u>
Snack	Geri Dulis	*	*
Snack	Gayle Hammond	*	*
Drink	Gayle Hammond	*	*

- Please see Gayle at the May 3rd meeting to sign-up for refreshments for the other meetings in May.

I Spy Project

I collected 4.5" squares and recently made I Spy matching game. To download printable instructions:

<https://babylock.com/learn-and-create/projects/i-spy-fabric-matching-game>

Susan Koederitz



I Spy Fabric Matching Game
created by Lindsay Wilkes
Skill Level: Beginner

“I was inspired by the 'I Spy' quilts that many people seem to enjoy making and came up with a game version ~ the 'I Spy' Fabric Matching Game. This is a great way to use up the many different fabric scraps you have lying around. If you have little ones, they will truly enjoy playing this game. It is stimulating, fun, and pretty much indestructible (which you know is important if you live in the world of toddlers). There are two different ways to play so it's great for 2-year-olds on up.”

Mystery BOM for May

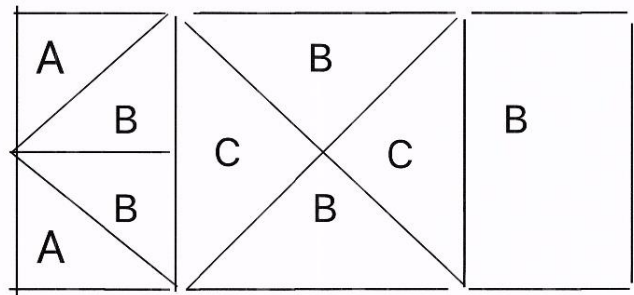


WE ARE GETTING CLOSER!!!

For May:

We are back doing more HST (what a surprise!)

1. Cut (12) 4" squares of Fabric A and B and make 24 HST, to measure 3½" squares
2. Cut (10) 3½" X 6½" rectangles from Fabric B
3. Make half hour glass units using (10) B/C hour glass units (there will be 1 leftover) and 20 HST and the fabric B rectangles from #2. Follow diagram below on how to position the pieces correctly.



4. Cut (12) 3½" squares from Fabric B and set aside.

Silvia Homa

April Program



Our program in April featured two more guild members presenting subjects they did as discussion topics at our Tea in March. Carly Moore gave us an extensive summary of the various tools and methods for marking quilts for quilting or machine piecing.

In the second half of the program Winnie McCarraher told us about ‘big’ stitch quilting including sashiko, kantha and modern big stitch quilting. She showed many examples of the various techniques and gave us each a sashiko kit to try ourselves.

Winnie’s sashiko project

After Winnie's program, I went "down a rabbit hole" searching and found this website for purchasing the Kantha quilts. From their website:

“One-of-a-kind, premium quality, ethically made kantha quilts. Stitched with excellence by survivors of exploitation, our repurposed, colorful quilts are bringing new life — to the artisans creating them, and to the homes they arrive in.”
<https://www.shopdignify.com/pages/all-about-basha-boutique>

It reminded me of Rethreaded in Jacksonville, Florida which my sister bought me a scarf from. From their website:

“When you support Rethreaded, you help remove the barriers for survivors of human trafficking as they rebuild their lives. Each purchase directly affects the lives of survivors and helps them gain skills, get job training, get access to counseling, and put the pieces of their lives back together.”
<https://rethreaded.com/>

Susan Koederitz



LTQ Members Viewer's Choice



It seems that our guild members are in agreement with the quilt favorites of our Tea guests; the same quilts were chosen for large and small viewer's choice.

Diane Hess won the large category for her amazing quilt *Flower Dance*. In the small quilt category Judy Snook, Linda Hamel, Winnie McCarraher, Laurie Kelly, Rosemary Geisler, Eileen Frankil & Lori Memmen won for their fractured quilt project *Wehr's Bridge*.



These quilts may appear together again. Everyone encouraged the winners to enter their respective quilts in September's **Pennsylvania Extravaganza** quilt show in Oaks.

Getting to Know You

Sue Umstead

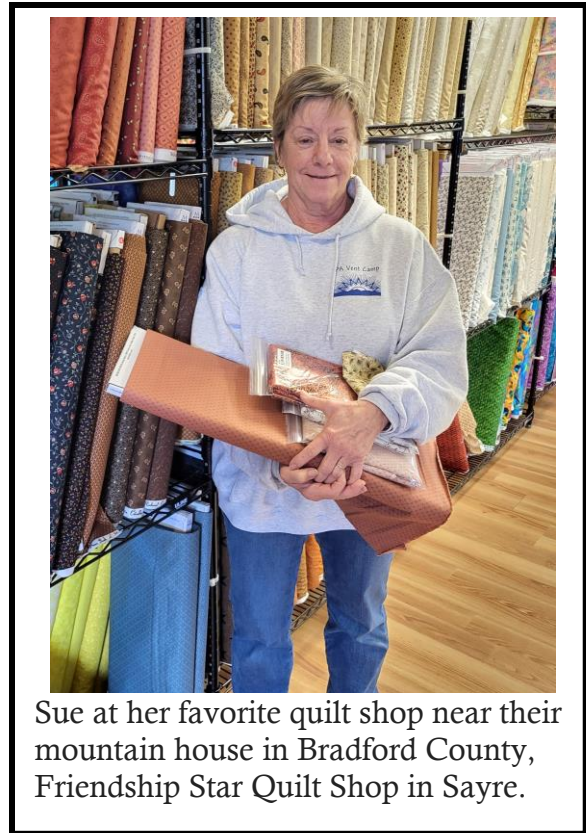
A native of Royersford, PA, Sue attended Spring-Ford High School where she participated in the co-op program. She attended school in the morning and spent her afternoons at her job at a local business, Cann & Saul Steel Company. After graduation, she continued at the same company for another 11 years.

Sue presently lives in Pottstown with her husband of 49 years, Randy. They are the parents of two children, Nick and Melanie. Nick and his wife live in Hudson, NY and Melanie and her husband live in Pottstown. They each have two daughters, so Sue has been blessed with four granddaughters! Maybe one of them will catch the quilting bug!

Her first introduction to sewing was in fourth grade. Her teacher led a class project where students had to embroider a pilgrim with “Happy Thanksgiving” as well as their names and the date. Sounds like a challenging project for 4th graders, but Sue enjoyed it so much that she became involved in 4H. Although her mom liked to sew, Sue believes that her 4th grade teacher and her 4H experiences contributed the most to her involvement with the needle arts.

How did Sue get involved with quilting? Well, it all started with a passion for cross-stitch. However, in the early 1990’s, Sue started to have some vision difficulties and was finding cross-stitching to be more and more challenging. One day, while she was at her kids’ swim team practice, Sue noticed another mom sitting in the bleachers stitching away on something. Her curiosity led her to investigate. It was our own Winnie McCarraher hand quilting one of her masterpieces. Sue was amazed at her stitching and she was hooked.

In 1995, Sue and her mom took a beginner quilting class together at the high school. It was a log cabin quilt that Sue has yet to finish. Maybe someday....! Sue enjoys traditional piecing. Her favorite blocks are star patterns. She has tried paper



Sue at her favorite quilt shop near their mountain house in Bradford County, Friendship Star Quilt Shop in Sayre.

piecing with great results, however all that picking out of paper was a big turnoff! (How many of us feel the same way?!) Sue has been enjoying doing free motion quilting and likes working with traditional style fabrics in blues and greens. Applique is on her list of things to learn. In her non-quilting time, Sue enjoys reading and gardening.

A 20-year Tea attendee, Sue ran into Winnie again after her move back to PA. Winnie invited her to join LTQ and the rest is history. Sue is floored by the wealth of knowledge and experience of our guild members. As she says, “no matter how stupid my question is, someone always has the answer I need.” She is happy to be a part of LTQ and we are so glad she has joined us.

Nancy Miller

April Show & Tell



Susan Koederitz finished this two-sided wedding quilt for her son and daughter-in-law.



Melinda Novatnak finished a UFO project.



This side has numerous signed messages, mementos and reminders of the wedding.

Upcoming Events

May

Hopewell Valley Quilters Annual Pennington Day Show 2023 - May 20, 2023. Presented as part of Pennington Day at the Toll Gate Grammar School Cafeteria at 275 S Main St, Pennington, NJ.

<https://www.penningtonday.org/quilt-show>.

June

Trash to Treasure Sale – June 10, 2023. Presented by Main Line Quilters at Saint Luke Lutheran Church, 203 N Valley Forge Road, Devon, PA.

<https://mainlinequilters.org/trash-to-treasure-sale-6-10-23/>

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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
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

April Field Trip



The gang on the steps of the Landis Valley Museum Store.

On a sunny spring day last week, fourteen LTQ members set off for Lancaster County for a Lititz Do-Over. (Quite the contrast in weather conditions from our first try in late January when a snowstorm changed our plans dramatically!) First stop was Wilber Chocolate Factory (a renegade group couldn't resist a stop at nearby Weaver's for a fabric fix). On to lunch at S. Clyde Weaver's where we all got our 'passport stamps' for that day's adventure. The trip highlight, without a doubt, was our afternoon visit to Landis Valley Farm Museum to relive life in the 1700s and 1800s.