



Loose Threads News

Volume 26 Issue 7

April 2021

1st Wednesday Agenda

9:30 Doors open -
refreshments & socializing

10:00 Business Meeting
Show & Tell

3rd Wednesday Agenda

9:30 Doors open -
refreshments & socializing

10:00 German Paper Star

Dona Kern

President's Message

Spring has sprung! And welcome to warmer days and splashes of color popping up everywhere. Big doings popping up in the world of Loose Threads, too. With our first meeting in April, we will be returning to having our social hour before meetings. It will be a little different than before, we will have one person giving out your coffee or tea in lidded disposable cups and another person handing out individually wrapped snacks. Unfortunately, we won't be having a fruit/vegetable selection or cold drinks, at least for now.

As the weather gets warmer, we will once again have lunch in the park. Bring your bag lunch and a drink and meet up at Towpath Park in East Coventry to commune with nature and your fellow quilters.

Hope everyone has had the opportunity to get their Covid vaccine and that we will see more of our members at upcoming meetings.

Happy Easter! Happy Spring!

Betty Ann

We are going to return to a morning tradition that has always been a favorite at our guild meetings. In a modified manner, we will be serving coffee & tea and a baked treat. There will be a single person in charge at the refreshment window. Members should come singly to the window and place your order. Your coffee or tea (with sugar & milk) will be served to you in a hot cup with a lid. There will be a baked item available. If cookies, they will be in individual bags or if a cake, it will be served on a plate covered with plastic wrap. Since folks will be eating and without masks for that period of time, additional caution will be taken to assure that proper distances are maintained.

We will begin in April. Let's all strive to be sure this effort is a success.



March – UFO Program



Judy Snook



Josie- Sharp



Lil Evans

There were a number of successes for March's UFO Challenge with completion achieved by several participants and significant progress for others. Alas, some had the same number of UFOs in April that they started with in March...so the UFO list continues.



Debby O'Keefe

In Barb's Memory - Purple Quilts



Debby O'Keefe



Linda Glass



Judy Peters



Jane Russell

As you can see, there was a great response to our memorial exhibit for Barb Kuterbach. She would have loved the amazing variety of design and technique. We will bring the display to Manatawny Manor when we get the okay from the nursing facility for outside visitors. Thanks to all.



Winnie McCarraher



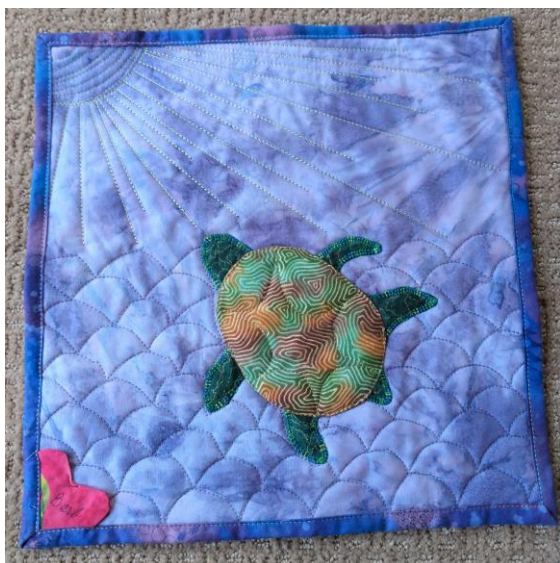
Marcela Sivco



Judy Snook



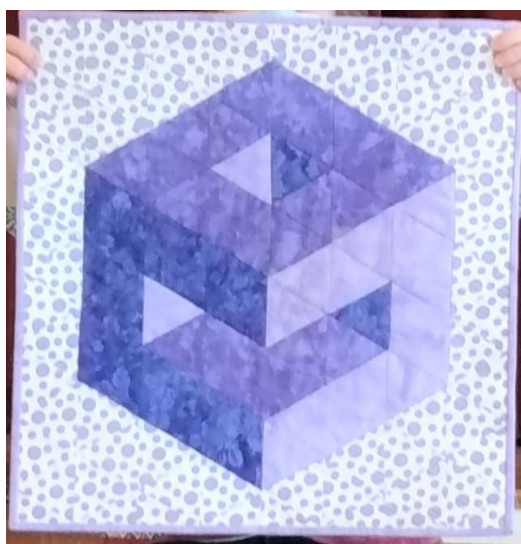
Clem Dupont



Judy McCourry



Marie Traxler



Laurie Kelly



Judy Snook



Linda Hamel



Sandy Michalec



Eileen Frankil



Silvia Homa



Marylou Boryta



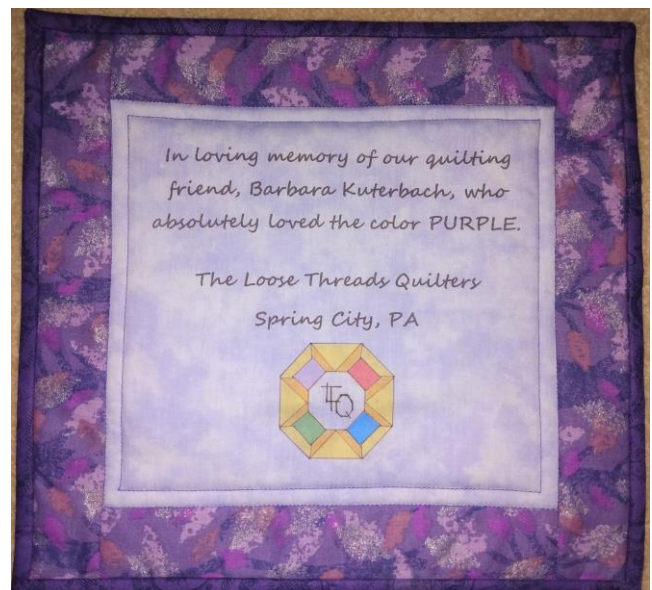
Kathy Neiman



Nancy Miller

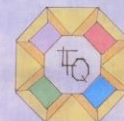


Rosemary Geisler

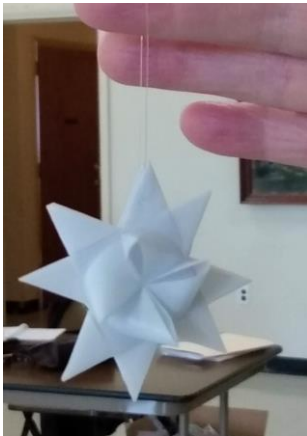


*In loving memory of our quilting
friend, Barbara Kuterbach, who
absolutely loved the color PURPLE.*

*The Loose Threads Quilters
Spring City, PA*

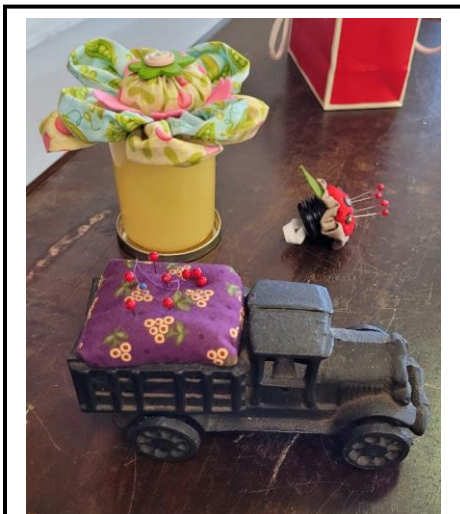


April Program



Dona Kern has volunteered to do a hands-on demonstration on making the German Paper Star which is similar to the Moravian star. A special paper is required to make this star and Dona will shop for us to obtain the right type of paper. It's going to be a fun and educational program! Please feel free to join us to learn how to make this beautiful star and add an ornament to your Christmas tree this year or to that extra-special gift package at any time of the year.

Josie Sharp



Stephanie Adrian has been following the monthly pincushion projects and came up with a couple of 'found object' offerings.

April Pincushion



[Repurposed Pin Cushion Mason Jar | Creative Living Blog \(wordpress.com\)](http://www.creativelivingwithdawn.com)

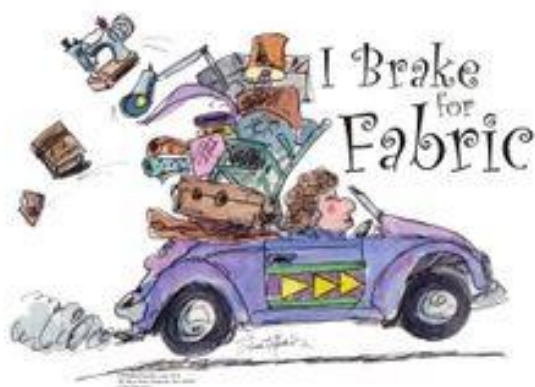
steps to make a pin cushion jar



©2014 creative living with dawn

April Birthdays

- 4 Rosemary Geisler
- 4 Catherine Morano
- 14 Melinda Novatnak
- 20 Cathy Nelson
- 24 Diane Hess
- 28 Marylou Boryta
- 28 Janet Freedline



Service Projects

There is an interest at this time for charity quilts sized 36" X 60" from a Dialysis Unit in Pottstown and Manatawny Manor in East Coventry Township. Since the dialysis patients are in reclining positions, and dialysis can cause a patient to be cold, having the quilts cover them from shoulders to feet requires some extra length.

If you are interested in donating but can't be at a guild meeting, I can pick up the quilts. I can be reached at 484-744-2412 (cell) or 601-327-4088 (home) to set up dates and times to meet.

Thank you for your support,

Nancy Kinyan-Samec

Penn Dry Goods Market

The Penn Dry Goods Market held annually at the Schwenkfelder library will be held virtually this year, both the antique show and the lectures. There are 11 different textile lectures offered. The tickets will be \$15 per lecture via Zoom. You can register at their website. www.schwenkfelder.com. Here are some that focus on quilting:

- | | |
|--|--|
| Friday June 4 th 12:00 noon | <i>Civil War Quilts: Divided Heart</i>
Barbara Brackman, Quilt Historian and Author |
| Friday June 4 th 7:00 PM | <i>Pieces and Pattern: Quilts in Chester County</i>
Ellen Endslo, Director of Collections, Chester County Hist. Soc. |
| Saturday June 5 th 1:00 PM | <i>Cultivated Beds: The Embedded Meanings in Philadelphia Whole Cloth Quilt Motifs</i>
Laura Keim, Curator of Stenton |
| Saturday June 5 th 4:00 PM | <i>Intertwined Threads: Quilts & Costumes</i>
Lynne Bassett, Independent Scholar and Author |

Jessica Dayon and I enjoyed the Quilter's Spring Cleaning 30-Day Challenge that we hosted last year so much that we decided to do it again!

<http://www.gigisthimbble.com/>



The challenge will begin on Thursday, April 1st, and end on Friday, April 30th.

It will include 30 tasks that will help you get your sewing space clean and organized!

We'll be talking about it daily in Instagram stories so be sure to follow along there for tips! Her Instagram handle is @jessicadayon and mine is @gigis_thimble.

**My friend writes
songs about sewing
machines. He's a
Singer songwriter.
Or sew it seams.**

Here is the list of tasks:

1. Organize a drawer
2. List all projects & kits
3. Organize rulers
4. Purge unwanted projects/kits
5. Sort scraps
6. Organize red, pink & yellow fabrics
7. Change rotary blades
8. Clean off one surface – chair, table top, etc.
9. Organize orange & green fabrics
10. Organize threads
11. Pre-wind bobbins
12. Organize blue & purple fabrics
13. Organize books and magazines
14. Piece batting remnants
15. Organize black, grey & brown fabrics
16. Clean & oil sewing machine, replace needle
17. Wash or replace ironing board cover
18. Organize white & low-volume fabrics
19. List 12 WIP goals & make corresponding slips of paper.
Each month pull out a slip of paper & work on that goal.
20. Organize patterns
21. Clean iron
22. Organize a drawer
23. Organize pre-cuts
24. Inventory supplies & notions, make shopping list
25. Dust shelves, tables, window sills & baseboards
26. Clean cutting mat
27. Organize yardage
28. Make backings for WIPS
29. Make bindings for WIPS
30. Remove all trash & vacuum

Show and Tell



Marcela Sivco – Ladybug Quilt



Linda Hamel made this costume for a 18" reproduction German lady doll using silk, vintage lace, feathers and mink.



Stephanie Adrian stopped by for a visit and showed us this lovely wool piece she's been working on.



Rosemary Geisler – Begun as a Boyertown guild challenge to use the color blue.



Winnie McCarraher – Baby quilt



Laurie Kelly inserted the black diamonds to 'jazz' up the Racing Pattern design of a jelly roll she wasn't crazy about.



Jean Sullivan's Friendship Braid



Nancy Miller – Hand appliqued version of a Lori Holt design that used the 'Quilt-As-You-Go' method to finish up.

Officers & Contacts

PRESIDENT

Betty Ann Dawson wildberryfarm@dejazzd.com

VICE PRESIDENT /MEMBERSHIP

Marylou Boryta mboryta2@verizon.net

TREASURER

Diane Hess diane.hess@outlook.com

SECRETARY

Silvia Homa Silvia.homa@gmail.com

PROGRAMS

Josie Sharp Josie.Sharp@sharperoutlook.com

SPEAKERS

Laurie Kelly family5kelly@comcast.net

WEBSITE

Diane Hess diane.hess@outlook.com

NEWSLETTER

Linda Hamel dhamel476@gmail.com

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

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

Secret Pal

Many of our routine programs at the guild have been difficult to maintain during these restricted times of the pandemic. Secret Pal has certainly been one of these. Since many folks have not been coming to the meetings it is more difficult to pass along your gifts clandestinely. Some have had gifts dropped off to their pals at their homes or sent them by mail. Either way there has been some uncertainty whether the gifts are coming through.

Want to thank your pal for those thoughtful gifts you received? Think about sending an email to Linda Hamel to post in the newsletter. Your pal will know of your gratitude and be relieved to know the gifts are being delivered. Contact Linda at dhamel476@gmail.com.