



Loose Threads News

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1st Wednesday Agenda

9:30 Doors open -
refreshments & socializing

10:00 Business Meeting
Show and Tell

3rd Wednesday Agenda

9:30 Doors open -
refreshments & socializing

10:00

**TERRY KRAMZAR
WORKSHOP**

5th Wednesday Agenda

9:30 Doors open -
refreshments & socializing

10:00 Basting & Service
Projects

President's Message

BRAVO and THANKS to everyone for your part in making this year's Tea a success!

The effort on the part of everyone who rallied on Thursday, Friday, and/or Saturday despite the snow was impressive. We had members, associates, and even waiting list friends who pitched in wherever needed. It just goes to show how committed we are to doing whatever needs to be done to make the Tea work so well. Suffice it to say that we are grateful for each of you but I would be remiss if I didn't especially thank our chairwoman, Carolyn Thompson who personifies the motto "keep calm and carry on", and to Toni Hughes, our Tea chair in training who also carried on until she left on Saturday to be with her father who was ill in Pittsburgh.

I'll leave you with a final thought - next year's Tea is our 25th... just sayin'...

Debby

The nominating committee is ready to take suggestions for next year's officers. All four positions will need to be filled this year. Let Betty Ann, Linda Garthe or Susan Glaser know who you would like to see on the slate.



Our March speaker, Lisa Calle, gave us some great ideas for tackling all that intimidating empty space that's awaiting quilting on our numerous unfinished projects.

DAR Exhibit

Eye on Elegance: Early quilts of Maryland and Virginia - A marvelous treasure-trove of elegant, sophisticated quilt designs is on display now through September 5, 2015 by Daughters of the American Revolution in Washington, D.C. See outstanding examples of regional quilts from 1790-1860 Maryland and Virginia and learn about the women who made them in this intimate, intellectual experience. Made from the finest imported fabrics of the time, these textiles masterpieces display an exceptional array of color selection and design. These quilts display elegance and skill, disproving the myth that quilting arose from poverty and necessity. These quiltmakers had leisure time, sewing for pleasure, to show their refinement and their eye for elegance. For more info: www.dar.org

If you can't make it to Washington to see the exhibit in person there is a wonderful, detailed online exhibit to enjoy. It is divided into four sections Applique, Album, Pieced and Migration. There are beautiful photos of the quilts and videos that tell more about them.

<http://eyeonelegance.dar.org/>



Lancaster Quilt Show



Nancy Miller, Cathy Nelson, Laurie Kelly, Clem Dupont, Judy Shafer and Kiti Williams ready to board the bus for our return trip home from the AQS Lancaster Quilt Show. Beautiful quilts, a *Wicked* special exhibit, fun vendors, great weather and good friends all made for a memorable day.



April Program

TERRY KRAMZAR

QUILTING IN LAYERS: AN ART QUILT TECHNIQUE

Make this small Tulip Quilt to learn an innovative quilting technique. Not free motion quilting—just straight stitching with a regular foot. No tension problems, no knots, no thread breaking, no learning curve! Quilt through the 4 inch squares, one at a time, through the top and batting only. Learn how to add applique and center squares. Then sew the pre-quilted squares together, add the backing and quilt through all three layers. I am always asked if it is “quilt as you go.” Not really! We do NOT sew the backing on in little 4 inch squares, but all in one piece, 25" by 25" along the grid lines. At that point, you can be finished quilting. Next step binding! No wrangling the top into the few inches of throat space on your home machine. You can decide to further free motion quilt on the applique, if desired.

→ This workshop required pre-registration with programs chair Laurie Kelly for the 25 positions available in this workshop. If you are NOT registered you may observe the class. This is a full day class.

<http://terrykramzar.com/>



Upcoming Events

2015 Relief Sale - April 17, 2015

Since 1957, all sale day proceeds benefit the worldwide relief efforts of Mennonite Central Committee

At the Farm Show Complex,
Harrisburg, PA

<http://www.pareliefsale.org>

AQS Quilt Week - April 22-25, 2015

Presented by AQS at the Paducah-McCracken County Convention & Expo Center, 1 Executive Blvd,
Paducah, KY

<http://aqsshows.com>

Donna Albert, Lancaster Co Textile Designer will present **The Seeds of Inspiration: A Legacy** – highlighting her hand-appliquéd quilt *Who Can Doubt There is a God* which depicts America's flower gardens and is in the permanent collection of the American Museum of Folk Art in New York City.

April 29, 2015 1-3 at Tel Hai, Honey Brook, PA in the chapel.

RSVP by contacting Ginny Crasten at 610/273-9333, ext. 2144 or gcrasten@telhai.org

For the Love of Quilting VIII - May 1-2, 2015

Presented by Penn Oaks Quilters at 1325 Pottstown Pike,
Glenmore, PA

<http://www.pennoaksquilters.org/quilt-show-2015>

A World of Quilts XXXVI. May 2-3, 2015.

Presented by the Northern Star Quilter's Guild at Kennedy Catholic High School, 54 Route 138,
Somers, N.Y. 10589

<http://www.northernstarquilters.com/quiltshow/2014-quilt-show>

Minutes - March Meeting

The March 4th Meeting was CANCELLED due to snow so this month's minutes will be "Virtual" via email inputs.

Treasurer's Report: Expenses for February were for the Werner Coach and Quilt Show tickets. Credits were the Tea, Business meeting raffle, Bus and quilt show tickets for Lancaster.

New Business:

- Linda Hamel is looking for articles for the Newsletter. dhamel1283@aol.com
- Quilt Show at Henrietta Hankin will be setup March 29th and then will hang for a month. Contact Lenore Clarke, LenoreClarke@gmail.com for more info.

Basting: If you have quilts that need basting please contact Takako Pike, catseyequiltstudio@dplus.net, or Jean Nalbandian, nalbandian19@verizon.net to schedule for the next basting meeting on April 29, 2015.

Speakers/Programs:

Reminder: There is a \$5 fee for Associate Members attending lectures by outside speakers. Please pay Judy Peters the day the program is held. Workshop fees for Assoc & guests are variable and depend on the guild's cost for each speaker. Confirm what your costs will be when you sign up with Laurie Kelly.

- Please remember to turn cell phones OFF during the Guest Speakers program.
- March will be a lecture by Lisa Calle. Lecture will be "Quilt As Desired Conundrum". If you have any tops that you don't know how to quilt - bring them in to be used during the lecture. Let Laurie Kelly know if you are bringing in a top. Lisa will share with us ideas and where/how she gets her inspiration.
- April workshop will be with Terry Kramzar – Tulips.
- Carole Cossa will work with Judy Snook to organize a charity sew for June, July or August. More to follow.

Field Trips: Several Field Trips are being planned. Signup sheets were sent around during the meeting. If you are interested, contact Betty Ann Dawson, wildberryfarm@dejazzd.com.

- March 11th Lancaster Quilt Show. Cost is \$38.
- Penn Dry Goods Market, Schwenksville, May 15th – needlework, quilts, antiques, etc.
- June 24th – Jim Thorpe – Asa Packer Mansion, lunch, The Quilted Crow Quilt Shop

Retreats: Reminder that the next Quilt Retreat is scheduled for Cocalico Quilt Retreat Center May 11-14, 2015. Please look at your calendars and a sign-up sheet will be circulated at the March meeting. Cost \$50/night plus a \$150 shared cleaning fee. Linens extra at \$10/night if you do not wish to provide your own. If you are interested in seeing the facilities and see the amenities provided, the website is: cocalicoquiltersinn.com. Please note the fees are not as listed but what we had agreed to when we booked the dates in October 2014. Any questions will be addressed at the meeting.

UFO Challenge: The UFO challenge is back!!! Have some UFO's? Here is an opportunity to get at least 1 done by the business meeting in May. We will reveal our projects in May during show and tell. Anyone interested in participating in the challenge should see Silvia for the pledge form and bring \$5 that will be refunded once the challenge is completed.

Round Robin: Because of the tea, our Round Robin exchange will occur at the second meeting in April. Contact Clem Dupont, Cpdupont@verizon.net, if you have any questions.

Jo Quaglia - Secretary

Getting to Know You

Pat Philion

Do you recall the astonished looks that many guild members had a few months ago when they learned that one in our midst had met her husband while **hitch hiking**? Well, the story gets better....

Pat Philion was raised in the Bronx, NY and, while a student at Hunter College, she spent some summers working at cafes in the Adirondacks. One day Pat and her friend decided to walk across town when this handsome young man drove up and asked if they would like a ride. He, too, was a student and thus began a relationship that has lasted for many years.

Pat finished college, married, and taught 5th grade until their children arrived. After a 10-year hiatus raising 3 boys and 1 girl, Pat returned to work as a school librarian, a job that she held until moving to PA in 1993.

Although she had been sewing since age 14, Pat really got into it after her marriage and once settled in Pennsylvania, she found herself in a "learn to quilt" course with Jane Russell at Tudor Rose. She also met Carolyn Thompson in the same course! One of several hundred families who were relocated from Albany, NY to Collegeville for a company relocation, Pat was well acquainted with quilters Clem DuPont and Midge Diana when she joined the Guild in 1998, then Sandy Michalec and Linda Hamel, also from the Albany area, joined the guild a few years later.

Since then, she has taken additional quilting lessons and has learned much from Guild members.

Pat's other interests are knitting, reading, theatre and the Philadelphia Orchestra in addition to attending any of the "gigs" that her jazz musician grandsons are involved in. Getting around to the activities of their 10 beautiful grandchildren located in 4 other states, keeps them very busy!



And the rest of the hitch hiking story??? Well, Pat lost her engagement ring, the church they were married in burned down, the restaurant where the reception was held burned down, but married for 53+ years now, Pat and Dick are enjoying their fulfilling lives!

(You should also know that Dick Philion is one of the loyal parking lot attendants during our annual Quilters Tea!)

Joanne Cantwell



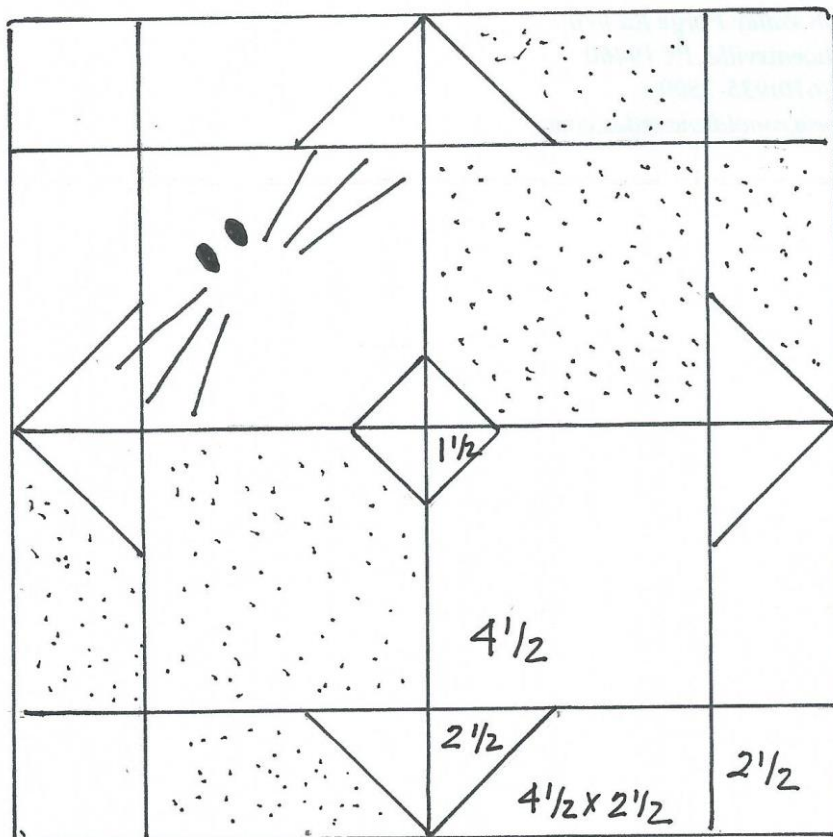
Block of the Month

April's BOM Colors are
PINK, GREEN and
WHITE.

Here is a block
suggestion from Silvia
Homa. Any questions,
call 610-933-5295

Bunny Block

Cut: (4) $4\frac{1}{2}$ " squares (head)
(8) $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x $4\frac{1}{2}$ " (ears)



Background

(12) $2\frac{1}{2}$ " squares

(4) $1\frac{1}{2}$ " squares

- Place (1) $2\frac{1}{2}$ " square RST with (1) $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x $4\frac{1}{2}$ " (ear), sew diagonally. Press open. Can cut away excess for less bulk.
- Do the same using the $1\frac{1}{2}$ " square and the $4\frac{1}{2}$ " square.
- Piece block together as shown.
- Embellish with eyes and whiskers.

Looking for other possible block ideas? Carolyn Ferrandino suggests two great web sites, McCall's Quilt Library or Quilt Blocks Galore. There are directions for a slew of blocks available utilizing a variety of techniques: pieced, paper-pieced and applique.

http://www.mccallsquilting.com/block_reference.html

<http://www.quilterscache.com/QuiltBlocksGalore57.html>

Message from Tea Chairs

Like Debby noted, Toni and I also want to say a “BIG THANK YOU” for your ability to go “with the flow” and for being there for us when we had to make changes related to the weather challenges that we were faced with this year. Who would have thought that having the Tea later this year, that on “set-up day” we would have a snowstorm to deal with? But we had a tremendous response to our last minute call to help on Thursday. In fact, out of this inconvenience we may have discovered a better plan. So many of you appreciated the change and suggested we do this in the future. Setting up on Thursday gave us a day to rest and prepare our own baked goods for the Tea. So stay tuned about that possibility!

Next, while things are still fresh in your minds, please let me encourage you to make notes of your suggestions for those things that worked well and of those we need to look at to try to improve. Example: I think that Rosemary hiring help to take down the quilts worked great! A suggestion I have is: allow our guests in earlier than 9:30AM because they seemed to be rushed to get shopping in and spend time looking at our quilt show. These are the types of comments we are looking for.

I will have the list of duties that each Chair was given previously and ask that you make suggestions that you or your team think need to be improved or changed. We will then update the duties for next year.

Again, the comments from our guests this year were positive so I think we can say a “good time was had by all”!

Thank you for your support,

Carolyn & Toni

Retreat

Reminder of the upcoming retreat:

WHEN: May 11-14, 2015
WHERE: Cocalico Quilter's Inn
 Denver, PA
HOW MANY: Accommodates 16
DETAILS: Payment is due 1 month in advance of the retreat.

Carolyn Thompson will be accepting payment at our guild meetings on Wednesday, April 1st and April 15th reserving your spot at the retreat.

Your check for \$50/night is to be made out to **Carolyn Thompson** for the number of nights you will be staying.

The shared \$150 cleaning fee payment will be collected at the time of the retreat.

A food sign-up sheet will be available at these meetings as well.

For additional information and pictures go to:
www.cocalicoquiltersinn.com/gallery



Astrology of the Quilt Guild

Excerpts from *A Gathering of Quilters* by Luana Rubin, McCall's Quilting Magazine

Aries Mar 21st to Apr 21st

One thing is for sure, Aries, you can never be accused of being apathetic! You are the idea person, the one who comes up with the theme for the next big guild show, the one who issues the monthly challenges for the whole group. You are a leader by nature, although not necessarily the guild president. That job might be too tedious for you. A more exciting job might be locating and scheduling the teachers who come to lecture at future meetings. You have a knack for spotting the next big thing!

The next Evening Bee is scheduled for Wednesday April 8. Grab your project and join folks at the church beginning at 6:30.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS



- 4 Millie Skean & Rosemary Geisler
- 14 Melinda Novatnak
- 20 Sue Kehl, Cathy Nelson & Kathie Travis
- 28 Marylou Boryta
- 30 Linda Wright



Hospitality

April 1

Snack: Wendy Cole

Snack: Linda Garthe

Fruit/ Veg Barb Painter

Cold Drink: Judy Shafer

April 15

Takako Pike

Bonnie Strickland

Pat Phillion

April 29

Kathy Neiman

Cathy Nelson

Laurie Kelly

Gayle Hammond

Quilters Tea 2015



The parking crew, Dick Phillion, Doug Hamel & Paul Dupont



In spite of Mother Nature trying her best to complicate matters, it's another wonderful Tea in the books for Loose Threads.



Our guest speaker Sue Reno with one of her stunning quilts



Barb & Margie at the Craft sale



Kudos to our Tea Chairs Carolyn Thompson & Toni Hughes!



Jean & Jo, all set up for the Book Sale



Geri, Betty Ann & Kiti, just part of Linda Garthe's fabulous kitchen crew



Last minute pricing at the Sewing Room sale by Toni, Nancy, Jane & Linda



Donna, Pat & Marie, the LTQ Auction ladies



The quilt show was fantastic!

Viewer's Choice – 1st place won by Carolyn Thompson for her bed-size yo-yo quilt and 2nd place awarded to Pat Leiter for the colorful quilt she made for her son, shown below.



Say it with Flowers

LTQ Challenge 2015

It is only April and there is certainly plenty of time, but keep your eyes peeled for an interesting quilt pattern utilizing flowers as part of its design. Or as you're browsing the quilt shops, go ahead and buy that gorgeous floral fabric that you fell in love with...you can use it for your challenge project! Remember keep the perimeter to 160 inches or less.

June Road Trip – Jim Thorpe, PA

Initially known as Mauch Chunk (“Bear Place” in Lenape language), the borough of Jim Thorpe, PA is nestled in the mountains along the Lehigh River, NW of Allentown. Often referred to as “the Switzerland of America” because of its picturesque scenery, it was founded in 1818 and is well-known for its architecture. In 2012, Rand McNally/USA Today Road Rally series named Jim Thorpe as the *fourth most beautiful small town in America*.

This unusual Victorian town was renamed for the controversial Native American athlete who was forced to relinquish his Olympic gold medals when it was discovered that he had played one season of professional baseball. Jim Thorpe was home to the first railroad in the United States and to men who made millions from the railroads as they transported coal from the important Pennsylvania coal mines.

Now a frequent tourist destination, many businesses cater to outdoor sports such as mountain biking and hiking, but the architectural treasures also draw many interested travelers. The town is home to both the Asa Packer and Harry Packer Mansions. The former was the home of the founder of the Lehigh Valley Railroad and Lehigh University. Now a museum, tours have been conducted there since 1956. Next door is the Harry Packer Mansion (son of Asa Packer) which is now a Bed and Breakfast. *Interestingly, the Haunted Mansion ride at Walt Disney World in Orlando is modeled after the Harry Packer Mansion.*

The narrow main streets in Jim Thorpe are very walkable with interesting shops and cafes, a beautiful early library and a Visitor’s Center at the railroad station.

Asa Packer Mansion

A Loose Threads field trip to Jim Thorpe is currently planned on [June 24](#) which includes a tour of the Asa Packer mansion. More details will be available as we get closer to that date. Join other guild members for a fun, interesting day in a very scenic town.

(For another day: We experienced an interesting side trip to Coal Mine #9, a few miles from Jim Thorpe where one can board a small trolley that takes you into the side of a mountain where it definitely is “as black as coal” on a sunny day! Interesting guides are available for a one-hour tour offering a comprehensive look at coal mining when #9 Mine was an active working mine).

Returning home from Jim Thorpe, Loose Threads suggests a stop at... **The Quilted Crow!** A mere three miles away from Jim Thorpe is the town of Lehighton, PA where quilters flock to “The Quilted Crow”. At the closure of a quilt shop in a neighboring town in 2009, the Quilted Crow opened, offering 100% cotton fabrics from leading manufacturers as well as a line of wool for applique projects. Classes, patterns and quilting accessories are also featured. Quilters are invited in for a cup of coffee and a look around.

Joanne Cantwell



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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 \$15 per year and guests
are always welcome

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www.theloosethreadsquilters.org



Walk Down Memory Lane...The DAR trip to Washington DC, 2004

Can you find? Laurie Kelly, Judy Shafer, Carolyn Thompson, Cathy Nelson, Linda Miller, Pat Philion, Judy Peters, Judy Snook, Rosemary Geisler, Clem Dupont, Sandy Michalec, Eileen Frankil, Millie Slean, Jane Russell, Jean Atwood, Linda Hamel, Jean Sullivan, Gayle Hammond, Marie Traxler, Geri Dulis, Linda Glass, Joanne Cantwell