



Loose Threads News

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April 2022

1st Wednesday Agenda

9:30 Doors open -
refreshments & socializing

10:00 Business Meeting
Show & Tell

3rd Wednesday Agenda

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10:00 Guest Speaker
Denise Martin of
Seamless Sewing in
Phoenixville

President's Message

Hello Quilters,

They say "April showers bring May flowers" so we shall see how wet April is. But Spring is officially here and I love it!

My topic this month is "ironing." To iron or not? I was in a class and the instructor said we do not iron we press! The reason is ironing can stretch the fabric or the quilt block. We press seams either open or to one side. It is usually to the darker fabric side. However, we can iron our fabric to get the wrinkles out.

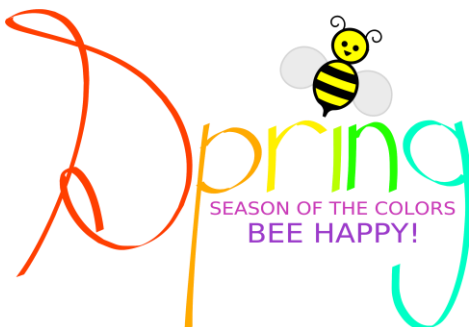
It seems that the world is trying to get back to "normal" and hopefully we can safely go out and about. So it is time to start visiting quilt shops, quilt shows and going out to lunch with friends. The things we quilters like to do. Go and enjoy!

Happy Quilting!

Rosemary

Challenge Clarification

There have been some questions about the 2022 challenge project regarding the one additional fabric of your choice and the fabric for the back of the placemats. Since the back will not be judged you can use any fabric for that. The one additional fabric can be used on the front in any way you choose. All of the remaining fabric must come from your bag. Binding is optional.



March Meeting Minutes

The Monthly Business Meeting of the Loose Threads Quilt Guild was held at the United Church of Christ in Spring City on March 2, 2022 facilitated by President Rosemary Geisler. The meeting was called to order at 10:05 am.

Announcements:

- Rosemary stated that in light of the planning of the Tea, only those committees that needed to be addressed today will be doing so, and all others will be discussed at the next business meeting.
- Jane Russell thanked the members for all the cards and phone calls she received stating it was amazing and greatly appreciated.
- Betty Ann stated that no more donations will be accepted for the sewing room for this year's Tea. Donations will be accepted starting the next meeting after the Tea (March 16).
- The group felt it was safe at this time to return to home baked goods for the meetings. The guild also felt that masks are not mandatory at this time based on CDC recommendations. However, anyone who wished to wear a mask is encouraged to do so and kindness will be shared as we move forward.
- The mask mandate will be handled in similar fashion for the quilter's Tea on March 12th. Laurie Kelly stated masks will be available for anyone who wishes to wear one at the Tea (both members and the public).

Basting Day: March 30th is our next basting day. Lil has a charity quilt that needs to be tied.

Block of the Month: Silvia Homa and Diane Hess will be showing their finished March BOMs in April. The directions for the March BOMs are in the March email that contained the March newsletter.

Challenge: Debby and Lori have handed out the bags that are to be used in the Challenge that is due in December. 30 people are participating.

Day Camp: May 10th & 11th. The cost is \$25. See Betty Ann and Lil. No refunds

UFO Challenge: Marylou announced that the UFO challenge will resume. Marylou has the old lists if you wish to continue to participate. Linda Hamel handed out new sheets to sign up anyone who wants to participate or wants to submit a fresh list of UFO items. The project must have had no attention for at least 6 months. There is a \$25 drawing every quarter for completed projects. The first business meeting in April will be for those previously turned in. Linda will be handling this challenge

Evening Bee: Wednesday night March 9th-5pm at Giovanni's and 6:30 - 8 pm at the church. We will be setting up for the Tea.

Field Trips: The next trip is outlined in March's newsletter. A sign-up sheet was passed around and will be passed around again on March 16. We need an accurate count by March 18th. Please see Winnie McCarraher with any questions.

Programs: March lectures are on selvages, knowing needles and self-binding placemats.

Sunshine: Margie gave us an update on Judy Schafer and said she could still use some sunshine. Mary Larkin also thanked everyone for the cards she received.

Tea: Laurie Kelly is chair with co-chair Diane Hess this year. Diane will chair and Chris Rivard will co-chair the Tea in 2023. Salad and sandwiches have been ordered. Sheet cakes will be ordered and cut up here. The tablecloths were located in the maple room. Tea pot sign-up sheets were passed around. The plan is to have 15 tables. Mini muffins will be home made by Mary Larkin, Laurie Kelly, Nancy Kinyon-Samec, Debbie O'Keefe & Linda Hamel. Racks are being picked up and returned from Betty Ann's

Minutes, continued

house by Sue and Randy Umstead. They will need help unloading and reloading at the church. 85-90 people are expected. Room and job assignments were given out. 8 door prizes are ready to go. See Marylou if your venue needs cash. We need to be here by 9:30 am on Friday and 8 am on Saturday. Please fill out labels to pin to your quilts and bring the new quilt registration form to drop off and pick up all your quilts after the show.

Treasurer: Marylou gave the treasurer's report. Marylou also has the budget list for all committees. Please see her for any additional questions or details.

Other Items: The nominating committee will begin the search of new officers. Please see Linda Hamel, Pat Letter or Margie Allen with any questions or suggestions.

Raffle Winners:

Business Meeting raffle: was provided by Gerri Dulis and won by Judy Peters. The next business meeting raffle will be provided by Josie Sharp.

Name Tag raffle: was won by Kathy Neiman.

The meeting concluded at 11:15 am followed by Show and Tell.

Respectfully submitted by:

Judy McCourry

For Winnie McCarraher, Secretary

The NICUs need more developmental hearts. I have fabric if anyone needs it and I can bring some to the next meeting.

Josie Sharp

Good Cause

Bonnie Hunter has started a quilt-along of paper foundation hearts, using yellow and blue fabrics for Ukraine, although it's a good pattern for any color heart. She will post a new step every Friday, starting with March 25. In true Bonnie fashion it's a very scrappy quilt but you don't have to use the borders. This is a free PDF pattern but Bonnie recommends a donation to **Together Rising**, which sent over a million dollars so far to seven boots on the ground partners for urgent help in Ukraine. They list specifics on their website, togetherrising.org. Bonnie's blog is quiltville.blogspot.com

Debbie O'Keefe



April Birthdays

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

Our 2022 Tea

Thank You

For being a "loose threads" guild, you all sure know how to put it all together to create a wonderful event!

The quilter's tea was a shining ray of sun on a gloomy and unpredictable winter's day. All your efforts are most appreciated. The speaker was fabulous as well as quite entertaining, I will never see an alphabet without thinking of her quilts and imagination. The breakout session with Judy on Selvages was great and has given me a whole new perspective on what to do besides tying up wayward plants in the yard with them.

It was a special treat to be together again and share a love for quilting. A thousand times, thanks, for sharing all your time and talents!

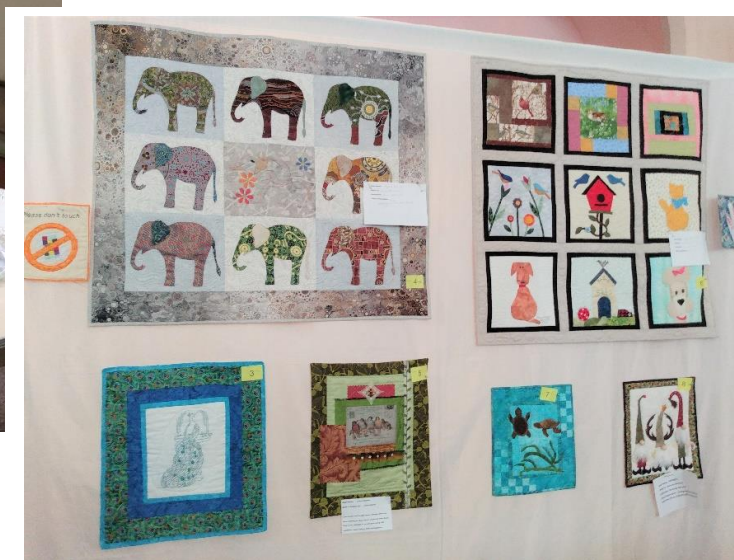
Judy Folweiler



Sue & Marie selling tickets at the Basket Auction



Lil & Bonnie manning the Sewing Room Sale





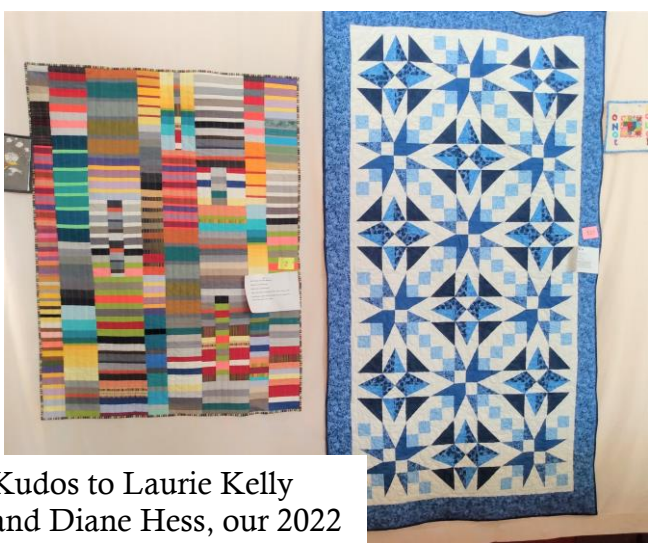
Kiti & Cathy collecting the Tea blocks



Judy & Linda ran the Book Sale



Guest speaker Kathryn Jensen White



Kudos to Laurie Kelly and Diane Hess, our 2022 Tea co-chairs, who managed to pull off a successful Tea in spite of Covid and Mother Nature trying their best to make things more difficult. Our most avid Tea fans showed up on March 12th and by all accounts they had a wonderful time.



March Program

At our March program meeting more of our members shared discussion topics they presented at our Tea.

Using Selvages in Quilts Judy Snook shared how to sew strips of fabric selvages together to make “fabric” to use in a multitude of projects.

Knowing Your Needles Pat Leiter and Winnie McCarraher gave us a brief overview of all kinds of needles. Pat focused on needles for hand sewing and domestic sewing machine while Winnie shared info on needles used for long-arm quilting.

Self-Binding Placemats Linda Hamel gave a short tutorial on a simple method to make self-binding placemats.



Winnie McCarraher



Judy Snook



Pat Leiter



Thank You

If you've lived, you experienced loss in many forms. Losing my big brother is a terrific and sorrowful experience for me. Seven years ago, a younger brother and sister died within 60 days of each other. This doesn't get any easier. I am so grateful for the cards and messages that I received from my quilt guild friends. At some of our meetings, I heard various members speak about how much the support from this group meant to them. I understood it then, and I definitely understand it now. Sometimes I pick up the phone to call my brother, then realize he will no longer answer. When I have my tearful moments, I read the cards you sent to help me over the sad moments. Thank you for your caring and support. It means so much.

Josie Sharp

Quilts for Sale

The Pennsylvania Relief Sale is coming up this weekend...live and in person (again)! My sister and I had the opportunity to preview some of the quilts a few weeks ago. What a great time! Magnificent creations. If you ever get the opportunity, I highly recommend it. Below are links to the Friday and Saturday auctions, if you would like to view.

<https://vareliefsale.bidwrangler.com/ui/auctions/77732>

<https://vareliefsale.bidwrangler.com/ui/auctions/77731>

Susan Koederitz

2022 PA Relief Sale – April 1-2, 2022. Since 1957, all sale day proceeds benefit the worldwide relief efforts of Mennonite Central Committee which include aid to the victims of poverty and other man-made and natural disasters. At the Farm Show Complex, Harrisburg, PA.

Hospitality

April 6

Snack: Sally Ater
Snack: Gayle Hammond
Cold Drink: Marie Traxler

April 20

Chris Rivard
 Silvia Homa
 Geri Dulis

Greetings from Hawaii

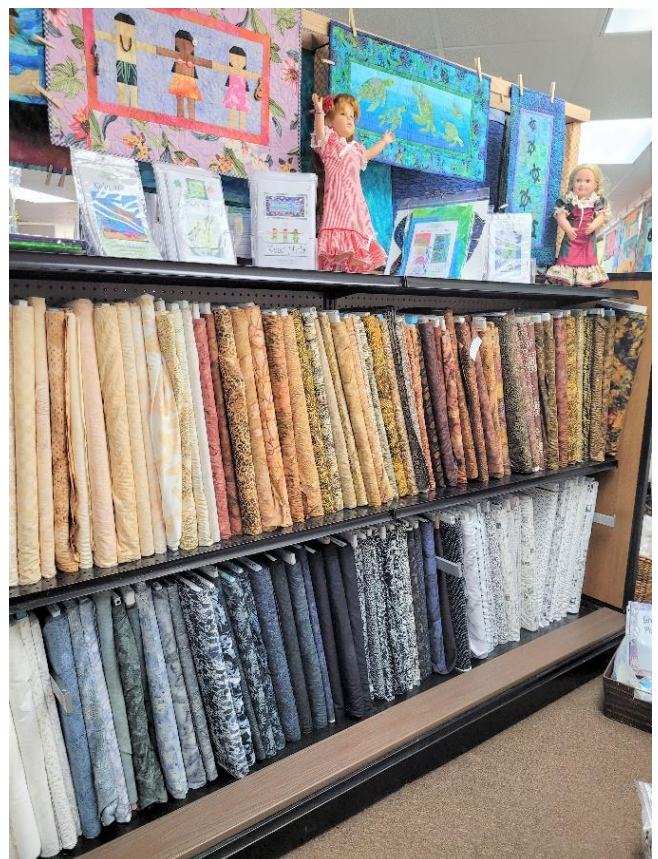
If you happen to find yourself on the Big Island of Hawaii in the town of Kona with some time on your hands and you happen to be a quilter, find your way to Quilt Passions, a lovely little quilt store tucked away in the Hanama Place shopping center. It is located at 75-5706 Kuakini Highway, Kailua Kona, Hawaii and also home to the Kona Hawaiian Quilt Museum and Gallery. The Quilt Museum was closed when we were there due to Covid restrictions but, as things ease up, you might find it open.

Quilt Passions carries the most beautiful batiks and tropical fabrics to be found almost anywhere. They also carry many patterns by local Hawaiian designers and a variety of Hawaiian-style quilt patterns. If you get the chance to browse through the store, be sure to check out the many dolls that are dressed in Hawaiian style clothing. They are adorable!

The website for Quilt Passions is www.quiltpassions.net and their phone number is 1-808-329-7475.

For the Kona Hawaiian Quilt Museum, the website is www.konahqm.org and the phone number is 1-808-331-2958.

Betty Ann Dawson



Viewer's Choice Awards at Tea



Clem Dupont – This quilt was from Quiltmania. I received the fabric and instructions for just the center portion in a lovely fabric covered box that came from France. I added enough borders to make a queen size quilt. The center is Broderie Perse, next is appliqued hexies and hand pieced borders. It stretched my hand sewing skills. The final borders were machine pieced. The long-arm quilting was done by Takako Pike.

There were a wide variety of beautiful quilts displayed at our Tea quilt show. Our guests were asked to vote for their favorites in two categories – Large and Small. And there was a surprise result in the Large category...there was a tie! Mary Larkin and Clem Dupont were cited for their amazing, and distinctly different, large quilts. In the Small category Marylou Boryta's wool applique stunner was the winner.



Mary Larkin - When I saw the picture of the Dear Daughter pattern designed by Sherri Noel, I knew I had to make this quilt for my granddaughter Isabella's 13th Birthday. I felt the quotes on the quilt were such an encouragement for a young girl entering a new fun and exciting journey in to becoming a teenager. Long-arm quilting was beautifully done by Diane Hess.



Marylou Boryta – The quilt name is SUMMERTIME SAMPLER, designed by Erica Kapros. I purchased the kit from Jackie Gauker at a quilt show in Tuckahoe, New Jersey. It took me several years to finish. As everyone at our Tea knows, I was overwhelmed with my win. First one ever! Going in my will!

April Mini Quilt BOM

Road Trip Art Quilt Elements



For a colorful welcome to spring, here is the April Block of the Month mini-quilt design called **Tulip Time**.

Materials needed:

1/4 yard each of four bright prints
 1/4 yard green print
 1/4 yard 2nd green print
 3/4 yard white
 1 yard backing fabric
 1/4 yard for binding
 30" x 32" piece of batting

You can find all the directions to make this wall hanging online at: [Inspired by Fabric: Tutorial: Tulip Time Wall Hanging](#)

Or use the PDF directions sent along with this April Newsletter.

Excerpted from an article in the March 31, 2022 edition of *The Times Herald* for Media News Group:

Returning as an in-gallery exhibition after going all virtual in 2020, this exhibition is celebrating its 14th anniversary year. Art Quilt Elements founder and committee person Cindy Friedman shares that “The AQE committee is elated to be hanging this show and to welcome the art quilt community back to the Wayne Art Center.” Art Quilt Elements is dedicated to enhancing the public’s awareness of contemporary art quilts while providing a venue for established and emerging artists to share their creative endeavors with the public audience. Art Quilt Elements has earned a reputation as one of the nation’s most recognized art quilt exhibitions. The finest works are featured, supporting Wayne Art Center’s mission of expanding the public’s awareness of fine contemporary craft. This year’s exhibiting artists represent 22 US States, Australia and Canada.

AQE 2022 jurors, Jane Milosh, Paula Nadelstern and Jason Pollen selected works from a collection of almost 780 image-entries for this biennial exhibition. The featured artists’ work represents a diverse range of narratives and perspectives and employs a variety of techniques and materials as these works communicate the artists’ visions and storytelling. Wayne Art Center Executive Director Nancy Campbell notes that “The work in Art Quilt Elements 2022 conveys a deep respect for craftsmanship and pays homage to a traditional medium expressed in modern themes.”

Show runs through April 30th at the Wayne Art Center, 413 Maplewood Ave, Wayne, PA

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Art Quilt Elements



Believe or not, this piece is made of wood!

Lunch at the White Dog Café, with its charming décor, was absolutely terrific.

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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

Upcoming Events

Penn Oaks Quilters is
hosting an Open House
to share our passion for
quilting.

Saturday, April 30th from
9AM to 1PM, Fire sale
from 1pm – 2pm
Covenant Presbyterian
Church, 400 Lancaster
Ave, Malvern, PA
Admission is FREE

Visit <http://www.pennoaksquilters.org>

**Homemakers
Fabric Sale**
April 8-9,
2022

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quilters.org](http://www.homemakerscountryquilters.org)

The Penn Dry Goods Market will
be held at the Schwenkfelder
Heritage Center in Pennsburg on
Friday & Saturday, June 3 & 4,
2022.

Admission to the antiques show and
Heritage Center is \$6.

There is a special exhibit on the
ground floor titled *Crazy for You:
Crazy Quilts and Objects of Memory
from the Permanent Collection*. There
will also be a small exhibit of doll-
sized quilts that will be available for
purchase.