



Loose Threads News

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1st Wednesday Agenda

9:30 Doors open -
refreshments & socializing

10:00 Business Meeting

**Time to renew your
membership! Don't forget to
bring Virginia Gates your
completed membership form
and \$20 check or cash.**

3rd Wednesday Agenda

9:30 Doors open -
refreshments & socializing

10:00 Charity Projects

President's Message

This summer marks 25 years for me as a guild member. My first meeting was a basting day in June 1994. That summer I also attended the "sleepover" (aka needle-night) at Clem's. Clearly, I was in deep from the beginning. The friendships, memories, and learning experiences have been priceless. Loose Threads is certainly a very special guild and I'm glad I had the experience of serving as president.

One of the main things that smoothed my beginning was that I followed someone as competent and helpful as past-president, Betty Ann Dawson.

I'm delighted that Betty Ann has agreed to serve as president again. Welcome and thank you to all the incoming and outgoing board members, Virginia takes over V.P. from Pat, Diane takes over treasurer from Christine, and Silvia continues as secretary. I appreciate everyone's willingness to serve and help. New board begins with the September meeting.

August newsletter has arrived and this is my last president's message. Thank you, my friends, for all the help and feedback. It's been a privilege and a pleasure to serve and be involved with such a marvelous and generous group of women.

Don't forget to plan to renew your membership promptly and be ready to help start planning and working on new committees. It's by working together that we all gain friends, learn new things, and make precious memories.

Eileen



August Program

Our 2nd meeting in August, the 21st, will be for charity. There will be walker bag kits available that can be taken home to make and then returned to the guild when complete. Or, if you want to start/complete the kits at the meeting, bring in your sewing machines and accessories. Several stations will be set up to cut fabric, sew it together, iron out the seams, and sew it together to complete the kit(s). An iron and ironing board will be at the meeting for our use.

Return the completed projects to any member of the Charity group: Lenore Clarke, Kathy Neiman, Brenda Calhoun and Virginia Gates.

Nancy Kinyon-Samec

Jane Sassaman

"Under the Influence"

Jane will talk on the visual and philosophical ideas that have influenced her work and herself. It promises to be a colorful lecture! Expect to be excited and inspired by Jane's unusual combination of fantastic images. <http://www.janesassaman.com/>

Calico Cutters

Wednesday, August 14

Goshen Fire Company
1320 Park Ave, West Chester, PA

Doors Open: 9:00 AM
Meeting Begins: 9:30 AM

♥ YOUR LIBRARY

The guild library is rolled out of its storeroom during the business meeting, the first Wednesday of each month. All our library holdings are listed on our website www.theloosethreadsquilters.org under the Members section. (That section needs a password. Check with guild officers to be reminded of what it is.) The books are listed alphabetically by title and also include the author and general subject category. Newer acquisitions are highlighted in green, Missing books are highlighted in gold – could there be a guild book buried under some of those piles in your sewing room?

Don't forget that the guild has a subscription to *Quiltmania* magazine, a European periodical that is really quite unique.

If you've enjoyed one of our library books or one of the magazine issues, consider writing a short review for the newsletter so other members might know there is a hidden treasure on those shelves.



July basting meeting

Minutes - July Meeting

The Monthly Business Meeting of the Loose Threads Guild was held at the United Church of Christ in Spring City, PA on July 3, 2019 facilitated by President Eileen Frankil. Meeting was called to order at 10:00am.

Items to note: Welcome back to Kathy Tavis. Linda Glass home from surgery and will start rehab.

Basting: Next one is scheduled for July 31. Let the committee know if there is a quilt that needs to be done

Block of the Month: There will be patterns available for Silvia's easy applique blocks

Challenge: The theme is anything with wings, if you are stuck, please go to a committee member for inspiration, and the newsletter.

Charity: 5 quilts went to Manor Care in Pottstown. There are 2 walker bags available. August program will be making the walker bags. Kits will be ready to and stations set up for the day.

Day Camp: Next day camp planned for Oct 8 & 9, 2019. Payment will be \$20, check or cash

Evening Bee: Will be held July 10 at 6:30pm. Meet for dinner at Giovanni's in Royersford

Fabric Exchange: Now 11 members participating. Please remember to bring in your strips.

Field Trips: Something in the works is coming soon

Hospitality: All spots are filled

Library: 2 new Quiltmania magazines added to the library.

Membership: New forms will be available in August. Virginia Gates will be collecting forms and checks.

Newsletter: Nice pictures of the June speaker and luncheon @ Bellewood Golf Club.

Nominating Committee: New president: Betty Ann, Vice president: Virginia Gates, Treasurer: Diane Hess, and Secretary: Silvia
Officers will start in Sept.

Programs: Upcoming programs will be announced in the newsletter. In July, Diane Hess will demonstrate how to make a project using large hexagons and Debbie O'Keefe will have available the xmas tree pattern from the go cutter machine.

Speakers:

- Sept 17&18, 2019 - workshop & lecture from Frieda Anderson
- Nov 20, 2019 - workshop & lecture from RaNea Merrill
- April 14&15, 2020 - workshop & lecture from Gail Garber
- October 21, 2020 - lecture from Cheryl Lynch
- Nov 17&18, 2020 - workshop & lecture from Karen Combs

Tea: Lil and Betty Ann are taking collections for the sewing room sale. Novels and paperbacks are also welcome for the Book committee. And if you have a craft you would like to sell, now is a good time to start making them, before the busy holiday season.

Treasurer Report: Christine reported the income and expenses to the guild. A specific breakdown of the finances was available for members to view.

Upcoming Events and Shows:

- Fabric sale at the 4H fair in Creamery.
- Downingtown Library is having their fundraiser, looking for 16X24 wall hanging quilts with the theme of birds, blooms and butterflies. Can give yours to Debbie O Keefe. More info is in the July newsletter.
- Hershey show is July 25-28.
- Oaks Quilt show is Sept 12-15th

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I scream, you scream, we all scream for...

At the July show and tell Judy Peters showed us an adorable quilt with ice cream cones. I found this wall hanging on the Quilt Inspiration blog spot. Or if you're more of a popsicle fan - there's one for you too.



Scoop It Up wall hanging, 32 x 21", free pattern by **Sandy Fitzpatrick** for Fairfield World ([PDF download](#))

<https://www.fairfieldworld.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/01/fgrX5Ja5tE.SCOOP-IT-UP-PATTERN-PDF.pdf>



Popsicle block, 12" square, free pattern by elise & emilie for [Fabric.com](#) ([PDF download](#))

<http://fabric-webdata.s3.amazonaws.com/Images/Blog/Popsicle%20Block/Popsicle%20Party4.pdf>

Murphy's Law by Judy Crow

On any given day the number of employees in a quilt shop is inversely proportional to the number of customers needing quick attention.

Every quilt will take twice as long as you expect and be ½ as beautiful (we are never satisfied).

In cutting an intricate multi-piece block, your ruler will slip on the last side of the last patch.

When there is no time to do something right, there will always be time to do it over.

In any mail-order shipment the item you need the most will be back-ordered.

The pattern in a special fabric will never repeat when or where you want it to.

Accidental destruction of a fabric will only occur to an expensive imported cotton, never to muslin bought at 50% off.

Fabric dyes will never run until the quilt has been completed.

A block with flawlessly straight sides, precision corners and perfect color placement will always be the wrong size.

A quilt that has to be completed for a birthday in two months will take two years to finish. And its corollary: A quilt that has no due date will take only two months to complete.

When you finally have your sewing space in the empty bedroom exactly the way you want it your son will move back home.

You will find the perfect fabric for your quilt only after it has been discontinued by the manufacturer.

The busier you are on any given day the greater the number of quilting inspirations you will want to try.

Your bobbin thread will only run out in the middle of a long line of stitching.

That perfect striped fabric you want to use in your sashing has been printed off-grain.

The top must be completed and basted to the backing before you notice the one block that has a mistake in it.

The quilt-marking pencil that you tested on every fabric before you marked your quilt top won't disappear after you have completed the quilt.

No matter how much fabric you have bought, you are not going to have enough for the quilt you want to make.

Quilters Day Camp

Scheduled for October 8 & 9.
 Cost is \$20 which includes
 snacks and lunch both days.
 Sign-up by paying Betty Ann
 Dawson.



August Birthdays

- 7 Jane Russell
- 13 Stephanie Adrian
- 14 Geri Dulis
- 21 Marcela Sivco
- 24 Kathy Neiman
- 25 Pat Philion



Now that summer is here, you're probably whizzing through all those great beach reads. If they're piling up, consider bringing them in to Clem Dupont. She will collect and store all the novels to be donated to the book sale at next year's Tea.

Fabric Exchange

June's **SOLID** color is **Dark Green**

Cut 2 1/2" strips and place them in a zip-lock bag marked with your name. Turn in to Virginia Gates, Toni Hughes or Joanne Cantwell

Reminder – submit 11 strips!

Hospitality

Aug 7

- Snack:** Jane Russell
- Snack:** Barb Painter
- Fruit/ Veg** Betty Ann Dawson
- Cold Drink:** Jean Sullivan

Aug 21

- Christine Fallon
- Bonnie Strickland
- Diane Hess
- Silvia Homa

Tea - Chinese Auction



Diane and Stephanie gave a demo at the July program meeting on how to make hexies from a circle of any size without using a paper insert. There were lots of folks whipping out those hexies by the end of the meeting. That gave Pat Philon a great idea for a possible Chinese Auction prize at next year's Tea – a box full of completed hexies. If everyone could make 5 – 10 hexies and donate them to the committee we could have a wonderful raffle item that many quilters would love.

Start with the standard CD as your template, that way all the hexies will be the same size and could be used for a single project. If you need a refresher here is a quick video on the method.

<https://www.bing.com/videos/search?q=make+a+fabric+hexie+using+a+CD+as+a+template&qpv=make+a+fabric+hexie+using+a+CD+as+a+template&view=detail&mid=C5EE2932C70CA6427D1AC5EE2932C70CA6427D1A&&FORM=VRDGAR>

Does this small quilt look familiar? Rosemary found it in her sewing room but has no recollection of ever making it? Could it be yours? →

Sewing Tip

For those who saw what I made my Christmas tree template out of, it is called Tru-Grid. It is white with small red dots every one inch.

Here is the blurb from the catalog:

"Create a pattern for yourself that you can enlarge accurately. Stronger than paper, it can be basted together to try on. 1" grid markings 60%poly/40%rayon, 45" wide interfacing. Enlarge craft designs, pre-test patterns. Cuts, sews, gathers like real fabric. Strong yet sheer. Can be drawn on."

It can be purchased for \$2.49/yd or \$56 for a 25 yard bolt. from www.Homesew.com , or 800-344-4739, based in Bethlehem, PA.

I used to use it to make patterns for my kid's clothes. Can be used for testing applique positions, doesn't rip like paper, can be pinned in place.

Joanne's might have it as well, but I haven't checked in 35 years....

Lenore Clarke



On to Vermont and More

Pat Leiter suggested it. Rosemary offered to drive. Winnie and Judy Snook said “let’s go!” Driving the windy roads of beautiful Vermont brought us to the Vermont Quilt Festival.

One day we visited the vendors that filled a huge room with all the things quilters might like. We viewed the quilts entered in the show. There was a balance of traditional and contemporary quilts. Some we thought we might be able to make; others, more to admire. There were more than one first place ribbon because they use a rubric to judge the quilts. If a quilt meets all the requirements on the rubric’s list, it earns a first-place ribbon. The same applies to second and third place ribbons.

Another day Rosemary stayed in the hotel to make a baby quilt while the three of us took a class, *Release the Geese*, from Sarah Bond. Sarah showed us several ways we could arrange our curved paper pieced flying geese, time will tell what we will do with ours. A trip to Ben and Jerry’s satisfied our wish for delicious ice cream.

Keepsake Quilting is not around the corner from Burlington, Vermont, but it was worth the drive. The shop offered a variety of fabrics including an amazing selection of batiks. They have lowered their prices and have good sales. We all left with bags full of great buys.

On the way home we stopped at the Vermont Quilt Store where we could find all sorts of things to buy from items from the “olden days” to things more modern. We all agreed that it was a fantastic trip! We recommend it as a great Quilt Show to attend!

Judy Snook



Winnie, Judy, Pat and Rosemary enjoying the sights in Vermont.



July Minutes, cont.

UFO Challenge: Keep working on your UFO list. An encouraging UFO show and tell was presented after the meeting and prizes drawn for the quarter.

Website: E-mail Diane Hess if there is something of interest.

Whisper Exchange: Try and keep up with whom you are giving your next block to and attach the correct envelopes with those blocks and inspiration messages

Raffle Winners: Name tag winner: Pat Philion; Business winner: Pat Leiter; Gift provided by L Hamel

The meeting concluded at 11:00am, followed by a robust "Show 'n Tell" period.

Respectfully submitted by:

Silvia Homa – Secretary

Membership

It's that time again. Membership Renewal! Beginning in August, we will be open for renewal of guild membership. The renewal form for you to complete has been sent along with this newsletter. Turn your form and payment in at the same time. You can do cash or check made out to Loose Threads. Highlight any updated information such as phone number or address changes on your membership form.

Thank You!

Virginia Gates

Library Fundraiser



Debbly O'Keefe has finished her donation for the Downingtown Library Fundraiser.

The Downingtown library is once again sponsoring a quilt exhibit and raffle to support the library and promote quilts as art. They are looking for quilters willing to donate a quilt for the exhibit.

Details are:

- Small quilts sized 16 x 20" (give or take 2 inches)
- Theme is "butterflies, birds and blooms"
- Any method is acceptable - pieced, appliquéd, hand or machine quilted
- Quilts are due September 14
- Drawing will be September 27

*The quilter whose quilt sells the most tickets wins \$25

See Debbly O'Keefe for more details or email at dokeefe19@hotmail.com

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

Artist Call for Entries

Entries Accepted Through October 13, 2019

Entry Fee: \$45 (for up to three works)

Wayne Art Center is now accepting artist applications for *Art Quilt Elements 2020*. The 14th exhibition of this internationally acclaimed juried show seeks to attract a unique collection of contemporary fine art quilts from around the world. Widely praised by reviewers and artists for the presentation of the work as well as the commitment to promoting the quilt as a fine art form, *Art Quilt Elements* offers a one-of-a-kind opportunity for quilt artists looking to share their work with the general public. Selected quilts will be placed on display at Wayne Art Center March 29–May 2, 2020.

Jurors Lewis Knauss - Amy Orr - Robin Schwalb

Exhibition Dates March 29 - May 2, 2020

413 Maplewood Avenue
Wayne, PA 19087
www.artquilelements.org
610-688-3553