



Loose Threads News

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August 2021

1st Wednesday Agenda

9:30 Doors open -
refreshments & socializing

10:00 Business Meeting

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

3rd Wednesday Agenda

9:30 Doors open -
refreshments & socializing

10:00 Strip Poker with
Silvia Homa

President's Message

Dear Ladies of Loose Threads,

This is my last (for now) letter as the President of our guild. It has been an interesting, taxing, challenging and fulfilling two years. We've found our way through quarantine, isolation, vaccination and, of course, the pandemic. And, through it all we have managed to keep our guild together and active; still doing challenges, projects, in-person meetings, programs and having a good deal of fun along the way. Our ability to adapt as people and as guild members has always been, and will continue to be, one of the things that I admire most in all of us.

It has been my great pleasure to have been "la presidente" for the past two years. I have also had the pleasure of working with some of the best that our guild has to offer. Thank you, Virginia and Mary Lou (my two vice presidents), Sylvia (secretary) and Diane (treasurer) for all your hard work in helping me to keep things on track.

We have tons of fun and exciting things coming up for our guild, our Open House/Quilt Show, more guest speakers and several interesting programs. Hope to see you all there!

As always,

Betty Ann



Quilt Donations

In May we donated 9 quilts to the Renal Care Dialysis Unit in Pottstown. In July we donated 16 more quilts to the same Renal Care Dialysis Unit. The unit is asking for a total of 50 by Thanksgiving so they can disperse a quilt to each patient by Christmas. A goal of 25 would fill that request.

If you want to make it easiest on yourself, a colorful panel that is 36" by 64" sewn onto a backing of fleece would work and provide warmth to the patients. Your generosity for quilt donations is greatly appreciated.

Nancy Kinyon-Samec



Upcoming Quilting Events

Undercover Quilters 2021 Quilt Show

"Quilts for all Seasons"
Saturday, October 16 – 10:00-4:00
Sunday, October 17 – 10:00-3:00

Brookhaven Municipal Building
Community Room entrance
2 Cambridge Road, Brookhaven, PA 19015

Admission: \$10.00 (children under 12 free)
Admission ticket is for the entire weekend

PA National Quilt Extravaganza

Greater Philadelphia Expo Center in Oaks
September 16-19 Halls A, D, & E

The Center of It All for Quilt, Fiber, Wearable and Textile Art! The Pennsylvania National Quilt Show is the largest and most prominent quilting arts event in the Northeast all under one roof.

Penn Oaks Quilters Market

Saturday, September 25, 2021 9 AM – 1 PM
Covenant Presbyterian Church, 400 Lancaster Ave,
Malvern, PA
Admission – FREE
Fabric, notions, yarn, home décor, jewelry & more
Plus a bake sale

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 7, 2021 facilitated by President Betty Ann Dawson.

Old Business: A card is available to sign for Susan Glaser, her husband had surgery and she needs to stay with him at this time.

New Business: More faces were at the meeting than usual. Good to see everyone.

Basting: Any quilts needing basting, notify the committee before Sept 29th.

BOM: Diane will bring in the pincushion of the month which was the pear and apple at the next meeting.

Challenge: No challenges until 2022? Maybe a presidents' challenge in the works.

Charity (Service) Projects: 6 quilts were donated to the dialysis unit in Pottstown. They were very appreciative.

Day Camp: Set your calendars for Nov 9-10 cost \$20 no refunds Sign up will start at the 7/14 meeting.

Field Trip: Allentown Art Museum on Aug 13th has 2 exhibits. Museum opens at 11. Plan on having lunch and to be home around 3:30 - 4pm.

Program: NICU hearts and cuddle pads are planned for July. You can bring your machine and sewing supplies. Or you can come without it. There will be something for everyone to do.

Secret Pal: will be revealed during the Holiday Brunch.

Tea: "Open House" scheduled for 9/11/2021. Set up is Friday. Bring quilts from 2019 and 2020. Invites will be sent soon. Cost will be \$5.

Treasurer: Diane Hess reported the guilds deposits and withdraws for the month

Business Meeting Raffle: Winner was Kiti Williams.

Show and Tell: Among quilts shown during the meeting were those of members who participated in the 2019-2020 Sewing Room BOM.

The 2019 WINTER and SILK PURSE, SOW'S EAR Challenges were exhibited. Members voted for their favorite and then challenge quiltmakers were revealed. WINTER Viewer's Choice: Silvia Homa SILK PURSE Viewer's Choice: Linda Hamel

Door prizes were drawn throughout the meeting and a Christmas in July cake was served.

Respectfully submitted by:

Silvia Homa – Secretary

August Program

The program at our August meeting will be a game called Quilter's Strip Poker. All you have to do is bring in your 2.5 inch strips X WOF and your game face. Any color, any design.

Remember those 2.5 (3") strips from a past fabric exchange? I am sure that you can find them easily. How many? about 20-30 will do. Bring extra, if you feel like a winner

July Show & Tell



Mary Larkin made a memorial Teddy bear and Heart from clothing from a family member who had passed away.



Susan Koederitz

Pat Leiter finished this Wedding Quilt for a family member.



Clem made this T-shirt quilt for her son.



Jean Nalbandian

July Program – NICU Projects

Our Community Service Sewing Day on July 21 was a phenomenal success! A huge thank you to all of our members that participated in the day by cutting flannel and batting, sewing, trimming, turning and topstitching the hearts and cuddle pads! Your efforts will make a difference in the lives of many babies and parents in 8 area hospital NICU units. The hospitals that will benefit from our dedication are: Bryn Mawr, Lankenau, Paoli, Riddle, Chester County, Phoenixville Hospital, Einstein Montgomery and Virtua.

Here is the report. Several ladies made items at home and brought them to the meeting, but the bulk of the hearts and cuddle pads were made at the meeting. Can you believe that in less than 2 hours, our total was 352 items?! Awesome – just plain AWESOME!

The need for both of these items is ongoing so please consider making them as you have time. We have plenty of flannel so there is no need for you to purchase it. Contact Josie Sharp to obtain a supply. Josie.sharp@sharperoutlook.com

Josie Sharp

Maria Bentin, Project Coordinator for Project Sweet Peas, will attend our meeting on August 4 to accept our donations and to meet the lovely ladies that made these items. Maria's organization manages the distribution of all of the hearts and cuddle pads to 8 area hospitals. She will tell her personal story and describe the goals and mission of Project Sweet Peas.



Winnie and Judy



Josie, our NICU program, organizer and Marie



Laurie, Rosemary, Linda and Melinda

**LOOSE THREADS QUILT GUILD
COMMUNITY SERVICE SEWING DAY
July 21, 2021**

Completed Items – July 21

<u>Hearts</u>	<u>Small</u>	<u>Medium</u>	<u>Large</u>	<u>Sub Total</u>	<u>Total</u>
	7	16	80	103	
Cuddle Pads	Small	Medium	Large		
	28	28	34	90	193

Previously Completed Items

<u>Hearts</u>	<u>Small</u>	<u>Medium</u>	<u>Large</u>	<u>Sub Total</u>	<u>Total</u>
	6	14	51	71	
Cuddle Pads	Small	Medium	Large		
	16	44	28	88	159

Totals as of August

<u>Hearts</u>	<u>Small</u>	<u>Medium</u>	<u>Large</u>	<u>Sub Total</u>	<u>Total</u>
	14	48	150	212	
Cuddle Pads	Small	Medium	Large		
	47	75	71	193	405

**Many Guild members took items home to complete, and these
will be added to our total.**



Carolyn and Loretta on her Featherweight. Loretta even brought her granddaughters to help out. Thanks girls!



Susan and her guest pitching in.

Christmas in July



Betty Ann added to the 'festive vibe' with her handmade hat.

There was a great turnout for our Christmas in July celebration. It was so nice to see folks we hadn't seen for a long while! There were Christmas hats, red attire and even blinking Christmas tree light necklaces adding to the fun.

The gathering featured the Sewing Room Block of the Month quilts from 2019 -2020 and our 2020 Guild Challenges. Door prizes were awarded throughout the meeting and the day ended with a tasty 'holiday' cake from Wegmans.



Judy Shafer got in the spirit.





Which challenge should I vote for?



Marking my choice!



Challenge Participants:
(clockwise, from upper
left):

Rosemary Geisler
Clem Dupont
Linda Hamel
Silvia Homa
Judy Peters
Susan Koederitz
Judy Peters
Judy McCourry (in the
center)

All were submitted as part
of the WINTER category
except Judy's bowl made
from old clothesline and
Linda's wallhanging
made from an old flea
market pillow top. These
two were entered under
SILK PURSE, SOW'S
EAR.

Day Camp is scheduled for Tuesday, November 9th and Wednesday, November 10th at our Spring City UCC church. Cost is \$20 which includes lunch and snack on both days.

See Betty Ann to sign up by paying your non-refundable fee.



August Birthdays

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

Craft Room Sale at our *Quilt Affair* Saturday, September 11, 2021

I have forms to fill out, for those who want to contribute to the craft sale. Remember, you get 90% of your asking price.

If you have an idea of a nice way you'd like your craft to be displayed, bring it along to the next meeting or on set up day. I'd appreciate it. I will take the forms until Friday, September 10th. Any questions: Contact Silvia Homa.

Susan Koederitz shared this short U-Tube video about a local quilt exhibit in Loxahatchee, Texas that will inspire you.

CBS - Dallas Fort Worth affiliate:
'Sew' Pretty, Ellis County Quilters Brighten Very Fabric of The Community.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fcaxaWYqo9g>

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, email or address changes on your membership form. If you are unable to attend the meetings, please mail check and form to Linda.

Thank you!
Linda Hamel

August Pincushion



Available on the *Sew Can She* website - tutorial and downloadable templates: [Adorable Owls - Free Sewing Pattern & Tutorial — SewCanShe Free Sewing Patterns Tutorials](#)

There is **one basic pattern** then you can make any size owls with it... 2" owls, 4" owls, 6" owls, 12" owls... even huggable sized owls. The finished owls will be approximately 1/2 the height of the pattern pieces. The pattern piece is a little less than 10" tall (so it will fit on a regular sheet of paper). If you use the basic pattern and you can get owls that are all slightly different, between 4-6" tall. The height will depend on how much of the top you fold down to make the beak, and how much you stuff it.

You will need:

- 2 different fabrics (scraps for pincushion size, about a yard total for 'huggable size)
- black and white felt for the eyes
- 2 buttons
- needle and strong thread for hand sewing (optional, but highly recommended)
- polyester fiberfill for stuffing the owl
- rice, wheat, beans, or plastic pellets to give it some weight (place in a zip lock bag)
- hot glue gun and hot glue

Don't forget about pincushions for the Craft Sale table at our **Quilt Affair...**
or making a chicken pincushion for the Sewing Room Sale.

Zoom Quilt Lecture

Jean Sullivan found information about this lecture in the Phoenixville Library Newsletter.



PIECES AND PATTERNS: QUILT HISTORY AND CHESTER COUNTY

How are 19th century quilts made in Chester County similar to or different from quilts made elsewhere or at different times in history? This illustrated slide lecture explores materials, construction and styles of Chester County quilts and their place in the history of quilted handiwork. It also describes a 2003-2004 county-wide quilt documentation initiative.

Learn about the history of quilts and quilting in Chester County with Ellen Endslo of the Chester County History Center in this free, virtual, Library-hosted program on **Thursday, August 5 at 7:00 PM**. More info and registration for this Zoom event at [Pieces and Patterns: Quilt History and Chester County - LibCal - Chester County Library System](#)

This is an online event. Event URL will be sent via registration email. Registration is required. There are 89 seats available

2021 Mini Challenge

This pandemic certainly has thrown our annual guild Challenge schedule into disarray. We just revealed our 2020 Winter and Silk Purse challenges at the July meeting. Certainly, one feature we all enjoy during our Holiday Brunch in December is viewing the wonderful challenge entries submitted by members. There is currently NO pending guild challenge for 2021...until now! Here is a mini challenge for members that will be due at our Holiday Brunch on December 1, 2021.

Here are the rules:

1. Entries should 16" or smaller.
2. Should have at least 1 churn dash block. Of course, it can have more.
3. Should have at least one animal. Any animal. Can be pieced, appliqued, embroidered or in the fabric itself.



Churn Dash Block

Quilt Shop Review

One of my favorite quilt shops is Bears Paw in Towson, Maryland. In our quest to find barn quilts (more about this another time), we scheduled a visit to this amazing shop. The gazebo is gone from inside the store making room for even more fabric. Almost any kind of quilt fabric can be found here. Riley Blake and Lori Hein must be favorites since there are kits, patterns, and embellishments placed artfully throughout the store. There is also a nice array of wool and patterns. A second room contains kits and samples for sale plus, on the day we were there, a lady was learning how to use her new sewing machine. The staff was friendly and offered to stay as late as we wanted. But we were off to find another barn quilt so left happily with our purchases. Check out the store on their website,

www.bearspawfabrics.com.

Judy Snook



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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

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

Our **Quilt Affair** is scheduled for Saturday, September 11th. The set-up day will be Friday September 10th - that's the day to bring your quilts for the quilt show. It's been a LONG time since we had a quilt display, so here's some reminders of projects we worked on during 2019 - 2020. Please participate in the quilt show to make our event a success!

Whisper Challenge

President's Doily Challenge

Joyce Hughes Workshop - Thread Painting

Sarah Ann Smith Workshop – From photo to Flower

Christmas Tree project using the Accu-quilt Die Cutter

RaNae Merrill – Spiral Quilts

Frieda Anderson – Cardinal (or quilts from kits you purchased)

2019-2020 Sewing Room Block of the Month

2019 Challenge: WINGS

2020 Challenge: WINTER & SILK PURSE, SOW'S EAR