



Loose Threads News

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January 2022

1st Wednesday Agenda

- 9:30 Doors open -
refreshments & socializing
- 10:00 Business Meeting

3rd Wednesday Agenda

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- 10:00 What Not Wallet
Susan Koederitz

President's Message

Quilters,

As I write this January message, many things are going through my mind. What will 2022 bring us? Unfortunately, the year isn't starting off very well. One of my cousins wrote on Facebook that it is Part 3 of 2020! My hope is that the year will get better as we go through it.

Many people look at January as a new beginning. They make lots of new resolutions and off they go! As quilters we make resolutions also. This year I will finish all my UFO's, I will use my stash, I won't start anything new until I finish my current project and on and on. Then the guild plans a field trip to a fabric store and all the resolutions go out the window! But relax, we are quilters, this is what we do.

Hopefully Mother Nature will be kind to us and not let it snow on the first and third Wednesday of these cold months. But if it does, listen to what the Springford school district is doing and we follow their guidelines. If they are closed then we are closed. If they have a delayed opening, we are also.

Let's have a fun year with new programs and speakers! And remember to be kind and courteous to everyone, we all have "things" going on in our other lives.

Happy quilting,

Rosemary

HAPPY NEW YEAR

December Minutes

The Monthly Business Meeting of the Loose Threads Quilt Guild was held at the United Church of Christ in Spring City on December 15, 2021 facilitated by President Rosemary Geisler. The meeting was called to order at 10:03.

Announcements: The holiday party was a great success and Rosemary thanked the committee for all their hard work. With the uptick in Covid the membership voted to start wearing masks at the meetings again.

Basting: The next basting day is 12/29/21. We are expecting two quilts at least.

Block of the Month: Month 1 was Jacobs Ladder. Month 2 is a Star block. Directions handed out by Diane and Silvia.

Challenge: Debbie went over instructions for the new 2022 challenge. Fill a brown bag with fabric and these will be exchanged. Give your bag with your name on a slip of paper in the bag to either Debbie O'Keefe or Lori Memmen. The exchange is in February. The challenge is then to make 2 placemats which are coordinating but not necessarily the same, out of the bag fabric. You can add only 1 of your own fabrics.

Charity Projects: Nancy passed on the thanks from the dialysis center for the quilts received and they also said they would take more if any available. Nancy received 6 more charity quilts today and thanks all who have contributed. Also, as a PSA, the Henrietta Hankin Library has Makers Space which is an area that has sewing equipment available for patrons to use.

Day Camp: Next camp probably in April

Field Trips: A trip planned for Stitch Central in Huntingdon Valley on January 27th, 2022. A sign-up sheet was passed around. Also, a field trip is planned for Wayne Art Center and Wharton Escherick Museum either March 29th or 31st depending on tour availability.

Holiday Brunch: Great job by the committee. One gift was left.

Programs: Announced by Linda Hamel, Linda Glass and Susan Koederitz that the next program on 1/22 is making a "What not Wallet" which Susan will teach. The necessary instructions will be in newsletter.

Secret Pal: Margie states that new secret pals info sheets have been sent out and everyone should have the information. The stockings will be passed out in January or February which you can decorate and give to your secret pal. There is good participation this year.

Speakers: Laurie reports we have Gail Garber scheduled in May and possibilities of Janneke Van Der Ree or Denise Martin from Seamless Sewing Arts in Phoenixville.

Sunshine: Judy Schafer doing better but still recovering. Jane Russell still not feeling well.

Tea: Reported by Laurie Kelly, the tea block is on the website and Silvia is collecting the blocks. Katherine Jensen White is the scheduled speaker. We are already starting to receive registrations. We are capping the number at 100. The food will be sandwiches, salads and a dessert. Everything will be served by people wearing masks and gloves. Masks will be encouraged for the attendees.

Treasurer: Balance reported by Marylou. Copy of budget will be distributed so committees know what they can spend.

Website: Up to date. New tea information also on there.

Raffle Winners:

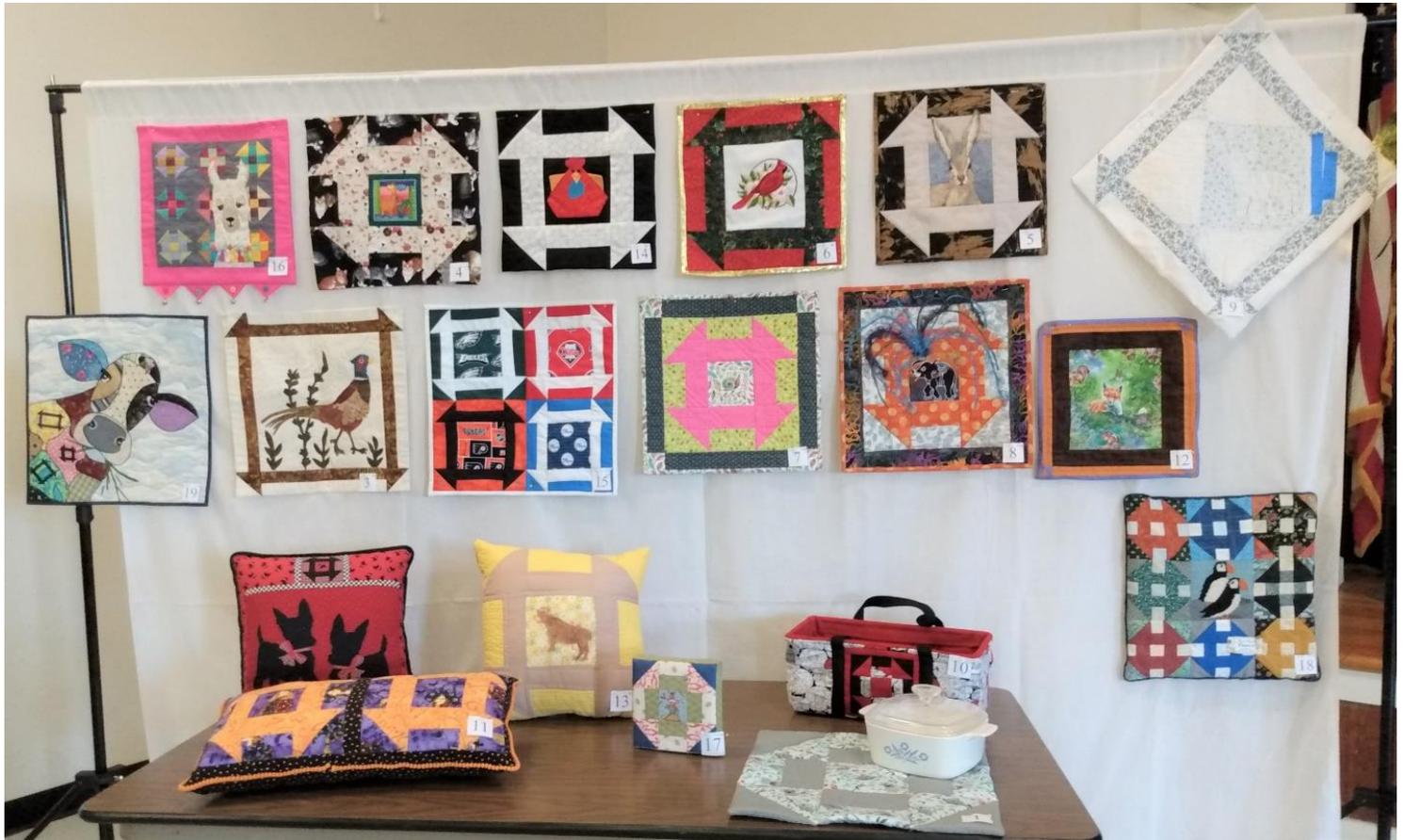
Name Tag Winner: Rosemary Geisler

The meeting concluded at 11:30 followed by Show 'n Tell.

Respectfully submitted by:

Winnie McCarraker – Secretary

2021 Challenge



That darn pandemic really complicated the scheduling of our guild challenge. Since the 2020 challenge wasn't revealed until July 2021, there wasn't any 2021 challenge to be revealed at this holiday gathering. We couldn't break that tradition so, in August a Mini challenge was offered. Simple rules were set – the piece should be less than 16" on a side, must contain a Churn Dash block and any kind of animal.

We had a terrific response to our late announced challenge. Nineteen members participated, making wall hangings, a casserole cozy, tote, a canvas mounted mini-quilt and a number of pillows.



Which one is my favorite, which one, which one?



Congratulations to our viewer's choice winner Silvia Homa for her whimsical cow quilt.



Challenge participants: Jean Sullivan, Debby O'Keefe, Susan Koederitz, Judy Peters, Joanne Gardner, Linda Glass, Kathy Neiman, Winnie McCarraher, Judy Snook, Linda Garthe, Marie Traxler, Geri Dulis, New member Chris Rivard, Melinda Novatnak. Not present for photograph were Betty Ann Dawspn, Rosemary Geisler, Nancy Miller, Linda Hamel, Silvia Homa.

Holiday Party



Judy, Clem & Winnie



Judy, Josie, Kathy, Margie, Lori & Debby



Donna, Nancy, Sally & Sue

This year's holiday party was the absolute best! Not only was it so welcome after missing out last year, everything just seemed more special. The dining room was beautiful. Each place setting was marked with a holiday placemat, candy sled, surprise goodie bag (from an absent Betty Ann, who for some reason, would rather be lounging on a beach in Hawaii!) and a gift of handcrafted fabric coasters. The center of each table was adorned with a holiday table runner and poinsettia – which were sent home at the party's conclusion with lucky raffle winning members.

And our members fit right into the festive setting; everyone was all decked out in

their holiday finery. It was a delight to visit with some folks we hadn't seen in a while, Susan Glaser, Joanne Cantwell, Joanne Gardner, and Eileen Frankil, who delayed her departure back to Hilton Head until the evening so she could attend.

We enjoyed refreshments: fruit cup, wraps and very yummy cookies. Gift exchange, secret pal and of course, the challenge rounded out the day's events.

Kudos to the hardworking members of Holiday Party committee: Mary Larkin, Kathy Neiman, Takako Pike, Janet Freedline, Melinda Novatnak, Marie Traxler, Sally Ater and committee chair Pat Leiter.



Clem, Laurie, Cathy, Judy & Linda



Joanne & Laurie



Loretta & Geri



Bonnie, Joanne & Cathy



Our emcee, Kathy



Gayle



Stephanie, Diane, Eileen & Dona

January Program



To My Loose Threads Friends,

I received my gift, via Marylou to my son Jeremy to me, on Thanksgiving Eve. It is so kind, creative, wonderful...I am speechless. Every time I look at it, I see new things. The thoughtfulness, quirkiness – I love it!!

I definitely miss Loose Threads. Now that I am up in State College, I have given myself permission to sew again. It had been put on a shelf the 3 months while we were packing and moving. I've made a baby quilt for Bryony, a comfort quilt for Toys 4 Tots (the recipient up here for comfort quilts) and pin basted a twin size for us over Thanksgiving at my sister-in-law Sarah's (some of you knew her). She only has about 8 quilts in progress, and 4 needing labels for her guild's comfort quilts!!

After the holidays we'll start house hunting. Hopefully by then Bryony, Pete, Justyne and Parker will finally be home. She's doing fine, but was born at 25 weeks.

In any language, I am touched by your thoughtfulness.

Many thanks and love,

Lenore

At our January program meeting we'll be making a **What Not Wallet**. Susan Koederitz will show us how to put together this very versatile and easy project. Beside a wallet, you can make this project in various sizes to serve as a checkbook cover, for coupon storage or a lovely way to present a gift card.

Supplies to bring to the meeting:

2 coordinating fat quarters
~FQ size piece of fusible midweight interfacing (i.e. Pellon 931TD)
Rotary cutter, ruler, scissors, pins

The amount of machine sewing is minimal. We will have 3 machines there that day. Bring yours if you'd like.



January Birthdays

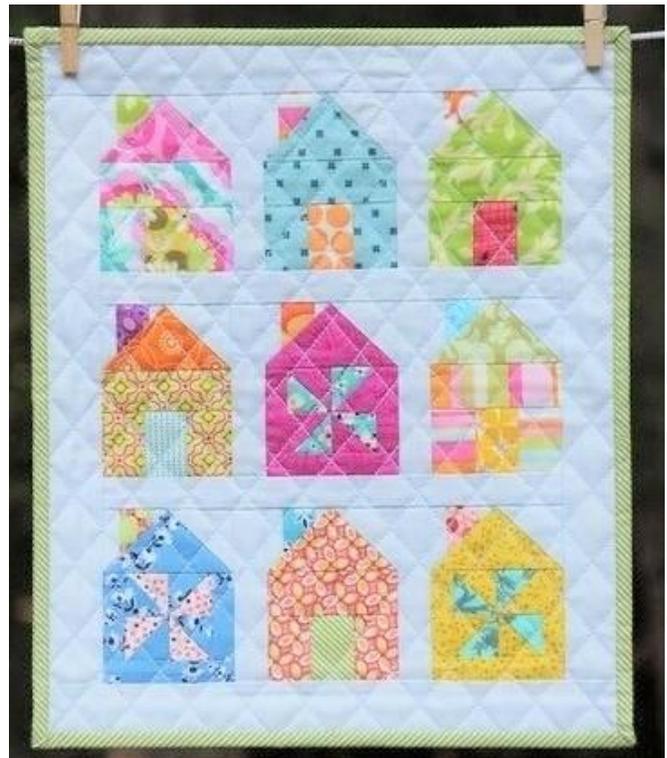
1 Takako Pike
14 Lil Evans



BOM Mini Quilt - January

This month's mini is 'Tiny Houses'. No, not like on HGTV, but as in cheery, little quilts. All of the directions for two different sizes (13 x 16" or 26 x 32") were sent along with this newsletter and also available on our website. www.thehoosethreadsquilters.org

Remember if you make a BOM mini and bring it to show & tell (either completed or just the top) you are entered to win a BOM prize. Any questions, see Diane Hess or Silvia Homa.



Hospitality

January 5

Snack: Christine Rivard
Snack: Silvia Homa
Cold Drink: Loretta Radewonuk

January 19

Pat Leiter
 Josie Sharpe
 Susan Koederitz

December Show and Tell



Josie Sharp was very busy making fabric votive candle bags.



Winnie McCarragher made this comfort quilt using Sewing Room sale orphan blocks.



Linda Hamel - AccuQuilt wreath



Melinda Novatnak made some pillows for her new couch.



Sue Umstead made this quilt during the lockdown... using only her fabric stash!

Tea Info



Craft Sale – We would love to sell your handcrafted item or kits at the Tea. Check out Pinterest for loads of clever ideas. Remember the guild consignment fee is only 10%...you keep 90% of the cost of your sale item. Questions? Contact Silvia Homa.

LTO Auction – Think about volunteering (with 1 or 2 other members perhaps) to put together a ‘theme’ basket for the auction. Or if you have a quilt kit that you never got to (and realize you never will!) or a UFO that you’ll never finish, think about donating it to the auction. Questions? Contact Linda Hamel

Tea Block – A reminder that members are asked to make 1 Tea block to donate to this drawing. Directions were in December’s newsletter or on our website. If you make 2 (or more, if you’d like), then your name will be entered into the guild drawing to win a group of blocks. (If you already made this block for the 2020 Tea you’re all set.) Turn in your block to Silvia Homa.

Book Sale – You can donate sewing related books (please nothing older than 2010) or novels to this sale. Bring the books in anytime to Clem Dupont. They are being stored in the Maple Room behind the kitchen.

Quilt Show – It’s the new year so make plans to finish up some of those UFOs. We need lots of colorful quilts in all different sizes to display at our member quilt show.

2022 LTQ Challenge



It’s a Mystery Bag

Each person will receive a paper lunch bag to fill with fabric. It can be fat quarters, scraps, strips, etc. To fill your bag: scraps must be no smaller than 5”, strips must be no thinner than 2 ½” and the bag should be stuffed ¾ full! (Don’t fill the bag more than ¾ full so the top can be folded over. If it’s too full the bag may rip.) Don’t forget to put a slip of paper with your name on it inside your bag.

Bags will be collected and then exchanged so that everyone receives a mystery bag to use to make 2 coordinated (not necessarily identical) placemats. You do not have to use every piece of fabric in your bag. You may include one additional fabric. Size is optional, to fit on a dining table. Binding is optional. Back can be plain or pieced.

Return your bag to Lori Memmen or Debby O’Keefe by January 26, 2022.

Bags will be distributed to participants at the first February meeting and finished placemats will be displayed at the Dec 2022 holiday party!

Questions: Lori Memmen or Debby O’Keefe, Challenge Committee

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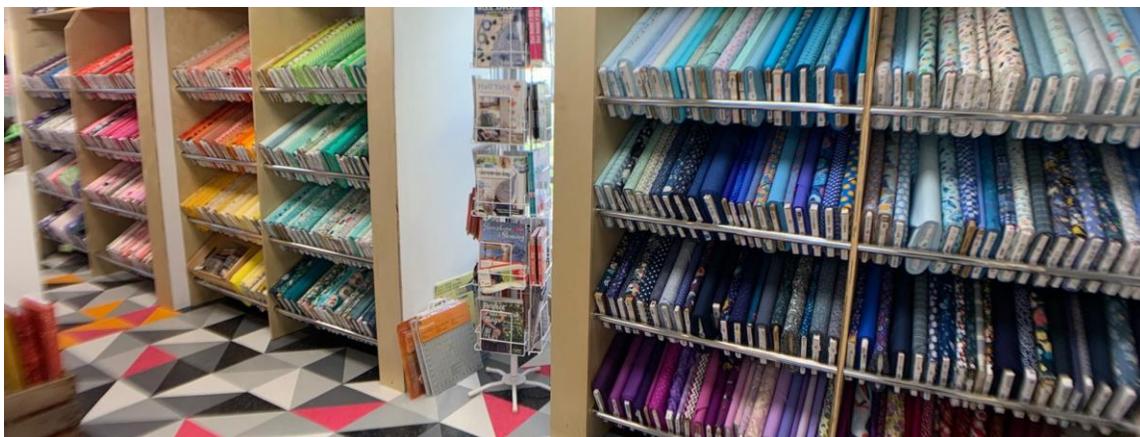
Loose Threads Quilt Guild

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

Upcoming Field Trip



We're getting back on the road in January! Loose Threads members will be gathering for a trip to **Stitch Central** in Bucks County on Thursday January 27th. If you like to come along contact Winnie McCarraher. www.mystitchcentral.com 2535 Huntingdon Pike Huntingdon Valley, PA