



# Loose Threads News

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## 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday Agenda

9:30 Doors open -  
refreshments & socializing

10:00 Business Meeting  
Show and Tell

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday Agenda

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10:00 Program begins –  
Sit-n'-Sew



Happy 4th of July!

## President's Message

This has been a tough year for the Loose Threads Quilters and their extended families. We have lost so many spouses, parents, siblings and children that we have lost count. The Sunshine budget has been ripped to pieces. Our latest loss has been the hardest to bare, one of our own. Sue Kehl will be sorely missed, her ready smile, her quick wit, and her willingness to pitch in where ever needed. Our hearts go out to her family as they muddle through these tough times. Life is so fragile; we should all handle it with care and kindness. Extend that caring and kindness to all of our Guild members, our families, people on the street and ourselves. To quote a line from *Pretty Woman*, "Take care of you." Optimistically, looking forward to a happier rest of the year!

*Betty Ann*



*This photo, taken at our June luncheon, shows so well the Sue that we knew and loved - warm, welcoming and always a ready smile. We will miss Sue so very much.*

## Historian Update

Our guild historian, Linda Hamel, has added another Shutterfly photo book to the guild archives. Our president, Betty Ann, passed along coupon for a free photo book and said, "Do whatever you'd like." So she did!

The most popular feature of our monthly newsletter is ***Getting to Know You*** written by Joanne Cantwell. After a short interview process comprised of several questions on past and present, Joanne will write a biography that helps us get to know our fellow member just a little bit better. Whether the member is brand new to the guild or has been in our midst for 20 years, we learn more about our guild friends than simply their interest in quilting. It seemed appropriate to assemble these wonderful biographies into a book as a permanent record for the Loose Threads Guild. There are 24 newsletter biographies in the book. For those of us not as yet featured, a photo, hometown and year joining the guild was included – so it is a complete member directory for 2016.

The book will be at the next several meetings for all to see. Enjoy!

### Info from Melinda:

Top of the line Hinterberg Classic  
Quilt Frame

3 8 foot poles, no basting required  
Partially unassembled for easy  
transport  
\$100

Call Jo Killian at 610-926-6918

## Upcoming Events

### **Muncy Historical Society Quilt Show**

- July 15- 16, 2016 at the First United  
Methodist Church, 602 S. Market St.,  
Muncy

Hours: Fri 10-8, Sat 9-3

Admission: \$8 per day, or \$12 event

[www.muncyhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.muncyhistoricalsociety.org)

### **Quilt Odyssey 2016 – July 21-24, 2016**

Hershey Lodge & Convention Center,  
W. Chocolate Ave. & University Dr.,  
Hershey

Hours: Thur - Sat 10 - 6, Sun 10 - 4

Admission: \$10 or \$14 entire event

[www.quiltodyssey.com](http://www.quiltodyssey.com)

THESE ARE NOT  
WRINKLES.

THEY ARE THE  
SURVIVAL LINES OF  
MY LIFE.

EACH ONE HOLDS A  
STORY, A LAUGH, OR  
A MEMORY.

THEY ARE LIKE  
SNOWFLAKES.

NO TWO ARE ALIKE.

## Creating Fiber Lace Scarves



Great yarn scarves are not just for knitters anymore! At our June program meeting Laurie Kelly showed us how to make fiber lace scarves using water soluble stabilizer and a creative eye. She brought along a large bin containing various types of yarn, ribbon and thread for us to use in creating our own 'fabric' for the scarves. In the end, we decided that 'more is definitely better' as far as the variety and amount of materials to use. Can't wait until July's show-n'-tell to see the end results.

The Sulky website has some free downloadable directions if you like to learn more:

<http://www.sulky.com/fullpanel/uploads/files/thread-lace-yarn-scarf-.pdf>

Offering comments such as, "How about this color?" and "More... add one more of that one." Linda and Clem proved to be great design consultants for Linda Hamel's scarf project.





## Minutes – June Meeting

Susan Glaser, vice president, called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M.

### **Items of Note:**

- The election of new officers was the first order of business. Ballots were passed out to the members.
- The question was asked whether members who were not in attendance on the day of the election should be able to vote by proxy.
- A vote was taken and passed enabling members to vote if they are not at the meeting. The member who can't attend will have to give a written ballot to another member in advance of the election so it will be taken to the meeting and counted.
- Those elected were: President – Betty Ann Dawson  
Vice President – Lillian Evans  
Secretary – Stephanie Adrian

**Business Meeting Raffle:** Won by Clem Dupont.

**Basting:** So far there are no quilts scheduled for basting at the June 29<sup>th</sup> meeting. The plan is to devote that meeting to making charity quilts.

**Block of the Month:** The directions for the Block of the Month will be in the Newsletter. Putting on the borders is the next step. If you have any questions contact Linda Garthe.

**Challenge:** “Birds and Words” challenge details are in the newsletter.

**Charity:** The last meeting in June and August will be given to charity projects.

**Fabric Exchange:** The topic for June is “summer”. It can be anything summer related such as beach, sea, sandals or whatever.

**Field trip:** There is a plan to attend the Hershey show in July.

**Historian:** Linda Hamel has a coupon for a free Shutterfly book. She is planning to combine all the “Getting to know you” pieces from the Newsletter in the book.

**Hospitality:** Sign-ups are complete for the next three months. The decision was made to purchase a power surge – extension cord for the guild to use with the coffee machines.

**Library:** There are two new books. One is on quilts and the Civil War. The other is on patterns.

**Newsletter:** If you travel anywhere interesting send Linda Hamel a few words of description or pictures. Think about a review of quilt shop or book.

**Retreats:** There is a retreat scheduled for Blue Lake Monday Oct 10<sup>th</sup> to Thursday Oct 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Speakers:** In September Robert from Steve's will be the speaker. In November Deb Karasik will give a workshop on Tuesday and on the next day – Wednesday – she will give a lecture. If you take a class anywhere that is really good let Laurie Kelly know. Conversely, if you take a class that is really bad let her know about that also.

**Sunshine:** Cards were sent to Wendy Cole and Carol Cossa

**Website:** Is anyone interested in shadowing with Lenore Clarke on how to do the website? If so, let her know. Lenore thanked all those who contributed quilts for the Library quilt show and those who helped set it up and take it down.

**Membership:** Let Susan Glaser know if there are any changes or updates that should be added to the membership list.

**Treasurer:** Marylou Boryta gave an account of the Guild's income and expenses.

**Other items:** The meeting ended with show and tell of interesting, beautiful work done by the members.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00.

*Sally Ater* - Secretary

## Farewell Luncheon for Takako

The first day of June was not only our guild business meeting, but an opportunity for a special get together at Bellwood Golf Club to say farewell to our friend Takako. She is moving back to Japan and ready to begin the next adventure in her life. She is going to start a longarm quilting business in a country which has been strictly devoted to hand quilting for their beautiful textile creations. Takako told us that there are currently NO longarm quilters in Japan, so the opportunity is certainly there for success, especially given Takako's skill and creativity in machine quilting.

We enjoyed a delicious buffet lunch and then shared a very tasty cake from Wegmans. (Love that buttercream frosting!) Carolyn Thompson was our emcee and she asked us all to share our thoughts and memories of Takako. And as is invariably true for our guild gatherings, "A wonderful time was had by all."





## Farewell Luncheon for Takako



Many thanks to Clem Dupont for organizing such a delightful afternoon.





## July Program

For July, our program committee has scheduled a Sit-n'-Sew session. Silvia will be showing us a small MYSTERY project. She will describe the project at the July business meeting along with any supplies that will be required.



## Hershey Quilt Show

The Annual Hershey Quilt Odyssey show "Turning the World onto Quilting" will be held this year on July 21-22-23-24 at the Hershey Lodge and Convention Center located on Route 322 in Hershey. Exhibits and vendors are open Thurs-Sat from 10:00am – 6:00pm and on Sunday from 10:00am – 4:00pm.

All classes and lectures can be found on their website [www.quiltodyssey.com](http://www.quiltodyssey.com) and directions for registering are given here as well. They are featuring a number of new teachers this year along with quite a few longarm teachers. Check the online schedule for further details

## Comfort Quilts

Loose Threads made a donation of 20 comfort quilts to Parkhouse Nursing & Rehabilitation Center located on Route 113 in Royersford. The ladies of the social services department were thrilled with the colorful variety of quilts and assured us the residents would be equally delighted to receive them.



## Guild Officers 2016-2017

The election for guild officers was held at the June business meeting. Beginning in September, our officers will be:

**President:**

Betty Ann Dawson

**Vice-President:**

Lil Evans

**Secretary:**

Stephanie Adrian

**Treasurer:**

Marylou Boryta

*congratulations*

## JULY BIRTHDAYS

20 Linda Glass

21 Judy Snook



### FABRIC EXCHANGE

This month's fabric theme is **nautical** prints. Bring **12** rectangles measuring 3 ½" x 6 ½" and place in a ziplock bag with your name on it.



## Hospitality



**Snack**

**July 6**

Linda Garthe

**Snack**

Kiti Williams

**Fruit/Veg**

Margie Allen

**Cold Drink**

Rosemary Geisler

**July 20**

Jane Russell

Toni Hughes

Sally Ater

Melinda Novatnak



# Getting to Know You

## Diane Hess

It's time to meet one of our newer members, Diane Hess, who grew up in Lancaster County, just outside of Millersville. Her path took her to Penn Manor High School, on to Penn State University and eventually to the Pottstown area.

Diane's maternal grandmother was one of those nimble fingered individuals who could sew, knit, embroider, crochet, tat, etc., she did it all, and she began teaching Diane to sew when she was about 10 years old. She often stayed with her grandparents for 4-5 days at a time and over the years Diane learned to hand sew, make garments, knit, crochet and do cross-stitch. She still keeps busy with most all but just never got into knitting so much. Since her grandmother did not quilt, Diane is mostly a self-taught (trial and error) quilter, taking it up when she was pregnant with her daughter, 16 years ago.

Taking a few quilt classes over the years, Diane enjoys trying all quilting techniques at least once and is still working on that. She most enjoys standard geometric piecing and applique. Although she does do handwork, she prefers the speed of machine sewing and quilting.

At Penn State, Diane became a registered Architect and worked in that field for close to 25 years. A lay-off about three years ago was an opportunity to concentrate on her hobby of quilting. After a friend asked her to make a T-shirt quilt, she started to make T-shirt quilts for graduation gifts and that led to longarm quilting. She now has a small longarm business ([coventryquilts@comcast.net](mailto:coventryquilts@comcast.net)).

Diane's daughter, Emma, age 16, is in the high school band and another band parent, Stephanie Adrian, invited her to attend a Loose Threads meeting. She joined LTQ in September '15 so is still enjoying her first year in the guild. Having led our February workshop, Diane cordially accepted the invitation to be assistant chairperson for next year's Quilter's Tea and plans to continue as an active member of the guild.



Aside of taking caring of her family, (husband and daughter Emma), Diane enjoys doing crafts and tending to her pet chickens. Church activities and volunteering with the high school band also fill her days. Travel is another interest and she loves stopping at quilt shops wherever she goes.

Since anything quilt-related is special to her, joining Loose Threads has meant a great deal to Diane. After virtually quilting alone for 15 years, she greatly enjoys socializing and quilting with such an amazing group of women as she has found at LTQ

Joanne Cantwell

## Patriotic Quilts

### ***Found a Fons and Porter website with 14 free patriotic quilt patterns:***

“Red, white and blue symbolize the colors of the American flag, as well as the perfect colors for a patriotic quilt pattern. Rich in history, patriotic quilts are a way to bring the American spirit into a quilt top. They are great quilts to give as well as to keep. Each of the free patriotic quilt patterns below is perfect for decorating your home for Fourth of July, Labor Day or Memorial Day as well as just to commemorate the sacrifices of the troops. If someone in your life is a veteran, a patriotic quilt can be a touching tribute to their contributions and a way to thank them every day.”

<http://www.fonsandporter.com/patriotic-quilt-patterns>



***At the Quilt Inspiration website you'll find over 40 free patriotic patterns in a wide variety of styles. Here are two examples if you're interested in a wool project or perhaps a modern quilt design. Check out this site:***

“'Tis the season for red, white and blue! Memorial Day, Flag Day, and America's Independence Day are just around the corner. Red, white and blue quilts, wall hangings, flags, pillows and table toppers... here are 40+ free patterns! (Note: This post was updated on January 15, 2016)”

<http://quiltinspiration.blogspot.com/2014/05/free-pattern-day-patriotic-and-flag.html>





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## Loose Threads Quilt Guild

Meets at 9:30 AM on the  
1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month,  
with a special basting meeting on the 5<sup>th</sup>  
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](http://www.theloosethreadsquilters.org)

Eileen Frankil reminded us at the luncheon of the delicious and healthy (!) cookie recipe that Takako is known for....here it is reprinted at popular demand.

## RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Here is the requested recipe for the yummy Banana Oat Bars that Takako Pike made for the last meeting.

### **BANANA OAT BARS**

2 cups quick oats (not instant)

¼ cup chopped walnuts

½ cup shredded coconut

½ cup raisins or chopped dates

2 large ripe banana, mashed

¼ cup unsweetened applesauce, optional

1 tablespoon date sugar, optional

*Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Mix ingredients together in a large bowl. Press dough in a 9" x 9" baking pan. Bake for 30 min. Cool on wire rack. When cool, slice into squares or bars and serve.*



*I have added ¼ cup sunflower seeds in my version and did not add date sugar. Apple sauce help will bind the ingredients and make the bars moist.*