



# Loose Threads News

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July 2021

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

9:30 Doors open –  
refreshments & socializing

10:00 Business Meeting  
**Christmas in July**

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

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refreshments & socializing

10:00 Service Projects - NICU

## President's Message

Welcome to summer! It's hot, hot, hot! High temps, high humidity, thunderstorms, you've got to love Pennsylvania weather this time of year. If you can't be at the beach or in the mountains, come to our Guild meetings. The good news is that the Church Hall is air-conditioned. And, better than that it's where your quilt minded buddies get to hang out, have refreshments, socialize and make plans for the coming year.

Plans are in the works for our Christmas in July, our Guild Open House/Quilt Show complete with Chinese Auction, Sewing Room Sale, Book Sale and Craft Sale, and Day Camp. We are gearing up and getting ready. In order to make things work, we will need the co-operation and participation of a good number of our members. Come back to a meeting, give a call to someone, let us know if you'd like to be an active participant in any of the fun activities that we have planned. Hope to see you soon!

*Betty Ann*

We will be hosting an 'alternative TEA' on Saturday, September 11, 2021 which will be called a Quilter's Open House. There will be no food served. The planned activities include a quilt show to be held in the dining room area, short announced demonstrations, Sewing Room sale, Chinese auction, craft sale and book sale. The guest cost to be determined. Bernie Hughes and Laurie Kelly are chairing this effort and details will be finalized shortly so invitations can be sent out in July. We hope members can help prior to the event, at set-up on Friday, September 10<sup>th</sup> and /or at the Open House on the 11<sup>th</sup>.



## June Meeting Minutes

The Monthly Business Meeting of the Loose Threads Guild was held at the United Church of Christ in Spring City, PA on June 6, 2021 facilitated by President Betty Ann Dawson

**Basting:** Any quilts needing basting, notify the committee before June 30th or come on in for the charity project scheduled.

**BOM:** Pincushion of the month was presented and members were encouraged to make by Diane and Silvia.

**Challenge:** X-mas in July scheduled for July 7th, business meeting. Don't forget to bring your challenge: Winter Wonderland or "Silk purse from sow's ear". Bring the Sewing Room theme BOM (OK to bring top only). Bring own lunch.

**Day Camp:** Set your calendars for Nov 9-10<sup>th</sup>. Cost is \$20 - no refunds.

**Field Trip:** Blue Hen in DE meet at Wegmans in Collegeville leaving at 9:30 Lunch is scheduled also.

**Hospitality:** New plan is to have 1 person to serve the coffee and keep snacks individually wrapped.

**Library:** New arrivals of Quilt Mania.

**Nominating Committee:** New Officers for Sept 2021 will be Rosemary president, Linda vice president, Winnie secretary and Mary Lou as treasurer.

**Programs:** Summer program schedule is underway and being finalized.

**Secret Pal:** Will be revealed at December 2021 Holiday Brunch.

**Tea:** "Open House" scheduled for 9/11/2021. Social distancing will be a priority as the guild starts to plan the event. More to follow.

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

Respectfully submitted by:

*Silvia Homa* – Secretary



### Airing of the Quilts

July 24, 2021

09:00am - 3:00pm / Garden Spot Village Campus and Outdoor Pavilion  
433 S. Kinzer Ave, New Holland, PA

Inspired by the pioneer tradition of airing the quilts by hanging them on bushes and trees, the Garden Spot Village Quilters will host their first "Airing of the Quilts." Walk, ride or drive through the Garden Spot Village community to view the beautiful quilts that will be displayed around the campus. Stop by the Outdoor Pavilion for a Pop-Up Quilt Sale. Peruse the lovely designs and take home a new family heirloom. The rain date for this event will be Saturday, July 31, 2021.

<https://www.gardenspotvillage.org/events/>

# Pincushion of the Month - July

## Apple and Pear Pincushion

Don't forget to make some of these beauties for the "Boutique" at our next Tea fundraiser!

Tutorial: [How to make an apple pin cushion | Sewing | The Guardian](#)



Pattern sent as attachment with this newsletter.



Remember this adorable chicken pincushion Diane featured in May newsletter. Betty Ann and Lil would like to sell them as a 'souvenir' at the sewing room sale in September. They will have an attached tag – LTQ Quilter's Open House 2021. If members could make 1 or 2 that would be great!

Link to PDF pattern -

<http://www.quiltscapesquilting.com/resources/He%20Party%20Chicks%20Pincushion.pdf>





Our new guild officers for 2021 – 2022:

**President:** Rosemary Geisler, **Vice-President:** Linda Hamel, **Secretary:** Winnie McCarraher and **Treasurer:** Marylou Boryta



We had a lovely day on our ROAD TRIP to the Blue Hen quilt shop in Newark, Delaware. This photo was taken during our delicious lunch down the street at the Blue Crab. (Anyone notice a theme?) Perfect ending... a stop for ice cream cones on the way home!

## Service Project

The annual Ingathering for those in need hosted by the Pickering Valley Guild at St. Peter's United Church of Christ has restarted again since the Covid pandemic.

### Who do we help:

Chester County Intermediate Unit  
Genesis Pregnancy Care Center  
Phoenixville Area Learning Center  
GEMMA Services - Silver Springs  
Pocopson Home

Collectively 5 organizations gather together to supply the needs these charities would lack. If it would not be for all of the caring and loving people that participate in this mission, these people, mostly children, wouldn't know about others caring about them.

I am asking for your help in this endeavor. I hope guild members will be able to donate some quilts - different sizes would be fine. I will accept them anytime but you have until the end of October 27th to participate. Loose Threads has been giving 10 quilts to this effort for the past several years. The appreciation and enthusiasm are so great...you would all be very pleased. Thanks.

Bonnie Strickland

### Evening Bee – It's happening!

On the second Wednesday of the month folks are again gathering at our Spring City UCC Church for an evening bee that begins about 6:30. Bring a project to work on and be ready to gab! Welcome one and all.



## Quilt Shop Review



If you find yourself driving in the middle of nowhere on State Route 231 in southern Alabama, you just might see an old Victorian House painted pink with a sign that reads, *Front Porch Quilt Shoppe*. It is located on the outskirts of a small town called Ozark, Alabama. Make a quick turn, or if you have to, a U-turn, and stop in to see Melanie Simpson. She is the owner of *Front Porch Quilt Shoppe* and is a most gracious host to her store. The welcoming atmosphere starts at the front of the store, with a wraparound porch that offers seating for your travelling companion. Once you enter, each room unpacks a colorful display of fabric and quilts that catch the eye and cause you to say, “ohhhhh.” She features a variety of designers and collections, some that were not familiar to me. I purchased a lovely collection by Art Gallery Fabrics. The fabric is quality and attractive; you may have a hard time deciding what to take home and what to leave behind! But not to despair, *Front Porch Quilt Shoppe* is as close as a website! The web address is: [www.frontporchquiltshoppe.com](http://www.frontporchquiltshoppe.com). Whether you go in person or on line, I encourage you to make a visit to this little gem!

Pat Leiter



# July Birthdays

- 20 Linda Glass
- 21 Judy Snook
- 31 Winnie McCarraher



## July 30 through February 28, First Floor Gallery – **Homemade Modern: 20<sup>th</sup> Century Quilts, Clothing and More from the Permanent Collection**

New technology, fabrics and other resources of the 1900s gave local women opportunities to practice their traditional sewing skills, but with a modern twist. Visit our Homemade Modern exhibit for a nostalgic glimpse of vintage quilts and clothing utilizing the popular colorways and fabrics of the 20<sup>th</sup> century (including rayon and polyester!).

Schwenkfelder Library & Heritage Center  
105 Seminary St.  
Pennsburg, PA  
[www.schwenkfelder.com](http://www.schwenkfelder.com)

## July Meetings

Our July Business meeting will play double duty as our **Christmas in July** celebration.

**Both** of our 2020 Challenges -Winter and the Silk Purse, Sow's Ear - will be revealed. You can submit an entry to one or both, if you'd like.

We would also like to see the last Block-of the Month from 2019/2020 – the Sewing Room Quilt designed by Diane Hess and Silvia Homa.

If you have some fun holiday headwear or accessories, that would certainly add a festive air to the day. There will be a few other surprises for those that attend. So, bring along your lunch that day and we will provide the dessert!

Our program meeting in July will be a new community service sewing project that will benefit the Newborn Intensive Care Units (NICU) of some local hospitals. We will be making developmental hearts and cuddle pads of flannel. If you have flannel, bring it along, but there will be a good supply of donated flannel and batting on hand. If you have any questions, please contact Josie Sharp – [josie.sharp@sharperoutlook.com](mailto:josie.sharp@sharperoutlook.com)



### WOO HOO!

Day Camp is scheduled for Tuesday, November 9<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, November 10<sup>th</sup> 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.



## June Speaker – Brita Nelson



Brita Nelson with her 3D Lattice Quilt



This quilt was made using Brita's 'crumbs' (mini-scrap!) which was the technique she taught us at the Tuesday workshop



Brita is all about using her scraps. She showed us so many great ideas using a huge variety of patterns. Using the color wheel, Brita also demonstrated various ways to combine colors for a pleasing quilt design.







Clem and Nancy are the first to finish their 'crumb' blocks



# W O R K S H O P



Brita has Linda show how to assemble the 'crumbs'.



Workshop students showing off their blocks – Judy, Marcela, Susan, Nancy, Clem, Marylou, our teacher Brita, Nancy and Linda.



## Quilt Discovery Experience

**Susan Koederitz** came across this quilting information on the website of one of our National Parks with which I wasn't familiar. Homestead National Historical Park, located in Beatrice, Nebraska, was created in 1936. The purpose of the park was to be a "memorial emblematical of the hardships and the pioneer life through which the early settlers passed in the settlement, cultivation and civilization of the Great West."

Through exhibits, special events, and interpretive programs, Homestead National Historical Park addresses the scope and the legacy of the Homestead Act of 1862 across the nation from 1863 until today.

### Quilt Discovery Experience - Homestead National Historical Park

<https://www.nps.gov/home/planyourvisit/quilt-discovery-experience.htm>

"Deeply engaged in a bloody Civil War, President Abraham Lincoln did not hesitate when Congress presented him with legislation that could energize a weary nation. When he signed the Homestead Act of 1862, President Lincoln sent a clear message that he believed the Union could and would endure, and that it would prosper. As a result, 270 million acres of land, owned by the Federal Government, in 30 states, was offered for homesteading, thus creating the Westward Movement, one of the largest migrations of people in our nation's history.

The pioneers spent months, sometimes up to a year - preparing for their trip West. Men saw to the wagons, animals, weapons, farm equipment and tools. The women salted meats and dried fruits and sweet corn, purchased coffee and beans and barrels of sugar and flour. They packed dishes, clothing, utensils, needles and thread...and they sewed. In fact, a great deal of sewing was done, as travel guides suggested that each family should bring enough bedding so that each man, woman and child would have 2-3 blankets or quilts.

While some quilts were packed as treasures in trunks, others were kept close at hand for daily use. They served a variety of purposes not only on the trip west, but also once the pioneers arrived at their destination.

Through the years, quilts have become documents of history. They are the products of their society, influenced by the culture, and the environment of the people who made them. The history of America can be seen in the history of quilts. Stitched into these quilts is the rich heritage of thrifty self-sufficient women who helped homestead the land, the history of families sewn into quilts one patch or one stitch at a time, and the legacy of the art of quilting, passed on from generation to generation.

Thousands of quilt blocks and patterns have been created and sewn through the decades. The quilt patterns or "blocks" that are displayed on our Quilt Trail were in the quilts used by pioneer women as they traveled West and homesteaded the prairie. They also depict other popular patterns used in 1862, when the Homestead Act was signed by President Lincoln, up until the Act was repealed in 1986.

Follow our trail to learn more about quilt making and the history of quilts and how they truly are documents of history, reflecting who we were as a nation and a people."

This site goes on to look at the background and origin of 23 different quilt blocks.

## June Basting Day



Many hands made short work of the basting on Susan's quilt.

There was a good turnout on June 30<sup>th</sup> for our fifth Wednesday basting day. Linda Glass and Susan Koederitz brought their quilts for basting and several ladies got a jump start on the NICU projects we will focus on at our July Service Projects program meeting.

And it was so nice to see our friend Loretta Radewonuk again!



Bonnie, Linda and Clem working on flannel NICU hearts



Gayle and Loretta threading the basting needles.





Judy Snook is going to use this as a summer tablecloth



Lori Memmen finished a stunning red and white quilt.



Marylou Bortya made this colorful rug using a jelly roll. She and Diane Hess are going to host a program meeting later in the year which will feature this project.



Kiti Williams and her daughter were busy making quilts for a new baby and his older sibling.

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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

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

## Upcoming Road Trip

Scheduled tentatively for Friday, August 13<sup>th</sup>, the next guild road trip will be to the Allentown Art Museum. See Winnie McCarraher to sign up.

Featured exhibits: Included in [\*Sleep Tight! Bedcovers and Hangings from Around the World\*](#) are a selection of Pennsylvania German and other American quilts, and Hmong applique work. We also have two quilts and two prints from Gee's Bend on view in a neighboring exhibition, [\*Roots: Sources for American Art and Design\*](#). The works displayed explore historical and cultural traditions of quilting and other textile arts.

