



Loose Threads News

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1st Wednesday Agenda

9:30 Doors open –
refreshments & socializing

10:00 Business Meeting

3rd Wednesday Agenda

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10:00 Service Projects
Workshop



President's Message

Hello quilters

Happy July 4th! What do you remember most celebrating the “4th” as a child? I remember cook-outs, now called barbecues, parades and fire works! Lots of family fun. What are your memories?

Have you made a 4th of July quilt? Have you started one, perhaps there are a few UFO 4th of July quilts in your sewing room? Well, I'm sure you are in good company! Patriotic quilts are beautiful. What is not to like? Whether you plan to spend your day celebrating or sewing, enjoy your time!

We will be meeting on the 6th of July this month, looking forward to being together again.

Happy quilting!

Rosemary

BOM Mini Quilt - July

There is a very appropriate mini-quilt for the month of July...FLAGS.

Directions are given for two sizes, either a 23 ¾ inch square or a larger size which finishes as a 31 inch square. The directions, in a PDF format, have been sent along with this July newsletter.

June Meeting Minutes

The Monthly Business Meeting of the Loose Threads Quilt Guild was held at the United Church of Christ in Spring City on 6/1/22 facilitated by President Rosemary Geisler. The meeting was called to order at 10:05.

Basting: There are three quilt tops to be basted on 6/29/22.

Block of the Month: Dresden Plate which was shown by Sylvia. She also showed her Bowtie quilt which was last month's BOM.

Day Camp: All was successful.

Evening Bee: Being held next week.

Field Trips: York Quilt and Garden show 6/10/22.

Programs: Finishing quilt edges in June

Speakers: Nothing new

Tea: We are breaking up into groups today to discuss the tea. There was a profit from this year's tea.

Treasurer: Report given by Marylou.

Other Items: Election held. Treasurer - Marylou Boryta, Secretary - Winnie McCarraker, Vice-president - Josie Sharp, and President - Betty Ann Dawson.

Raffle Winners: Gayle Hammond provided the raffle gift

Business Meeting Raffle: Chris Rivard

Name Tag Winner: Chris Rivard

The meeting concluded at 11:20 followed by Show 'n Tell.

Respectfully submitted by:

Winnie McCarraker – Secretary



Here's a quilter's treat. If it's your birthday month you can get 3 free fat quarters at *The Old Country Store* in Intercourse. Pick out any 3 FQs of your choice from the fat quarter wall and show your ID at check out. Of course, you'll be tempted by their great selection of fabric, notions, books, kitchen items and gift items so be sure to bring your wallet and take time to browse.

If you haven't been to Intercourse, it's got other shops, places to eat and plenty of parking so you may want to plan a day trip. Field trip anyone??

Debby O'Keefe

America is not like a blanket – one piece of unbroken cloth, the same size, the same color, the same texture. America is more like a quilt – many pieces, many sizes, all woven and held together by a common thread.

Reverend Jesse L. Jackson, Sr.

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An Unbelievable Trip!

I traveled with Cathy Fennell on a Quilter's Heritage tour beginning in Kansas City. When I saw that we were visiting the Arabia Steamboat Museum, I thought that sounded like a strange filler. But it was amazing! The Arabia steamboat sunk in the Missouri river 135 years ago. Was it found at the bottom of the river? No, it was found under a farmer's field. Man and nature had changed the river, thus the remains of the steamboat were under dirt. The family wanted everyone to enjoy the treasures so they formed a museum. The Arabia was like "Walmart on a boat" sailing with thousands of things to sell out west. It was astounding to see.

We saw many, many quilt shops including Missouri Star. Of course, the 12 quilt shops were a delight. The Missouri Quilt Museum, once an old school, was fascinating, full of objects very old and new. A happy memory will be of meeting Jenny Doan. The World's Largest Spool of Thread is also in Hamilton. It was 97* that day!

On to Winterset, Iowa and a tour of the Madison County bridges. The guide pointed out where some of the movie, *The Bridges of Madison County*, was filmed. Later, a surprise visit by Marianne Fons was a highlight of the day. She spoke about partnering with Liz Porter to bring quilting to life.

The Iowa Quilt Museum is in Winterset. A more modern exhibit was there.

The International Quilt Museum was the crown of the trip. The Red and White quilts were on display and were outstanding. The 'behind the scenes' tour was fascinating. There were other exhibits on display including blue and yellow sunflower quilts.

All in all, I feel very fortunate to have seen all the sights and people we encountered. And my sewing room has a whole lot more projects beaming me.

Judy Snook



World's largest spool of thread – At 97 degrees, I didn't sit very long.



Marianne Fons – A great surprise!



The International Quilt Museum at the University of Nebraska–Lincoln in Lincoln, Nebraska is the home of the largest known public collection of quilts in the world.

Current exhibit of Red and White quilts



Objects from the sunken Arabia



Jenny Doan
We were lucky she was in town.



Missouri Star Museum
Note the smallest piece.

June Program



We took a deep dive into quilt edges finishes at the June program meeting. Linda Hamel, Judy Peters, Lori Memmen and Laurie Kelly reviewed with members the many techniques available to quilters to finish their quilting projects. Among the many topics included were single and double fold binding, turning corners, joining ends, handling scallops, fused bindings, adding faux piping, using facings and adding embellishments such as Prairie Points. Whew!

A summary sheet outlining many of the technique details covered during the program and helpful online sites was sent along with this July newsletter.

Quilting doesn't bring
world peace, but it
can bring peace to
your world.

If you stop by Seamless Sewing Arts
quilt shop in Phoenixville during the
month of July you can see Laurie
Kelly and Linda Hamel's *New
York's Beauty* quilt on display.

[In the Gallery – Seamless Sewing
Arts](#)

Quilts on Display

Airing of the Quilts
Saturday, July 23, 2022
9:00am - 3:00pm

Inspired by the pioneer tradition of airing the quilts by hanging them on bushes and trees, the Garden Spot Village Quilters will host an "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. Food trucks will also be on hand to offer cold treats and snacks.

GARDEN SPOT VILLAGE
433 S KINZER AVE
NEW HOLLAND, PA 17557

My husband, Kent, and I went last year (I think the first one they held) and really enjoyed it. There were quilts throughout the community.

Susan Koederitz



Susan's photos from last year's display



June Show and Tell



Josie Sharp made this terrific sewing box that opens to reveal numerous storage sections.



Judy McCourry finished up a difficult project – making baby quilts for the grandchildren of a longtime friend that could not be done using traditional gender colors.



Judy Snook and Rosemary Geisler made 8 1/2" blocks in blue and yellow for an effort to help Ukrainian refugees. If you'd like to help, bring yours to the 1st August meeting. The guild will be sending off all the blocks together.



Linda Hamel made this quilt for her new great-granddaughter Evelyn born in April.



Marie Traxler finished her tote bag project that she began at our recent day camp.

July Birthdays

- 20 Linda Glass
- 21 Judy Snook
- 28 Josie Sharp
- 31 Winnie McCarraher



July Program

July 20, 2022, is the next project meeting. We will be working on 2 projects that the Service Projects group is supporting. One is flannel hearts for local NICU units, the other is blocks for quilts for Ukrainian refugees. We will be cutting out and sewing together heart patterns for the NICU unit (as we did last year). There will be flannel material available to cut into HEART shapes, but bring along any you have too. Heart templates will be provided, unless you still have some of your own from previous projects

For the second project we'll be making 8 1/2" (unfinished) blocks using the bright blue and yellow of the Ukrainian flag. If you have material at home that matches the Ukrainian flag, bring it in (a good way to reduce your stash). We will also have some available at the meeting. If we could have 2 to 3 sewing machines brought in, that would be a great help for those who want to complete their projects on that day. Bring in cutting boards, scissors or rotary cutters, thread and pins if needed. Ironing board and irons should be on site, but if you want to bring in your own, please do.

Nancy Kinyon-Samec



Our new guild officers for 2022 – 2023:
President: Betty Ann Dawson
Vice-President: Josie Sharp
Secretary: Winnie McCarraher
Treasurer: Marylou Boryta

HOSPITALITY		
	July 6	July 20
SNACK	Chris Rivard	Kathy Neiman
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DRINK	Rosemary Geisler	Linda Glass

Road Trip – York Quilt Show



Clem, Mary, Winnie, Chris, Geri, Linda and Gayle

We met bright and early at Kohls in Royersford and headed out in two cars for our day trip to York. Our destination was the York College campus for the York Quilters Guild show entitled “*A Quilter’s Journey Then and Now.*” As a bonus, upstairs at the Sport Center, was a small flower show presented by the Garden Club of York College.

It was a lovely show featuring a wide variety of quilts from modern to ‘reimagined’ vintage quilts. There were several vendors (a few of the ladies bought beautiful marbled silk scarves) and there were many bargains to be had at the guild sewing room sale. Linda got a bagful of Jo Morton Civil War fabrics for a song and Chris went home with two armfuls of books and magazines. (Chris was also the winner of not one, but two raffle baskets!)

We enjoyed a delicious lunch (with some scrumptious desserts!) at the nearby restaurant, The Cove, recommended by one of the York guild members.



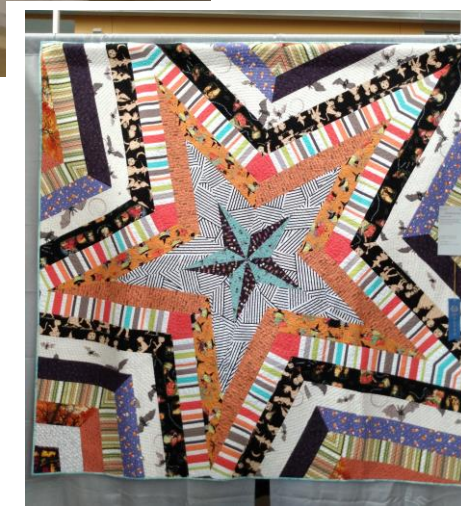
Vintage quilt was disassembled and remade using contemporary fabric and a new design.



This striking quilt was made using a Violet Crafts Jungle Abstractions foundation pieced pattern



This amazing pictorial quilt was judged Best of Show



Geri, Gayle and Winnie model their newly purchased silk scarves.



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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

Loose Threads Challenge

Here's some incentive to participate in the 2022 Challenge!

Two participants will win gift cards to *Seamless Sewing Arts* in Phoenixville. One will be determined by our vote for our favorite set of placemats. The second winner will be drawn from ALL the participants in the challenge, so everyone who participates gets a chance to win! So, if you haven't already done so, empty out that bag of mystery fabric and come up with a set of placemats. They don't have to be amazing but they do have to be finished to qualify.

Good Luck!!

Debby O'Keefe