



Loose Threads News

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June 2015

1st Wednesday Agenda

9:30 Doors open -
refreshments & socializing

10:00 Business Meeting
Show 'n Tell

3rd Wednesday Agenda

9:30 Doors open-
refreshments & socializing

10:00 Mug Rugs

Check page 8 for supply list

There were quite a few 'spring flowers' on display at May's Show 'n Tell. Susan, Melinda, Judy, Rosemary, Debby and Linda showed their projects from Terry Kramzar's April workshop.

President's Message

What sign might be hanging on your door now that summer is here? "Gone Fishing" or maybe "Out in the Garden"?

Whether you're on vacation or just enjoying the season, quilting may be on the back burner for now, but you can still keep going on a small project, like the 2015 challenge. If you travel, jot down notes or take pictures of any quilt shop stops and pass them on to Linda Hamel for our newsletter. Let us know if you see any clever ideas for programs or hear of anyone who may be an interesting speaker.

You might be on your own quilting break but there's always inspiration that might be worth passing on to the guild. Stay in touch!

Debby



Quilt Shop Review



Quilt Shop of Deland, Inc.
www.quiltshopofdeland.com

Deland, Florida is the home of Stetson University and also of the beautiful, little **Quilt Shop of Deland**. Located 45 minutes northeast of Disney World or 30 minutes southwest of Daytona Beach it is situated in the historic district.

If you LOVE kits, this is the place to go. Lots of color! Lots of great ideas! Even my non-quilting friend, who brought me there, bought patterns and material.

Judy Hansen is the shop owner and designer of fabric. Fabri/Quilt-PaintBrush Studio works closely with Fons and Porter, the Love of Quilting Girls. Judy also has a DVD on machine quilting and is the author of two books: *Floral Medley* and *Tropical Paradise* and several patterns. For those of you who are looking for a quilting cruise, she told me that she will be running one in March of 2016 that will tour the Eastern Caribbean. I'll send out the info on this when it becomes available. Judy was a delight to talk with as was Fran, her sales associate.

Jo Quaglia

...if you do get to go to the Quilt Shop of Deland, there is a nice little Greek restaurant on the main street just around the corner from the quilt shop. It is called Santorini. <http://santoriniindeland.com/>

Net Notes

Jenny Doan is the co-founder of the [Missouri Star Quilting Co.](http://www.missouriqltco.com), a quilt shop in Hamilton, Missouri that boasts the largest selection of pre-cut fabrics in the world. Just in case I'm not the last one to discover it- <https://www.missouriqltco.com> will get ya there. Fellow guild gal, Lil sent me a link to one of their tutorials and I was hooked. The deal of the day alone is enough to keep me returning.

After placing my first order, I received a confirmation, tracking number and a nice note assuring me they value my order. Tons of fabric, tutorials, patterns and great shipping rates makes Missouri Star a positive experience. Jenny's fans love her and You will too.

Linda Glass

PS Had to share their shipping notice – it's a hoot!

"We just want to let you know that your quilting supplies have been meticulously gathered, placed on a red velvet pillow, and delicately escorted by 25 of our finest employees to our shipping department. Our master shipper has dutifully performed his craft, lovingly packing your order in the finest materials known to man.

Our team gathered to give your package the proper send-off it deserved. Tears of joy were shed, speeches were given, and there was even a farewell cake. Following the festivities, the whole group, led by our local high school marching band playing the song *Leaving on a Jet Plane*, ushered your order through downtown Hamilton, Missouri. No, we don't own a Jet Plane, but your package was placed in the care of a roguishly handsome man who is riding in a majestic horse-drawn carriage which is on its way to your home as you read this.

Although the products you've ordered will be sorely missed here at MSQC, we are overjoyed that they have found a good home. Take care of them, treasure them, and when you make something beautiful with them, make sure you share it with us on Facebook, twitter, or just send us an email, we love to see what you make!.

*Note the above is a slight dramatization of what actually happened with your order, but seriously we did ship it, and here is the tracking info:"

Minutes - May Meeting

Debby O'Keefe called the meeting to order at 10:03 A.M.

Treasurer's Report: Expenses were for the speaker's fee, secretary (ink), church rental, hospitality, sunshine (flowers), Tea supplies, and copies. Credits were for the Tea, guest fees, business meeting raffle, interest and retreat deposit returned.

New Business:

- The Nominating Committee has a full slate of candidates.
 - President – Betty Ann Dawson
 - Vice President – Susan Glaser
 - Secretary – Sally Ater
 - Treasurer – Mary Lou Boryta
- The Henrietta Hankin quilt display was a great success. Rosemary is missing her bunny rabbit quilt. Does anyone know who has it?
- Two new people were our guests this month. Both are second timers.
- A completed quilt top, backing and binding material was donated. It will be used as a raffle quilt. Details on events will be announced.

Sunshine: All is well.

Basting: Next basting will be July 29th. For scheduling, contact Takako Pike at catseyequiltstudio@dplus.net or Jean Nalbandian at nalbandian19@verizon.net.

Speakers/Programs:

Reminder: There is a \$5 fee for Associate Members attending lectures by outside speakers. Please pay Judy Peters the day the program is held. **Workshop** fees for Assoc & guests are variable and depend on the guild's cost for each speaker. Confirm what your costs will be when you sign up with Laurie Kelly.

- Please remember to turn cell phones OFF during the Guest Speakers program.
- June 17th will be Clem Dupont - Missouri Star Ideas or Mug Rugs. TBD

- Charity Sew Day July 15th. 'Easiest Chevron Quilt Ever' lap quilts and walker bags.

Fabric Exchange: Please try to keep up to date. Plan ahead if you are going away on vacation. This month is "tropical".

Challenge: This year's challenge quilts focus is flowers. You can use flowered fabric or your detail can be flowers. Contact Linda Hamel, dhamel1283@aol.com, for details. Quilt needs to be no larger than 160 inches around the perimeter.

Hospitality: List is now full through the end of July.

Retreats: Please contact Carolyn Thompson, cthompso99@dejazzd.com or Lenore Clarke, LenoreClarke@gmail.com and check the Newsletter for details.

- October 13th – 16th – Blue Lake
- Survey results will appear in the Newsletter.

UFO Challenge: Linda Hamel, Clem Dupont and Jean Nalbandian met their UFO challenges. CONGRATULATIONS!

Field Trips: Several Field Trips are being planned. Signup sheets were sent around during the meeting. If you are interested, contact Betty Ann Dawson, wildberryfarm@dejazzd.com.

- June 24th – Jim Thorpe – Asa Packer Mansion, lunch, The Quilted Crow Quilt Shop
- Cathy Nelson is getting a bus trip together for June 9th to the DAR exhibit in Washington. The guild will subsidize part of the fees for guild members.
- **Secret Pal:** Donna Matthias is in charge

May Minutes, continued

of the 2015 Secret Pal, john937@verizon.net. The theme is patriotism. A \$10 cap on the each month's gift is suggested. Flag Day is in June!

Block of the Month: Mother's Day – flower basket.

Round Robin: Contact Clem Dupont, Cpdupont@verizon.net, for more information about this activity.

Membership: If you are switching membership category please let Betty Ann know.

Tea: Next year's Tea Committee will be chaired by Toni Hughes. Associate chairs will be Pat Leiter and Kiti Williams. Remember they will need help from all of us, so plan to help out where and when you can.

Website: Website renewal is in the fall. Stephanie's Tea pictures are now posted. It was also suggested that for next year's Tea to post the Tea Agenda and Letter so all members know what is sent out.

Business Meeting Raffle: The Business Meeting Raffle was won by Linda Glass.

Charity Projects: A charity Sew Day is planned for July 15th. Kits for "the Easiest Chevron Quilt Ever" will be made up during the next needle night meeting.

The meeting was adjourned by Debby O'Keefe at 11:23 AM.

Jo Quaglia - Secretary

Road Trips

Event: "Eye on Elegance", DAR quilt exhibit, Washington DC

Date: Tuesday, June 9, 2015

Time: 7am to 9pm

Transportation: Werner Bus Company, Phoenixville, Pa

Cost: \$33.00 includes bus, bus driver gratuity and DAR docent led tour for 90 minutes. Non-members will pay \$53.00/person. We have 21 members and 16 guests signed up. We still have room for up to 10 more people. Payment is due by June 3rd meeting. Please make out your checks to: Loose Threads Quilters Guild for \$33.00 or bring exact payment. We will not be able to refund any costs unless there is someone to take your place since we need to pay all costs in advance.

Pick-up sites: Spring City Swimming Pool Complex (corner of Wall St & Brown St.) Bus will leave @7am. Please be there by 6:45 am. Second site is Lionville Shopping Ctr. (Rt. 113 west of Rt. 100, Lionville, Pa.). Park at the end of the Giant parking lot. Bus will be there by 7:30am. Please be there by 7:15am. We will be returning to these sites by 9pm.

ALSO:

Event: Town of Jim Thorpe, tour of Asa Packer mansion and a stop at Quilted Crow quilt shop

Date: Wednesday, June 24, 2015



Block of the Month

2015 BOM June

Tan print :


1 Square 3 1/2" x 3 1/2"

Gold print-:

2 Squares 4 1/4" x 4 1/4" 

4 Squares 2 3/8" x 2 3/8" 

Yellow Print:

4 Squares 2 3/8" x 2 3/8" 

2 Rectangles 2" x 3 1/2"

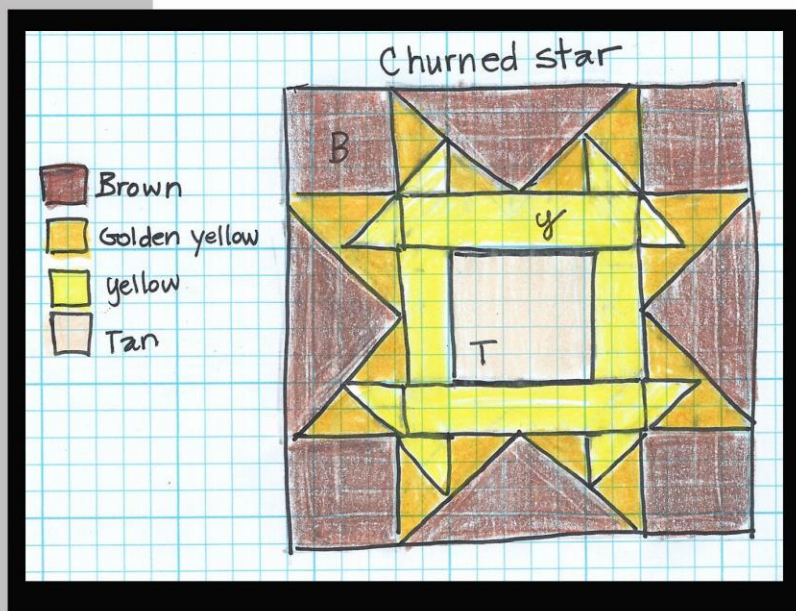
2 Rectangles 2" x 6 1/2"

Brown Print:

1 Square 7 1/4" x 7 1/4"

4 Squares 3 1/2" x 3 1/2" 

June colors: Brown, tan and gold



The Churned Star is not a beginner block, I pieced the middle first and then worked on the outside points of the star. This is a beautiful block when completed.

BOM Repeative Block Pattern

Based on:

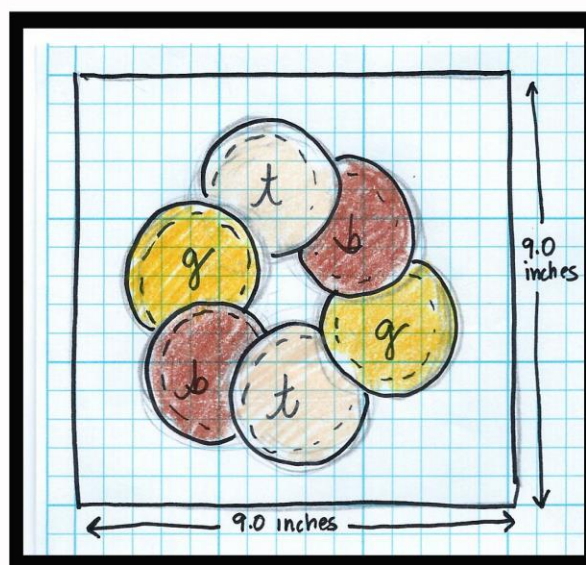
9x9 inch solid background, I used denim.

The concept of stacked pancakes.

Need:

2- tan circles
2- 2 brown circles
2- gold circles
an old CD
Interfacing

How to make circles:



<http://kimberlykesti.typepad.com/thinkfast/2009/08/sew-much-fun.html>

Getting to Know You

Carolyn Ferrandino

Growing up in SW Philadelphia, Carolyn remembers a very happy childhood playing outside and on the front porches with her many friends and their dolls. She walked to school and also spent many days at the movies (only \$.25 for all day, two features and a Flash Gordon serial). Trains, alleyways and trolley tracks are also in that memory bank.

Fast forward to marriage, 4 kids, and living in Gloucester, MA in the '80's with a house on the harbor, fishing boats and "Gordon's from Gloucester" in the neighborhood. Carolyn noticed that many of the women she met in Gloucester were quilters and it spawned an interest for her. Thus, when she moved to Berwyn, PA in '89, she quickly became acquainted with Calico Cutters Quilt Guild, joined, and remains a member there yet today. She recalls how different quilting was for her in those early days... no rotary cutters, no patterns, and using templates that she cut out of cardboard, thus accuracy was not as good as today. Carolyn heard about Loose Threads from Jane Russell whom she met at a Hershey Quilt Show a few years back. She also attends Mainline Quilters Guild meetings as a "permanent guest."

Carolyn worked at Gap Kids stores for a while, and, as the kids were moving on, she decided to attend college, first at Delaware County, then on to art school at Moore College of Art and Design in Philadelphia. There she earned an Associates Degree in Graphic Design and a BS in Illustration in 2001.

The months of June and July are busy, fun times for Carolyn and family at their beach house in Sea Isle City where she quilts and entertains kids, grandkids and numerous other family members. She has made quantities of quilts for nieces, nephews, etc., and her knitting and crocheting have led to sweaters, hats, and booties for many, many babies along with swaddling blankets and quilted tote bags for the Moms.



Carolyn's home is now in Chester Springs where she also enjoys embroidery and applique but her real passion now is painting portraits, she uses her skill and training and doesn't let those hands lay still for very long!

Joanne Cantwell

Cocalico Inn Retreat

From May 11-14, ten Loose Threads quilters enjoyed an inaugural retreat at the new Cocalico Quilters Inn about three miles from Burkholder's Fabric store near Denver, PA. The main fieldstone house was built in the mid-1700's with 24" walls and deep window sills. The Martin's, owners of Burkholder's Fabric, purchased 112 acres with this house about 2 years ago, then added several wings and refurbished the entire structure. It has been turned into a quilter's paradise with a fantastic new kitchen outfitted with Bosch stainless steel appliances and gorgeous beams. Tables and chairs accommodate seating for 20.

The sewing room, ablaze with natural light from many windows and doors, is complete with 16 work stations. Work space is generous, chairs are on casters, and built-in cutting and ironing areas are throughout. Each of the many beds features fluffy, high mattresses and handmade quilts. Bathrooms are well located and are

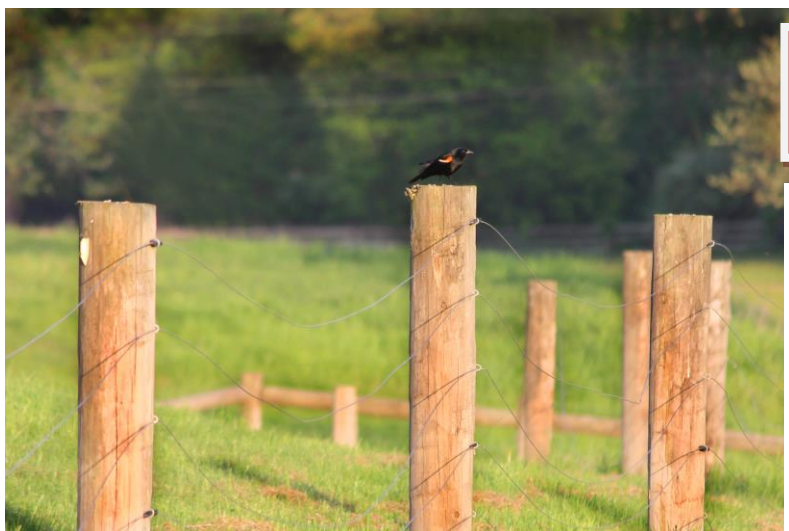
equipped with handicapped grab bars. Aside from these essential rooms, there is a cozy central seating area fitted out with 10 rocking chairs which didn't seem to get much use this time... we were so busy sewing! The area surrounding the house features long porches, also equipped with the perennial rocking chairs and a cozy area surrounding an outdoor fireplace with seating for 10 plus a picturesque old stone smoke house.

Three LT members were first-time retreat attendees and all kept busy with their many projects. Actually, one of the projects this time turned out to be a long-long-term project that has been showing up at retreats for a number of years now.... The refrain seemed to be... "Okay, time to finish that up and move on" so advice and help was available everywhere one looked. More than one car also slipped out here and there for a quick run to the handy fabric store with our 20% coupons (recently available on email).

Wonderful foods were enjoyed each day – lunch on Monday featured a delicious chicken salad



Thanks for
the photos
Stephanie!



with assorted fruit; Monday's dinner was a salad buffet with chicken salad; and Tuesday's lunch was... chicken salad with croissants and other goodies. You guessed it, we had not coordinated menus in advance but each salad varied and all were delicious. However, Tuesday's **delicious** meat loaf, mac/cheese and rhubarb pie was met with a sigh of relief!

Will we go back to the Cocalico Quilters Inn? That's a good question right now as contract details are ever-changing and we learned that it fills up fast with 95% of those who stay here also repeating. At the moment, we're confirmed for another retreat on October 13-16 at the nearby Blue Lake house which is also lovely and well-appointed. If you haven't been to one, consider a Loose Threads retreat in your future, you will find it a fun, rewarding experience.

Joanne Cantwell



June Program

Have you noticed Kathy Neiman working away at meetings on these delightful little fabric creations called Mug Mats? At June's program meeting we will be shown how to make our own.

Supply List for Mug Mats

2- 10" (approximately) squares of fabric for the front and back

1- 10" (approximately) square of batting scraps for the appliqué (suggestions to be shown at the June 3rd meeting)

Steam A Seam Lite or whatever kind of fusible you prefer

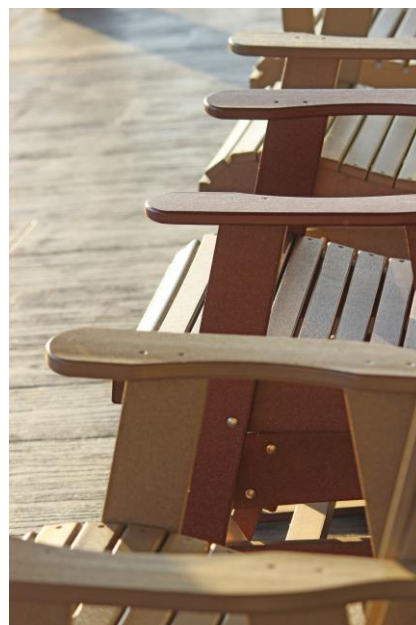
Usual sewing supplies - scissors, needle with a big eye, thread (to match scraps or black)

Iron and ironing mat, could share

If you miss the business meeting on June 3, you may call Sylvia or Judy to find out what kind of appliqué scraps you might bring for your mug mat.

Need some inspiration prior to the Mug Rug class. Check them out on Pinterest.

<https://www.pinterest.com/auntpittypat2/quilt-ed-mug-rugs/>





Hospitality

June 3

: Lil Evans

Snack: Linda Garthe

Fruit/Veg: Donna Mathias

Cold Drink: Jo Quaglia

June 17

Carolyn Thompson

Kathy Neiman

Betty Ann Dawson

Rosemary Geisler



Astrology of a Quilt Guild

Excerpts from *A Gathering of Quilters* by Luana Rubin, McCall's Quilting Magazine

Gemini May 22nd to June 22nd

Most large guilds have special meetings for new members, and Gemini is the perfect person to run the guild's Welcome Wagon. You are so delighted to meet new quilters and new neighbors, and you're even more excited to see the variety of techniques these new members will bring into your group. You are so friendly and easy to talk to, these newbies will feel like part of the big quilty family in no time at all! Don't let anyone rope you into being the treasurer, but as secretary you would write the most entertaining minutes they have ever seen!

JUNE BIRTHDAY



- 3 Barbara Painter
- 7 Margie Allen
- 9 Sandy Michalec
- 20 Jill Cardamone
- 22 Donna Mathais
- 23 Debby O'Keefe & Joyce Stemple
- 24 Shirley Buckwalter
- 25 Carolyn Ferrandino

Retreat Survey

To improve and assess the level of interest in our guild retreats, members were asked to participate in a survey. Thirty-nine members submitted responses. Not all questions elicited a response, so numbers do not always add up to 39 responses.

- *How many retreats are a good number?* 13 indicated two per year. All other choices < 3 votes each.
- *Expense:* 2 indicated our current retreats were too expensive. Four indicated \$50+ was OK. Other responses included “less than a hotel”, “it depends”, and up to \$100 per night.
- *Location:* Blue Lake and St. Mary’s were favorites. Other possibilities were not mentioned.
- *Not interested/will never go:* Family issues-4, Pet issues-4, Personal health issues-6
- *Preferred season of the year:* Spring (5) and Fall (6). Winter and Summer were preferred seasons NOT to have a retreat.
- *Other reasons difficult to attend a retreat:* Too hard to fit into my schedule now-3 (perhaps family and pet issues would fit here, as well). Don’t like bringing bed linens (referring to Blue Lake)-2
- *What days to attend:* During the week 13, no 2. Only weekends 4, no 8. Doesn’t matter: 2

Yes/No questions:

- *I would consider going on a quilting cruise with other guild members if I knew about it ahead of time to save for it.* 15-yes; 19-no; 1 maybe
- *I would consider going to Houston/Paducah/etc with other guild members if I knew about it ahead of time to save for it.* 20-yes; 12-no; 1 maybe
- *If I went on a retreat, I only want to go for XX # of days.* One day-3; 2-3 days- 7; 3-4 days 12; 4+ days 2.
- *I enjoy cooking on a retreat.* 18 yes; 14 no. Several indicated they “would do it”, or “didn’t mind.”
- *If I’m on a retreat, I don’t want to cook! This is my time to sew!* 12 yes; 10 no.

Free comment space: Not every year 1, noisy neighbors (self or others snoring) 3, prefer own room 2, personal mobility issues 5, have an all-day sewing event locally to work on own projects-3

Upcoming Events

In Full Bloom – Presented by the Garden State Quilters Guild
May 30 - 31, 2015

At the William G. Mennen Sports Arena, 161 E. Hanover Ave., Morristown, NJ

Admission \$8

www.gardenstatequilters.com/quitshow.html

42nd Quilters Unlimited Annual Show – May 29-31 at the Dulles Expo & Conf. Center, Chantilly, VA
Admission \$10/day, \$15/all 3 days
www.quiltersunlimited.org

Calico Cutters Quilt Guild –
Speakers - Delan & Mitzie Keys:
Quilting, Kids, Books and Creativity

June 10, 2015, 10:00 AM

<http://dalenkeys.com/just-a-quilt/>

Main Line Quilters - “Trash to Treasure” - A Sale for Quilters, Crafters & Friends

Saturday, June 13, 2015

10 am to 1 pm

Tredyffrin Township Library

582 Upper Gulph Road,

Strafford, PA 19087

[610-688-7092](tel:610-688-7092)

Quilt fabric, Fabric kits, quilt kits, orphan blocks, UFOs, and decorator fabric

Yarn, cross-stitch and needlepoint kits.

Lace, beads, and embellishments.

Lovingly used books, magazines and patterns

And more, all priced to sell!

Floral Quilt Pattern

Need inspiration for the 'Say it with Flowers' Challenge? Check out this lovely quilt available as a free pattern from the Fons and Porter website.

Cottage Garden

Quilt by Diane Nagle. Machine quilted by Tami Bradley



The fabrics in this free floral quilt are perfect for summer. The simple appliqué blocks are easy to make using fusible web and machine appliqué. Made of five simple quilt blocks, you are going to love making this beautiful pattern for any room in your home.

Size: 64" x 64"

Blocks: 5 (12") blocks

<http://www.fonsandporter.com/articles/Cottage Garden Free Floral Quilt Pattern?bc=c>



Nominations

The nominating committee announced the members who will be running for the guild offices: **President – Betty Ann Dawson, Vice President/Membership – Susan Glaser, Secretary – Sally Ater, and Treasurer – Marylou Boryta.** The election will be held at the June business meeting and the new terms will begin in September.

Next administrative job to tackle will be committee assignments. Think about where and how you might be able to help out with the various guild responsibilities.



May was our crazy quilts program. Jane, Jo, Bonnie and Sally showed us many examples, both vintage and new...all beautiful!



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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
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610 948-4516

Annual dues are \$15 per year and guests
are always welcome

Loose Threads Quilters

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We had beautiful weather for our day trip 'back in time' at the Penn Dry Goods Sale at the Schwenkfelder Library and Heritage Center in Pennsburg. The quilts, samplers, clothing, sewing tools, and more from the 19th and 20th century were fascinating to see – it was like strolling through a museum exhibit. We ended the day with a great lunch at the Pennsburg Diner. Can't wait 'til the next excursion!