



Loose Threads News

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March 2020

1st Wednesday Agenda

9:30 Doors open -
refreshments & socializing

10:00 Tea - Final
Details

3rd Wednesday Agenda

9:30 Doors open -
refreshments & socializing

10:00 Tea Discussion
Topics



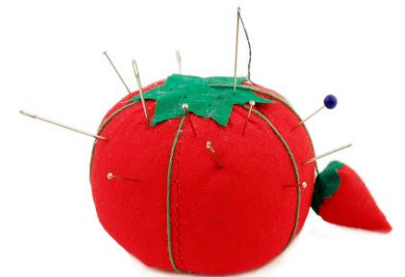
President's Message

Well, ladies, it's Tea Time! That time of year when all of the hard work for the past few months finally pays off. Registrations are in, quilt block squares have been collected, baskets are made up for the Chinese Auction, craft items are tagged and priced, food has been ordered, Book Sale is organized, quilts are ready to hang and the Sewing Room Sale is ready to go. As usual, let's make this another fantastic Quilter's Tea!

Looking ahead to PT (that would be post Tea), we have lots of good things planned for the Guild. Guest speakers and workshops, field trips and lunches out, member run programs plus all of our regular meetings are on the calendar for the rest of the year. And Spring, we are looking forward to Spring!

Betty Ann

Pincushion Tomato – a tomato with a strawberry attached – was most likely introduced during the Victorian Era. According to folklore, placing a tomato on the mantel of a new house guaranteed prosperity and repelled evil spirits. If tomatoes were out of season, families improvised by using a round ball of red fabric filled with sand or sawdust. The good-luck symbol also served a practical purpose – a place to store pins. Typically, the tomato is filled with wool roving to prevent rust, and the strawberry is filled with an abrasive to clean and sharpen the pins.



March Program

This year's Tea will, again, feature a wide range of discussion topics:

Cute, easy, fun Christmas Ornaments
(Judy Magner, Judy Snook)

Let's start Collaging (Susan Glaser)

Whisper Challenge (Linda Hamel, Winnie McCarraher, Judy McCourry)

Kanzashi (Debby O'Keefe)

Knowing your needles! (Pat Leiter, Virginia Gates)

Purses and Totes (Linda Garthe)

Crazy Quilting (Kathy Neiman)

At our March program meeting we will hear two of these presentations.



Steve's Sewing and Vacuum Center is also able to service Featherweights.

610-768-9453

<https://www.stevessewandvac.com/>

Tea Quilt Show

One of the main attractions of the Quilter's Tea is our member quilt show. Here are this year's show rules and reminders:

- All sizes and shapes of quilts are welcome as long as they have never been shown at the Tea before.
- We're anxious to see your personal quilts but don't forget about those 'Guild Projects,' such as the workshops of Joyce Hughes, Sarah Ann Smith and Frieda Anderson, the 2019 WINGS challenge and all those creative Whisper Challenge Blocks with inspiration notes.
- Each quilt must have a paper label (described below) attached with safety pins.
- The quilts must be delivered, first thing, to the 2nd floor Church Sanctuary on set-up day, Friday morning March 13th. **NO QUILTS WILL BE ACCEPTED ON SATURDAY!**
- Quilts larger than ~50" must have a permanent hanging sleeve sewn on the back to facilitate hanging on the quilt racks. If quilts of this size do NOT have a sleeve then they will be hung over the backs of the church pews.
- All the quilts will be numbered so the Tea guests can vote for Viewer's Choice. **Reminder:** THERE WILL BE SEPARATE VOTING FOR MEMBERS ONLY.

Specifications for typing and printing the quilt label: Attached with this newsletter is an electronic MSWord .doc version of the quilt show label for guild members to use at the Tea show. Just type your info directly into the label and print out. It is also posted on our website.

Label size: 5" x 6" Pin with safety pins on the **front**, in the middle of the **RIGHT** side of the quilt.

How Well Do You Know Your Fellow Members?

Hope that you had some fun with our Quiz #1 last month and learned a bit more about your fellow quilters. Let's try some more....

- 1) Whose 4-year old twin sons cut into her nearly finished quilt a few years back and called out "Look, Mom! We're kilting!"
- 2) Who wrote an interesting newsletter summary about her cruise to the Hawaiian Islands in the past 2 years?
- 3) What new Kimberton resident was introduced to Loose Threads at the Purls of Wisdom yarn shop? She also has served as Loose Threads Treasurer.
- 4) Which of our pop-up camping travelers who enjoyed National Parks was most fond of Yellowstone National Park? (She also enjoys making coffee☺)
- 5) Which member currently enjoys collecting and disbursing our Charity projects?
- 6) Name the Associate Member who likes to work in red/white/blue (think giraffe)....
- 7) Who is the early Loose Threads member who lived in Australia for 18 months?
- 8) Whose "city" address begins with "H" and has traveled to every continent except Antarctica?
- 9) Who has brightened a corner of our world with her lilting British accent?
- 10) Who grew up in a Massachusetts household where French was spoken at home, at school and at church?
- 11) Which member enjoyed riding her motorcycle until it bobbed in front of her house?
- 12) Name the active member of an ENT group in her township.
- 13) Which Associate Member grew up in Wyoming?
- 14) Who enjoys singing in musical groups (often with her family)?
- 15) Who was a Food Service Director for a local school system?

- A) Jean Sullivan
- B) Winnie McCarraher
- C) Mary Larkin
- D) Jane Russell
- E) Linda Glass
- F) Bonnie Strickland
- G) Kathy Parker
- H) Donna Mathias
- I) Clem Dupont
- J) Joanne Gardner
- K) Judy Peters
- L) Judy McCourry
- M) Christine Fallon
- N) Nancy Kinyon-Samec
- O) Lenore Clarke

Did You Know There is a National Quilting Day?

In 1989, the Kentucky Heritage Quilt Society organized a “Quilters’ Day Out” on the third Saturday of March to celebrate the rich tradition of quilting in Kentucky. In 1991, National Quilting Association officers were so enthused with the concept and success of “Quilters’ Day Out” that they voted to take it to a national level.

The first National Quilting Day was observed in 1992 and since then it has grown into a global celebration for all quiltmakers and quilt lovers. Helen Storbeck, one of the founders of National Quilting Day, wrote in *The Quilting Quarterly*, “Groups of quilters were encouraged to hold special events, publishers and shop owners were invited to sponsor promotions especially for quilters and it quickly became a grassroots endeavor with quilters in every part of the country participating. In the first year of National Quilting Day, quilters in other countries asked to participate. They were welcomed with open arms.”

National Quilting Day 2020 is on Saturday, March 21, 2020

- **Share your quilting skills**

Offer to teach a simple quilt project to a school, 4-H, scout, or other youth group, or spend the day passing along your love of quilting to your children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, or neighbors.

- **Document your quilts**

This National Quilting Day, we encourage you to document your quilts. Add those labels you’ve been putting off! Have a documentation day at your group or guild. Or interview a family member or friend as part of the Quilt Alliance Go Tell It! project.

The formula for “Go Tell It!” is simple: **one person** talking about **one quilt** in front of **one camera** for **three minutes—another quilt story shared!** Anyone can do a Go Tell It! interview: quiltmakers, quilt appreciators, recipients of quilts, quilt collectors, curators or historians.

Watch any of our Go Tell Its! below, recorded at the events—quilt shows, galleries, and museums—where quiltmakers and quilt enthusiasts gather.

<https://quiltalliance.org/projects/gotellit/>

- **Download a free quilt pattern to celebrate National Quilting Day!:**

Moda Fabrics - <https://my.modafabrics.com/free-patterns>

Handi Quilter - <https://handiquilter.com/free-pattern-booklets/>

AccuQuilt –

<https://www.accuquilt.com/patterns/free-quilt-patterns.html>

StudioE Fabrics - <https://studioefabrics.net/projects/>

Henry Glass & Co.

- <https://www.henryglassfabrics.net/archived-projects/>

Windham Fabrics –

<http://www.windhamfabrics.net/cgi-bin/fabricshop/projects.cgi>

Indygo Junction by Amy Barickman –

<https://indygojunction.com/pages/freebies>



February Minutes

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting started promptly at 10:00

OLD BUSINESS:

- Facebook page is up and running. See Kiti if you are having trouble getting on Facebook.
- Note, with future speakers, it is wise to give them a time frame for their presentation (preferably an hour) and to inform Betty Ann also.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Another president's challenge. At the Oaks Quilt show last year, there was an exhibit of doilies that were displayed. The challenge is to find some of your doilies and make something out of them. This is due in April.
- Linda Hamel put together a Whisper Challenge book that pictures the displayed blocks with the inspiration notes.

COMMITTEES:

BOM: An explanation and sample were shown of the sewing theme BOM. Patterns available online

CHALLENGE: "Winter theme" is the challenge, due on the holiday brunch in December. Good time to start is the in the present

CHARITY (SERVICE) PROJECTS: Nancy is collecting walker bags, and quilts. A thank you note from Good Samaritan Services for the donated quilts was noted.

DAY CAMP: Scheduled for April 7th & 8th Sign-up sheet available. Same cost for 1 or both days, \$20.

EVENING BEE: Will be held Feb 12th, meet for dinner at Giovanni's at 5pm.

FABRIC EXCHANGE: Up to date

MEMBERSHIP: 5 people on waiting list. All qualify to join, new member packets to be given

to those on the wait list to help answer questions about the guild's activities. There will be a new membership list coming out shortly.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: President, Vice president and Secretary are up for nomination. Voting will be in May.

SECRET PAL: Remember to check the back table for your gift and take your gifts home, if your person is not at the meeting.

SUNSHINE: Kathy Parker had shoulder surgery. Lenore is still recovering from her fall and concussion. Please only send cards, text messages or emails, phone calls are too difficult.

TEA:

- Discussion groups are all scheduled to be presented.
- A form is going around for muffins, cookie and tea stands.
- A form for quilts to be displayed is also going around.
- Large quilts need a sleeve sewn on back (not pinned) for easy hanging.
- Books and crafts can be collected up to the Friday before the Tea.

TREASURER: Current expenses were reported by Diane Hess.

WEBSITE: Up to date

RAFFLE WINNERS:

BUSINESS: Betty Ann Dawson

NAMETAG: Lori Memmen

Respectfully submitted by:

Silvia Homa – Secretary

Upcoming Events

Lancaster Quilt Show at the DoubleTree Willow Valley Resort – March 25-28, 2020 Located at 2400 Willow Street Pike, Lancaster, PA. Over 40 Venders, Free Admission www.thelancasterquiltshow.com

AQS Quilt Week - March 25-28, 2020. Presented by AQS at the Marriott at the Lancaster County Convention Center, 25 South Queen Street, Lancaster, PA. www.aqsshows.com.

A Quilter's Home 2020 Quilt Show - March 28-29, 2020. Presented by County Line Quilters at St. Cyril of Jerusalem Social Hall, 1410 Almshouse Rd., Jamison, PA. www.countylinequilters.org/.

Art Quilt Elements 2020 - March 29 – May 2, 2020. At the Wayne Art Center, 413 Maplewood Ave, Wayne, PA. www.artquilelements.org/

2020 Relief Sale – April 3-4, 2020. Since 1957, all sale day proceeds benefit the worldwide relief efforts of Mennonite Central Committee which include aid to the victims of poverty and other man-made and natural disasters. At the Farm Show Complex, Harrisburg, PA. www.pareliefsale.org/

Geometric Fabric Exchange

February's color is **Brown**.

March Birthdays

- 4 Susan Glaser
- 9 Gayle Hammond
- 16 Kiti Williams
- 19 Jo Quaglia
- 25 Marie Traxler
- 25 Judy McCourry
- 26 Betsy Miller



Upcoming Quilt Exhibit

Schwenkfelder Library & Heritage Center
105 Seminary St.
Pennsburg, Pa
<http://www.schwenkfelder.com/>

Crazy for You: Crazy Quilts and Objects of Memory from the Schwenkfelder Collection

April 17 – September 25

Crazy quilts were all the rage from the time of the United States centennial in 1876 through the 1910s. Everyone wanted a sumptuous crazy quilt (which are actually usually not quilted) made from silks and velvets for their parlors. Often the quilts were personal expressions with dates, names and imagery that were meaningful to the maker.

Our spring collection in the ground floor gallery will feature a selection of crazy quilts from the Heritage Center collection, and also a group of objects of memory, including memory jugs and scrapbooks.

Road Trip - Mennonite Heritage Center

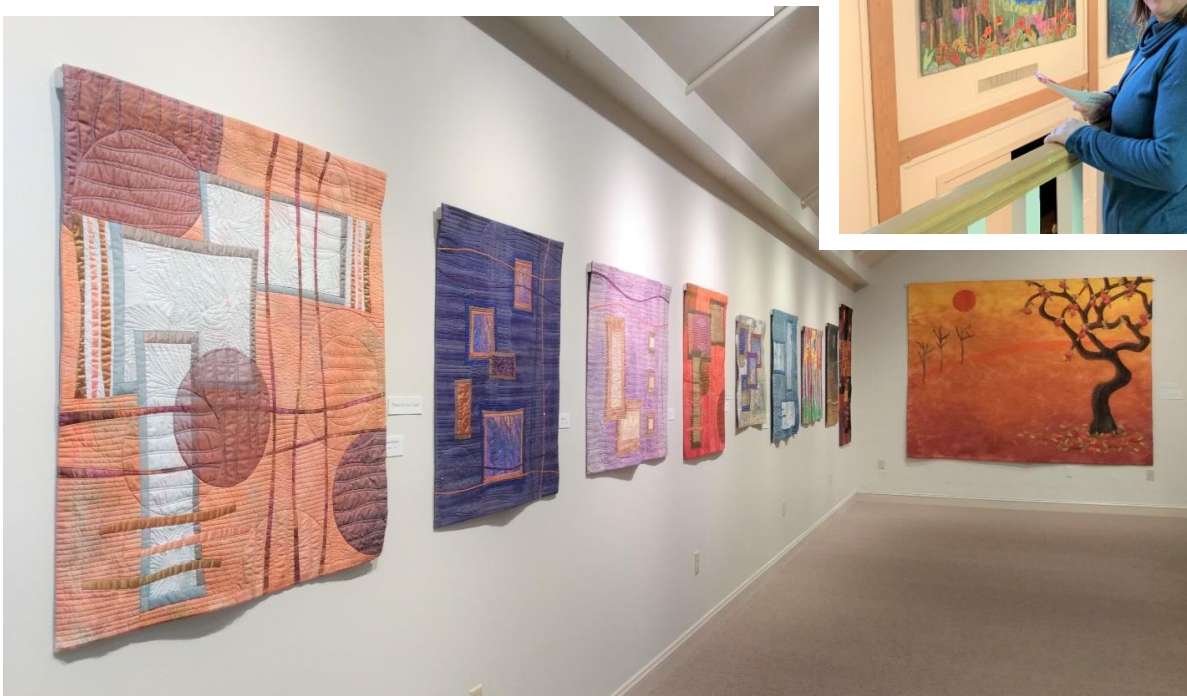


The Mennonite Heritage Center is pleased to present this show of Rachel Derstine's bold and imaginative quilted art. Previously of Schwenksville, now of Philadelphia, Rachel has done commissioned works for Salford Mennonite Church, Souderton Mennonite Homes, the Hershey Medical Center, and private collections. Her work has appeared, and received awards, in various solo and juried shows since 2011. Her combinations of color, design and texture are often stunning, sometimes subtle.

On March 7, 2020 at 11:00 Rachel Derstine will speak about her work and current exhibit at the Mennonite Heritage Center, 565 Yoder Road, Harleysville, PA.

<https://mhcp.org/exhibits/the-quilt-as-art-creating-movement-and-depth/>

Rachel describes her work: "I primarily use hand dyed or painted cottons, silks and non-wovens but also have a love of Asian fabrics and kimono silks, incorporating these ancient traditional fabrics into my compositions. Use of sheers, couching and color values give a sense of depth and texture. Slightly curving lines portray gracefulness and circles are often present representing wholeness and creativity." <https://rachelderstinedesigns.com/>



Answer Key to Quiz #2

<u>Question</u>	<u>Answer</u>	<u>Question</u>	<u>Answer</u>	
1	L	9	D	
2	C	10	I	
3	M	11	E	
4	F	12	A	Quiz Time #2 Answer Key
5	N	13	J	
6	H	14	O	
7	B	15	G	
8	K			

Please bring any donations for the Tea LTQ Auction to the next guild meeting on March 4th. If you are donating gifts in a basket, and you have it assembled in your own basket, please bring that on the Tea set-up day, Friday, March 13th.

Hospitality

March 4

- Snack:** Carolyn Ferrandino
- Snack:** Kathy Parker
- Fruit/Veggies:** Margie Allen
- Cold Drink:** Judy Shafer

March 18

- Bonnie Strickland
- Nancy Kinyon-Samec
- Brenda Calhoun
- Diane Hess

Business meeting raffle gift to be provided by Josie Sharp on March 6th.



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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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Threads Quilt Guild
and is available on our website
www.theloosethreadsquilters.org

Mennonite Heritage Center

SEPTEMBER

**Quilts made for
Special Occasions**

**September 3, 2020 –
January 2, 2021**

Quilts and their stories,
selected from the MHC
and other collections.
Open to the public,
admission by donation.

