



Loose Threads News

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1st Wednesday Agenda

9:30 Doors open for
socializing

10:00 Business
meeting

3rd Wednesday Agenda

9:30 Doors open for
socializing

10:00 TBA

President's Message

Here we are at March already! With any luck, spring will be arriving soon. Usually in March, we are busy getting ready for the Tea, not this year. We are still in the middle of Covid but, hopefully, many of us are getting our vaccines. Soon we will be able to open the windows to let in lots of fresh air and we will be able to restart our picnic lunches in the park. Maybe with the coming of warmer, how optimistic, weather, more members will decide to venture out to come to meetings. To the best of my knowledge, no one has gotten sick by coming to meetings throughout the winter and we intend to keep it that way. We wear our masks, keep our social distance and wash our hands often. For my part, I look forward to seeing more faces at meetings! Stay well, get your vaccine and enjoy the warmer weather!

Betty Ann



Diane Hess brought prizes for the folks who made this wide range of 'found object' pincushions.



Download a free quilt pattern to celebrate National Quilting Day!

Check out the companies listed below to view their free downloadable patterns and projects:

[Moda Fabrics](#)

[Aurifil](#)

[eQuilter.com](#)

[Handi Quilter](#)

[AccuQuilt](#)

[StudioE Fabrics](#)

[Henry Glass & Co.](#)

[Windham Fabrics](#)

[Make It Simpler](#)

[Indygo Junction by Amy Barickman](#)

March Birthdays

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



Machine Quilting Help

Lenore Clarke sent this question:

Is anyone else having issues with eye-lashing when machine quilting on a domestic?

The term eye-lashing is used when there is an extreme case of looping of the threads on the back of a quilt. This effect is often caused when the top tension is too loose.



Lenore suggested: This article, *4 essentials to solve thread tension issues*, helped me a lot!

Website:



<https://quiltsocial.com/4-essentials-to-solve-thread-tension-issues/>

Lenore Clarke

Pandemic Pearls

So, since the snow has added to the “joy” of being quarantine conscious, I have been trapped with my own thoughts. It can be a little scary. Here are some of the random thoughts floating through my brain lately. I apologize.

1. I received a text on my phone alerting me to the upcoming THUMP of snow they were forecasting for Monday. THUMP? Who made this decision? Was there a zoom call that had decided this new term was a keeper? I see nothing wrong with squall, or even keeping it simple with heavy snow fall. Thump is a noise a bunny rabbit makes when hungry or irritated. Thump is the noise the still makes when moonshine is being made. The only time I knew “thump” wasn’t just a sound involved the swift swat of the hand to the backside (when stink eye discipline wasn’t working) - then it’s both a sound and action! Thump. Nope. Need Spring. Found a good groundhog recipe...
2. If you smell eucalyptus when using your new mail order shampoo, WAIT until after you rinse your hair to read the ingredients.
3. Measure twice and cut once applies to more than just quilters. However, quilters take this advice better than husbands. Husbands hear better with beer.
4. If you allow your kitchen to run low on milk, cereal, hot chocolate or hot dogs, **it will snow** and you will find yourself with 4 grandchildren for at least a day.
5. If you expressed the need for a snow blower for six years - and it always fell on deaf ears --- There is NO need for you to say anything. He is waiting for the “I told you so”, and the longer you keep quiet, the more fabric can enter your home for the next few weeks!

I thought I had one more benefit of wearing masks for Betty Ann’s list. While wearing your mask, no one can see the glorious beard you are growing. However, chin awareness must be maintained at all times. There is a false security that happens. I felt confident wearing my mask as I entered the dermatologist’s office for my yearly check. Then I was asked to remove my mask momentarily while she checked my face for any skin changes.....and my Doctor found one!!!! OH MY, she said as her eyes opened real wide....and I quickly put my mask back on. OH, MY indeed.

Judy McCourry

There is a very fine line between hobby and
mental illness.

Dave Barry

March Pincushion

I hope you are hungry! This month we are 'rolling out' the March Pincushion and 'filling' your heads with ideas to make a pincushion that is a PIE! So, 'mix' up some colorful pieces of fabric, sew them together and let it 'bake' into a deliciously cute and handy '**Pie Pincushion**'! Any "kind" of pie is on the menu, so use your imagination.

Remember, if you don't need yet *another* pincushion ... the 'Craft sale' / 'Boutique' could use a few loaves of bread to sell at the next Tea fundraiser.

I can't wait to see what everyone bakes up this next month!!

Diane Hess



Find different PIE Tutorials here:

<http://inspiredbyfabric.blogspot.com/2017/06/summer-of-sewing-pie-pincushions.html>

<https://beeinmybonnetco.blogspot.com/2018/01/cutie-pie-pincushion-tutorial.html>

February's Announced UFO Projects



Melinda's Baby Quilt – finish quilting & binding

Linda Hamel – Design a border of trailing vines. Prepare flowers and stems for hand applique. Begin applique on border by March deadline.



Judy Snook - Paper-pieced circle of thread will be a pillow

In February Josie Sharp, our program chair, initiated a UFO challenge. Members were to bring or send a photo of a project they would work on for the next month. We will see how well everyone did when the progress is shown in the April newsletter.



Debby O'Keefe's Baby Quilt



Josie Sharp - Cheryl Lynch Beach Scene

Easter Tablerunner

We've had a number of warmer days and so spring can't be too far away. Then, Easter will be upon us. (April 4th!) If you begin this now, it will be ready for your Easter celebration.



Designer: Kim Schaefer of [Little Quilt Company](http://LittleQuiltCompany.com)

Finished size: 20 ½ × 64 ½"

Finished block: 4 ½ " square

Materials

Yardages and cutting instructions are based on 42" of usable fabric width.

- ½ yard light green print (sashing)
- 1 yard total assorted cream prints (appliqué foundations)
- 2—12" squares assorted white tone-on-tones (appliqués)
- ¼ yard each of assorted prints of purple, orange, yellow, pink and teal (appliqués)
- 7/8 yard total assorted green prints (border)
- ½ yard medium green print (binding)
- 1-3/4 yards backing fabric
- 27 × 71" batting
- Lightweight iron-on fusible web
- Permanent, fine-tip marking pen: black

The appliqué templates and complete directions are available at:
[Egg Roll](http://EggRoll.com) | AllPeopleQuilt.com

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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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newsletter for the members of Loose
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www.theloosethreadsquilters.org



Show and tell

Betty Ann had a great find in one of the houses she was cleaning out – a vintage Feed Sack quilt in a lovely fan design.