



Loose Threads News

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May 2021

1st Wednesday Agenda

9:30 Doors open -
refreshments & socializing

10:00 Business Meeting

3rd Wednesday Agenda

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10:00 Making a
Temperature quilt using
Applipops

Kiti Williams



President's Message

It's so good to see more of our members coming back to meetings. We had a good turnout for our program meeting in April. And, we found out that, although, some of us (not me) can do intricate quilt patterns, we have a really hard time following paper folding directions! To those members who figured it out we say congratulations; for the rest of us, if we keep plugging away maybe we'll get it.

Lots of good things are coming our way in the Guild: more members at meetings, lunches in the park, upcoming elections, guest speakers, fun programs, planning our alternate Tea activities, etc. Every month we see more returning members and slowly we are getting back to our regular activities. We look forward to seeing all of you sooner or later!

Betty Ann



I found this link for quilting events. The site includes listings of shows, classes, shop hops, retreats and more, for both the US and worldwide.

<http://quiltingevents.com/Events>

Lil Evans

March Meeting Minutes

The Monthly Business Meeting of the Loose Threads Guild was held at the United Church of Christ in Spring City, PA on March 3, 2021 facilitated by President Betty Ann Dawson

Old Business: Lil Evans and Pat Phillion are both doing well and say hi to the group.

Basting: March 31 is the next basting day, let someone know on the committee if you need a quilt basted.

BOM: Pincushion of the month was presented and encouraged to make.

Challenge 2020: Christmas in July is being planned. Get your Winter Wonderland or Silk Purse – Sow's Ear entry quilts ready to show off.

Charity Projects: Nancy has 4 quilts on hold (quarantine). She is collecting for a dialysis /renal center in Pottstown. Looking for sizes 36-40" X 60-72". Manatawny Manor is interested in lap quilts.

Historian: Loose Threads history books are available for viewing in the library.

Holiday Brunch: Still hopeful for Dec 2021

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

Library: If you interested in viewing the library, let Betty Ann know and she will have available at the meeting to assist you.

Secret Pal: You can send Linda a message to put in the newsletter that you received your gift so the sender knows that you got it.

Speakers: Gail Garber will possibility move to 2022. Cheryl Lynch and Britta Nelson are scheduled for this year in Oct/Nov.

Sunshine: Steve's wife, from Steve's Sew and Vac, has passed away. A card was sent on the behalf of the guild. Marie Traxler's family would like to invite the guild to a drive-by birthday wish for Marie on March 21 at 2pm.

Tea: The committee will wait until July to make any decisions for planning for Tea in the future.

Respectfully submitted by:

Silvia Homa – Secretary



How about some poker?

Strip poker that is?

Ok, alright, you girls can keep your clothes on, but bring your 2.5 " X WOF fabric strips to the June program meeting and let's have some fun. You can bring as many as you want (about 20-30 should do). They can be any color, any prints.

Any questions, call Silvia

See you there,
Silvia Homa

April Meeting Minutes

The Monthly Business Meeting of the Loose Threads Guild was held at the United Church of Christ in Spring City, PA on April 7, 2021 facilitated by President Betty Ann Dawson

Old Business: Fabric donated for the guild from Kathie Travis and Eddy Martin's family

Basting: Fun time basting the last quilt.

BOM: Pincushion of the month was present and encouraged to make

Charity Projects: Nancy is collecting for a dialysis /renal center in Pottstown. Looking for sizes 36-40" X 60-72". Manatawny Manor is interested in lap quilts.

Day Camp: Maybe in October

Holiday Brunch: Will be scheduled for July 21. Bring your finished challenge and BOM.

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

Nominating Committee: Let committee (Marylou Boryta, Linda Glass or Linda Hamel) know if you are interested in running for office, voting will be in May.

Program: Mayor Donna Kern will teach us how to make Movarian Star from paper. Bring scissors.

Speakers: Gail Garber will possibility move to 2022. Cheryl Lynch and Britta Nelson are scheduled for this year in October and November.

Tea: The committee will wait until July to make any decisions for planning for Tea in the future.

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

Respectfully submitted by:

Silvia Homa – Secretary

Our member, Carolyn Ferrandino, also belongs to the Calico Cutters Quilt Guild. Their meetings are currently being held via ZOOM. Carolyn said that there have been many interesting speakers and guests are welcome to join in the meetings. The meeting are held on the second Wednesday of the month – ZOOM opens at 9:00, meeting begins at 9:30. (They have their business meeting prior to the speaker.)

If your interested in joining in, the ZOOM link will be sent to us by Carolyn a day or two prior to their Wednesday meeting. Scheduled for May - Australian quilter Rachael daisy Dodd.

www.calicocutters.com

May Birthdays

8 Judy Shafer
23 Betty Ann Dawson



Pat Philion's Farewell Quilt

I was visiting upstate New York in April and had an opportunity to drop by Pat and Dick Philion's new home in Schenectady. They live in a sixth-floor apartment (with balcony) overlooking the Mohawk River in a new building full of many amenities – community room, pool, fitness center, boat marina and restaurants. They have settled in nicely, but are still trying to fit in the last few things they brought from their large former home. Their daughter and family live right down the road and Pat said she is particularly enjoying having her high school age youngest granddaughter stopping by.

Pat saw the quilt top the guild made in September prior to their move but was amazed at the beautiful transformation made by Takako's long-arm quilting. Pat commented that this is the only quilt she has ever had that was made by someone else. She loved it!

Linda Hamel



Pincushion of the Month - May

Hail to the Chooks!

“Chooks” is an affectionate slang term we chicken owners call our chickens. This month’s pincushion is in honor of my favorite pet ... you guessed it ... CHICKENS!! These cute ‘chook’ pincushions will look cute & fabulous on your sewing table! And as always, remember to make an extra one or two for the boutique/craft table for our next fundraiser :)

Diane Hess

Link to PDF pattern -

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

Link to tutorial -

<https://na01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.quiltscapesqs.com%2Fp%2Fchick-pincushion.html&data=04%7C01%7C%7C142b5a5d65ea428baa1608d9073023e8%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C637548725598768351%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6IklhaWwiLCJXVCi6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sddata=d2m8cHfr%2FfJDyz39oGE4Ww0JxF%2Fk03V2SAr4T%2FghYu8%3D&reserved=0>



April Program - German Star

I was curious to find out more about the stars we made at our program meeting in April. Here's what I found on Wikipedia.

A Froebel star (German: *Fröbelstern*) is a Christmas decoration made of paper, common in Germany. In English it does not have a commonly recognized name; it can be referred to as Advent star, Danish star, German star, Nordic star, Pennsylvanian star, Polish star, Swedish star, Christmas star, or Froebel star. It is also sometimes called a Moravian star, though the Moravian star is a general category of geometrical shapes and the sixteen tipped piece of origami is specifically called the Froebel star.

The three-dimensional Froebel star is assembled from four identical paper strips with a width-to-length proportion of between 1:25 and 1:30. The weaving and folding procedure can be accomplished in about forty steps. The product is a paper star with eight flat prongs and eight cone-shaped tips. The assembly instructions can be aborted midway, producing a two-dimensional eight-pronged star without cones.

Crafting Froebel stars originates in German folklore. Traditionally the stars would be dipped into wax and sprinkled with glitter after being folded. The star can be considered a form of origami, because it is made of identical paper sheets and assembled without glue. However, as it combines folding with weaving it is more a "fringe" subject of origami.

The Froebel star carries the name of the German educationist Friedrich Fröbel (1782–1852), founder of the *Kindergarten* concept. He encouraged the use of paper folding in pre-primary education with the aim of conveying simple mathematical concepts to children. It is, however, likely that Froebel did not invent this item and that it had already been within the realm of general knowledge for a long time. Froebel did encourage paper folding as an activity for young children and he popularized discourse about children's activities, which is how his name and the folding instructions might have become related.

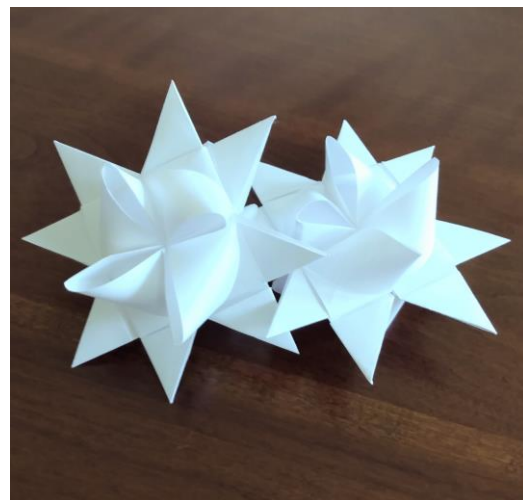
Descriptions of how to fold a Froebel star date back to at least the 19th century. In Germany the name *Fröbelstern* has been the common name for this paper decoration since the 1960s. It is used as an ornament on Christmas trees and wreaths, and to make garlands and mobiles.



Thanks to our instructor Dona Kern

Dona will be available for anyone who wants to dip their stars or work on finishing them at the business meeting on May 4th (Star Wars Day). She will be available before the meeting.

Note: German star paper is available on Esty in various colors and patterns.



Member Show and Tell



Carolyn Thompson



Carolyn's table runners



Lil Evans



Clem Dupont finished a kit bought at Frieda Anderson's workshop.





I got this note from a friend:

I am downsizing and found two items I bought at yard sales a long time ago. I would like them to go to somebody that collects or at least appreciates them. I am giving them away.

One is a cotton stuffed comforter. It appears to have been made out of old clothing. I bought it 30-40 years ago. Too much damage for me to repair. You probably can't anyway. This might be an interesting piece to show the guild.

The other is a pieced bedspread that was not quilted. I will attach pictures.

Are there women in your guild that might be interested? I sent pictures to the CC Historical Society and they suggested I contact quilt guilds.

Linda Hamel

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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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Annual dues are \$20 per year and guests
are always welcome

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newsletter for the members of Loose
Threads Quilt Guild
available on our website
www.theloosethreadsquilters.org

May Program



Kiti Williams will be providing our program for the May meeting with a demo that you will want to see! The title is: *Making a Temperature quilt using Applipops*. A double demo! She will speak about the various ways to make a temperature quilt and how the Applipops are used to make perfect circles. A temperature quilt is made by creating a range of temperatures and assigning one fabric to each set of numbers. Before you can make any blocks, you need to set your temperature ranges using the typical highs and lows for your city.

Info about temperature quilts can be found on the Darcy Quilts or Elm Street Quilts websites.

Remember that we social distance at our meetings, and a mask is required.

Josie Sharp