



Loose Threads News

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November 2023

1st Wednesday Agenda

9:30 Doors open -
refreshments & socializing

10:00 Business Meeting
Show and Tell

3rd Wednesday Agenda

9:30 Doors open -
refreshments & socializing

10:00 Holiday Decorations
Make and Take

5th Wednesday Agenda

9:30 Doors open -
refreshments & socializing

10:00 Basting



President's Message

"I love the fabric I selected!"

"My stitches are really improving!"

"This pattern turned out great!"

Instead of all of the criticism we inflict on ourselves, let's make it a goal to use more positive language when we critique our own work. Quilting is a process. Sometimes it's easy, and sometimes it's not. Sometimes it turns out perfect, and sometimes it doesn't. But the more we try, the more we learn. Finish those UFOs. Admire your accomplishments. Share your new found knowledge. Let's get into the habit of patting ourselves on the back and saying, "Job Well Done"!

Yours in stitching,

Nancy

A reminder:

Please do NOT leave anything to be stored in our church allocated area WITHOUT informing either Lil Evans or Nancy Miller. Four quilts were left without any name or information on October 6th. Since we did not know the indicated purpose, they were donated to our service projects.

Minutes – October Meeting

The monthly Business Meeting of the Loose Threads Quilt Guild was held at the United Church of Christ in Spring City, PA on October 4, 2023 and facilitated by President, Nancy Miller. The meeting was called to order at 10:05am.

The meeting began with Show n' Tell.

Announcements: Basket Bingo Sunday, October 15 at the 4H Center.

- Did anybody leave quilts (for charity?) in the sewing storage room? Please claim.
- Takako announced she is moving back to Japan. Takako brought in a beautiful quilt for all members to sign.

Block of the Month: A new BOM will begin in November. Bring the previous BOM completed quilts (or completed quilt tops) to the Holiday Brunch.

Challenge: Bring your completed challenge projects to the Holiday Brunch.

Day Camp: The next day camp will be October 10-11. Bring your own lunch. Coffee and morning snack will be provided.

Evening Bee: Evening Bee will be on the 2nd Wednesday of the month (meet at Giovanni's in Royersford at 5pm and/or continue to the Church at ~6:30pm). October Bee will be the same day as Day Camp.

Field Trips: A recap of the field trip to Seamless Sewing Arts in Phoenixville. It sounded like fun! Wednesday's will be the designated field trip day moving forward. The team is drumming up new ideas for future trips for shopping and non-shopping adventures.

Historian: No new business. The past scrapbooks, currently being stored by Linda Hamel, will need to be stored elsewhere as she is moving.

Holiday Brunch: No new business. This year's Holiday Brunch will be the 1st Wednesday of December (day of business meeting).

Hospitality: Sign-up sheets circulated.

Library: The new committee will start editing the library collection to make room for new. As a reminder the book catalogue is on the website.

Membership: Final numbers pending final paperwork handed in day of meeting.

Newsletter: Send all new content to both Linda Hamel and Judy Magner. Send all content for email blasts to Susan Koederitz, as she will be initiating these in the future.

Service Projects: Nancy will be setting up our Autumn themed display. We can't wait to see it!

Speakers: October is scheduled: Meg Cox, who serves on the board of advisors for the International Quilt Museum in Lincoln, Nebraska. See the October newsletter for additional information.

David Sirota of <https://www.quiltmavendave.com/> will be an upcoming speaker in June 2024 with a workshop on Tuesday and a lecture on the 3rd Wednesday. The cost for the workshop is TBD as it will be split among those who sign up.

Secret Pal: Reminder about the Holiday Brunch Pot Holder Project, see Margie Allen with any questions. At the next Business meeting the Secret Pal sign-up sheets will be handed out for next year. All are encouraged to participate.

Tea: A vote determined to not have a Tea in 2024. Future Teas will be reassessed in ~May 2024. Items for the Tea basket raffles, currently being stored by Linda Hamel, will also need to be reassessed.

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Oct Minutes, cont.

Tea, continued:

It was also discussed having the annual Fabric Sale on April 6, 2024 instead of the Tea (and instead of in August). An email blast will be sent out to the mailing list (to be drafted by our President, Nancy Miller). The fabric sale will include the main gathering room and (1) classroom for a book sale, led by Clem DuPont, and novels are welcome. Please hold all your donated books until set-up day on April 5.

Treasurer’s Report: Josie Sharp provided a Treasury report for September.

Website: Up to date.

Raffle Winners: Business Meeting Raffle Winner, donated by Donna Matthias: Josie Sharp
Name Tag Winner: Judy McCourry

The meeting concluded at 11:30am.

Respectfully submitted by:

Carly Moore – Secretary

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 18 Jeanne Nalbandian
- 28 Bonnie Strickland



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Secret Pal

The 2023 Secret Pal Reveal will take place at our Holiday party on December 6th. A reminder that participants should make 1 or 2 potholders that coordinate with your Secret Pal’s kitchen color(s) on their form. Include a yummy recipe that’s not too complicated, maybe a few non-perishable ingredients and a pretty container or basket to serve it in.

Secret Pal for 2024 will begin in January. If you have any suggestions, please email Margie Allen (handheld786@yahoo.com) as soon as possible as the new Secret Pal pairings will be organized in November.

Margie and Carly

Upcoming Events

“Celebration of Quilts” Show 2023 – Nov 10 – 11, 2023 Presented by Brownstone Quilt Guild at the Eric S. Smith Middle School, 2 Monroe St., Ramsey, NJ.
Vendors, Food on site, Mini Auction Daily Admission \$15
www.brownstonequilters.com

“Fall in Love with Quilts” Show - November 18, 2023. Presented by Mainline Quilters Guild at the St. Luke Lutheran Church, 203 N. Valley Forge Road, Devon, PA
Vendors, Boutique, Fabric Sale, Raffle Baskets Admission \$5
[www. Mainlinequilters.org](http://www.Mainlinequilters.org)

October Program – Meg Cox



Meg Cox visited with us in October for an engrossing trip into the world of the International Quilt Museum located in Lincoln, Nebraska. Meg, who serves on the Board of Directors of the museum, gave insight into the origin of the museum, the numerous quilts in the collections (9000 at this point!) and showed many examples of past exhibitions. To share in the wealth of information the museum has to offer explore and enjoy their website www.internationalquiltmuseum.org



Meg made a touching quilt as a memorial to her late husband out of his shirts – and on the back was an intact shirt that was signed by the attendees at his service.



Quilter's Day Camp

Day Camp is a popular event at Loose Threads. It's an opportunity to work on some of those projects we've all got that are in various stages of 'completion'. But, it's also a great time to chat and get to know members (and guests!) a bit better. It was so nice to see so many newer members taking part.



Sisters – Marylou and Anne



Linda Hamel



Judy Snook



Diane Hess and Debbie Popp



Chris Rivard

Many thanks to Lil Evans and Betty Ann (who traveled from Delaware) for organizing another fun and productive Day Camp.



Barbara Sherman, Cheryl Scalzi and Loretta Radewonuk



Judy Magner



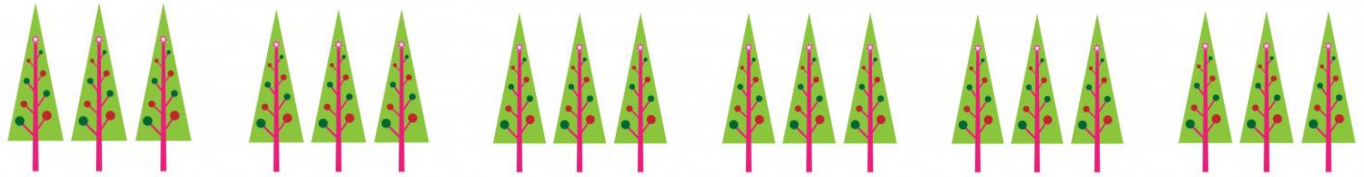
Jolene Lorah



Melinda Novatnak



Sue Umstead



YOU ARE INVITED

Loose Threads Holiday Brunch

Wednesday, December 6, 2023

10:00 A.M.

Gift Exchange – If you would like to participate, bring a **quilt related gift valued at \$15-20, wrapped, with your name written on a card inside.**

Bring your challenge quilt in a plain bag

Bring Round Robin & BOM quilt tops to show

Secret Pal revealed

Bring your favorite Holiday mug

Bring 1 dozen cookies to share



November Program

Hospitality

Holiday Decorations Make It Take It



We will have four stations that everyone will rotate through. Please bring the following supplies:

Fabric:

- A. 2 - 6" squares same fabric
1 - 6" square coordinating fabric
- B. 4 - 4" x 16" strips coordinating fabric, starched
- C. 3 - 2" x 7" strips (all the same or coordinating)
- D. 1 skein of yarn (not the thick kind)

Notions:

Hand sewing needle
Neutral thread
Scissors
Fabric glue
Wonderclips (or pins)
Mini iron and surface
2 - 1/2" buttons with same hole pattern

Questions? Contact Nancy Miller

Nov 1

Snack
Snack
Cold Drink

Pat Leiter
Barbara Sherman
Susan Koederitz

Nov 15

Snack
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Cold Drink

Carolyn Thompson
Donna Matthais
Sharon Beideman

Nov 29

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Laurie Kelly
Joanne Borgnis
Cheryl Scalzi



Farewell Gift



A special highlight of Day Camp was the presentation of the Red & White Signature Farewell quilt to Betty Ann Dawson as an expression of thanks for the many hours and effort she has given to Loose Threads through the years. Red & White quilts have been a favorite of Betty Ann's for a long time and now she has a special one to remind her of all her many friends back in Pennsylvania.

What's in a Name?

A name on a piece of fabric: it's a simple thing. Combine it with others and you have a signature quilt, also known as an autograph quilt, a friendship quilt, an album quilt, a bride's quilt. Regardless of what you call it, a quilt filled with names sparks curiosity. From their earliest days, signature quilts have marked significant life events such as weddings, births and deaths. They've chronicled family genealogies, have been given to those moving away and have honored people for outstanding accomplishments.

ZJ Humbach
Quilter's Newsletter



October Show & Tell



Diane Hess



Marylou Boryta



Laurie Kelly's Storm at Sea



Carly Moore



Marie Traxler finished a baby quilt.



Clem Dupont



Takako Pike is moving back to Japan. She made this remembrance quilt for all her Loose Threads friends to sign.

Quilt Exhibit



Judy Peters, Nancy Kinyon-Samec, Sue Umstead, Debby O’Keefe, Melissa Ciacci, Marylou Boryta were the committee in charge of hanging the ‘Autumn’ quilt display at the Henrietta Hankin Library. Check it out; it will be on exhibit until November 4, 2023.

Henrietta Hankin Library
215 Windgate Drive
Chester Springs, PA



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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

Block of the Month



Calling all orphan blocks!

Our Block of the Month project this year will be using orphan blocks. More details to come at the November Business meeting. We will start collecting these blocks at the November meeting. Disclaimer: Openness to ALL completed blocks. There is no such thing as an “ugly” block!

Thanks for your help,
Silvia and Pat