



# Loose Threads News

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October 2021

## 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday Agenda

9:30 Doors open -  
refreshments & socializing

10:00 Business Meeting

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday Agenda

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**Cheryl Lynch**  
**Mini Mural**  
**Workshop**

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## President's Message

Hello quilters,

Can you believe it's October? Time for pumpkins, the changing of the leaves and cooler weather. Lots of quilting opportunities. Time to bring out the reds, golds, browns and other assorted fall fabrics, that we all have. The days are getting shorter and cooler so that means more sewing time.

Our quilters "affair" is over, and we are looking forward to hearing the rewards of our work. The quilt show was like eye candy after a long time of staying at home. I think that everyone who came enjoyed the company of other quilters and an opportunity to shop. The baskets were also a success. Now we have to start looking ahead to the next quilters tea. Start thinking of ideas for the group discussions and finishing quilts for the show. Laurie Kelly is the tea chair and Diane Hess is the co-chair. If you have any new ideas for the tea, talk to Laurie. March isn't so far in the future.

The next thing to think about is the holiday party. Assignments for committees will be given out at the business meeting in October.

Happy Fall,  
*Rosemary*



# Minutes – September Meeting

The Monthly Business Meeting of the Loose Threads Quilt Guild was held at the United Church of Christ in Spring City on September 1, 2021 facilitated by President Rosemary Geisler. The meeting was called to order at 10:03am.

**Announcements:** Rosemary thanked the previous officers for their service during a very difficult year.

**Basting:** Basting day is 9/29/2021. There is one possible quilt on the schedule for Laurie Kelly.

**Block of the Month:** This is the last pincushion of the month. The directions are in the newsletter.

**Challenge:** Due at the holiday brunch, the challenge is to be no larger than 16” x 16”, have a churn dash block and include an animal which could be on the fabric or a design element or embroidery.

**Charity Projects:** Nancy reported that we are still collecting for the dialysis center. we need 20 more, and prefer flannel or fleece backing for warmth.

**Day Camp:** Betty Ann reported that day camp will be held November 9th and 10th. She is collecting the fee and if you haven't signed up, there are still spaces available.

**Evening Bee:** Next Wednesday, September 8th, dinner at Giovanni's at 5, meet at the church at 6:30 until 8:30.

**Field Trips:** Winnie reported that Allentown trip went well. We are currently investigating a little bus trip to see barn quilts in MD and a possible overnight. A quick show of hands showed at least 12 people interested

**Holiday Brunch:** A new committee will be formed and they can present options for the brunch.

**Hospitality:** Signups for September 15th and 29th. Discussed whether to continue fruit but recommended to table it for now.

**Library:** The committee is in the process of evaluating their supply and reordering if necessary.

**Membership:** Linda reported that members have been turning in their dues but she reminded everyone to fill out committee selections so the board can organize for the coming year.

**Newsletter:** Linda thanked everyone for their submissions to the newsletter.

**Programs:** Josie said that for the next program we don't need to bring anything and it will be fun.

**Secret Pal:** Gifts left at the meeting will be put on the library cart if not picked up.

**Speakers:** Laurie Kelly reported that our next speaker is Cheryl Lynch. She is doing a workshop on October 19th and then the lecture on the 20th. See Laurie for signup to the workshop. Laurie also said that Gail Garber (circular flying geese) is coming next May. According to Laurie, many of the teachers are still not traveling and she is always looking for new ideas or recommendations, especially for local speakers.

**Sunshine:** Lenore Clark needs some sunshine for her family. Her daughter delivered the twins early and one passed and the other is in the NICU. Lenore is currently caring for the older grandchildren. Susan Glaser also could use some sunshine. She is still providing constant care for her husband.

**FB:** Kiti encouraged people to sign up for our page and submit pictures. If nothing submitted, then nothing happens with the page.

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# Hospitality

October 6

**Snack:** Marie Traxler  
**Snack:** Nancy Kinyon-Samac  
**Cold Drink:** Jean Sullivan

October 20

Betty Ann Dawson  
 Judy McCourry  
 Geri Dulis



Many thanks to everyone that helped with our Quilter's Affair on September 11th. We have an awesome guild and it was evident in the way everyone pitched in and worked together for the benefit of our guild. Hopefully we will see some new faces attending our meetings soon as several attendees expressed an interest.

Laurie Kelly  
 Bernie Hughes

Received a note from Lenore in September:

Thanks for your note. It made me feel like I was still connected to the “outside world”. This has been a hard summer between preparing for the move, the babies coming early and housing extra family members.

On the other hand, our house sold! Settlement is late October. Bryony Grace is doing well, just having normal premie issues, and we are figuring out how to take turns caring for a 2-year-old, while still getting other things done.

I have joined the Centre Pieces Quilt Guild in State College, so have begun to follow them on FB. They are doing a “block a week”. It has given me something to look forward to. I pulled some fabric from my stash before it was totally packed for long term storage, to begin to think about it. I don’t feel ready to cut anything yet, as I packed my iron!!! I don’t iron clothes, just fabric. So, do I buy a new iron? I keep opening “short-term” storage boxes, without success.

I have to think of all this as my next adventure. What do I want the next 35 years to look like? Who do I want to be? (Someone who doesn’t live in a pandemic!)

Lenore

Loose Threads is requiring all members who are “not” vaccinated to wear a mask. It is recommended that all members should wear masks indoors. Thank you and stay safe.

# Minutes – September Meeting, continued

**Tea:** Laurie Kelly reported on the upcoming Quilt Affair which goes from 9 - 2 on 9/11/2021 but we need to arrive at 7:30. We should park at the pool and will be shuttled down to the church. Bottles of water provided and power bars will be available for snacks. Laurie said masks also will be available for the public and strongly encouraged. We will also have hand sanitizer. Donna will inform the mayor of Royersford to get us on the list of activities of Unity Day. Lil reminded everyone to turn in their chicken pincushions by next Wednesday night so she can put labels on them by Saturday. Laurie reminded everyone to bring their challenges and workshop pieces since 2019. Set up is Friday at 9:30 so bring your quilts then.

**Website:** Diane reported the website is up to date.

**Other Items:** Linda has the ticket spinner for previous raffle quilts and asked if we should donate it. It was decided that Kitty will store it in her garage.

**Raffle Winners:** Business meeting raffle gift donated by Kiti.  
 Business Meeting Raffle: Toni Hughes  
 Name Tag Winner: Donna Mathias

The meeting concluded at 11:30 followed by Show 'n Tell.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Winnie McCarraker*, Secretary

# Upcoming Events

**Gifts for All Seasons** - October 15-17, 2021. Presented by Undercover Quilters at Brookhaven Municipal Bldg., 2 Cambridge Road, Brookhaven, PA  
 Admission \$10  
[www.undercoverquilters.com](http://www.undercoverquilters.com)

**International Quilt Festival Houston** - October 28-31, 2021. Quilts, INC. produces this show at George R. Brown Convention Center at 1001 Avenida de las Americas, Houston, Texas.  
<https://www.quilts.com/quilt-festival/quilt-festival-houston/>

# October Birthdays



- 16 Jean Sullivan
- 18 Judy Peters
- 27 Joanne Cantwell

## October Speaker & Workshop – Cheryl Lynch

Fee for the workshop is \$20. Kit fee is also \$20 and includes 6 patterns, instruction booklet, netting, sticky stabilizer, and a large variety of fabric already cut up. Patterns include a bird, flowers, tiny town, pomegranate, pear, and heart.

Supplies needed are tweezers, sharp small scissors, sharpie marker, low tack tape, and a container with multiple compartments such as a floss or eggbox.

You will also need 1 foam core board 20" x 30" which can be purchased at Michaels, Joanne's or perhaps the dollar store. This will be your work surface.

There is a short video with directions for preparing the foam core board on the website: [www.cheryllynchquilts.com](http://www.cheryllynchquilts.com). Go to **lectures/workshop**, then go down to **mini mosaics** and then click on "**here**" for directions to prepare the required work surface.



No sewing machine is required at the Tuesday workshop!



# September Show and Tell



Josie Sharp



Judy McCourry



Linda Hamel



Rosemary Geisler

**Linda made this quilt for Bonnie Strickland's Ingathering Service Project. Bonnie could still use more quilt donations for this worthwhile effort which benefits local children. Any size is acceptable. Please get them to Bonnie by the second October meeting.**



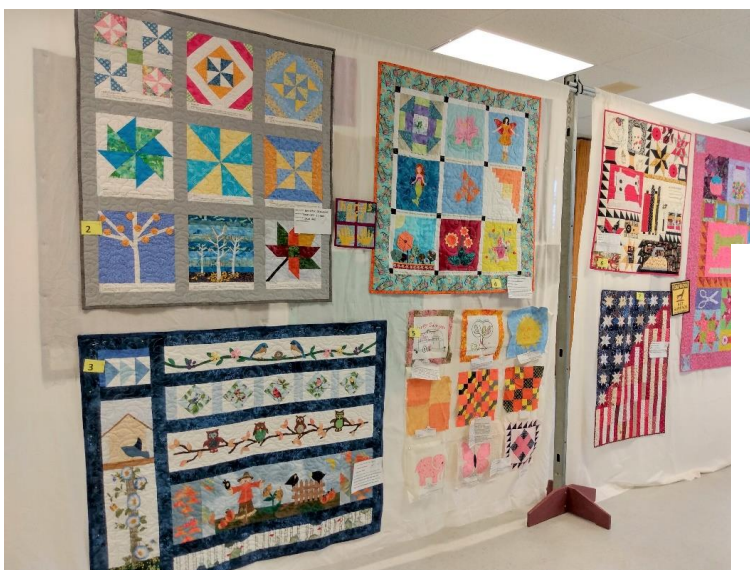
Melinda Novatnak

# Our Quilt Affair



Loretta & Silvia setting up the Craft Sale

We had lovely weather on Saturday, September 11<sup>th</sup> for our Quilt Affair. We transformed the church on Friday with a wide range of beautiful quilts displayed in the brightly lit dining room. Dispersed throughout the building were our many popular venues - the book sale, overflowing with bargains, raffle baskets laden with amazing prizes, the craft sale chock full of so many varied handcrafted items and of course, the Sewing Room Sale mimicking a quaint fabric shop. Although we didn't have as many guests as we had hoped, the enthusiasm of all who attended was overwhelming.





Book Sale Crew  
Judy, Linda, Clem and Debby



Nancy preparing for her demo



Betty Ann & Lil ready at the Sewing Room Sale



Kiti, Cathy and Laurie at the admission area



“Chicken Coop”



Raffle Baskets





## A Quilt Show...Finally

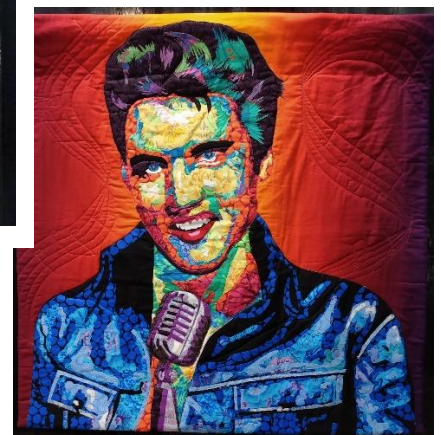
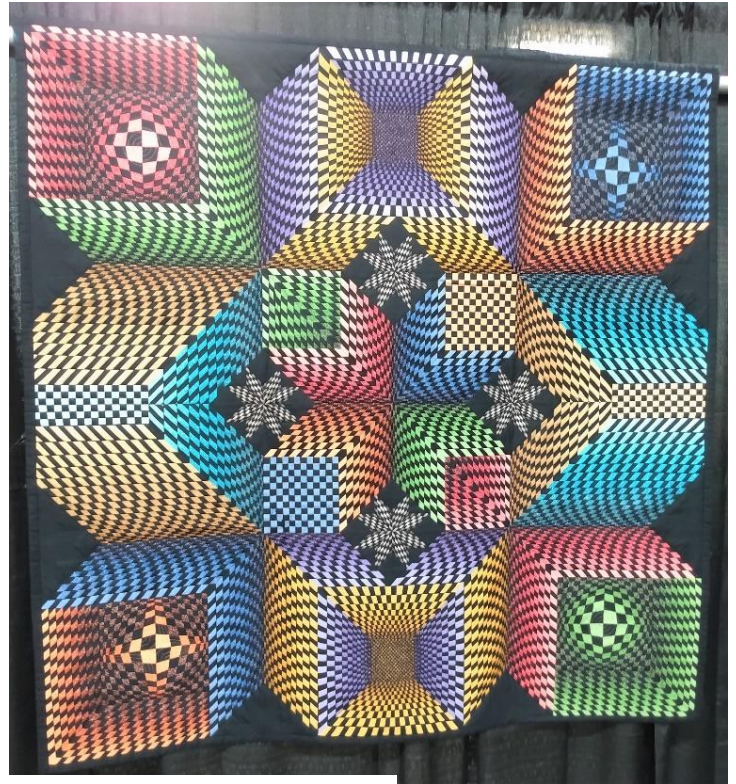
Excerpted from the Philadelphia Inquirer,  
Tuesday, September 28, 2021

### Quilters by the Thousands by Kevin Riordan

“Despite smaller crowds than in years past – overall attendance was down by about a third from the usual 7,000 to 8,000 people – the vibe on the floor of the expo center was as exuberant as the 600 quilts on the walls. Quilters, a majority of whom are women of a certain age, are a sociable lot.

A survey released in 2020 by the Craft Industry Alliance estimated that quilting is a \$4.2 billion annual business in the United States, where between 9 to 11 million people, 98% of them female and 65% retired, are active quilters. At the Extravaganza, quilts were arranged like paintings in a gallery, with handmade quilts, machine-quilted quilts, and long-arm quilts – some stitched on computerized machines – displayed next to title cards. There were “alphabet” quilts that use individual letters as design elements, art quilts featuring original images, geometric quilts, optical illusion quilts and quaint quilts that evoked Norman Rockwell.

Some quilts took on political or pop culture subjects, such as Joe Biden and Elvis Presley, respectively: and an exhibit called “Black Threads” included two dozen quilts created by Wes Philly’s Christian Compassion Quilters. Overall, the show’s abundance of colors, shapes, textures, and subjects, as well as the exquisite detailing and precision craftsmanship on display, made the Extravaganza aesthetically pleasing, emotionally engaging, and fun.”



## Loose Threads Guild Committees for 2021-2022

We tried to give everyone their choice on committees. However, in some cases multiple members selected the same choices. We had to put members on committees as needed. We hope to have a good year enjoying each other's company.

[Business Meeting Raffle](#) – Cathy Nelson, Clem Dupont

[Basting](#) – Kiti Williams, Mary Larkin, Loretta Radewonuk

[Block of the Month](#) – Sylvia Homa, Diane Hess

[2022 Challenge](#) – Lori Memmen, Debby O'Keefe

[Day Camp](#) – Betty Ann Dawson, Lil Evans

[Evening Bee](#) – TBA

[Facebook](#) – Carolyn Ferrandino

[Field Trips](#) - Winnie McCarraher, Judy McCourry

[Historian](#) – Kathy Parker

[Holiday Brunch](#) – Pat Leiter, Mary Larkin, Kathy Neiman, Marie Traxler, Takako Pike, Janet Freedline, Melinda Novatnak, Sally Ater

[Hospitality](#) – Barb Painter, Gayle Hammond, Bonnie Strickland, Geri Dulis

[Librarians](#) – Carolyn Thompson, Donna Matthais

[Newsletter](#) - Linda Hamel, Judy Snook, Joanne Cantwell

[Nominating Committee](#) - TBA

[PROGRAMS:](#) Co-Ordinator between groups – Linda Hamel

[Activities at meetings](#) - Linda Hamel, Linda Glass, Susan Koederitz, Jane Russell

[Speakers](#) – Laurie Kelly, Marylou Boryta, Rosemary Geisler

[Secret Pal](#) – Margie Allen

[Service Projects](#) – Nancy Kinyan-Samec, Josie Sharp, Judy Peters

[Sunshine](#) – Judy Snook, Jean Sullivan

[Tea Chairs](#) – 2022 – Laurie Kelly, 2023 – Diane Hess

[Website](#) – Diane Hess

### [Odd Jobs](#)

Email Blaster – Linda Hamel

Name Tag Raffle – Marylou Boryta

Printing Name Tags – Jean Sullivan

# September - Brainstorming for Program Ideas

## Summary of Program Topics

## Top Five Topics Chosen by Groups

#1 = favorite	Table	Table	Table	Table	Table	Choices
	1	2	3	4	5	1-5
More programs by quilt members instead of paid presenters	x					1
Miniature quilts		x				1
Placemats for Meals on Wheels, etc.; Christmas stockings for Food Bank people; Mug rugs for Vets for church weekly dinners			x			1
Crayon quilts - with crayons				x		1
Quick gifts					x	1
Working on charity quilts together	x					2
What can be done with a GO! Cutter		x				2
Greeting cards, post cards			x			2
Make notecards for Sunshine Committee & to go with charity quilts				x		2
Note cards/gift tags using applique fabric					x	2
Machine quilting on our home machines	x					3
Stack 'N Whack - kaleidoscope type quilts		x				3
Photo transfer memory quilt, embellishments, t-shirt			x			3
Christmas ornaments				x		3
Different ideas for organizing quilt rooms					x	3
Class on table runners	x					4
Crazy quilt (using wools & velvets)		x				4
Crazy quilts/buttons/embroidery embellishment			x			4
Ruler demos				x		4
Quilt/fabric related games					x	4
Create gift boxes	x					5
Gift bags that hold a shirt box	x					5
Group charity quilts		x				5
Bookmarks for library/kids			x			5
Zipper bags				x		5
Strip quilt for charity					x	5
Create tote boxes	x					5

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## Loose Threads Quilt Guild

Meets at 9:30 AM on the  
1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month,  
with a special basting meeting on the 5<sup>th</sup>  
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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and is available on our website  
[www.theloosethreadsquilters.org](http://www.theloosethreadsquilters.org)

I know Halloween is right around the corner, but altering the fabric on this free online pattern from **All People Quilt** could make it a 'fall' table runner. The PDF instructions with all the applique patterns have been sent with this newsletter. Have fun!



[Spooky Pumpkins Wall Quilt | AllPeopleQuilt.com](http://www.AllPeopleQuilt.com)