



Loose Threads News

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October 2023

1st Wednesday Agenda

9:30 Doors open -
refreshments & socializing

10:00 Business Meeting

3rd Wednesday Agenda

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10:00 **Guest Speaker**

Meg Cox



President's Message

It's hard to believe Fall is upon us! And a new LTQ year brings new committee assignments. Thank you to everyone who submitted a form. I tried my best to fill everyone's requests. Let's all work together to make this a great quilting year!

Yours in quilting,

Nancy

October Program

Let Meg Cox, who serves on the board of advisors for the International Quilt Museum in Lincoln, Nebraska, open the vaults and reveal the treasures of this astounding place. Her PowerPoint lecture will show you masterpiece quilts, introduce you to curators and break down the steps in mounting an exhibition. International Quilt Museum boasts a broad and unique collection of American quilts, including the red and white quilts that dazzled the quilt world when hung in Manhattan's Park Avenue Armory in 2011. But it has also collected quilts from more than 55 countries. Meg created this presentation to benefit the museum she loves, so she charges less than normal for this talk and donates every penny to the International Quilt Museum. To make it even more fun, the museum will donate a fun door prize from its museum store to your guild.

Minutes – September Meeting

The monthly Business Meeting of the Loose Threads Quilt Guild was held at the United Church of Christ in Spring City, PA on September 6, 2023 and facilitated by President, Nancy Miller. The meeting was called to order at 10:07am.

The meeting began with Show n' Tell.

Old Business: August Minutes were approved.

New Business: Nancy has posed the idea/option to reimagine the timeline of our annual Tea. It is posed that we do not have a Tea for 2024 and potentially make the Tea bi-annual. An email blast to all members will be distributed with the proposal, which is to be voted on at the October Business Meeting. This change will also affect the annual Fabric Sale.

Announcements: Undercover Quilters show in October in Brookhaven, PA. See the newsletter for additional information.

The August fabric sale was a success! Thank you all who volunteered your time and special thanks to Betty Ann Dawson and Lillian Evans.

Basting: Please remember to come to the basting meeting if you have signed up or verbally expressed you will be bringing a quilt to be basted. Kindly let Kiti know if advance if you cannot make it. It is recommended we more formally keep track of the sign-up process.

Block of the Month: Bring your completed quilts (or completed quilt tops) to the Holiday Brunch.

Challenge: Friendly Reminder of the rules. Bring your completed challenge projects to the Holiday Brunch.

Day Camp: The next day camp will be October 10-11. Please sign up and provide your \$10 to Lillian Evans. Bring your own lunch. Coffee and morning snack will be provided.

Evening Bee: Rosemary Geisler will host in Nancy's and Betty Ann's absence (with the key to the church). 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).

Field Trips: Next field trip is to the new location of Seamless Sewing Arts in Phoenixville on September 27th. Meet at Seamless at 10am for shopping with lunch to follow.

Holiday Brunch: Pending new committee assignments.

Hospitality: Kiti Williams has volunteered to make coffee prior to our meetings at or around 9am.

Library: There are 3 new books – take a look! 2 Quiltmania magazines have been provided by Bernie. It is recommended that the new library committee (pending assignment) conduct a group purge (2-3 people max). As a reminder, the electronic library catalogue is on the website.

Membership: Collecting annual dues now. See Susan Koederitz or Josie Sharp.

Programs: At the September programs meeting, Judy Magner will be giving a lecture on Stained Glass quilt blocks. No supplies needed.

Round Robin: The reveal will happen at the Holiday Brunch.

Service Projects: Nancy has provided a paper template of our showcase space of small Autumn or Fall Color projects. Please provide your small projects to Nancy at your earliest convenience for by the October Business Meeting. Beautiful examples were shown.

Speakers: October is scheduled.

Tea: See New Business.

Coffee carafes will be tested by 5 volunteers. The correctly operating carafes will be stored at the Church once tested.

Treasurer's Report: Marylou provided a Treasury report for August.

Website: Up to date. Diane Hess will update the BOM information and also the longarm directory provided in the last newsletter.

Hospitality

October 4

Snack: Judy McCourry

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Cold Drink: Jean Sullivan

October 18

Melissa Ciacci

Nancy Kinyon-Samec

Loretta Radewonuk

September Minutes, continued

Raffle Winners: Business Meeting Raffle, donated by Joanne, Winner: Mary Larkin
Name Tag Winner: Judy McCourry

The meeting concluded at 11:20am.

Respectfully submitted,

Carly Moore, Secretary

October Birthdays



- 2 Jolene Lorah
- 7 Susan Umstead
- 16 Jean Sullivan
- 18 Judy Peters
- 27 Joanne Cantwell

Upcoming Events

Sew Many Colors - Fall Festival of Quilts — October 13 - 15, 2023 Presented by Undercover Quilters Brookhaven Municipal, 2 Cambridge Road, Brookhaven, PA Admission \$10

Sewgo Bingo – Sunday, October 15, 2023 at 2 PM (Doors open at 1 PM) at the Montgomery 4-H Center, 1015 Bridge Road, Collegeville, PA
\$20 per person pre-entry or \$25 at the door
More than 25 sewing-themed baskets
Contact: Joanne Borgnis

Christmas Market - Special Opening - December 2 - 3, 2023 at Schwenkfelder Library & Heritage Center, 105 Seminary St., Pennsburg, PA.
www.schwenkfldwe.org

Oaks Quilt Show



Lori Memmen

The Pennsylvania Quilt Extravaganza at Oaks is always a very popular show with Loose Threads members. This year was no exception. There were three entries (that we saw...) from our guild. *Vintage Home* by Lori Memmen, *Flower Dance* by Diane Hess and our group 'fractured' quilt, *Wehr Covered Bridge 2023* by Eileen Franki, Rosemary Geisler, Linda Hamel, Lauri Kelly, Winnie McCarraher, Lori Memmen and Judy Snook. Everyone was excited to have their work exhibited at a national show. But there was actual jubilation when members realized there were ribbons awarded - an Honorable Mention for Diane in the Traditional category and a Third-place ribbon in the Wall quilts category for the group quilt. Well done all!



Diane Hess



Group Effort - Fractured Quilt

September Show and Tell



Diane Hess



Carly Moore



Judy McCourry made many (!) Teddy bears for a woman from clothing from a deceased loved one.



Susan Umstead



Mary Larkin

Winnie's Farewell Quilt



The farewell quilt for Winnie McCarraher has been completed and it came out just lovely. Signature locks were contributed by members, the quilting was done by Diane Hess and the binding was added by Marylou Boryta. We hope it will remind Winnie of her many Pennsylvania friends back at Loose Threads.



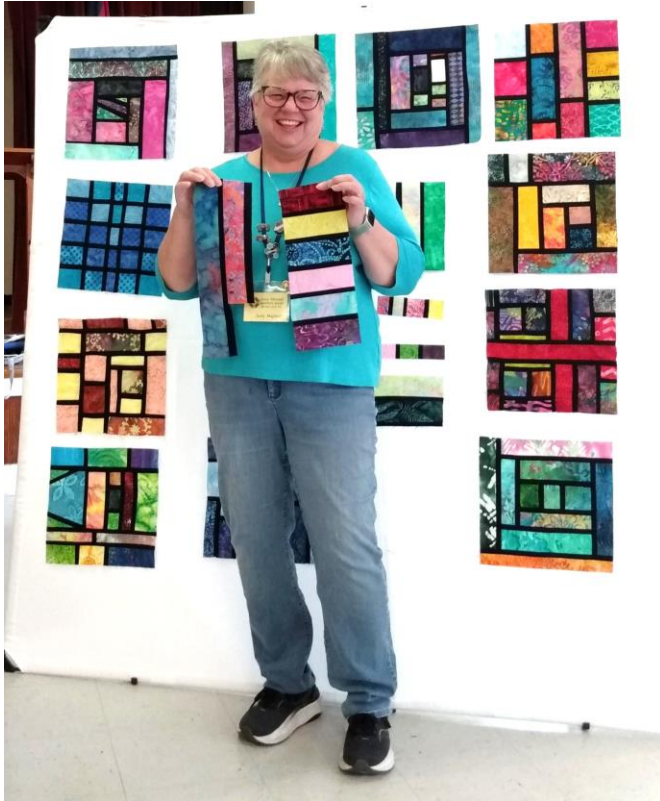
Dear friends of the LTQG,

You truly are the best people and quilters that I know. I'm missing you already. There is no one anywhere that can compare to your friendliness and support y'all give to others. Don't ever stop being the kind people you are. I received the quilt you made me and I LOVE it. It's gorgeous and perfect for me. The colors are spectacular and it looks great in my house. Thank you.

Again and again, please keep in touch and if planning any trips south, come visit.

With lots of love,
Winnie

September Program



Judy Wagner participated in an online Facebook quilt block swap. The block was quite unique - a 'Stained Glass' block made with batik fabric and a pre-selected black fabric to achieve continuity among all the swapped blocks. She told us all about the positives and a few negatives of the experience. Members were very enthused and Judy has agreed to lead a Stained-Glass block guild exchange in the near future.



Challenge Reminder

If you haven't yet started your challenge project December will be here before you know it! Remember that you must use most of the two fabric pieces, the circumference is 120" max, and you can make any 2- or 3-dimensional project of your choosing. Are you stuck for an idea of how to combine the jade and coral fabrics? They do not have to be the stars of the show! Blend them in with a simple pattern like a log cabin or flying geese, create a garden of colorful flowers, or use some other idea that uses lots of colors that will blend with jade and coral.

Remember, one person will win a prize just for participating. It could be you!

Debby O'Keefe

Six Tips for Machine Quilting

Pat Leiter saw this site, *Beech Tree Lane Handmade*, and wanted to share this helpful information for any frustrated machine quilters out there.

1. Use a Walking Foot.
2. Use a Quilting Needle
3. Use a Heavier Needle
4. Decrease Your Presser Foot Pressure
5. Use Quilting Gloves
6. Change Your Needles Often

Go to the site for explanations and elaboration on these six suggestions. Good luck!

<https://beechtreelanehandmade.com/2016/02/22/six-tips-for-machine-quilting/>

Quilt Shop Review



I was visiting the Albany, NY area recently and decided to check out the 'Quilts in the Yard' event at one of the local shops on a lovely September morning. **Log Cabin Fabrics** is located about 10 minutes south of Albany. It's a small shop but chock full of nice variety of fabrics - modern, novelty, traditional and batiks. They have an area dedicated solely to wool that includes patterns (with many samples), wool fabric and thread. They offer classes and several Block of the Month opportunities. I think I have found a place able to nurture my quilting addiction that's not too far from my new home.

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

Loose Threads News is a monthly
newsletter for the members of Loose
Threads Quilt Guild
and is available on our website
www.theloosethreadsquilters.org



We're happy to report that Loose Threads field trips have resumed. We met at Seamless Sewing's new Phoenixville location and then had a tasty lunch at the Sly Fox. All passports were stamped!