



# Loose Threads News

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

9:30 Doors open -  
refreshments & socializing

10:00 Business Meeting

**Time to renew your  
membership! Cost is  
\$20. Bring or mail  
your completed  
membership form and  
check to Susan Glaser,  
our Vice- President.**

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

9:30 Doors open -  
refreshments & socializing

10:00 UFO Swap & Finish

## 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesday Agenda

9:30 Doors open -  
refreshments & socializing

10:00 Basting & Charity  
Projects

## President's Message

WOW - that's all I've got to say! I can't believe that another quilting year has come and gone. I can't believe that you elected me as President. And I can't believe how fortunate I am to belong to this great organization.

This organization is full of creative, artistic, talented, smart, funny and caring woman. You are women that I look forward to being around, that I enjoy immensely when I am with you and that I look forward to having a lot of good times with in the future. There are wonderful things already planned for this year including luncheons, programs, speakers, projects, mini-classes, retreats, field trips and the list goes on. And don't forget the quilting!

So as they say, let the good times roll and remember "if it isn't fun, it's not worth doing!"

Happy Quilting,  
*Betty Ann*



Our new officers for  
the upcoming year:

**President:**  
Betty Ann Dawson

**Vice President:**  
Susan Glaser

**Treasurer:**  
Marylou Boryta

**Secretary:**  
Sally Ater

# Minutes - August Meeting

Betty Ann Dawson called the meeting to order at 10:05 A.M.

**Treasurer's Report:** Expenses were for the pizza for the Charity Sew Day, flowers and cards for Sunshine. Credits were for the business raffle, retreats and a field trip payment.

## **New Business:**

- The children's daycare is out of business at the church. Do not know yet how that might affect the Tea.
- Cathy (Ford) Bestwick, a former member, is donating a lot of quilting items from her mother Miriam.
- The mini quilting lessons will begin in September. These will be held after the regular business meeting for about a half hour. Details in the August Newsletter. Please come prepared.

**Sunshine:** Get Well cards were sent to Bonnie Strickland for knee replacement surgery and Joanne Cantwell for hip replacement surgery. A Get Well card was circulated at the meeting for Edy Martin.

**Basting:** Three quilts were basted at the last meeting.

## **Speakers/Programs:**

**Reminder:** There is a \$5 fee for Associate Members attending lectures by outside speakers. Please pay Judy Peters the day the program is held. **Workshop** fees for Assoc & guests are variable and depend on the guild's cost for each speaker. Confirm what your costs will be when you sign up with Laurie Kelly.

- Please remember to turn cell phones OFF during the Guest Speakers program.
- October 21 Kelly Meanix will do a lecture in the morning and a workshop on piecing trees in the afternoon.
- November 18 Lonni Rossi lecture. Afternoon Workshop is TBD.
- For 2016: We are also looking into Gyleen Fitzgerald, Anita Grossman Solomon, and some others.

- September's Program is a UFO Swap. Judy Snook is asking us to bring in some UFO blocks & projects to be exchanged. For each UFO turned in you will get a number, then you can choose someone else's UFO to finish for yourself. More info will be included in the Newsletter.
- For a Spring project Judy Snook will be asking us to provide many 2 ½" blue squares. More info will be provided in an email blast.

**Tea:** In previous years, a Fat Quarter Basket had been generously given by Chester County Quilting for our auction. In order to continue to provide this popular item, it is requested that each member provide 2 fat quarters of good quilting material to the Tea. Please give them to Pat Philion.

## **Fabric Exchange:**

- Lil Evans is winding up this year's exchange. Get your fabrics to her BEFORE Septembers' Business Meeting.
- Jo Quaglia, [joann1455@verizon.net](mailto:joann1455@verizon.net), 610-326-1186, will be starting up next year's challenge. Details are in the August Newsletter. A signup sheet will be sent around at the September Business Meeting. The color for September is Black & White.

**Challenge:** "Say It With Flowers". You can use flowered fabric or your detail can be flowers. Contact Linda Hamel, [dhamel1283@aol.com](mailto:dhamel1283@aol.com), for details. Quilt is to be no larger than 40 inches per side (160 inches overall). Instead of a quilt make a tote bag, a jacket, etc. Be creative!

**Hospitality:** The list is full through December.

**Retreats:** Please contact Carolyn Thompson, [cthompso99@dejazzd.com](mailto:cthompso99@dejazzd.com) or Lenore Clarke, [LenoreClarke@gmail.com](mailto:LenoreClarke@gmail.com) and check the Newsletter for details.

- October 13<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> – Blue Lake. NOTE: an additional hotel tax fee will be added onto the bill.

## Guild Friends on the Go

It's good to do the things on your "bucket list." And I recently was lucky enough to do something very special from my list. I traveled on the Celebrity Solstice cruise ship to the beautiful state of Alaska and visited with my friend (and our fellow guild member) Barbara Kuterbach. For those who might not know her, Barb moved from Linfield, PA to Alaska about eleven years ago to live with her son's family in Juneau.



My friend, Trish, and I signed up for this particular cruise because it was a "knitting cruise." The knitting was great, the cruise ship was fabulous, and the Alaska setting was really beautiful. But the visit with Barb was the star of the show. Barb and her friend, Jackie, picked us up at the dock in Barb's car. What a welcome! Despite the rainy day, we visited a yarn shop, two fabric shops, Barb's house, the Mendenhall Glacier, a salmon ladder, and a great restaurant "The Twisted Fish." Barb and Jackie were excellent tour guides.

Barb says she misses everyone from the guild and looks forward to reading the newsletter every month. She enjoyed receiving the nice notes and presents that I brought for her. Barb seemed very happy to have visitors in Juneau. She says everyone should come up. Put Alaska on YOUR bucket list!

Eileen Frankil



My husband and I have decided to add the US National Parks to our travel list, so this year Yellowstone was our destination. This park offers amazing geological sites, beautiful scenery and fascinating wildlife. For 'PART B' we flew into Washington and spent several days with Sandy Michalec in Olympia. The highlight of this leg of our trip was a visit to Mt. St. Helens...and, of course, a quilt shop or two.

Linda Hamel





Met my friends in Paris where we boarded a Vantage River Boat for a 10 day journey to Normandy. Normandy is a region in Northern France with very changeable weather. Within 20 minutes we had sunshine and warmth which quickly turned into a driving chilly rain.

The day after we arrived we took a bus tour of the city of Paris. Highlights were the Eiffel Tower, Notre-Dame Cathedral, Avenue des Champs-Élysées and Arc de Triomphe. After lunch we had a tour of the Louvre which to me was much over rated. Way too many crowds and I did not expect to encounter a shopping mall before we got to the ticket booths! I ordered a Great Courses lecture series on the Louvre which I am sure I will enjoy much more. I am not a crowd person. Of note though: before it was a museum, the Louvre was a palace and before that a castle!

Our trip on the Seine took us past many industrial areas but also included some very beautiful limestone hills dotted with picturesque cottages. We visited the Chateau de La Roche-Guyon which was used by German Field Marshall Erwin Rommel as his Normandy headquarters during WWII.

At Pointe du Hoc, US Rangers scaled the cliffs to destroy a German battery that threatened the Omaha Beach landings. At Omaha Beach, US Army infantry overcame fierce resistance. While a lot of our own died we must remember that this was an ALLIED invasion. There are many international cemeteries. Way too many died. The American Cemetery is on land that was given by the French to the US. It is not US soil but is maintained by the US.

My favorite stop was at the Caen Peace Memorial — a museum dedicated to lasting peace, built on the site of an old bunker that you can also tour. This is considered among the best World War II museums in France. They show a split screen movie depicting the allies on the left and the Germans on the right.

At Conflans we took a bus to tour Versailles the spectacular estate of Louis the XIV. We had a guided tour of the state's apartments and time on our own to explore the gardens. LOTS OF CROWDS!

## Jo Quaglia

### Background info on Normandy:

Lower Normandy is predominately agricultural with cattle breeding the most important. Norman cows produce a high quality high fat content milk! YAY cheese! The countryside is a patchwork of small fields with high hedges.

Upper Normandy has a higher concentration of industry.

Normandy is a significant apple producing region known for cider - especially calvados which is a distilled cider or apple brandy. The area is known for horse breeding, fishing, seafood and tourism.



## Minutes - August Meeting, continued

**Field Trips:** Fall Field trips planned are:

- September - Quilt Show in Schuylkill Haven, PA
- October 28<sup>th</sup> - Quilt Shops in Intercourse, PA
- November/December - James Michener Museum (Kaffe Fassett Exhibit) and stop Byers Carolers Factory & Shop. Dates are TBD

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[gardener1207@aol.com](mailto:gardener1207@aol.com).

**Membership:** Sue Glaser needs the template for the Membership cards and card stock. Laurie Kelly will provide what she has.

**Library:** Several new books were received and will be available next month to sign out. Several books are displayed for checkout.

**Secret Pal:** Remember to pick up your gifts after the meeting today.

**Block of the Month:** August is a Watermelon Block using the Drunkard's Path pattern. Directions are in the August Newsletter and additional templates will be sent out in a blast.

**Round Robin:** The Round Robin Medallion quilts will be displayed at the September Business meeting.

**Business Meeting Raffle:** The Business Meeting Raffle was won by Millie Slean.

**Newsletter:** If you have travelled somewhere this summer let us know where you have been. Send a couple of lines to Linda Hamel, [dhamel1283@aol.com](mailto:dhamel1283@aol.com) for inclusion in our Newsletter.

**Evening Bee:** This is held on the second Wednesday of each month. Come as you are. Low key. Laid back. Have fun.

**Needle Nite:** Traditionally held on a Friday night in August or September. Pizza is provided by the guild. Lil Evans and Sally Ater are checking their calendars to host and will get back to Betty Ann.

## Upcoming Events

**Quilt Spectacular 2015** - Sept 12 - 13, 2015 – Presented by Schuylkill County Quilters Guild at Walk In Art Center, 110 West Columbia St., Schuylkill Haven, PA  
Admission \$5  
Schuylkill County Facebook Page

**Pennsylvania National Quilt Extravaganza** - September 17 - 20, 2015 – Presented by Mancuso Show Management at Greater Philadelphia Expo Center (Oaks), 100 Station Ave, Oaks PA  
Admission \$14, includes re-admission  
[www.quiltfest.com](http://www.quiltfest.com)

**ColorBurst** – October 9 & 10, 2015 – Presented by the Keystone Quilters at Quakertown Christian School, 50 E. Paletown Rd, Quakertown, PA  
Admission \$7  
[www.keystonequilters.org](http://www.keystonequilters.org)

**Charity Projects:** We had a very productive Charity Sew Day in July. Plans are to collect the remaining finished quilts by the Business Meeting in September and deliver them to Manatawny Manor by the end of September. Carole will get in touch with Manatawny Manor to schedule a day and will also include Jean Atwood (guild member and resident of Manatawny Manor) and Judy Peters (a member of next year's Charity Committee).

The meeting was adjourned by Betty Ann Dawson at 11:15 AM.

*Jo Quaglia* - Secretary

## Getting to Know You

## Judy Snook

Have you ever contemplated a quilt cruise or an adventure to another continent to study quilting with some well-versed quilt teachers? If you have any questions on the above, Judy Snook is the Loose Threads guild member to ask as she has done it all (almost!).

Born in Illinois and moved 11 times by the age of 4 (her father was a salesman who was sometimes paid in chickens!) Judy grew up with a bit of wanderlust it seems, but when she got to Virginia, her family stayed through her high school years and she went on to graduate from the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg with a degree in Elementary Education. Judy taught at Valley Forge Elementary School right after college, then married Don Snook and taught 5<sup>th</sup> grade at Fort Knox. She taught kindergarten at Trinity Nursery and Kindergarten and enjoyed seeing the “light bulb” go on in her students’ minds.

The first time Judy did any sewing was in her junior high school Home Ec class. Judy’s mother was a fine seamstress although when she asked for help with her projects, her mother always encouraged her to do it herself. She advanced to making a checked yoked shirt for her boyfriend and a dress to match for herself while in high school. After marriage she started making quilts for her three children and started to take quilting seriously when her granddaughter (now 22) was born. She joined Loose Threads Quilt Guild when she retired from teaching in 2006 and now enjoys traditional quilting primarily.

Always enjoying travel, an advertisement for a quilt cruise caught her eye and since she passed on her interest in quilting to one of her daughters, she had an easily compatible travel companion. Her quilt trips are many but include: Two trips to Europe, a Scandinavian trip that included the Norwegian fjords, some of Germany and Russia; trips to Iceland, Alaska, the Hawaiian Islands, and the Northeast US coast.



She enjoyed going on safari in Africa along with Alex Anderson and Ricky Tims also. She has also taken lessons at a Super Seminar in MD with Ricky Tims, Alex Anderson, and Libby Lehman.

Judy still has the travel “bug” but also keeps very busy when at home with her quilting and working part time at the Lower Providence Library, leading a Story Hour, a science/math story hour, and at the circulation desk. After considerable planning, Judy has started a Quilt Story Hour for children at the library in August!

Joanne Cantwell



## July Basting Meeting



Laurie, with her mom Cathy's assistance, basted the college quilt for her niece who will be attending Northwestern in the fall. School colors are purple – so that's where those donated purple fabric scraps ended up!

Many hands put the finishing touches on Judy's quilt. With the basting complete, now Kiti can work her quilting magic.



It's September already and that means just three short months until the 2015 *Say It with Flowers* Challenge is due. I know that you have probably already begun your quilted project, but here's a reminder about the rules... just in case.

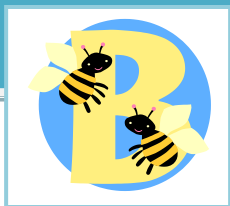
The theme for this year's challenge is FLOWERS. You may use a quilt pattern with flower designs or choose any kind of pattern, but then make it with floral fabric...or perhaps do both!

- Your quilt can employ any construction technique i.e. paper-pieced, applique
- Your quilt should be no larger than 40" x 40" (or 160" circumference)
- It may be any quilted item such as quilt, clothing, bag, pillow, etc.
- Your quilt must be made during the year 2015

Completed challenge quilts will be displayed and voted on at the Holiday Brunch, Dec 2015.

Any questions? Contact Jane Russell, Linda Hamel or Jeanne Nalbandian

## Evening Bee



Now that the hectic days of summer are winding down consider attending the Evening Bee. The sessions are held at the church on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month starting at 6:30 and ending about 8:30, but feel free to come when you can and leave when you must. Bring your own project to work on or perhaps get opinions on that 'just don't know what to do next' project that's been languishing in a plastic bag under the clutter in your sewing room. It's a laid back evening – come chat, laugh and enjoy the camaraderie. Any questions, contact Nancy Miller at 610-970-6260 or [nancymiller922@comcast.net](mailto:nancymiller922@comcast.net).

**Thank  
You!**

Sincere thanks for the kindness of the Loose Threads ladies for their many cards, calls, visits and good cheer as I have been recuperating from hip surgery. It is much appreciated.

--Joanne Cantwell

## September Program

Dig through your stash and find one or more UFOs to participate in a **UFO Swap and Finish** for our September program.

To join in the fun just bring one or more block sets, partially finished quilt, or other UFO that you no longer want. We will display the UFOs on a table and each UFO will earn you one number ticket to choose someone else's donation. Then it's yours to complete in any way that inspires you and is yours to keep when it's finished. There's no deadline but we hope to see lots of these projects at show-n-tell throughout the year. Come prepared and join the fun on September 16th

## BINGO!

Have you been wondering why you were asked to cut 2 ½" squares?

We are going to play Bingo in the spring. This is how it works.

Each month you will bring in 10-12 (2 ½") squares in a Ziplock bag with your name on it or pinned together with your name attached. For September you will bring in blues, any shade. The next months will be yellow, purple, green, and red. They can be batik, polka dot, floral, geometric, hearts, holiday, leafy, metallic, a novelty fabric, paisley, plaid, solid color, stars, stripes, or a 30s print. Variety is good but not necessary. Debby, Silvia, and Judy Snook will collect them, then sort them into what you will need to make your Bingo block. In the spring everyone will bring the blocks to a meeting. We will play bingo with them. (Did I hear the word, prizes?) Then you may keep your block or donate it to be made into a charity quilt.



# September Birthdays

- 2 Linda Hamel
- 5 Laurie Kelly
- 13 Silvia Homa
- 15 Carol Cossa
- 16 Clem Dupont
- 22 Nancy Miller



September begins our next Fabric Exchange and BLACK & WHITE is this month's theme.

Bring **ten** 3 ½ X 6 ½ inch rectangles in a plastic sandwich bag with your name on the bag.

## Ode to My Wife the Quilter

She learned to quilt on Monday;  
her stitches all were very fine.  
She forgot to thaw out dinner  
so we went out to dine.  
She quilted miniatures on Tuesday;  
she says they are a must  
They really were quite lovely,  
but she forgot to dust.  
On Wednesday it was a sampler;  
she says that stippling's fun  
What highlights! What shadows!  
But the laundry wasn't done.  
Her patches were on Thursday,  
green, yellow, blue and red.  
I guess she was really engrossed  
because she never made the bed.  
It was wall hangings on Friday  
in colors she adores  
It never seemed to bother her,  
the crumbs all over the floor.  
I found a maid on Saturday;  
my week is now complete.  
My wife can quilt the hours away  
and the house will still be neat.  
Well, it's already Sunday.  
I think I'm about to wilt.  
I cursed, I raved, I ranted  
The **MAID** has learned to **QUILT!**

Author Unknown



## Hospitality

### September 2

- Snack:** Linda Garthe
- Snack:** Lenore Clarke
- Fruit/Veggies:** Carolyn Thompson
- Cold Drink:** Kathie Travis

### September 16

- Joanne Cantwell
- Betsey Miller
- Toni Hughes
- Geri Dulis

### September 16

- Wendy Cole
- Cathy Nelson
- Bernie Hughes
- Linda Hamel

# Needle Nite



Great turnout for this year's Needle Nite held at Lil Evan's home in Collegeville. It was perfect summer weather for our annual pizza and ice cream gabfest to be held on Lil's expansive patio...with spillover into the gazebo. A few folks may have even gotten some sewing done!

THANKS SO MUCH LIL





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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  
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610 948-4516

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

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[www.theloosethreadsquilters.org](http://www.theloosethreadsquilters.org)

## Block of the Month

Linda Garthe and Wendy Cole are busy planning our new Block of the Month. They will reveal all the details at the September business meeting. As a teaser they said...think house block!?!?

Maybe like this?



Or like this?

