



Loose Threads News

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September 2023

1st Wednesday Agenda

9:30 Doors open -
refreshments & socializing

10:00 Business Meeting

Time to renew your
membership! Bring your
completed membership form
and \$20 check or cash.

3rd Wednesday Agenda

9:30 Doors open -
refreshments & socializing

10:00 Speaker
Judy Magner
Stained Glass Quilt Blocks



President's Message

It's the beginning of a new "quilting" year and I am honored to be leading this creative and talented group. What we all do with fabric, color, and design is amazing! Let's keep sharing ideas and inspiring others while enjoying the camaraderie that makes LTQ so special.

A huge thank-you goes out to Betty Ann for her leadership this past year. I have big shoes to fill.

I'm looking forward to a great year!

Yours in quilting,

Nancy

Mark your calendars!
Fall Day Camp has been
scheduled for
Tuesday, October 10th and
Wednesday, October 11th at
our Spring City UCC
church.
See Lil Evans to sign up.

Minutes - August Meeting

The Monthly Business Meeting of the Loose Threads Quilt Guild was held at the United Church of Christ in Spring City, PA on August 2, 2023 and facilitated by President, Betty Ann Dawson. The meeting was called to order at 10:08am.

Old Business: July Minutes were approved.

- Fabric Sale reminder on Saturday, August 19th (with set-up on Friday, August 18th). Please sign up for a volunteer timeslot with Lillian Evans. Set-up on Friday begins at 9am with the lifting of heavy tables. There will be no "IOU's" for the sale (bring cash or check). Please donate bags, paper bags are strongly preferred. Any leftover plastic bags will be collected and donated for recycling by Laurie Kelly.

- The dilemma of the quilt rack storage has been solved as Betty Ann is moving. Diane Hess will temporarily store the racks until their rental by Main Line Quilters in November. Mellissa will store the racks after their return.

New Business: Membership forms were emailed with the July newsletter. Please turn in your completed forms and annual dues to Susan Koedertiz before or at the September Business Meeting.

Announcements: Embroidery software is available for the taking, see Betty Ann.

- Marcela is missing six quilt blocks; please see her if you have discovered them.
- Please refer to separate email correspondence regarding an 80th Surprise Brunch for Jane Russel hosted by her family on Sunday, August 20th. No gifts are to be provided however there was discussion to make small, individual fidget quilts for Jane. Please contact Marylou Borta to RSVP and for additional information. And a friendly reminder to be mindful of Jane's health condition.

- See the newsletter for information on Stitchfest (quilt show).

- Margie Allen requested that a list of longarm quilters be circulated in an upcoming newsletter. Linda Hamel will be emailing to request names and business for distribution. Please email Linda for additional longarm quilter contacts to be included in the list.

- Seamless Sewing Arts has moved locations in Phoenixville. See their website for their new current address with a free parking lot!

Block of the Month: Sylvia has revealed the beautiful mystery quilt and passed out worksheets for quilt assembly and finishing. There are options for the last block (the star centers) to be a single square or a scrappy 4-patch. The mystery source was Meadow Mist Designs from a 2014 free Mystery sew-along. A follow-up email has also provided finishing instructions and a link to the original sew-along. Bring your completed quilts (or completed quilt tops) to the Holiday Brunch.

Challenge: Friendly Reminder.

Day Camp: The next day camp will be October 10-11. Bring your own lunch.

Evening Bee: Betty Ann took a headcount of potential attendees. 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: None currently scheduled.

Holiday Brunch: Pending new committee assignments.

Hospitality: All slots filled except one remaining slot.

Membership: See New Business. There are currently three openings for new members.

August Minutes, continued

Newsletter: Linda Hamel is looking for a volunteer to take over the Newsletter responsibility as she is moving. The newsletter can all be completed in Microsoft Word, no special software needed.

Programs: August program will be working on the Cobblestone Quilt by Alison Glass and led by Linda Hamel. See recent newsletters for the pattern link and instructions. Come prepared with your rectangles and Linda will provide further instruction. This is a beginner quilt and there are no seams to match and it would also make a great scrap quilt.

Round Robin: All completed or near complete. The reveal will happen at the Holiday Brunch.

Secret Pal: The new season of Secret Pal will start in January with a review of the budget allowance.

Service Projects: July's service project of 3-yard quilts was a success. Many finished quilts were brought for show n' tell, including walker bags, and collected by Nancy.

Speakers: Laurie Kelly has provided an update on potential upcoming speakers. Laurie has requested ideas for speakers that are local to the area and will not require air travel.

Sunshine: See correspondence on Jane Russell's birthday party in the Announcements section.

Tea: The need and request remains for the 2024 co-chair (and 2025 lead chair).

Treasurer's Report: Marylou provided a Treasury report for July. Josie Sharp will be taking over in September.

Website: Believed up-to-date (Diane is on vacation). Emma provided confirmation it was updated before she left.

Other Items: Nancy Miller will provide an update on the meeting venue discussion to follow at a later meeting.

Raffle Winners: Business Meeting Raffle Winner, donated by Sharon: Loretta Radewonuk
Name Tag Winner: Carly Moore

The meeting concluded at 11:03am followed by Show 'n Tell.

Respectfully submitted,
Carly Moore Secretary

September Birthdays



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| 2 | Linda Hamel |
| 5 | Laurie Kelly |
| 13 | Silvia Homa |
| 16 | Clem Dupont |
| 22 | Nancy Miller |
| 30 | Lori Memmen |

Happy Birthday Jane



We joined Jane Russell’s family, friends and neighbors to celebrate her 80th birthday at their home in Jenner’s Pond. The lovely, sunny day matched the spirits of everyone gathered to share good wishes and happy memories surrounded by so many of Jane’s beautiful quilts.

Hospitality

September 6

- Snack:** Bonnie Strickland
- Snack:** Linda Hamel
- Cold Drink:** Linda Glass

September 20

- Judy Snook
- Takako Pike
- Carly Moore

Long-Arm Quilting

We've spent all that time cutting, piecing and assembling our quilt top, now we need to find someone to finishing it with the perfect quilting design. Here is a short list of Loose Threads members and local shops that may fit the bill.

1. **Diane Hess** - I will take any quilts that are 'allover' anytime. I will take custom quilts on an 'as scheduled' (with me) basis.

2710 Coventryville Road
Pottstown, PA 19465
diane.hess@outlook.com

2. **Takako Pike**

305 Kingston Drive
Douglasville, PA 19518
takakoyokoyama@hotmail.com
catseyequilt@gmail.com

3. **Kiti Williams** - I do edge to edge and custom machine quilting.

Outside the Quilt

Kiti Williams - owner
265 Mountain View Road
Reading, PA 19607
484-524-3190

4. **Melissa Ciacci**

484-354-4331
309 Sheeder Rd.
Phoenixville, PA 19460

I've been quilting for others for over 13 years. I own an Innova Longarm and can do E2E, or custom quilting.

I also do restoration on antique and Mid-century quilts.

I can provide pricing upon request for all three services and instruction sheets for preparing your quilt top for quilting.

5. **Seamless Sewing** www.seamlesssewing.com

Seamless is pleased to offer **edge-to-edge (E2E) quilting services** in our store in Phoenixville, PA.

We also offer custom, free-motion quilting for projects with appliqué or any elements that preclude E2E computerized quilting. Please call for an appointment if you want custom free motion.

To get a price quote based on the information below, **call us (484-920-8971)** during business hours or email us anytime at info@SeamlessSewingArts.com.

- Width and length of your quilt top
- Type of backing you will provide or purchase at Seamless: pieced or 108" fabric
- Choice of batting from Seamless: Pellon 80/20, Quilters Dream 80/20, Hobbs 80/20 or bring your own at least 2" larger on each side than your top
- Whether you want your project squared, bound or both
- Whether you want E2E or custom free motion quilting.

When you call, we will calculate the price on the spot and answer any questions not covered here. There is a \$50 minimum for quilting services.

6. **Wooden Bridge Dry Goods** [Wooden Bridge Dry Goods - Just Plain Business](#)
They have sub-contractors to do long-arm and hand quilting. Call them for specifics.

Wooden Bridge Dry Goods
193 Deysher Road
Kutztown, PA 19530
610-683-7159

7. **Old Country Store** - <https://theoldcountrystore.com/>

The Old Country Store offers long-arm, edge-to-edge quilting services. Currently we are **completing quilts in 3-4 weeks** of receipt. If you have a deadline, let us know and we'll see what we can do to accommodate you.

You've contacted someone about quilting your pieced top. Now what???

- Talk about pricing. Determine what is included – batting, thread, shipping, tax – and what isn't.
- Discuss a deadline.
- Ask about which one of you will trim layers and attach binding.
- Provide/identify inspiration images or quilting motifs you like.
- Share thread color ideas and batting preferences.
- Confirm delivery method.
- Prep quilt for quilting
 - Assure backing fabric is 4" larger on all sides
 - Press backing seams open
 - Iron top and backing
 - Mark orientation of quilt top and backing
 - Remove any embellishments

August Show & Tell



Mary Larkin, Nancy Miller, Margie Allen, Susan Koederitz, Carly Moore and Judy Peters all finished colorful projects for donations to the guild charity quilt effort. Judy said she's done "for a while". She completed 3 quilts and 12 walker bags!

Pennsylvania National Quilt Extravaganza - September 14-17, 2023. Presented by Mancuso Show Management, the largest and most prominent quilting arts event in the Northeast all under one roof at the Greater Philadelphia Expo Center, Phoenixville, PA. [www. quiltfest.com/upcoming-shows-and-events/pennsylvania-national-quilt-extravaganza/](http://www.quiltfest.com/upcoming-shows-and-events/pennsylvania-national-quilt-extravaganza/)

Fiber Exchange

Thought others might be interested in this fiber exchange. Seems like a great way to get a lot of different fibers without spending a lot of money....

A new FREE online course explaining all the details here. Please share with your sewing friends: <https://sewing-mastery.teachable.com/p/the-art-of-a-fiber-exchange>

Lori Memmen

Why Should I Participate in a Fiber Exchange?

“Are you a fiber enthusiast looking to expand your collection without breaking the bank? Look no further than the 3 times a year Sewing Mastery Fiber Exchange!

By participating in a Fiber Exchange, you'll have the opportunity to trade yarns and novelty fibers with 20 other like-minded creative sewing individuals from around the globe.

Not only is this a cost-effective way to expand your fiber collection, but it also allows you to connect with other fiber enthusiasts and discover new materials that you may not have come across otherwise. Whether you're a seasoned pro or just starting out, the Fiber Exchange is a fun and exciting way to enhance your crafting experience.

So why wait? Join us for the next scheduled Sewing Mastery Fiber Exchange taking place on January 15, May 15, or September 15 of every calendar year, and take your fiber collection to new heights!”

BOM Mini- Quilt - September



The Salvation Army have 11 families that they are helping at this time, so we donated 11 children & 11 adult quilts. They are always grateful to us for our contributions.

We donated 23 items to the Manatawny Manor: 17 walker bags, 3 prayer shawls and 3 lap quilts. They also love to see our quilted items!

Thanks,
Nancy Kinyon-
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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

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www.theloosethreadsquilters.org



At our August program meeting Linda Hamel outlined the steps to recreate the Cobblestone quilt by Alison Glass. The techniques are all quite simple – the challenge comes at design wall. Can't wait to see the results at next year's Tea quilt show!