

Loose Threads News

1st Wednesday Agenda

9:30 Doors open - refreshments
and socializing

10:00 Business Meeting

3rd Wednesday Agenda

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10:00 Program - Bindings

President's Message



“You can’t teach an old dog new tricks” is a mantra that I stubbornly stick to. I have a way of doing something, it works, and I’m staying with it. Well, a fellow LTQr recently showed me a new method of basting EPP hexagons (wink wink, Loretta). I reluctantly tried it and guess what? I love it! I’m hooked! It’s so easy and portable and I am so pleased with the results.

Our guild members have a wealth of knowledge that they are always willing to share. Why not pick a few of these quilting brains and maybe you can be enlightened too. Let’s keep the old dog in the doghouse and pledge to try something new or different. You might be surprised.

Yours in quilting,

Nancy

FIELD TRIP

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13
In Stitches/Burkholder’s

Meet at 9:30

at Joann’s Fabrics
Pottstown

Questions?

Call Judy McCourry or Sue Umstead

Upcoming Events

SPRING DAY CAMP

MAY 7th and 8th

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

LTQG Challenge 2024 Crayola Box

It's a Crayola challenge to see how many colors from a box of crayons we can represent. First, "blindly" choose your crayon from either Lori Memmen or Carly Moore. Then make a quilt that represents your chosen color using your own fabrics. The quilt should be 20" square or smaller. The method of construction is your choice. You could go monochromatic or multiple colors. The goal is to make the total "feel" of the quilt represent the color you chose.. All challenge quilts are due at the December Holiday Party and all members will vote for the favorite to receive a prize. In addition, all participating members will be entered for a prize.



March Program Meeting March 20, 2024

BINDINGS!

Everything you wanted to know about bindings but were afraid to ask.....

Join us for a mini-workshop about binding tips. We will break into three groups and rotate through the following stations:

1. Total machine binding - learn about different approaches to using your machine for all of your binding application needs. Learn about how to apply a two color binding.
2. How do I join the ends? - learn a technique for joining the ends of your bindings for a flawless finish. Plus, find out how to put a facing on your quilt.
3. How do I deal with weird shaped edges? - learn some tips for dealing with edges including scalloped, obtuse and acute angles, and round.

- The Program Committee (Diane Hess, Silvia Homa, Susan Koederitz, Nancy Miller)

MARK YOUR CALENDAR! FIELD TRIP APRIL 10

HOME SEW WAREHOUSE
BETHLEHEM

MEET AT **9:30** AT JOANN'S POTTSTOWN

QUESTIONS?
Call Judy McCourry or Sue Umstead

FEBRUARY MEETING MINUTES

Loose Threads Quilters' Guild

February Minutes

The monthly Business Meeting of the Loose Threads Quilt Guild was held at the United Church of Christ in Spring City, PA on February 7, 2024, and facilitated by Vice-President, Susan Koederitz. The meeting was called to order at 10:06am.

The meeting began with Show and Tell.

Old Business: The private Facebook group, administered by Kiti, will have (2) moderators added, Lori Memmen and Rosemary Geisler. The intent of the private group (Loose Threads Quilt Guild Group) will be for members only. It was voted that a new public group page will be started and administered by Lori Memmen, Susan Koederitz, and Joanne Borgnis. The intent of the public group is to advertise events like our fabric sale.

New Business: The quilt racks are being relocated to Diane Hess' house. Please give Diane a big THANK YOU for volunteering to store them. Any costs associated with transport or storage shall be reimbursed by the Guild. For future rentals of the racks, raising our current rate shall be considered, to be comparable to other market rental costs (and will not include delivery).

Visitors: Cathy (1st visit) and Debbie (3rd visit).

Basting Day: Confirm with Kiti any quilts for the next basting day in May.

Block of the Month: Reminder, you can use your own fabric to make the orphan block projects larger. The intent is to use both the orphan blocks donated and your own.

Challenge: The 2024 Crayola Box Challenge was introduced. See Lori Memmen or Carly Moore to pick your crayon and get the instructions to create a small quilt/project inspired by your crayon color. All projects shall be brought to the holiday party for a chance to win a prize. See the March Newsletter for additional information.

Day Camp: See the details in the January Newsletter. Reminder there is no fee.

Evening Bee: No evening bee in February.

Field Trips: February 16 to Wooden Bridge Dry Goods. March 13 raincheck to In Stitches. April 10 to Homesew.com warehouse. Lunch to follow all trips. See Judy McCourry or Sue Umstead with questions.

Newsletter: See Carly Moore if you prefer a hard copy vs. an electronic version.

Programs: February Program is to bring your favorite notion. See Diane Hess with questions.

Secret Pal: See Margie Allen with any questions.

Service or Charity Projects: See Nancy Kinyon-Samec with any donations.

Sewing Room Sale: NO NEW DONATIONS ARE BEING ACCEPTED. A sign-up sheet is being circulated for Friday April 5 set-up and the sale on Saturday April 6. See Lil with any questions. Reminder, if you sign up for Friday's time slots there will be moving of heavy tables involved. After the fabric sale concludes, there will be a "purge" forthcoming to make room for new donations.

The book sale led by Clem Dupont and Linda Glass will be held concurrently with the fabric sale. ONLY quilt books and novels; no cookbooks, gardening books, etc. See Linda and Clem regarding how to donate books one week prior to the sale.

Speakers: Sign up sheet is being circulated for the Tuesday, June 18th workshop (9:30am-4pm) with David Sirota and the Collide-O-Scope quilt. See Laurie Kelly to sign up. The workshop cost is \$30. David will also be giving a lecture at our regular Wednesday program meeting on June 19th.

Treasurer's Report: Josie provided a treasury report of expenses, income, and balance.

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UFO Challenge: Linda Glass has reenacted the \$25 award per quarter for UFO finishers. Mary Larkin wins for quarter one. See Linda Glass for all UFO completions or any questions.

Website: All up to date.

Other Items: Nancy Kinyon-Samec has donated a beautiful grandmother's flower garden quilt. The Guild has decided to raffle it.

Raffle Winners: no raffle this meeting.

Name Tag Winner: Jolene Lorah

The meeting concluded at 11:23am.



Orphan Block of the Month review

Use your orphan block card to choose a project by using the guild donated orphan blocks and your own blocks and fabric. You can make one per month or do several at a time. Once your project is shown at show and tell, get your card stamped by Silvia or Pat . There will be a drawing at the end for those who completed their cards and for those who at least started. Let the orphan blocks be a stepping stone to inspire you to complete a small and simple project. You can donate your unwanted , completed projects to the service project committee or to Silvia to sell at the next tea or craft room sale.



Judy Snook was busy working on Valentine's Day quilts.





Diane and Carolyn have been working on t-shirt quilts. Well done, ladies!



Lori Memmen is showing off a beautiful blue half square triangle quilt.



Wow, Marie!
Your braid
quilt is
exquisite!
Great color
combination!



Debby
and Sue
have been
busy
again this
month!



WHAT IF IT SNOWS?

Wondering if a guild meeting will be held if it's looking pretty white out there? In the event of winter storms, check the Spring-Ford school district website <http://www.spring-ford.net>. If the district has a 2 hour delay, doors will open at 10:30 and our meeting will begin at 11:00. Still unsure? Check your email before venturing out in case we send a last minute blast canceling the meeting.



March Birthdays

- 4 Susan Glaser
- 9 Gayle Hammond
- 16 Kiti Williams
- 19 Jo Quaglia
- 25 Judy McCourry
- 25 Marie Traxler



Hospitality

Mar 6	snack	Margie Allen
	snack	Josie Sharp
	drink	Judy McCourry
Mar 20	snack	Sue Umstead
	snack	_____
	drink	Loretta Radewonuk
Apr 3	snack	Cheryl Scalzi
	snack	Sharon Beideman
	drink	Jean Sullivan



This lovely group of quilters enjoyed a recent field trip to Wooden Bridge Dry Goods!

I Wanna Go to Shipshewana

By, Judy Snook

I had so much fun at Shipshewana last summer that I am planning to go back next July. (It would be quite a “field trip” for guild members!)

Shipshewana is in Indiana. It is the third most populous Amish area (after Ohio and Lancaster) in the country. There were more buggies than I have ever seen but the good news is you see them traveling on the part of the road made for buggies. Indiana is farm country, flat, and pretty with many baby animals.

But back to why my daughter and I were there. Stitchin’ Heaven organized Land Ahoy! events initially like a cruise but on land when covid cancelled cruises. We were there to take one (me) or two (Sharon and most of the people) quilts taught by excellent teachers. Sewing machines were provided. We needed to bring the sewing supplies. Pre-cut kits are sold for each quilt although Sharon and I cut our own fabric for a brighter quilt this time.

Sewing days are every day except during the time of the excursion. On our day long excursion, we went to an Amish grocery where they make noodles. Then onto Teaberry Basket Shop. Here they make baskets out of layers of wood, not woven. We were full after a scrumptious lunch at an Amish farm. We saw some of the gardens and murals that the county presents each year although barn quilts might take over before long. The quilt shop was okay. Our guide on the bus was from the area and kept us entertained by telling lots of fascinating things about the Amish and Mennonites.

The real shopping was located close to the hotel. We were happy we drove and didn’t have to think about what would fit in a suitcase! It was a great adventure I hope others will enjoy too.

Quilt Shop Review

Olive Grace Studios, A Quilt Shop on a Farm

The quilt shop is in a schoolhouse on the parents of Kori Turner-Goodhart farm in Cortland, Ohio. Walking up flagstones shaped like puzzle pieces to this very small shop was interesting. The quilt shop is chock full of fabrics and samples. Many of the samples have sayings on them such as “Make your own luck”, “You make ordinary days extraordinary” “Home is where you are”, and “Keep going, you’re worth it”. Kori’s books were published by the now extinct Martingale, so she bought the rights to her patterns and sells them individually and in her books. Her fabric is modern but not too modern. One of her lines has little animals with sayings written on their bodies. I had to buy this one. Olive Grace Studios is open a few days a week and one weekend a month and we lucked out on it being the weekend we were driving by. It was well worth the visit and I’ll be checking out the website (www.olivegracestudios.com) for another fabric from her line.



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Loose Threads Quilt Guild

Meets at 9:30 a.m. on the
1st and 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

“I wonder if the snow loves
the trees and fields, that it
kisses them so gently? And
then it covers them up snug,
you know, with a white quilt;
and perhaps it says, ‘Go to
sleep, darlings, till the summer
comes again.’”

~~~~~Lewis Carroll, *Through the Looking Glass*

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## March

**QuiltFest Virtual Schoolhouse #8** - March 20-23, 2024. Our eighth QuiltFest Virtual Schoolhouse will take place, ONLINE. Mancuso Show Management is no stranger to online quilting and textile arts seminars. We've learned that many students enjoy learning new and exciting techniques from the comfort of their homes. The great strength of this platform is that both instructors and students do not have any country borders or cultural barriers to their participation from around the world. For more info visit <https://www.quiltfest.com/upcoming-shows-and-events/quiltfest-virtual-schoolhouse-8/>.

**Art Quilt Elements 2024** - March 24 to April 27, 2024. At the Wayne Art Center, 413 Maplewood Ave, Wayne, PA. Art Quilt Elements 2024 is the 16th biennial exhibition of this internationally acclaimed show, unique for its professional presentation of contemporary fine art quilts. For more info visit <http://artquilelements.org/>.

## April

**2024 Relief Sale** - April 5-6, 2024. Since 1957, all sale day proceeds benefit the worldwide relief efforts of Mennonite Central Committee which include aid to the victims of poverty and other man-made and natural disasters. At the [Farm Show Complex](#), Giant Expo Hall, Harrisburg, PA. For more info visit <http://www.pareliefsale.org/>.

**Lancaster Lebanon Quilt Show** - April 10-13, 2024. At the [Lebanon Valley Exposition Center](#), 80 Rocherty Road, Lebanon, PA. The show features over 45 vendors, 150 quilts and 30 classes. This show was previously in Lancaster but it is moving to Lebanon in order to bring you a great show, with lots of space, somewhere easy to travel to and be able to continue to offer free admission and free parking. For more info visit <https://www.aquiltersdestination.com/lancaster-pa>.

## May

**Spring Radiance A Quilt and Fabric Art Exhibition** - May 4-5, 2024. Presented by County Line Quilters Guild at St Cyril of Jerusalem Social Hall, 1410 Almshouse Rd, Jamison, PA. For more info visit <https://countylinequilters.org/quilt-show-2024>. Go to <https://saint-cyril.com/directions/> for directions.

**Airing of the Quilts** - May 11, 2024 from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. in Palmerton, PA. The event will include quilts displayed in the storefronts on Delaware Ave., a quilt show with vendors, quilt lectures, food vendors, entertainment in the park, and a scavenger hunt with prizes! For more info visit <https://www.facebook.com/groups/3447465702234961/>.

**Penn Dry Goods Market** - May 31 to June 1, 2024. Presented by the Schwenkfelder Library & Heritage Center at 105 Seminary Street, Pennsburg, PA. The Penn Dry Goods Market is a textile-focused antiques and vintage show that offers a textile history lecture series during the antiques show with 11 nationally and internationally known speakers on many aspects of textile history. For a full list of dealers, to register for lectures, and download an admissions coupon go to <https://www.schwenkfelder.org/penn-dry-goods-market>.

Check out our website, the [Quilt Show page](#), for upcoming local and regional shows.