

Loose Threads News

1st Wednesday Agenda

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and socializing

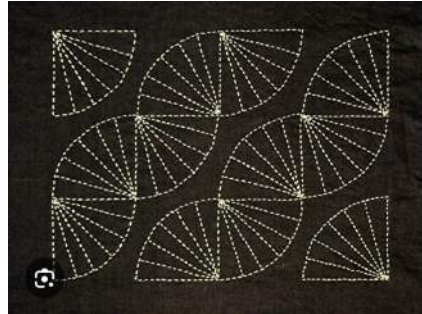
10:00 Business Meeting

3rd Wednesday Agenda

9:30 Doors open - refreshments
and socializing

10:00 Program - speaker
Mary Koval

President's Message



“I have so many projects going, do I really want to try something new?” I recently attended the Lebanon Quilt Show and stumbled on a vendor booth selling all things Sashiko. She had beautiful wallhangings that just spoke to me. Last year, I really enjoyed a presentation Winnie gave on several alternative stitching styles, so I thought I'll take the plunge! Two kits and multiple skeins of thread later, I'm looking forward to some quiet moments and some slow stitching. I can always finish up those UFOs later, right?????

Yours in quilting,

Nancy

FIELD TRIP

WEDNESDAY, MAY 22
Stitch Central

Meet at 9:30

at KOHL'S
Royersford

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 have a perimeter no larger than 80". It can be any shape. All challenge quilts are due at the December Holiday Party and all members will vote for their favorite to receive a prize. In addition, all participating members will be entered for a prize.

May Program Meeting May 15, 2024

Mary Koval

"How to Make your Quilts more Valuable" will be the theme of our lecture.

Mary is the owner of Mary's Quilt Shop in Bedford, PA. She has published several books and is also a fabric designer.

If there is enough interest, Mary will conduct an afternoon workshop using her palampores.

Please join us as Mary shares her experience and love of quilts.



Loose Threads Quilters enjoyed a fun trip to Home Sew Warehouse

SEWING SALE RECAP

The LTQ sewing sale was once again a huge success!! Many thanks to Lil Evans and Betty Ann Dawson for planning and coordinating this event. Many LTQ members volunteered to help and shoppers were very pleased with the selection. At the end of the sale, items were purged and donated to organizations such as the Phoenixville Senior Center, Little Dresses for Africa, and the Women's Club of Milton, DE.

APRIL MEETING MINUTES

April Minutes

The monthly Business Meeting of the Loose Threads Quilt Guild was held at the United Church of Christ in Spring City, PA on April 3, 2024, and facilitated by President, Nancy Miller. The meeting was called to order at 10:04 a.m.

The meeting began with Show and Tell.

Old Business: The new logo pins have arrived. See Josie Sharp to get yours.

Announcements: We had one visitor, Kathy Snyder.

Basting Day: Confirm with Kiti any quilts for the next basting day in May. Reminder, please let Kiti know if you have signed up and cannot make it.

Block of the Month: See Silvia with any questions and “keep up the good work”!

Challenge: For additional inspiration, Lori offered an idea to read about your color name. Nancy suggested coloring with your crayon to see light and dark shades.

Day Camp: Save the date for May 7 and 8. No cost and bring your own lunch. See Lil Evans to sign up.

Evening Bee: No evening bee in April.

Field Trips: Reminder to bring your passports. April trip is to Homesew warehouse. May trip will be to the new location of Stitch Central. Lunch to follow all trips. See Judy McCourry with questions. Please call or text Judy, Sue, or Laurie if you can't make it.

Hospitality: All signed-up through May. A new sign-up sheet will be circulated soon.

Library: The library has been edited and books have been donated to the book sale. The books have been grouped by subject matter. An updated spreadsheet will be uploaded to the website.

Membership: Current status of 45 Active Members and 16 Associate Members.

Newsletter: Email Nancy Miller with any newsletter items, ideas, pictures, or articles.

Nominating Committee: Susan Koederitz, Laurie Kelly, and Judy Snook were voted as the nominating committee. Nominees will be presented at the May Business Meeting with a vote at the June Business Meeting.

Programs: April (Mary Koval) and May will both have speakers--see the Newsletter or contact Diane Hess with any questions.

Round Robin: Debby O'Keefe has introduced a new SAHRR (Stay-At-Home Round Robin) for a medallion quilt. Prompts will be given once a month for each border, with the interpretation determined by each quilter for their own quilt. The assignment for April is to select your center block and there will be monthly assignments or prompts through September with the big reveal in October. See additional details in the newsletter or contact Debby. Thank you, Debby, for organizing this fun project!

Secret Pal: See Margie with any questions. Reminder to take your gift back with you if your Secret Pal is not in attendance.

Service or Charity Projects: See Nancy Kinyon-Samec with any ideas for our July service project.

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Speakers: See Laurie to sign up for the Tuesday, June 18th workshop with David Sirota. We now have additional spots open at \$30 per person. See Laurie for more information and/or to provide your payment for those who have signed up.

Sunshine: Judy Peters has broken her arm in a car accident. Send Judy some sunshine!

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

UFO Challenge: A winner was selected for quarter #1 UFO completers – Debby O'Keefe. See Linda Glass with any questions or to receive credit for completed (and presented) UFO's.

Website: All up to date.

Other Items: Reminder: July Business Meeting will be July 10th (not July 3rd).

Business Meeting Raffle Winner:
Donated by Josie. Won by Cheryl.

Name Tag Winner: Judy McCourry

The meeting concluded at 10:56.

Respectfully submitted,
Carly Moore
Secretary

Orphan Block of the Month

Silvia Homa

I just want to say thank you for all of the donated orphan blocks. Keep them coming! I've been getting a lot of positive feedback with this program. There is still time to join up with this block challenge and make your projects. Be sure to get your card stamped by me or Pat. Remember, there will be a drawing at the end for those who have completed their cards and for those who at least started a card.



At the April program meeting, we were finally able to present this quilt to George in appreciation of his help and support of LTQ.

SAHRR

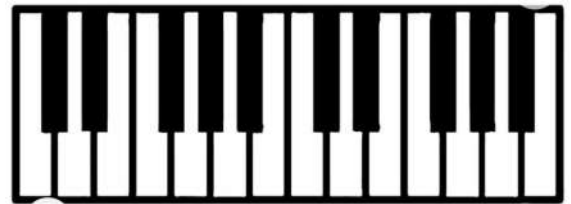
Here are the details about the new guild SAHRR (Stay At Home Round Robin) project. Each participant will work on her own project starting with a center block and building borders around it. Prompts will be given once a month for each border, with the interpretation determined by each quilter for her own quilt. For example, if the prompt is “circles”, the border can be polka dot fabric, appliquéd circles, or other circular objects. Each month, there will be a different prompt for you to interpret as your quilt grows. For the first month (April), choose your center which could be an orphan block, a panel, or any other center. It can be any size and either square or rectangular.

The first border prompt will be announced at the May business meeting and in the May newsletter. A new prompt will be announced every month through September and the big reveal, OF TOPS ONLY, will be at the October business meeting.

Join the fun, use up an orphan block, create a small wall hanging or make a larger project. Just have fun with your own round robin! Questions? see Debby O’Keefe



Nancy is working on an EPP quilt-along from *Jemima’s Creative Quilting*. She was determined to use fabrics from her stash and had to resort to 3/8” hexies to make it work. Yes, she’s a little bit crazy...



SAHRR - MAY PROMPT

This month’s clue is brought to you by Debbie Popp. The prompt is piano keys. The size, the fabric, the design is all up to your interpretation. Questions? Debby will be available at the May business meeting to help answer any questions you may have.



Carly completed this quilt using a pattern in *American Patchwork and Quilting* called *Scrappy Celebration*. Machine quilting was done by Diane Hess. Great job, Carly!



Susan put together fabrics from her mother-in-law's stash to make this small but meaningful table runner. So bright and cheery!



Susan used orphan blocks to cover logos on a Pampered Chef banner. Great way to use up those blocks!

Debby found this quilt top on the stage many years ago. It was pieced by Joanne Cantwell. Debby took it home, put a flannel backing on it, and handquilted it. It looks so warm and cozy!



Cheryl put together this very creative fidget quilt. It was fun to see how she took ordinary household objects and incorporated them into a quilt that will be appreciated by someone who is experiencing memory decline. As a group, we will be working on fidget quilts in July, so start saving anything that you think might work in these very worthwhile quilts.

At the April program meeting, Mary Koval gave a lecture titled, "Who is Mary Koval and How did She Get Here?". LTQ was treated to a delightful display of some of Mary's quilts.



NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The 2024 Nominating Committee will be comprised of three LTQ members:

Susan Koederitz

Laurie Kelly

Judy Snook

These ladies will be contacting members about filling potential open slots on the executive board. A slate will be presented at the May meeting with voting taking place in June.



MAY Birthdays

11 Carly Moore

23 Betty Ann Dawson



These were the gracious hosts for LTQs visit to Home Sew Warehouse

Hospitality

May 1 snack Kathy Santillo

snack Marie Traxler

drink _____

May 15 snack Barb Sherman

snack Chris Rivard

drink Joanne Borgnis

May 29 snack Laurie Kelly

snack Judy Peters

drink _____

2025 Pennsylvania Farm Show Block Opportunity

Susan Koederitz

The farm show block requirements leave lots of room for your imagination. The theme is **Fall Harvest**. Blocks should be constructed of 100% pre-washed cotton fabric in the fall color palette, and should measure 12.5" x 12.5" unfinished, with no buttons, charms, or paint. One pieced block and one appliqué block may be submitted. The web site (farmshow.pa.gov) will have directions on how to register. Registrations open later in the year (about September). Entrants must pre-register online by Dec. 15, 2024 (sooner is better). In December, a tag will be sent which must be attached to the block. The block can be mailed to Harrisburg. For reference only, this link has the 2024 guidelines.

<https://www.farmshow.pa.gov/pafarmshow/exhibit/rules-regulations/Documents/Department%202024%20-%20Family%20Living.pdf>

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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

MEETING CHANGE

LTQ will NOT be meeting
on **July 3** due to the
holiday. Our regular
business meeting will be
held on **July 10** with our
program meeting on
July 17.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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>.

June

A Celebration of Quilts - June 7-8, 2024. Presented by the York Quilters Guild at the York College of Pennsylvania, Grumbacher Sport and Fitness Center, 899 South Richland Ave, York, PA. For more info visit <http://www.celebrationofquilts.com/>.

Trash to Treasure Sale – June 15, 2024. Presented by Main Line Quilters at Saint Luke Lutheran Church, 203 N Valley Forge Road, Devon, PA. For more info visit <https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=800672142099255&set=pb.100064694286642.-2207520000&type=3>.

Lazy Crazy Days of Summer - June 21-23, 2024. Presented by the Brandywine Valley Quilters at Neumann University, Aston, PA. For more info visit <https://www.brandywinevalleyquilters.org/lazy-crazy-days.html>.

MidAppalachian Quilt (MAQ) Retreat - June 27-30, 2024. The Mid-Appalachian Quilters gather each summer for a three-day quilting seminar at [Gettysburg College](http://www.gettysburgcollege.edu), 300 North Washington Street, Gettysburg, PA. We offer a variety of classes presented by some of the best teachers in the Mid-Atlantic area. For more info visit <http://maqonline.org/>.

Kutztown Folk Festival - June 29 to July 7, 2024. The Kutztown Folk Festival is proud to present America's largest quilt sale with over 2500 local handmade quilts on display and for sale! For more info visit <https://www.kutztownfestival.com/quilts>.

July-August

Maker Festival - August 1-3, 2024. Maker Festivals featuring the event formally known as Bead Fest returns to the [Lancaster Marriott & Convention Center](https://www.lancastermarriott.com), 25 S Queen Street, Lancaster, PA, and we will once again be bringing our fiber artists with us! For more info visit <https://www.makerfestivals.com/lancaster>.