

# Loose Threads News

## 1st Wednesday Agenda

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10:00 Business Meeting

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## President's Message

Hello Quilters! Can you believe another month flew by? October is here and leaves are starting to turn fall colors with Halloween just around the corner! This is traditionally the month I set aside time to embroider some Christmas ornaments for the upcoming holidays. It's a good time to think about quilty gifts, so there is time to finish them before the holidays ; )

It is also time to plan ahead for our Quilter's Tea fundraiser which is set for March 22, 2025. Please bring your Tea committee sign-up forms to the October business meeting. Lastly, remember that we have a fun-filled field trip to Delaware this month!

Be Quilty!

Diane Hess

## SAHRR OCTOBER REVEAL

Don't forget to bring  
your SAHRR quilt  
tops for show and tell.



## **OCTOBER PROGRAM** **MEETING**

**ANN HOLTE**

Workshop: Tuesday, October 15  
Quilt-as-you-go

Lecture: Wednesday, October 16  
"The Lancaster Quilt"

Ann will also be conducting quilt appraisals for a small fee.

See Laurie Kelly with questions and to sign up for the workshop and/or for a quilt appraisal.

## **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.

### **November Program - Embroidery Stitches with Melissa Ciacci**

Would you like to learn a few new decorative stitches to embellish your applique quilts, table runners, etc.? Learn the difference between threads, thread weight, and needles. Learn what to use for which thread and which stitch.

Come learn the secrets of a twisted chain stitch, wrap stitches such as a drizzle or trellis stitch, a bullion rose, or a Tete de Boeuf stitch.

This is an instructional class. You will be supplied with the following: A practice stitching booklet, thread glide and handouts.

Participants will need to bring a pair of snips, a #18 Chenille needle, a #3 Milliners needle, #8 and #12 weight Valdani or Wunderfil thread in any color.

Threads and needles can be purchased at the following suppliers:

1) In Stitches Quilt Shop -4017 Conrad Weiser Pkwy, Womelsdorf, Pa [Institchesfabrics@yahoo.com](mailto:Institchesfabrics@yahoo.com)

2) The Bee and the Bear- 57 Star Rd, Hereford, Pa 484-793-0181

3) Seamless Sewing Arts – Maple Lawn Village Center , The Barn, Lower level, Kimberton- 484-920-8971

Online at:  
[Suespargo.com](http://Suespargo.com)

## SEPTEMBER MEETING MINUTES

The guild meeting was called to order by Diane Hess at 10:00 a.m.

Show and Tell followed.

Diane mentioned that the things on the stage were free for the taking.

Basting Day is the same day as one of the Day Camp days, October 30.

Silvia Homa collected the Orphan Block cards. Judy Peters won the prize for participation. Joanne Borgnis won the filled card prize.

Silvia and Nancy Miller introduced the new Block of the Month. It is a mystery that will finish around 50 x 50. Each month, participators will receive directions and a pattern for a block/blocks. Two yards of background fabric will be needed. The idea is to use something from your stash, a fat quarter bundle, a layer cake, etc. It can be two colors or many colors. This month, the assignment is to make three 6" blocks using the patterns on the directions.

The Crayon Challenge is due at our December Holiday meeting. The new Challenge committee, Beth Hammond-Ritschard and Susan Koederitz, will introduce the 2025 Challenge.

Nancy Kinyon-Samec has 17 fidget quilts. A project that is not a guild project is to make fidget quilts for handicapped children under the age of 5. Some are unable to handle small motor activities so bright colors emphasizing texture are preferred. Velcro might be used for texture. The quilts should be 2 x 3 blocks that are 6" square making the quilt 12 x 18. The quilts will go to a

friend of Betty Ann Dawson that will collect them for a hospital for children in New York state.

Barbara Sherman spoke about Day Camp, October 29-30. A list will be sent around to sign up that you are coming. People are needed to set up and take down.

Judy Snook talked about the next two field trips. In September, we will go to the Bird in Hand Quilt Shop. In October, the Blue Hen will be visited. Sign-up sheets were sent around.

Rosemary Geisler announced that the first Afternoon Bee is September 11 from 3:00-5:00.

Our next meeting on September 18 will be learning how to use the new Zoom equipment. We will watch a quilt program.

Debbie O'Keefe told us the Round Robin quilt we made for ourselves will be shown at the first October meeting. Your quilt doesn't have to be finished; bring it in to show how much you have done.

Carly Moore and Kathy Snyder are the new Secret Pal chairs. They will have forms to fill out at the October meeting. Margie Allen told us about the December Secret Pal finale. Participants are to make a "raffle basket" kind of present for their secret pal. You can fill this basket or other container with things you think your secret pal would like. The secret pal reveal will be at the Holiday Party meeting.

Lil Evans said to bring in your "stuff" for the Sewing Room Sale.

Laurie Kelly told us about the October meeting speaker, Ann Holte. The workshop will be quilting one block at a time on October 15 from 9:30-3:30. A supply list will be sent out. The cost is \$10.00. At the guild meeting on October 16, Ann will lecture about the Lancaster quilt. She will also do written appraisals for \$50.00. Sign up for the workshop and/or the appraisal.

In November, Melissa Ciacci will teach us about decorative stitching. More information will be in the newsletter.

Josie Sharp gave the treasurer's report.

Some members are changing to Associate membership so there are some openings for Active membership. A membership list will be sent out shortly. Today was Meg Messinger's third meeting.

Nancy Miller made a motion to eliminate the Babysitting Raffle. Judy Peters seconded it. It passed.

Diane said the website was up to date.

Nancy Miller would like members to send articles for the newsletter. They could be about a quilt shop you visited, a book, a fabric, or a recipe.

Melissa said the Holiday Brunch was on track.

Jolene Lorah and Cheryl Scalzi are the chairs of the Fabric Exchange. We will discuss whether to have one at the next meeting.

Sue Umstead, Linda Glass, and especially Susan Glaser and Kiti Williams need a little sunshine.

Kiti is the only person that can let a member join the private Facebook page. Lori

Memmen and Susan Koederitz handle the public Facebook to make sure things are okay.

Mary Larkin announced that Burkholders is having a huge 25% off sale. A coupon in an email from Burkholders is needed.

The Mancuso quilt show in Oaks is Thursday through Sunday, September 12-15 while the AQS quilt show in Lancaster is Wednesday through Saturday, September 11-14.

Clem Dupont and Val Fisher are in charge of the Name Tag Raffle. The container was passed around.

Diane said the Tea will be basically what we have done before. We now will have the Tea every other year. It will be held on Saturday, March 22, 2025. The quilt racks will be set up, the tables and chairs will be put in place, and the Sewing Room Sale will be set up on Thursday, March 20. Everything else will be done on Friday. We might have three demonstrations rather than the discussion groups.

Chairs are needed for the different events. As of now, Silvia is in charge of the craft sale, Laurie Kelly, registration; Lil Evans, sewing room sale; Barbara Sherman and Diane Hess, kitchen; Pat Leiter, dining room set up and take down; quilt hanging, Rosemary Geisler; Judy Snook, Clem Dupont, and Linda Glass, book sale; Lori Memmen, door prizes; and Meg Messinger and Melissa Ciacci, raffle baskets.

Nancy Kinyon-Samec won the business meeting raffle. Debbie Popp won the name tag raffle.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Snook for Sue Umstead



## **MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**

### **DAY CAMP**

### **OCTOBER 29 & 30, 2024**

Day Camp has been set for Tuesday and Wednesday, October 29 & 30, 2024 from 9:00 - 4:00.

Set up will take place at 8:00 on Tuesday morning and tear down will be at 4:00 on Wednesday.

Sign up at the September business meeting for attendance as well as willingness to help with the room logistics.

### **MYSTERY BOM**

Get in on the fun! A new BOM has kicked off in September and it's going to be a mystery! You will need:  
2 yards background fabric &

- A layer cake or
- A fat quarter bundle or
- Scraps in a color scheme or
- Totally random scraps

Challenge yourself to use up some fabric that you already have!

Instructions will be passed out and explained at the business meeting each month. These instructions will also be posted on the LTQ website.

Questions? Contact  
Silvia Homa or  
Nancy Miller





## LTQ Field Trip

By, Judy Snook

Several members of Loose Threads went on a field trip to Bird-in-Hand Quilt Shop in Bird in Hand, Pennsylvania. Their address is 137 Old Philadelphia Pike. It is down the street a few miles from The Old Country Store. They have a website.

They describe the store as “old-school quilting store selling fabrics & sewing supplies, plus quilts & other handcrafted items”, a reasonable description although I didn’t see many quilts and handcrafted items.

They do have a lot of fabric. If you want novelty fabric, they have shelves of food, sea life, sports, and Christmas to name a few. If you want poly, they have polyester galore. There was a room full of flannel. Zippers, lace, trim, and loose buttons can be found. I imagine the Amish shop here for black fabric which is plentiful. The most surprising item I saw was a display of bobby pins and hair clips.

After some shopping we drove to Wimpy and Dee’s, a retro restaurant that resembles an old time diner. Interesting curio on the walls; more important, delicious food.

Judy McCourry succeeded in challenging us to answer historic questions about quilting. If you know what was the first electric household appliance introduced at the Chicago World’s Fair in 1893, you might do well on this task.



## **SEWING ROOM SALE**

Start saving your quilting castoffs for the sewing room sale. We are looking for anything quilt related.

- 100% cotton fabric suitable for quilting
  - Wool fabric (not clothing)
  - Flannel suitable for quilting
- NO decorator fabric, NO clothing fabric, NO craft or clothing patterns.

It is extremely helpful if fabric is measured and flattened.

Drop off will take place at any meeting up until 3 months before the sale.

Questions? Contact Lil Evans.



Lori Memmen completed a Noodlehead bag as well as a tote bag constructed using Annamaria fabric. So pretty!

Diane Hess helped complete this scrappy quilt for her church bazaar. She backed it with a piece of Kaffe fabric she picked up at the LTQ sewing sale. Beautiful!





Val Fisher worked on this circa 1880 quilt pattern when she was laid off from her job during the pandemic. The blocks measure 2" x 2" and there are over 6000 pieces! Amazing!



Carolyn Thompson put together this beautiful scrappy quilt.



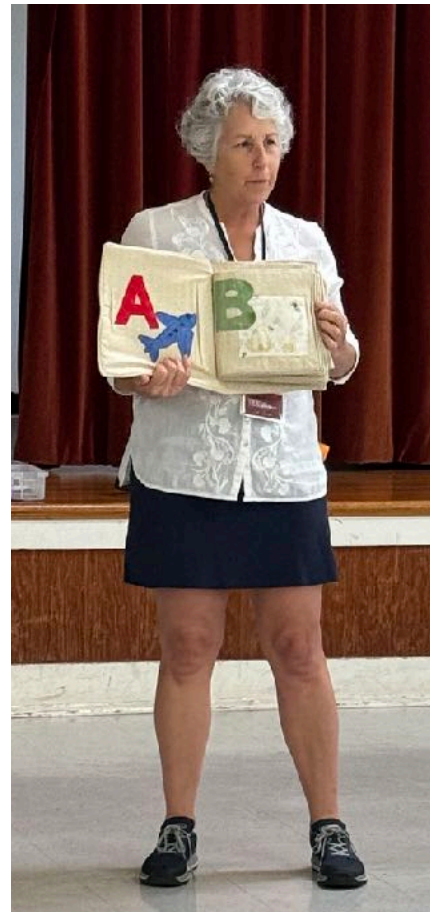
Rosemary Geisler found this storm at sea block in the orphan block box and turned it into a wallhanging. Love your colors! She also completed a fidget quilt.







Joanne Borgnis put together this lovely scrap quilt. The neutral sashing really pulls it all together. Great Job!



Melissa Ciacci appliquéd this adorable ABC book for her grandson. Lucky little guy!



Chris Rivard whipped up this beautiful purple scrappy quilt for a co-worker.





Margie Allen pieced this beautiful scrappy flower quilt. She was a little disappointed in the peppered cotton fabric she used - a lot of shredding and fraying! Melissa Ciacci quilted it for her. Great job!

**Note from Susan Glaser.....**

Thank you for all the cards and offers of help since my flying adventure in the bathroom. Quilters are the best people.

**Hospitality**

Oct 2	snack	Loretta Radewonuk
	snack	Debbie Haas
Oct 16	snack	Cheryl Scalzi
	snack	Barb Sherman
Oct 30	snack	Susan Koederitz



**October Birthdays**

- 7 Sue Umstead
- 16 Jean Sullivan
- 18 Judy Peters
- 22 Jolene Lorah



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### October

**Quilts from the Heart of Berks** - October 4-5, 2024. Presented by the Berks Quilters Guild at [Leesport Farmers Market](#), 312 Gernant's Church Rd., Leesport, PA. For more info visit <https://www.berksquiltersguild.org/>.

**Star Struck** - October 11-12, 2024. Presented by Keystone Quilters Guild at the Finland Mennonite Church, 1750 Ziegler Road, Pennsburg, PA. For more info visit <https://www.keystonequilters.org/quilt-show>.

**Valley Forge Quilt Show** - October 18-19, 2024. Presented by Valley Forge Homestead Quilters at the Good Shepard Church, King of Prussia, PA. For more info visit our website at <http://www.valleyforgequilters.org/Evt-QShow-Pg.html>.

**Heart 2 Heart**- October 18-20, 2024. Presented by South Shore Stitchers Quilt Guild at the Upper Township Community Center, 1790 Route 50, Tuckahoe, NJ. For more info go to <http://www.southshorestitchers.com/>.

### November

**QuiltFest Virtual Schoolhouse #9** - November 6-9, 2024. Our ninth 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/>.

**15th Annual Exhibition of Quilts** - November 8-9, 2024. Presented by Lebanon Quilters Guild at the [Lebanon Valley Exposition Center](#), 80 Rocherty Road, Lebanon, PA. For more info visit <http://lebanonquiltersguild.com/exhibition-of-quilts/>.

## **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

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