



November 22, 2016

Dear Fellow Quilters,

Plans are well underway for our annual Loose Threads Quilters Tea and we are anxious to share them with you. Mark your calendar for Saturday, March 11, 2017, with a snow date of March 18, 2017 and plan to come to the First United Church of Christ located at 145 Chestnut St., in Spring City, PA. Admission is \$25.00 per person. The Tea will begin at 10 a.m. (Doors will open at 9:30). Our guest speaker will begin her lecture at 10:30; then enjoy a delicious luncheon buffet served at noon followed by the discussion groups.

Our other popular features are scheduled: the member quilt exhibit, sewing room & used book sale, craft sale, LTQ auction, Tea block raffle, many door prizes and the guest show-and-tell. Whew! It will be a very busy day, but one you are sure to enjoy.

This year we will again take table reservations for the dining room, but only for groups of eight that can fill an entire table. If all 8 registration forms are mailed together, a table will be reserved in the dining room for your group.

The event fills up quickly, so mail in your registration early! We hope you will be joining us for this entertaining annual event. If you have some quilting friends who would like to attend, simply tell them to look for the registration form, along with all the information regarding the Tea, on our guild website [www.theloosethreadsquilters.org](http://www.theloosethreadsquilters.org).

Sincerely,  
Kiti Williams & Diane Hess  
Loose Threads Tea Chairs

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## 2017 QUILTER'S TEA ACTIVITIES

### ADMISSION

The doors will **NOT** open before 9:30! We need time to prepare for this great event so we ask for your cooperation. You do **NOT** need to pick up your registration folder immediately upon entering. The quilt exhibit and sale venues will all be open when you enter, so check those areas out first if you wish. Just pick up your registration folder prior to entering the dining room.

### TEA BLOCK 2017

We ask each person who attends to make a quilt block; the instructions are enclosed. Bring it on the day of the Tea and turn it in at the designated table. The collected blocks will be raffled in the main dining room at the end of the day. **Please take extra care to sew accurately with 1/4" seams and check that your completed block has the listed measurements.**

### QUILT EXHIBIT

We will have a display of recent projects made by the Loose Threads members. Enjoy the exhibit and then vote for your favorite to receive the Viewer's Choice Award.

### CRAFT TABLE

There will be a variety of new handcrafted items and kits for sale that have been made by our members.

### SEWING ROOM SALE & USED BOOK SALE

Shop for hidden treasures at our bargain sale loaded with fabric, sewing related items, books and magazines.

### LTQ AUCTION

In this auction, our guests buy tickets, which are chances to win a wide variety of items. Buy as many tickets as you'd like, and bid them on any item by placing one or more tickets in the container beside the item you'd like to win. At the end of the Tea, one winning ticket is drawn from the container beside each item, and the item is given to the owner of that ticket.

### SHOW-AND-TELL

Please share with us any quilts inspired by last year's discussion groups, the Tea block raffle, or anything created from treasures you found in our sewing room sale. Please do not bring any current guild raffle quilts.

### REGISTRATION 2018

Next year's Tea invitations will again be sent online and available by December 1, 2017 on our web site. If you do not have computer access, bring a *stamped (FOREVER STAMPS ONLY), self-addressed legal size* envelope. We will collect 50¢ to cover the cost of copying. There will be stamped envelopes available to purchase for an additional 50¢.

Check our web site, [www.theloosethreadquilters.org](http://www.theloosethreadquilters.org) for cancellation notice due to inclement weather.

## 2017 DISCUSSION GROUPS

Each guest will be registered for only 1 discussion group, chosen from the following list of seven topics. Please indicate, on the registration form, your top 2 choices.

**Game Quilts** - Join us to explore ideas for I spy quilts with various themes (alphabet, colors, animals, etc.), as well as other game or activity quilts, soft books, or placemats for kids or adults. We welcome your show-n-tell samples. Also, bring 25 or more 5" squares to exchange, either one fabric or assorted fabrics that would work in an I spy quilt.

**Let's Go To the Movies** – The seminar will explore the use of quilts as set decoration. For many years quilts have been used and seen in movies. We will discuss the extensive list of movies in which quilts appear, review some film clips and see how quilts are used (just set decoration or part of the story). If you are one of those people that notices when the Props person didn't put the lamp in the same place for two consecutive scenes this might be just your style. And popcorn may be involved.

**Mug Rugs** – This is a fun, small quilting project that gives you lots of opportunities to create without a big investment of time or materials. We will supply a base, some press on shapes and you can have fun creating. Bring any examples to share with the group.

**Yikes Stripes** – Stripes are usually not abundant in most quilters' stash and that is a shame because they can add a lot of interest to a quilt with little effort. We will discuss ways to utilize stripes in blocks, borders and bindings. Please bring six 6½" squares of striped fabric to swap.

**Awesome Applique** – Well, awesome is up to you, but we can show you several techniques...and one may be just what you are looking for! Topics will include: wool buttonhole/fusing, layer cut-aways, interface smooth curves, needle turn, freezer paper prep, silk thread and long 12" needles.

**Totes and Purses** – We all enjoy a pretty purse. The class will include discussions of products, patterns and techniques. Please bring your examples and patterns to share.

**The Thoughtful Process of Improvisational Quilts** – We will consider the thoughtful and time enduring process of improvisational quilting. Discussion will include using what you have in your fabric stash, hand sewing, mixing mediums, not using a pattern and more. Be inspired by your own ideas and see them come to life in a way you may not have thought possible.

**Guest Speaker** – Rachel Derstine's topic at our Tea will be *"My Quilt Journey – Boundaries and Beyond"*. To quote her website, Rachel's work is "fiber art to ignite your imagination." Her talk will feature a PowerPoint presentation with images of many of her quilts, process photos about how she constructs her quilts and a selection of Rachel's quilts for viewing.

Website: <https://rachelderstinedesigns.com/>

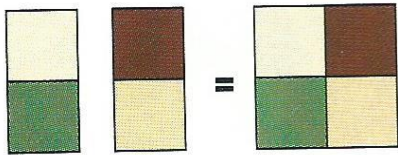
# 2017 Tea Block - Sea Glass

Background : White: Cut 4 - 2 ½ " squares  
Cut 1 - 5 ¼ " square

Colored fabric: Use 5 different bright blues, greens, turquoises or aquas.  
The fabric doesn't need to be only those colors; there can be other colors within the fabric.

Cut 4 - 2 ½ " squares  
Cut 1 - 5 ¼ " square

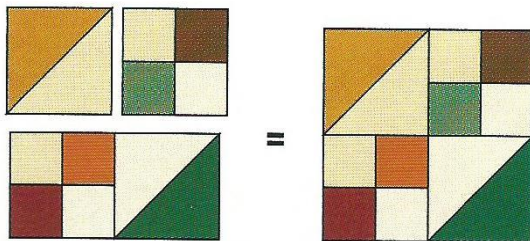
Make 2 four patch blocks out of white and 4 different colored fabrics, will measure 4 ½".



*Four-Patch Diagram*

On the back of the white 5 ¼" square, draw a diagonal line thru the center of the square. Place the white and colored square right sides together and sew ¼" from the center line on both sides. Cut the square on the drawn line. Press each block open so you'll have 2 half-square triangle. With the diagonal right down the center of the block, square up each half-square triangle block to 4 ½".

Arrange the 4 - 4 ½" blocks as shown below taking care that the white sections are oriented correctly. Block should measure 8 ½" unfinished.



## 2017 TEA REGISTRATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Guild Assoc. \_\_\_\_\_

**Please choose 2 of the following discussion topics, putting #1 next to your first choice and #2 next to your second choice.** You will attend one discussion group and a presentation in the dining room by our guest speaker Rachel Derstine. Please make a note of your choices for future reference.

Game Quilts	_____
Let's Go To the Movies	_____
Yikes Stripes!	_____
Mug Rugs	_____
Awesome Applique	_____
Totes and Purses	_____
Improvisational Quilts	_____

Mail registration form and check for \$25.00 (per person) payable to **Loose Threads Quilters** to:

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***You will be contacted only if the event is sold out.***