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Loose Threads News

President's Message

August may be the last month of the summer, but there are still fun Guild activities planned. We will have our usual business meeting and second Wednesday morning Sewing Bee. The third Wednesday meeting is a charity sew making quilted shawls, so come help out and wrap up the end of summer with some quilting fun!

This is also my final President's message and it has been a privilege serving as Guild President. Thank you for being kind to me! I look forward to being a 'regular citizen' again and serving as guild treasurer.
~Diane

1st Wednesday Agenda

9:30 Doors open - refreshments and socializing

10:00 Business Meeting

3rd Wednesday Agenda

9:30 Doors open - refreshments and socializing

10:00 Program Meeting: Charity project Quilted Hug Shawls

MYSTERY BOM

We are in the homestretch!

Instructions will be provided at the August business meeting for completing your BOM quilt.

***there is a correction to the dimensions of the filler pieces…(we forgot the seam allowances)

- Cut 4 - 3 1/2 x 6 1/2 rectangles
- Cut 2 - 3 1/2 x 9 1/2 rectangles
- Cut 1 - 3 1/2 x 12 1/2 rectangles

No worries - we will show you exactly how your fabulous blocks go together. We will do a reveal of tops only in September.

Questions? Contact Silvia Homa or Nancy Miller.

August 20 Workshop

Quilted Hug Shawls

During our annual charity workshop, we will be making Quilted Hug Shawls. These are lined fabric shawls with a velcro front closure. The pattern is a pay it forward project started by two ladies in 2016. If you are on Facebook, look for the Quilted Hug Project page for more info and inspiration.

There are many ways to make the shawl - whole cloth, strips of fabric, square blocks, etc. This will be “quilt as you go” onto either a piece of fleece or a piece of flannel. The size of your piece should measure 68” x 34”.

An explanation of the shawls will be made at the August business meeting. Examples will be shown and guidance will be given as to how you should get started. **The goal is to have a quilted top ready to go for the workshop meeting.** At that point, we will help you cut the shawls to the proper shape, show you how to attach the pockets, help you to bind the shawl, and show you how to make and attach the velcro closure.

Fleece/flannel and velcro will be provided by the guild and will be available at the August business meeting.

For the workshop, in addition to your quilted “top”, you will need to bring approximately 5 yards of coordinating binding (please cut 2 1/2” strips) along with 2 scraps measuring 3” x 8” for the closure. And, of course, bring your sewing machine as well as basic sewing supplies. Pack a lunch too! This will be an extended time meeting.

Questions? Contact Nancy Kinyon-Samec, Nancy Miller, or Judy Peters

2025 Challenge: IT

Inspiration and Transformation

Open up your interpretation and creativity and let your inspiration transform your creation. Is there a particular piece of art you are inspired by? A flower? A landscape? What inspires you? A particular genre? A favorite book? An art piece? A style of painting? A person? Let that idea inspire you in your creation (quilt, soft sculpture, bag, runner, pillow, etc.) This is your inspiration and transformation. No size limitations. Let your imagination and inspiration take you away. By the November business meeting, please submit to the committee an approximate size of your piece (for determining display size requirements at the holiday party). At the reveal, please include a photo of your inspiration and a brief written description of what inspired you.

Questions? Contact Susan Koederitz or Beth Hammond-Ritschard.

SHOW AND TELL

Barb Sherman made this quilt from a free pattern she picked up at our Tea. Beautiful job!

Jean Sullivan stitched up another fabric pouch. Nice job!

Debby O'Keefe made this vibrant quilt for her grandchild. Love the greens and blues!

Marie Traxler made this “zipper” pattern quilt for her grandchild. What a great way to use up scraps!

Kathy Snyder created this lovely blue and yellow quilt. Love the ruched flowers!

Lil Evans used her tea blocks to make this lovely quilt for dialysis patients.

Rosemary Geisler completed her fabric tote from the June program. She was even spotted using it on our recent field trip!
She also whipped up this patriotic table runner just in time for the July 4th holiday.

Judy Snook made this beautiful star quilt for her grandson. She also completed this gorgeous Lori Holt scarecrow quilt. Beautiful fabrics!

DAY BEE NEW HOURS

A vote was taken at the May business meeting and it was decided to try having the Day Bee meet from 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Day Bee meets on the second Wednesday of each month. Bring along a project to work on and get to know your fellow LTQ members.

Questions? Contact Rosemary Geisler

Stay tuned for the new BOM starting in October!

UFO Challenge

If you have too many projects started but not finished, the UFO Challenge is an opportunity for you to rid yourself of the guilt and maybe win $25.00! Here is how it works:

Go to your sewing room and list all of your UFO's on the form available from Linda Glass. Return the form so that they can be entered into the UFO Challenge book.
Now for the tough part, finish your project! Bring it to show and tell and receive a raffle ticket for a drawing that will take place each quarter. Finished projects are recorded in the Challenge book so you needn't worry about losing your ticket. The winning ticket holder will then receive $25.00.
Please note- For our purposes, a UFO will be any project that is 6 months old or older.
Any questions, don't hesitate to ask Linda Glass.

JULY MEETING MINUTES

The July 2025 Loose Threads meeting was called to order by president, Diane Hess.

Show and Tell followed with a display of many beautiful quilts.

Val mentioned that she has a wholesale account with Glide thread. She would be able to order this thread if enough people want it.

Basting is July 30. Contact Loretta if you need a quilt to be basted.

Silvia showed the July mystery block of the month. We will receive the August block along with the layout directions next month. She also told us to add ½" around the filler block pieces.

Diane has most of the guild committee sign up forms. Please fill out a form if you haven't already.

Barbara Sherman said she will bring sign up forms for the fall day camp to the August meeting.

Judy McCourry was recognized for the superb effort that went into planning and carrying out all the field trips we have gone on for the past few years. Someone needs to sign up to plan field trips for the future.

Hospitality is filled.

Diane told us about the program we will have in two weeks learning how to do Pajagi, a Korean patchwork method of sewing. It is similar to making a French seam. More information is in the newsletter. Just bring a needle and thread; Diane will bring fabric.

August's program is a charity event. Judy Peters and Nancy Kinyon-Samec showed samples of the stoles we will be making for nursing homes. More directions will be in an email blast.

Rosemary said the morning bee was well attended in June.

Melinda asked about the microphone. Laurie said we were looking into more useful speakers to work with the microphone.

Laurie is checking with Razbecca to speak in September or October. She is checking to see if Valley Forge would be interested in sharing Gail Garber next year. She is also looking into other names.

Mary Larkin would appreciate some cheer. Both Debbie Popp and Kathy Parker said they would be back soon. Linda Garthe needs to spend a lot of time taking care of her husband. If you miss seeing someone at meetings, reach out and let us know.

The website needs to update the list of long arm quilters and eliminate those that aren't doing it now. The time of our meeting needs to be updated too.

Facebook continues to be public.

Linda Glass asked about a form that she got in the past that had to do with putting it with her will about what to do with all the quilting items. Betty Ann might have the form.

Judy Snook won the UFO drawing.

Our treasurer, Josie, said our bank was doing major upgrades including changing closing dates. If you have a form to be reimbursed for something you purchased, it needs to be given to Josie by August 30.

Using guild batting for making a charity quilt was discussed. It was decided that a $10/yard deposit would be necessary to receive the batting to be returned when your charity quilt is shown at a meeting. The president will keep track of this and hold the money.

Respectfully submitted by
Judy Snook for Sue Umstead

UPCOMING EVENTS

Quilt Shows

August

Maker Festival - August 1-3, 2025. Maker Festivals featuring Bead Fest returns to the Lancaster Marriott & Convention Center, 25 S Queen Street, Lancaster, PA., along with our fiber arts community! Our festival lineup will have thousands of fiber artists, and jewelry makers! We created Maker Festivals to answer the need of the cross crafter, which includes the ability to take classes of all interests and a robust and diverse Marketplace. For more info visit https://www.makerfestivals.com/pa25.

September

AQS QuiltWeek - September 10-13, 2025. Presented by AQS at The Nook Sports & Events Center, 75 Champ Blvd (GPS address), Manheim, PA. For more info visit https://www.quiltweek.com/.

Pennsylvania National Quilt Extravaganza - September 11-14, 2025. Presented by Mancuso Show Management, the largest and most comprehensive quilt festival in a state known for its rich history of quilting is all under one roof at the Greater Philadelphia Expo Center, Phoenixville, PA. For more info visit http://www.quiltfest.com/.

Annual Giant Fabric Sale - September 25-27, 2025. Presented by Montgomery County 4H at the Montgomery County 4-H Center, 1015 Bridge Road, Collegeville, PA. All kinds of fabrics, patterns, notions, needlecrafts, yarn, and assorted sewing supplies are available. In addition, many vintage fabrics and quilting supplies are available. For more info visit https://www.fhycomplex.org/annual-fabric-sale.

October

Crazy About Quilting Celebration – October 4, 2025. Presented by the Crazy Quilters Quilt Guild at Calvary Baptist Church 4601 Tilghman Street, Allentown, PA. For more info visit https://www.crazyquilters.org/.

QuiltFest Virtual Schoolhouse #12 - October 15-18, 2025. Our twelfth 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. Put on the tea, get comfortable in your PJs and slippers, and join us for another in the Virtual Schoolhouse series. For more info visit https://www.quiltfest.com/upcoming-shows-and-events/quiltfest-virtual-schoolhouse-12 and the workshop catalog.

Sew Many Colors Fall Festival of Quilts - October 17-19, 2025. Presented by Undercovers Quilters at Brookhaven Municipal Building, 2 Cambridge Road, Brookhaven, PA. For more info go to https://undercoverquilters.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/Quilt-Show-Insert-for-Website.2-PDFcopy.pdf.

Shop Hops

Row by Row: Experience the Great Outdoors in US from 7/1/2025 - 8/31/2025. For more info go to https://rowbyrowexperience.com/.

All Mid-Atlantic Shop Hop in DE, MD, NJ, PA, VA, WV from 7/1/2025 - 8/31/2025. For more info go to https://allmidatlanticshophop.com/. See the list of shops at https://allmidatlanticshophop.com/stores/.

All Ohio Shop Hop from 8/1/2025 - 9/30/2025. For more info go to https://allohioshophop.com/. See the list of shops at https://allohioshophop.com/stores/.

All New England Shop Hop in CT, ME, MA, NH, RI, VT from 9/1/2025 - 10/31/2054. For more info go to https://allnewenglandshophop.com/. See the list of shops at https://allnewenglandshophop.com/stores/.

NJ Shop Hop No Shop Hop in 2025

Hospitality

Aug 6	snack	Denise Pokorny
	snack	Pat Leiter
Aug 20	snack	Melissa Ciacci
	snack	Kathy Santillo

August Birthdays

3	Barb Sherman
3	Missy Smith
11	Debbie Popp
14	Geri Dulis
17	Susan Koederitz
21	Marcela Sivco
21	Linda Ulinski

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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www.theloosethreadsquilters.org