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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 Meeting - Pojagi

President's Message

I hope everyone is staying cool in this heatwave! After some much needed vacation time with my family, I'm looking forward to being inside in the A/C and doing some sewing and quilting. It's a slower month for the Guild schedule, but if you're home and not on vacation, we have our usual business meeting on the first Wednesday, morning Sewing Bee on the second Wednesday, and a program by yours truly on Bojagi (aka Pojagi), a traditional Korean style of sewing in which pieces of fabric are sewn together to make panels. So, I hope to see as many of you as possible!!
~Diane

FIELD TRIPS

The field trip committee is on break for the summer. Please extend a BIG thank you to Judy McCourry and Sue Umstead for all of their planning this year!

THANKS FOR VOTING!

Our 2024-2025 slate of officers is:

President	Valerie Fisher
Vice-President	Missy Smith
Secretary	Debbie Haas
Treasurer	Diane Hess

The new officers will begin their terms in September. Thanks for stepping up, ladies!

July 16 Workshop

Pojagi

The term “pojagi” can refer to a few different things. It is a Korean word that comes from textile art. Pojagi can mean wrapping cloth, traditional Korean sewing, or reversible patchwork.

Wrapping Cloths

In its basic form as a noun, a pojagi is a wrapping cloth. That is a piece of fabric that is used to wrap things either to carry them, store them, give as gifts or cover them.
The July program will be learning about this traditional form of Korean sewing. We will each be trying our hand at the technique by hand stitching. Please bring a needle and thread, preferably hand quilting type/weight thread. I will bring some fabric pieces for each person.

Questions? Contact Diane Hess

MYSTERY BOM

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

- 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.

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.

MISSOURI STAR QUILT COMPANY

by, Kathy Snyder

I had the pleasure of accompanying my sister-in-law and a few new quilting friends to Quilt Town, USA – Hamilton, MO and the Missouri Star Quilt Company. We flew into Kansas City and were met by Liz, who met us at the airport and drove us to our Bed and Breakfast. Liz drives exclusively for the Missouri Star Company to make travel to and from Hamilton as easy as possible. Our B&B was a lovely old Victorian house within walking distance of the main street in Hamilton.

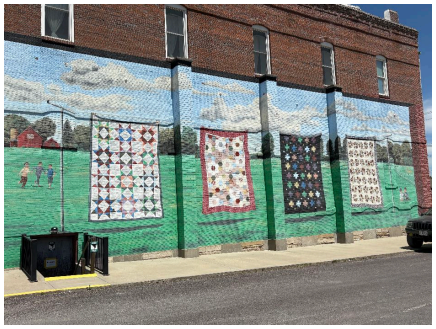
Our first day, after getting settled, was spent just looking and briefly checking out all of the 18 quilting stores before we got down to serious shopping. Every store was set up so charmingly. There were individual stores just for batiks, florals, accessories, seasonal, kids and baby fabric as well as many more! MSQC has vintage to modern fabric, backings and trims as well as notions and gadgets and everything quilting to choose from. The only problem we had was remembering which store had that fabric we finally decided upon for the special project. The employees treated you like family and were so helpful and nice. We could even take all of our purchases to the main store and they would ship them to our house for free if we couldn't fit everything in our luggage.

The old high school is now a Quilt Museum which housed many sewing related antiques and textiles. Quilts from long ago and modern times were displayed, as well as a whole room dedicated to miniature quilts and quilting. JC Penney was born in Hamilton, and we also toured his childhood home. The town also had several wonderful murals painted on the buildings.

Hamilton is a very small, sleepy town whose sidewalks roll up at 5 p.m. – but wakes up at 9 a.m. with a smile, fresh goodies at the bakery, quaint places for a quick lunch or snack and a few places for dinner. What a wonderful couple of days we had – very relaxing and inspiring!

Now …..what project to start on first?!?!!

Kathy Snyder



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SHOW AND TELL

Diane was busy finishing up some tops that were lying around. Chicken Salad is a Lori Holt pattern and the blue houses are an Edyta Sitar pattern. Diane used a soft micro fleece on the back of the houses for extra warmth. Beautiful job!

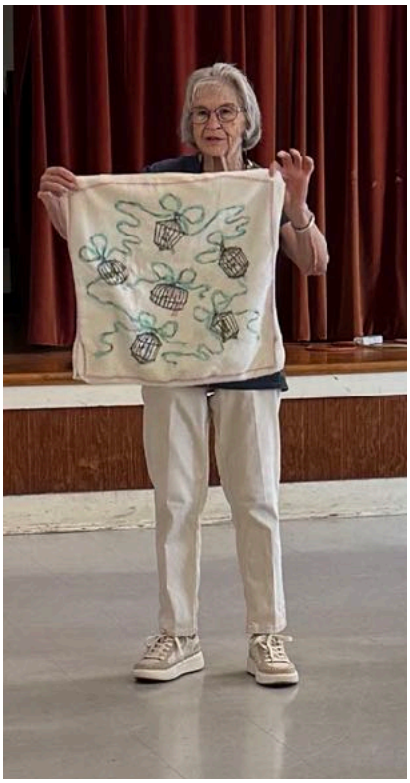
Jolene Lorah made a special pouch using cork and fabric from her dad's jeans and ties. Val Fisher liked it so much that she made one too!

Judy McCourry has been VERY busy making 10 bucket hats for a family trip to the Outer Banks. They are reversible…one side is a consistent beach themed fabric and the reverse sides reflect each individual's likes. Can't wait to hear the reactions to the naked ladies fabric!

Ruth Ann Joslin made this adorable dragon quilt for a friend's baby. Great colors!

Val Fisher caught the sneaker bug and used a science fair themed fabric to create this fabulous pair for her daughter who is a high school science teacher.

Chris Rivard made an impulse buy in Lancaster when she purchased this sewing machine panel. She added a few fabric and embellishing touches to really make it shine!



Jean Sullivan got very creative when she made this child's swim coverup using two towels. Very clever, Jean!

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

Bucket Hats

Info from Judy McCourry

Here are the links for the bucket hats that I used: applegreencottage.com and happiestcamper.com.

There is also another link on Superior Threads

https://www.superiorthreads.com › projects › free-patterns

Happy stitching!

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.

JUNE MEETING MINUTES

The monthly Business Meeting of the Loose Threads Quilt Guild was held at the United Church of Christ in Spring City, PA on June 4, 2025, and facilitated by President, Diane Hess. The meeting was called to order at 10:07.

The meeting began with Show and Tell. Ladies were finishing up projects they had for awhile. All were beautiful.

Old Business: Melinda Novatnak thanked everyone for the cards and calls during her recent health issues. Thankfully she is on the mend.

New Business: None

Announcements: None

Basting Day: Next Basting Day is scheduled for July 30th. Please contact Loretta Radewonuk if you have any quilts to be basted.

Block of the Month: Silvia Homa and Nancy Miller showed the blocks for June. There is a 12-1/2" and a 6-1/2" block. Instructions were handed out. All blocks and patterns will be posted on the website each month in case you missed a meeting or instructions.

Challenge: Nothing to report

Day Camp: The next Day Camp will be October 28th and 29th. The 29th is a basting day so keep that in mind.

Morning Bee: Rosemary Geisler reported that 9 ladies attended the first Morning Bee, which is held the 2nd Wednesday of the month from 9:30 to 11:30. Please be sure to contact Rosemary if you are planning to attend.

Field Trips: Judy McCourry reported that the next, and last, field trip for the summer is scheduled for June 25th (Wednesday) at Mook's Fabrics, Leola, with lunch to follow at Stone House Café in Ephrata. Those attending are to meet at the church at 9:30. Those driving themselves should plan to meet the group around 10:30.

If you have signed up for a field trip, or want to sign up, please be sure to let Judy McCourry or Sue Umstead know prior to June 25th.

No field trips for July or August.

Holiday Brunch: Nothing

Hospitality: Nothing

Library: Chris Rivard announced that there are new Quiltfolk magazines added that have been cataloged. She has purchased two new books for the library, one is for 1000 different quilt blocks, including applique and some whimsical blocks, not just geometric shapes. Another book is on the history of quilting, including how to evaluate quilts and their fabrics.

Those wishing to borrow the rulers from the library can find them in the cabinet near the door in the sewing room.

Membership: Nothing

Newsletter: Send any quilt related articles or recipes to Nancy Miller.

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Nominating Committee: Nominations for the following offices were presented and voted on by members:

President - Val Fisher
Vice President - Melissa (Missy) Smith
Treasurer – Diane Hess
Secretary – Debbie Haas

All nominees were successfully voted into office.

Programs: Diane Hess will be showing members how to make a foldable shopping bag. You can use the guild logo block you received for this bag or choose other fabric. A supply list was provided in the May newsletter. She will resend the list before the next meeting.

Secret Pal: The purpose of this group was to get to know your fellow members. However, the participation is dwindling. Kathy Snyder and Carly Moore are thinking of other options to get more members involved with getting to know our members.

Service or Charity Project: Nancy Kinyon-Samec reported that the program for August is going to be a charity project. It was suggested that we make shawls for nursing homes for the residents that participate in the craft rooms. The rooms are sometimes chilly and a shawl would be helpful.

It was also asked if a list of sizes of charity quilts needed (dialysis quilts, wheelchair quilts, etc) could be compiled. Once provided, Diane will post on our website.

Sewing Room Sale: Nothing

Speakers: Laurie Kelly reported that she has been speaking with RazBeca for the September program meeting along with a few others for October and March of next year. She said some of the suggested speakers are no longer doing speaking or workshop engagements.

Sunshine: Mary Larkin, Kathy Parker and Linda Garth could use some sunshine.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's report was provided.

UFO Challenge : Nothing

Website: Mostly up to date. Diane will be updating the Block of the Month patterns.

Other Items: Diane Hess reported that she has small amounts (1-1/4 yd of each) of the LTQ logo fabrics if anyone is interested in purchasing some.

Raffle Winner: The Name Tag winner was Clem DuPont.

With no other business to discuss, the meeting was concluded at 11:16.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sue Umstead
Secretary

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.

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/.

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Hospitality

July 2	snack	Kathy Santillo
	snack	Silvia Homa
July 16	snack	Loretta Radewonuk
	snack	Josie Sharp

July Birthdays

4	Chris Rivard
20	Linda Glass
20	Ruth Ann Joslin
21	Judy Snook
28	Josie Sharp

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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