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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 - Workshop
Foldable Shopping Bag

Mark your calendar!
FIELD TRIP
Wednesday, June 25
Mook's Fabrics
247 W. Main St., Leola

Meet at church
(145 Chestnut St., Spring City)
at 9:30 a.m. and leave at 9:45 a.m. 1 hour drive to Mook's.

Lunch at the Stonehouse Cafe
2415 West Main St., Ephrata

Questions?
Contact Judy McCourry
or Sue Umstead

President's Message

Hello Ladies! Ahh June, the first month of summer and as always, lots of great quilty things to do this month. We have our usual business meeting on the first Wednesday, and then our new more popular "morning" (9:30am-11:30am) Bee on the second Wednesday. At morning Sewing Bee, it is a great time to socialize and work on whatever project your heart desires. We also have a group organizing some Quilts of Valor during morning Bee. At our 3rd Wednesday meeting, we will have a program using the Loose Threads Logo squares each member received and we will be making a foldable shopping bag – which is reuseable too! Lastly, (but not least!!) on the 4th Wednesday, we have a field trip to Mook's Fabrics in Leola, Pa. Sew many things to do and enjoy! So come out and have fun!!

~Diane

IT'S TIME TO VOTE!

The following ballot was presented at the May business meeting by the nominating committee:

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

All active members are eligible to cast a vote at the June business meeting.

June 18 Workshop

Foldable Shopping Bag

Fabric:

1 yard Outer bag fabric

1 yard Inner bag fabric

1” x 2” piece of Velcro

Tools:

Sewing machine with 1/4” foot

80/12 needle

Thread for piecing and topstitching

Thread snips

Fabric scissors

Pins

Rulers - 6” x 6” and 6” x 24”

Rotary cutter and mat

Iron and ironing surface

Erasable marking tool

Pusher stick - skewer, purple thang

**More prep/cutting instructions will be presented at the June business meeting

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.

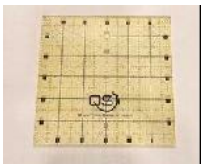
Your Kindness made a Difference

Thank you to my wonderful friends of the Guild! Your thoughtful, generous gift of a beautiful quilt fills my heart with delight. Every time I use it or look at it brings a smile to my face. I am so lucky to be a part of this loving group of women.

Bless all of you,
Nancy Kinyon-Samec

LTQ Library RULERS

Did you know that our library has a collection of quilting rulers? Before you purchase that once and done ruler, check out the rulers that are available to borrow!



Shop Spotlight—Primrose Quilts

by, Barbara Hughes, VFQG

You may have seen information about a new shop opening in Christiana, PA (in eastern Lancaster County) which is named Primrose Quilts. The shop was previously located in Hanover, PA but just relocated to this location. The grand opening was on March 22, 2025. While our group was on Spring Retreat many of us took a little road trip to check it out. The shop is located in the back of 1110 Georgetown Road and is big and bright. The hours are 10 am to 8:30 pm Tuesday to Friday and 10 am to 5:30 pm on Saturday. The owner, Lora, was not there when I visited, but the manager, Brandon, was very friendly and helpful. The website is primrosequilts.com and the phone number is 717-806-5072.

The motto for the shop is “Where modern quilters meet and create!” Primrose Quilts offers expert quilt finishing as well as renting long arms and providing assistance and teaching on how to quilt your quilt. They have three longarms for rent, two computerized Bernina Q24s and a sitdown Q20. There is a huge selection of wide backs available in beautiful designs. It is hard to narrow the selection to just one to use for your quilt.

Primrose has a beautiful selection of brightly colored fabric with special areas for Kaffe, Tilda and Tula fabrics. There is also a good supply of tone on tone type fabrics. The wall of notions is well supplied with things useful to a quilter and there were some cute kits, too.

The class and event section of the website shows a number of quilting classes as well as things like bags and rope bowls. Additionally, they plan to offer lectures with well known quilters . There are also ongoing groups that meet regularly to make charity quilts and do other kinds of projects.

In addition to fabrics and quilting supplies, there is a selection of interesting yarns at the back of the store.

Check out Primrose Quilts for yourself! Spring is a nice time to take a drive to Lancaster County.

SHOW AND TELL

Rosemary Geisler, Debby O'Keefe, and Susan Koederitz completed their quilts from the Janellea Macbeth workshop. Rosemary added more strips as well as a cohesive sashing to bring it all together. Debby felt she was dealing with scrap vomit and needed to eliminate half of her blocks while adding a few more to draw it all together with the same color family. Susan was just not happy with her color combination and stopped sewing strips. But, she persevered and made a table runner out of what she had already sewn. Their overall recommendation: keep it scrappy, but definitely work within ONE color family. Nice job, ladies!

Ruth Ann Joslin had a collection of 32 Kafe Fassett fabrics that were too pretty to cut up so she opted for this pot holder method quilt. Lovely job, Ruth Ann!

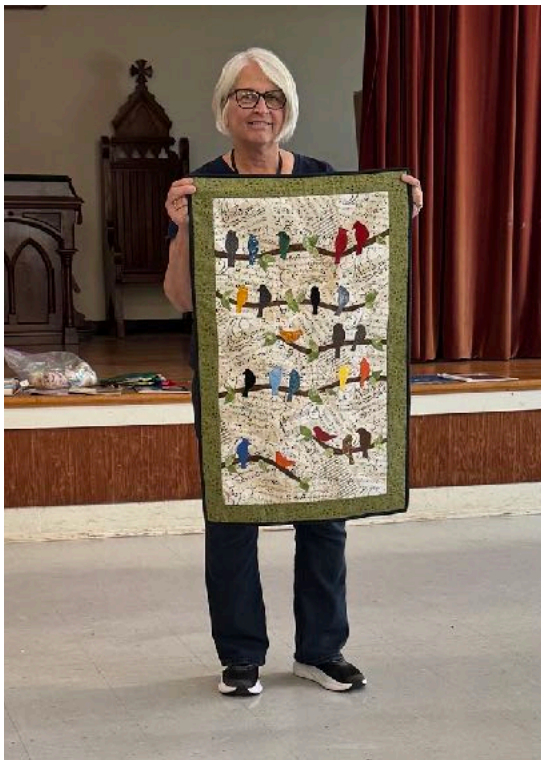
Judy McCourry whipped up this Lilo & Stitch belt bag for her granddaughter. How special! I'm sure she loved it!

Carolyn Thompson stitched up this adorable baby quilt for her great-grandson. Love it!

Judy Snook and Diane Hess found themselves in the same sneaker class at The Old Country Store. Very impressive job, ladies!

Carolyn Ferrandino made the Ultimate Scrappy Quilt using the potato chip pattern. She simply pulled random scraps out of a bag and attached them. Did you make a dent in your scrap stash? She also made a flamingo grocery bag. Great job, Carolyn!

Chris Rivard was busy making baby quilts for co-workers. The ducklings represent the family of a doctor she works with and the nature inspired quilt is for a nurse who enjoys camping and hiking. Very creative, Chris!



Kathy Snyder made this special wallhanging for a former co-worker who associates cardinals with her parents who passed away recently. I know she will love it!

Diane Hess has been participating in a BOM program from Shabby Fabrics. She completed a small wallhanging for each month of the year to display in her home. Great idea, Diane!

Susan Koederitz has been very busy! She came up with a “why didn’t I think of this sooner” idea and started making fabric gift bags. She also completed this colorful quilt for her granddaughter. And, she finished up a block from a 2018 workshop. Way to go, Susan!

Rosemary Geisler finished up this “sayings” quilt that she was working on at day camp. It took a little bit of extra work because she initially got the word order wrong. It turned out beautiful! Great color combination! And, she also finished this adorable bear quilt for her great niece.

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

Patterns using Charm Squares

by, Debby O’Keefe

If you have charm square packets stored away for a potential quilt but you’re waiting for the perfect pattern, here are some sources:

thequiltedforest.com - look for her series on YouTube for her playlist using 5” squares or charm packs. There are 10 videos in the series.
diaryofaquilter.com - 30+ projects made with charm packs. Most of these patterns are beginner friendly and use one or two charm packs.

And, if you want to use up your scraps to make your own collection of 5” squares, a fat quarter will give you 12 - 5” squares and a 1/3 yard will give you 16 - 5” squares.

The Quilters

A review by Judy Snook

May 16th marked the day Netflix showed the documentary, The Quilters. It was filmed in a maximum-security prison in Missouri. The quilters were prisoners, many, if not most, had long sentences. They volunteered to make quilts five days a week, basically all day. If a prisoner got in trouble, he was not allowed to quilt again.

It is hard to imagine these men were allowed to work with "sharpies", the tools we use when we quilt. These tools had to be checked out each day. I noticed some Kenmore sewing machines.

Fabric is all donated and sorted by sizes of squares, children's fabrics, and so forth. Each quilt is designed and made by a quilter. You could see quilts that were color coordinated but more were scrappy. Since they are mainly made for children, a lot of thought goes into what would be the best for each child. If they made a mistake, they took time to fix it so that the child they were making the quilt for would have a special, well-made quilt. They helped each other.

The quilts each had a purpose. Several were birthday quilts for local foster children. Special ones were made for autistic children.

You could see the emotion when an appreciative thank you note was read.

Over 2,000 quilts have been made since the Restorative Justice Program began.

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.

MAY 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 May 7, 2025 and facilitated by President, Diane Hess. The meeting was called to order at 10:10.

The meeting began with Show and Tell. Three ladies showed their projects from the workshop with Janellea MacBeth, followed by a number of other projects. All were beautiful.

Old Business: Diane asked any members that did not receive a LTQ logo block from Little Cocalico to please see her so she can give one to you. All members and associates will receive one block free of charge. Any additional blocks will be $1.00 each. Also, if anyone wanted to purchase a quantity of the repeat logo pattern (3" repeat and 4" repeat) it is $22/yard, $11/ half yard and $5.50/ fat quarter. An order sheet was passed around for those wanting to purchase fabric. Payment is due at the time you place your order.

New Business: None

Announcements: None

Basting Day: None

Block of the Month: Silvia Homa and Nancy Miller showed the blocks for May. There is a 9-1/2" 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: Barbara Sherman announced that the next Day Camp will be October 28th and 29th. The 29th is a basting day so keep that in mind.

Afternoon Bee: A vote was taken to change the Afternoon Bee to a Morning Bee. The time will be the regular meeting time, 9:30 to 11:30. Please contact Rosemary Geisler if you are planning to attend.

Field Trips: Judy McCourry provided information for the next Field Trip to Schwenkfelter Library & Heritage Center in Pennsburg scheduled for May 16th. Those wishing to carpool should meet at the Kohl's in Royersford at 9:30 am and leave at 9:45 am. There is a $5 admission fee which will cover admission to the Museum and the Dry Goods Market. Lunch will follow at the Jamison Publick House in Jamison.

The sign-up sheets were provided for the following schedule of field trips planned:

May 16th (Friday)– Penn Dry Goods Market at Schwenkfelter Library & Heritage Center, Pennsburg

May 27th (Tuesday) – Fabric Mart, Sinking Spring and In Stitches, Womelsdorf

June 25th (Wednesday) - Mook's Fabrics, Leola

No field trips for July or August.

Holiday Brunch: Nothing

Hospitality: Nothing

Library: Chris Rivard announced that we have received a new rack for magazines purchased from Joann's. She will be adding more quilting magazines to fill the rack.

Membership: 46 members, 19 associates, 65 total members

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

Nominating Committee: Nominations for the following offices were presented:

Rosemary Geisler & Laurie Kelly – Co-Presidents
Melissa (Missy) Smith – Vice President
Treasurer – Diane Hess
Secretary – Debbie Haas

Voting will take place at the June Business Meeting.

Programs: Kathy Santillo will be demonstrating how to make a thread catcher. You should plan to bring your sewing machine and basic sewing supplies. A materials list will be sent separately.

Secret Pal: The committee asks that you please be patient. A number of the Secret Pals are having health issues. Gifts will be coming as those members are able to attend meetings.

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Service or Charity Project: Nancy Kinyon-Samec reported that the Henrietta Hankin Library has display space available in the glass cabinet and the slat wall for 2026. We have chosen May 24 – June 20, 2026 to display our items. More information will follow.

Sewing Room Sale: Lil Evans reported that as new fabric comes into the sewing room, it will be offered for sale to the members. Once it is packed away, it will not be available until the next sewing room sale.

Speakers: Laurie Kelly reported she is working on connecting with some suggested speakers. If anyone has any suggestions, please let her know. Diane Hess suggested Lori Holt.

Sunshine: Cheryl Scalzi, Kathy Parker and Melinda Novatnak could use some sunshine as they recover from surgeries and illness. Linda Garth's husband is having health problems so she could use some kind thoughts as well.

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

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

Other Items: UFO challenge- Please see Linda Glass to either sign up or update your UFO list.

Raffle Winner: The Name Tag winner was Judy Peters.

With no other business to discuss, the meeting was concluded at 11:10

Respectfully Submitted,
Sue Umstead
Secretary

Raspberry Bars

By, Joanne Borgnis

Line an 8 x 8 pan with parchment paper.
Combine: 3/4 cup almond flour
3/4 cup all purpose flour
1/2 cup unsalted butter, softened
1/2 cup granulated sugar
1/4 tsp salt
Press 2/3 of this mixture into pan. Next, spread 1 12 oz. can of raspberry filling. Last, top with the remaining 1/3 of the dry crumb mixture.

Bake at 350' for 25 - 30 minutes.

Enjoy!

LTQ Members enjoyed a fun and wet day at the Schwenkfelder Dry Goods Market followed by a delicious lunch at the Jamison Publick House.

A big thank you to Judy McCourry and Sue Umstead for making the arrangements.

UPCOMING EVENTS

June

MidAppalachian Quilt (MAQ) Retreat - June 6-8, 2025. The Mid-Appalachian Quilters gather each summer for a three-day quilting seminar at Gettysburg College, 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/.

Trash to Treasure Sale – June 14, 2025. Presented by Main Line Quilters at Saint Luke Lutheran Church, 203 N Valley Forge Road, Devon, PA. For more info visit https://mainlinequilters.org/2025-trash-to-treasure/.

Road to Virginia Quilter's Conference and Showcase - June 26-28, 2025. A new quilt show sponsored by the Road to California, Inc, the company that puts on one of the largest quilt shows in the USA - Road to California. It is at the Greater Richmond Convention Center, 403 N 3rd Street, Richmond, Virginia. For more info visit https://www.road2va.com/.

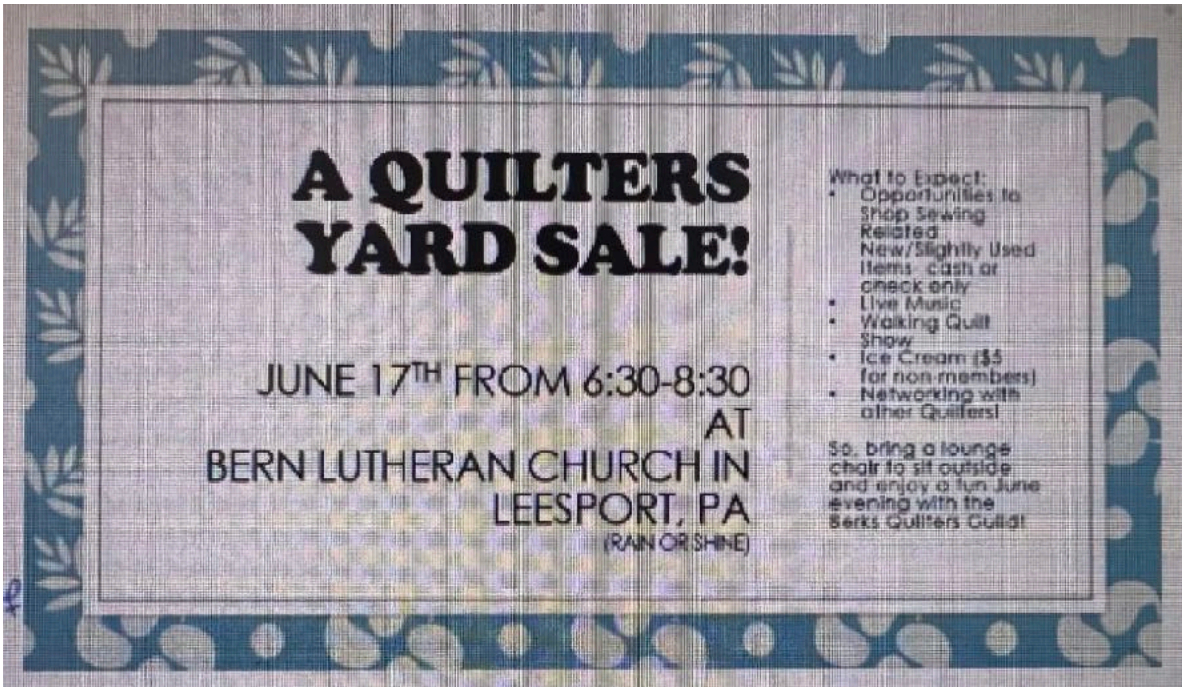
Shop Hops

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/



Hospitality

June 4	snack	Sharon Beideman
	snack	Bernie Hughes
June 18	snack	Barb Sherman
	snack	Judy Peters

June Birthdays

1	Loretta Radewonuk
7	Margie Allen
21	Nancy Kinyon-Samec
22	Donna Matthias
23	Debby O'Keefe
24	Christine Fallon
25	Carolyn Ferrandino

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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