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Loose Threads News

1st Wednesday Agenda

9:30 Doors open - refreshments and socializing

10:00 Business Meeting & Voting

3rd Wednesday Agenda

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10:00 Program Meeting - Committee sign-ups & Ice Cream Social

President's Message

Happy Spring! As the weather fluctuates and hopefully stabilizes, the urge to spring clean my sewing room has hit! Is there a better thing to do when it's unseasonably hot or raining non-stop? First, a trip to IKEA to find some organizational inspiration, and then….I've been going through the entire contents of my sewing room. I have a collection of sewing related items spanning 60+ years. It was time to reevaluate my stash. I've been moving stuff out (and some things back in). I've been going through boxes, sorting out fabric, flipping through printed material and sometimes asking….WHY? I still have a longgggg way to go, but it does feel amazing to create some breathing room, and also know that I have lots to donate to the guild for our sewing room sale. I challenge everyone to take a hard look at your own stash and decide what to finish, repurpose, or let go!
Happy Stitching!
~Val

Membership Renewal Deadline 9/1/2026

At the October business meeting, it was decided that we would start collecting dues as of June 1, so that everyone has time to be paid up by the Sept. 1 renewal deadline. Dues remain at $20 for the year. Renewal forms will be available at the June, July & August business meetings.They are also available on our website.

June Program Meeting

- Committee sign-ups
- Fabric Sale shift sign-ups
- Fabric Sale donation requests
- ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Ask Miss Quiltsalot

Dear Miss Quiltsalot,

I love quilting, but I am also an avid gardener! I grow the best tomatoes, but the plants always end up flopping over. Any advice?

Dear Gardening Quilter,

Why not use some of your fabric selvages to tie up your plants? It's an easy solution and will make your garden look fabulous!

Dear Miss Quiltsalot,

I have been quilting for a long time and have the most unmanageable basket full of fabric scraps. Help! What should I do with them? How can I organize them?

Dear Scrap Queen,

No worries, gentle quilter! I think this is a problem that many of us face…why not come up with a few standard fabric measurements that you would like to collect and go from there? Start simple with 2 1/2" squares, 2 1/2" strips, and 5" squares. Then, organize them by color. The sizes all play well together and will look great in that scrap quilt that I know you have been planning!

Until next time,

Miss Quiltsalot

2026 Library & Embellishment Challenge

The challenge this year is to use an item from the guild library and to embellish your quilt. Library items include patterns, books, rulers, and magazines. Embellishments include beading, embroidery, painting, etc. Any shape and color, but the total perimeter should be no bigger than 80" (20" per side if a square). The committee will be starting a collection of donated embellishments from members of the guild that will be available at each business meeting. Please consider bringing in any extra items such as buttons, special threads, beads, etc. that other members could use. Be sure to credit the library resource you used in creating your challenge.

Stay tuned! There may be some additional surprises revealed in the future.

Calling all members…anyone with embellishing techniques they would like to share, please contact Susan Koederitz, Silvia Homa, or Beth Hammond-Ritschard.

Email Blast Requests

Any information that you want emailed to guild members should be forwarded to theloosethreadsquilters@gmail.com.
Please format your email so that it can be copied and sent to the group.
Thank you - Missy Smith

SHOW and TELL

Ruth Ann Joslin made her first attempt at machine quilting on this beautiful pink and white quilt. Very impressive!

Kathy Santillo must have been reading the children's book Caps for Sale as her inspiration for making 17 bucket hats for a family trip to the Outerbanks. That's going to be one colorful crew!

Kathy Snyder whipped up this beautiful wool American flag.

Nancy Miller stitched up three Drop Zone bags for her girls. She intended to work on these at Day Camp, however when she realized how complicated the pattern was, she decided to tackle them at home knowing that Day Camp is not the place for working on anything too intense…too much chatting to be done!

Debby O'Keefe has a friend who fell in love with this pattern and needed help tackling it. The top had many errors and cut off points as well as wrinkles and bubbles, but Melissa Ciacci managed to work a miracle with her machine quilting and it looks fabulous!

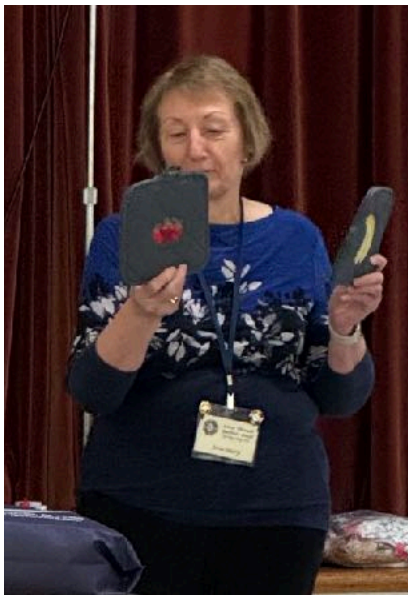
Melissa Ciacci completed Nautical Dreams aka “The Beast”. This took 18 months to complete. She was ready to just do edge to edge quilting and be done with it, but she let it sit for 6 months and then decided to custom quilt it. Needless to say, Melissa will NOT be doing any more king size quilts!

Judy Snook made this lovely spring wall hanging. It looks great hanging in her dining room!

Val Fisher found a pattern to make this easy tote bag. It actually zips into a very small pouch and only took 20 minutes to make!

She also whipped up this beautiful carry bag for her Featherweight machine. Although the straps didn’t turn out like the pattern said, she improvised and actually improved the design. Way to go, Val!

Josie Sharp has been busy! She embroidered designs on pre-made potholders for her sister. She layered two potholders together with a layer of Insul Brite in between for better protection. She also completed several patriotic wall hangings, and she embroidered some towels and bags. Very clever, Josie!



Main Line Quilters
"Trash to Treasure"sale

June 13, 2026
10 AM - 1 PM
St. Luke Lutheran Church
203 N. Valley Forge Road
Devon, PA 19333

For more info, check out
https://mainlinequilters.org/2026-trash-to-treasure/

HELP WANTED

Dee in the church office is searching for seamstresses who enjoy making curtains and/or other window treatments.

This could be a one time event or could involve future projects - which ever the sewer prefers.

If you are interested, or if you know of someone who would be interested, please contact Dee in the church office.

Thank you!

Quilts of Valor

Debbie Haas will be coordinating a Quilts of Valor event on November 11. Several members of LTQ have agreed to put together quilt tops that some of our gracious longarmers have agreed to quilt. Please let Debbie know if you are working on one that will be completed in time. She needs to confirm recipients who would be willing to attend a small ceremony we would have at the church. If you know of any local military vets who would appreciate a quilt, please let Debbie know asap. The ideal size for quilts is 60" x 80". No smaller than 55" x 65" and no larger than 72" x 90". Check out www.qovf.org for more specifics.

Mystery Row by Row BOM

Although the BOM for 2025-2026 debuted in October, it's never too late to start! A new block is presented in two sizes (6" & 12") each month. Just make a row of the same block. You set the width of your rows…make a small wallhanging or a king size quilt!

You can use a fabric bundle or do something totally scrappy. Pick a theme like Christmas, Fall, or Sports and use coordinating fabrics. Dig into your stash and see what you come up with. We suggest you use a common background fabric to tie it all together.

All patterns have been posted on our website. Only two more months to go! Can't wait to see everyone's finished quilt tops! Quilt tops will be revealed at the September business meeting. Questions? Contact Kathy Snyder or Nancy Miller

DAY BEE

Day Bee meets on the second Wednesday of each month from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Bring along a project to work on and get to know your fellow LTQ members.

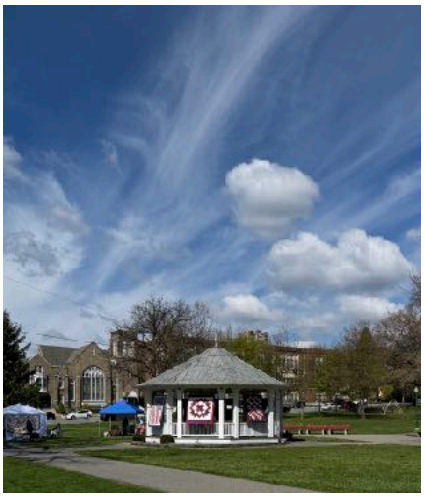
Questions? Contact Rosemary Geisler

EPP is everywhere!!! (hexies found on the steps of the Vintage Pink & Green quilt shop).

THE AIRING OF THE QUILTS

by, Nancy Miller

On May 2nd, my husband and I headed up to Palmerton, PA for the Airing of the Quilts. It was a beautiful day to be outside enjoying the many quilts that graced the businesses along Delaware Avenue in Palmerton. Vendors were set up in the park and several churches had displays of quilts. The gymnasium at Palmerton High School also had a lovely quilt display. We also visited The Quilted Crow which had relocated to Palmerton from its former location near Lehighton. They had a lot of batiks and Kim Diehl fabrics. Last, we stumbled on a new shop, Vintage Pink & Green in Weissport. We found a lot of Tilda fabrics as well as every fabric fat quarter bundle you could imagine. They also carried a lot of quilt kits. It was a fun adventure!



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 6th, and facilitated by President, Val Fisher. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m.

The meeting began with Show and Tell. There were bags with zippers, beautiful quilts, hot pads, and bucket hats.

Old Business: It was suggested to have documentation where things are kept, and how things work, such as audio visual gear. There has been no volunteer to coordinate the quilt show in Oaks. It will remain open for another week…if interested, see Val.

New Business: A list of the guild committees was sent out by Diane Hess for review. During the June business meeting, changes will be discussed and committees chosen. Dee, the church secretary, is looking to start a business, and is looking for a seamstress. If you have any interest, you can let her know.

Announcements: Officers will be nominated at the June meeting. We have one veteran so far for the Quilt of Valor presentation.

Basting Day: There was one quilt done on April 29th.

Block of the month: The pattern is a nine patch.

Challenge: Embellishments were provided on the stage to help complete this challenge.

Day Camp: April's Day Camp was a success with recipes made from the guild's own cookbook. The next day camp will be October 27 and 28.

Morning Bee: The 2nd Wednesday of the month at 9:30.

Field Trips: There is currently no committee, however, if you find something quilters would be interested in, you can bring it up during a meeting.

Library: The library also has rulers that can be checked out.

Programs: Bucket Hats will be made on May 13th. Summer program will include ways to use up batting.

Service or Charity Project: A summer charity project will be done during one of the summer program meetings.

Sewing Room Sale. There will not be a fabric sale this year.

Speakers: There are two speakers scheduled: one in October and one in November.

Sunshine: A card will be sent to Linda Garthe on the loss of her husband.

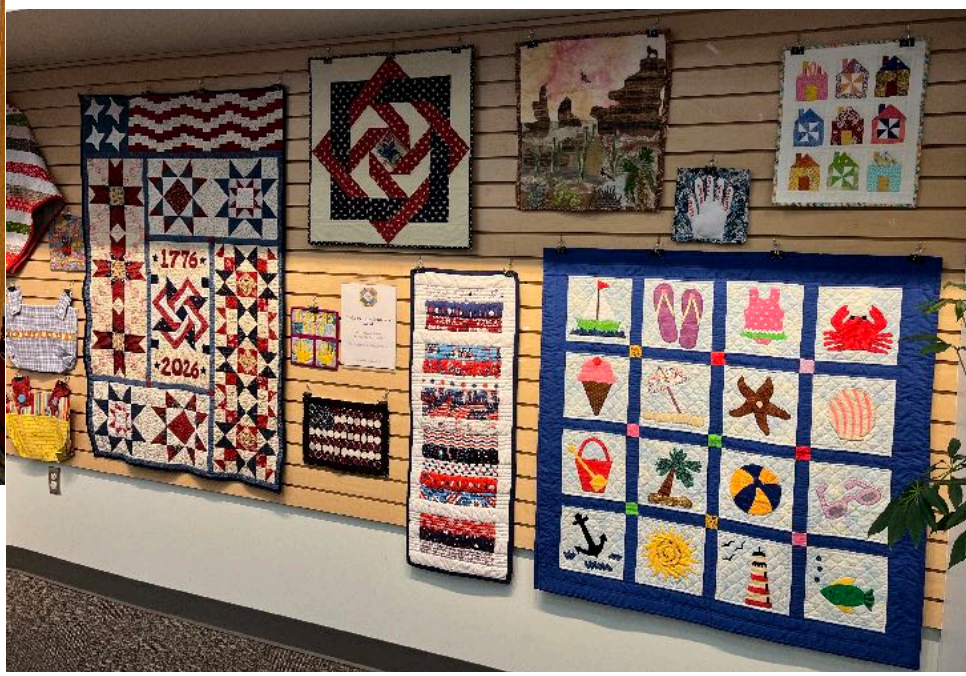
Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's report was provided.

Website: The site is up to date.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Haas, Secretary

HENRIETTA HANKIN LIBRARY DISPLAY



UPCOMING EVENTS

June 2026

A Celebration of Quilts - June 5-6, 2026. Presented by the York Quilters Guild at the York College of Pennsylvania, Grumbacher Sport and Fitness Center, 899 South Richland Ave, York, PA. Please enter from Richland Avenue onto West Campus Drive to parking lot. For more info visit http://www.celebrationofquilts.com/.

Trash to Treasure Sale - June 13, 2026. Presented by Main Line Quilters at Saint Luke Lutheran Church, 203 N Valley Forge Road, Devon, PA. For more info visit https://mainlinequilters.org/2026-trash-to-treasure/.

MidAppalachian Quilt (MAQ) Retreat - June 5-7, 2026. 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/.

QuiltFest Virtual Summer Schoolhouse - June 24-27, 2026. Presented by Mancuso Show Management, leaders in online quilting and textile art events, this four-day virtual experience is your chance to discover new techniques, spark creativity, and explore fresh ideas - all from the comfort of home. With instructors and participants connecting from across the globe, Summer Schoolhouse brings together a vibrant quilting community where inspiration and learning thrive. All workshops will be live on Zoom and will not be recorded. For more info visit https://www.quiltfest.com/upcoming-shows-and-events/.

Road to Virginia Quilter's Conference and Showcase - June 25-27, 2026. A 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/.

July 2026

51st Annual Sisters Outdoor Quilt Show - July 11, 2026. The Sisters Outdoor Quilt Show (SOQS) in Sisters, Oregon is internationally recognized as the world's largest outdoor quilt show displaying more than 1300 quilts representing fiber artists from around the world. For more info visit htttps://www.soqs.org/.

A Quilter's Destination Northeast Ohio Quilt Show - July 23-25, 2026. At the John C. Myers Convocation Center at Ashland University, Ashland, OH. The NE Ohio Quilt Show is moving to a NEW venue for the 2026 quilt show. Location is Handicap accessible and all vendors are on one floor. Lunch options on site. 45+ Vendors, 250+ Quilts, 30+ Classes and Lectures. Free Admission and Free Parking. For more info visit https://www.aquiltersdestination.com/ashland-oh.

18th Annual Atlanta Quilt Festival - July 31- Sept 5, 2026. The AQF is dedicated to the preservation and promotion of African American quilting and other textile art. At Southwest Arts Center, 915 New Hope Road, South Fulton, GA 30331. For more info visit https://www.atlantaquiltfestival.com/

August 2026

Eureka Montana Quilt Show - August 1, 2026. This show has graced downtown Eureka Montana for 17 years and has become a go-to destination for quilters from all over the Northwest, Canada and other countries. It decks out Eureka's downtown and Historical Village with unimaginable color and supports the local economy with tourism dollars. For more info visit https://www.eurekaquiltshow.com/.

AQS Quilt Week - August 19-22, 2026. Presented by AQS at the DeVos Place Convention Center, 303 Monroe Ave NW, Grand Rapids, MI. For more info visit https://www.quiltweek.com/.

Shop Hops

All Mid-Atlantic Shop Hop 7/1/2026 - 8/31/2026. List of Shops in DE, MD, NJ, PA (smaller this year: VA and WV moved to All Blue Ridge Shop Hop)

All Ohio Shop Hop 8/1/2026 - 9/30/2026. List of Shops

Hospitality

June 3	snack	Barb Sherman
	snack	Melissa Ciacci
June 17	snack	Joanne Borgnis
	snack	Josie Sharp

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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www.theloosethreadsquilters.org