Loose Threads Quilters Guild

Spring City, PA

December 4, 2024

Dear Fellow Quilters,

We are pleased to announce that plans are underway for our biennial Loose Threads Quilter's Tea, and we are anxious to share them with you. Mark your calendar for **Saturday, March 22, 2025**, and plan to come to the First United Church of Christ located at 145 Chestnut Street, Spring City, PA. Admission is $30 per person. To give our guests time to browse, the doors will open at 9:00 a.m. and our guest speaker will start her lecture at 10:30 a.m. Then, a delicious luncheon buffet will be served at noon, followed by (*new this year!*) demonstrations & more shopping time.

The following popular features are scheduled: the member quilt exhibit, sewing room sale, used book sale, craft sale, basket auction, Tea block raffle, door prizes and the guest Show-and-Tell. It will be a very busy day, but one you are sure to enjoy!

We will take dining room table reservations for groups, 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.

This event fills up quickly, so please mail your registration form early! We hope you will be joining us for this entertaining biennial event. If you have some quilting or non-quilting friends who would like to attend, simply tell them to look for the registration form, along with all the information regarding our Tea, on our Guild website, www.theloosethreadsquilters.org.

We look forward to seeing you in March.

Sincerely,
Chris Rivard & Ruth Ann Joslin
Loose Threads Tea Co-Chairs

Questions? Chris Rivard (610-996-5408)

2025 QUILTER'S TEA ACTIVITIES

ADMISSION

We are pleased to announce that the doors will open at 9:00 a.m. to allow time for shopping and browsing. 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 2025

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 ¼" 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 quilt to receive the Viewer's Choice Award using the ballot included in your packet.

CRAFT SALE

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. See last page for additional information regarding the sewing room.

BASKET AUCTION

In this auction, our guests buy tickets, which are chances to win a wide variety of items. Buy as many tickets as you would like and take a chance on any basket item by placing one or more tickets in the container beside the item you would 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 2027

The next Tea invitations will again be sent online and available around December 1, 2027, on our website. If you do not have computer access, bring a stamped (FOREVER STAMPS ONLY), self-addressed **legal-size** envelope. We will collect 50 cents to cover the cost of copying. There will be stamped envelopes available to purchase for an additional 50 cents.

*Check our website, ***www.theloosethreadsquilters.org*** for cancellation notice due to inclement weather.

2025 GUEST SPEAKER

Our guest speaker this year is Barbara Garrett, a quilt maker from the local area. Barb has extensive knowledge regarding antique quilts and quilt history. She will be presenting the talk:

"With A Mother's Love: A History of Quilt Making"
Barbara designs and makes historic reproduction doll quilts and brings approximately 150 of these doll quilts with her to illustrate and trace the development of quilt making from circa 1780 to 1940, dividing it into 3 time periods -- the pre-Civil War era, the years from 1870-1920, and the Depression years. This lecture provides facts, stories, and myths about quilting and gives information about the types of quilts, patterns, and fabrics that were popular in the various time periods. It also details how the social situations of the times both affected and were affected by women's quilt making. Many major and minor events in our country's history are reflected in our quilts.

2025 TEA DEMONSTRATIONS

NEW THIS YEAR!! We are excited to offer **demonstrations** this year during what usually was our discussion group time. This change is something new we are trying that will hopefully give our guests more time to shop and explore the quilts, as well as provide an opportunity to learn some new ideas & techniques! The demonstrations will be offered after lunch and will give any guest who is interested an opportunity to see ***more than one*** demonstration. Each demonstration will be offered twice so that if you miss the first one, you can still see the demo during the second time frame. Each guest will be able to see at least **two** of the three demos if they choose to do so. A demonstration schedule will be posted the day of the Tea.

If the demonstration topics are not your "cup of Tea," then feel free to shop, view the quilt show quilts or do any of the several quilt-y activities we have to offer!

The demonstration topics are:

Demo #1 – All about the Binding (Silvia Homa)

> "*All I have to do is finish the binding!*" Sound familiar? This is what you probably told yourself before putting that project in the UFO pile. I will show you some quick and easy ways to finish your binding, which may inspire you to get that quilt you tirelessly worked on, finally finished.

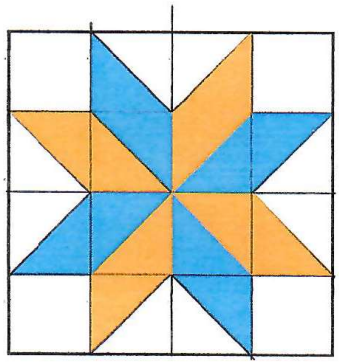
Demo #2 – Decorative Stitching for Surface Applique (Melissa Ciacci)

> Would you like to learn a few new decorative stitches to embellish your applique quilts, table runners, etc.? Learn the difference between threads, thread weight, and needles. Learn what to use for which thread and which stitch.

Demo #3 – How to make design boards (Diane Hess)

> Design boards are expensive, but you can make your own! I will show you how easy it is to make design boards. You can customize the size to fit your needs and use up some leftover batting at the same time!

2025 TEA BLOCK



12 1/2 X 12 1/2 unfinished

Use your favorite method of making half square triangles (HST)

This is a free block named Starflower from www.quilterscache.com

from background (white or off white)
cut. : (4) 3 1/2 in squares
cut : (4) 4 in squares

from turquoise blue (can be same color or scrappy)
cut : (4) 4 in squares

from orange : (can be same color or scrappy)
cut :(4) 4 in squares

To make HST pair (1) white /off white 4 in square with 2 turquoise and 2 orange squares

draw diagonal line on back of white or light square and sew 1/4 in on both sides of the line. cut on diagonal line ,to make 2 HST.
trim down to 3 1/2 in squares

Do same for remainder of turquoise and orange squares and follow the diagram above for block placement

2025 TEA REGISTRATION

Name_____

Address_____

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Phone_____

E-Mail Address_____

Guild Assoc._____

No need to choose a discussion group this year (as in past years).
We are doing three **(3) demonstrations** that can be attended by any guest.
A guest will be able to attend a maximum of ***two*** demonstrations.

NOTE: There will be two opportunities to attend each of the 3 demonstrations, or if a guest chooses, they can spend time viewing the quilts upstairs or spend time shopping.

Mail registration form and check for $30 (per person) payable to **Loose Threads Quilters** to:

Laurie Kelly
P. O. Box 24
Gilbertsville, PA 19525

You will be contacted only if the event is sold out.
Registration fee is non-refundable unless LTQ cancels the event.

SEWING ROOM SALE

Doors Open at 9:00 am

Cotton Fabrics	Quilt Kits	Rulers
Fat Quarters galore!	Orphan blocks	Cutting Mats
Fabric flat fold yardage	Wooden Spools	Cutting templates
Vintage fabrics	Quilting Patterns	Embroidery floss
Vintage Feed Sack Fabric	Thread	Yarn
Flannel Grab Bags	Sewing Notions	Buttons
Wool Bundles	Sewing Boxes	**And so much more!!**

Bernina Bernette Sewing Machine for Raffle!!

$1500 MSRP Value!!

1 ticket for $5

3 tickets for $10

Machine Donated by:
Hinkletown Sewing Machine Shop
232 Wanner Road
Ephrata, PA 17522

bernette 77

The b77 focuses exclusively on sewing and quilting. It has 230 mm of space to the right of the needle for creative projects, and four LEDs provide bright illumination of the sewing area. A total of 500 stitches are available to choose from, including 22 utility stitches, 133 decorative stitches, 3 alphabets, 35 quilting stitches, and 17 buttonholes. The maximum stitch width is 7 mm and the maximum stitch length is 5 mm. As well as practical functions, such as the speed regulator and needle stop up/down, the b77 also features a needle threader and an automatic thread cutter. Eight presser foot soles and a large extension table are included.

AND SO MUCH MORE!

Cash/smaller bills are appreciated
Checks are accepted

NO CREDIT CARDS