Loose Threads News

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1st Wednesday Agenda

9:30 Doors open - refreshments & socializing

10:00 Business Meeting

3rd Wednesday Agenda

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10:00 **Whisper Challenge Exhibit**

5th Wednesday Agenda

9:30 Basting & service projects

President's Message

As I sit and write this, it's 90 degrees and threatening to thunder storm, so much for the first day of Fall. However, we all know that real Fall weather is bound to catch up to us soon. And that, my friends, is a sure sign that the time is perfect to get busy on those soon to be Christmas presents, snuggly flannel quilts and don't forget that your Challenge piece needs to be finished in time for the Brunch. So much to keep us busy!

Speaking of busy, our Guild activities in the coming months should keep us out of trouble, maybe. In October, we have a field trip to Winterthur to see the costumes from "The Crown" and perhaps a peek at some of the quilts in their collection. November brings us a guest speaker, RaNae Merrill, she will speak in the morning and present a design workshop in the afternoon. And, of course, come December, we will have our ever-festive Holiday Brunch. These events should keep us busy for the rest of this calendar year and they promise to provide a most enjoyable time!

Lest I forget, wishing you all a wonderful, spicy, funny, orangey and happy Halloween!

Betty Ann

We had a beautiful day for our excursion to the **Pennington Quilt Shop** on the 25th. The shop is large, well-lit and chock full of the loveliest, brightly colored fabric and quilts you can imagine. After shopping, we enjoyed a tasty lunch at a nearby restaurant, Francesca's.

Minutes – September Meeting

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting started promptly at 10:05

OLD BUSINESS:

- Kathy Travis brought in her quilt from her initial bout with cancer, some of the signatures had faded and she is asking if members could re-sign their block.
- Our Loose Threads Facebook page needs a committee for this term.
- There is an updated flyer/trifold that can be given out to our guests. A suggestion was noted to give out a fat quarter as a thank you for coming.
- Betty Ann requested that an ad hoc committee be formed of 3 experienced members and 3 newer members be made. This committee would review all the responsibilities of each committee and compare the accuracy of what each one does to what is written down and described.
- Debbie O' Keefe is collecting the small quilts for the raffle at the library. Theme is flowers, birds and butterflies. Winner with the most votes will get $25.

COMMITTEES:

BUSINESS MEETING RAFFLE: 2 gifts were available for the raffle

CHALLENGE: Wings is the theme which can be in the design or fabric

DAY CAMP: There are openings for day camp. Bring forms and money if interested.

EVENING BEE: Will be Sept 11th. Dinner at Giovanni's in Royersford at 5 pm if interested.

FABRIC EXCHANGE: Is done and waiting for the next committee to take over.

FIELD TRIP: A trip to Pennington Quilt Works in NJ is planned for Sept 25th. Carpools are being planned for the trip.

A trip to Winterthur is for Oct 23rd the cost is $40. A signup sheet and money needed by Sept 18th.

NEWSLETTER: Linda Hamel gives thanks to all those that have been providing information for the newsletter. Consider submitting an article of any recent quilt shops you have been to or any books or speakers that you heard about. You can contact Joanne Cantwell and she can write it up, if you would like.

NEEDLE NITE: Will be at Winnie's house. Bring your favorite ice cream and a flashlight, which is needed for the dark street.

PROGRAMS: A program is needed for Oct. Could do the Whisper reveal of first group

SERVICE PROJECTS: If you have taken a kit for the walker bags, please bring back the finished product.

SPEAKERS: A lecture and workshop are scheduled for Sept. A sign-up sheet is going around for a design workshop offered right after the lecture in Nov with RaNae Merrill. No machine is needed.

TEA: New name for craft room will be the Boutique. Sewing room sale will take donations up to 1st week in Jan. A meeting in Nov is scheduled for tea discussion topics.

WEBSITE: Up to date with the newsletter and BOM

TREASURER Christine reported the guild's expenses and income for the previous month

RAFFLE WINNERS: BUSINESS: Lenore Clark and Clem Dupont; NAMETAG winner Judy Snook

Respectfully submitted,

Silvia Homa –Secretary

Hospitality

	October 2	October 16	October 30
Snack:	Kathy Parker	Carolyn Thompson	Bonnie Strickland
Snack:	Nancy Kinyon-Samac	Virginia Gates	Barb Painter
Fruit/Veggies:	Bernie Hughes	Joanne Cantwell	Lenore Clarke
Cold Drink:	Winnie McCarrher	Melinda Novatnak	Linda Glass

Upcoming events the **Phillips Museum of Art at Franklin & Marshall College** that may interest quilt guilds. As part of our exhibition *Stitched Stories: Women's Narratives in Regional Textiles*, we invited author and museum professional Lisa Minardi and Joan Gaither, a documentary story quilter, to give talks on October 3rd, 5:00 PM–7:00 pm and November 21st, 5:30 PM–8:00 pm respectively. After Minardi's gallery talk titled "Cloth is my Field, Needle is my Plow: Pennsylvania German Women's Work," she will give attendees a behind the scenes look at several textiles pulled from storage just for this event. Later in November, Joan Gaither will be showing several examples of documentary quilts, many of which are the result of community collaborations, and talk more about her process. Attending these events and the related exhibition *Stitched Stories* is free.

October Birthdays

8 Bonnie Swartzentruber
16 Jean Sullivan
18 Judy Peters
27 Joanne Cantwell

Calico Cutters Quilt Guild

Wednesday, October 9

Sandra Bruce - *Material Matrix and the Path Taken*

http://www.sandrabruce.com/quilt_home.html

Sandra's lecture will be an overview of the evolution of her technique "Material Matrix" and how it works, along with a colorful visual journey that brought her to the technique.

Doors Open: 9:00 AM
Meeting Begins: 9:30 AM
Guest Fee $5.00

Goshen Fire Company
1320 Park Ave
Westchester, PA

Downingtown Library Fundraiser

Thank you to Lenore Clarke, Judy Peters, Linda Hamel and Lori Memmen for contributing quilts to the Downingtown library quilt raffle. We were able to raise $405 for the children's summer reading program.

Debby O'Keefe

The theme for the quilt raffle, held September 27, was

Butterflies, Birds and Blooms.

Needle Nite

Needle Nite began as the 'Sleepover' in 1992 and has been a huge success through the years. Held annually in the fall, we meet at a member's home and the menu of the day is pizza and ice cream. This year's hostess (three in a row!) was Winnie McCarraher and 14 members were able to attend. Although some handwork actually did get done as we sat around Winnie's large table, most of the time was spent talking, eating and especially, laughing.

"The pizza line starts to the left…"

Thank you Winnie!

Cathy making those hexies

Getting to Know You Kathie Travis

Kathie's love of sewing started early – she loved to play on her Grandmother's treadle sewing machine when she was 2 years old and soon understood how it worked. At age 5, she was making some of her own clothes, at 11, she won 1st prize in a Singer Center sewing contest in Doylestown, then won a Regional 1st and National 2nd prize for her beautiful 3-piece linen suit (which unfortunately got lost in the mail as it was being returned to her after the contest)!

Growing up in the Doylestown/Willow Grove, PA area, Kathie shared her childhood with one sister. Graduating from Central Bucks High School, she had a fond interest in Mechanical Design and went on to work as a draftsman for 28 years. Working for 3 companies during those years, she was the only female employed in that capacity for all 3 companies. She and her first husband of 22 years welcomed two sons and she enjoyed 17 more years of marriage to her second husband who passed away in 2010.

She credits her friend, Edy Martin (former Loose Threads member) for introducing her to Loose Threads about 20 years ago. She has enjoyed her association with the guild, seeing the many wonderful items that members have made, learning from them and from our guests.

In addition to quilting, Kathie enjoys knitting and counted cross stitch. Collecting is also a hobby, specifically musical instruments, Native American pottery, Amish items and fabrics as favorites. She has enjoyed her travels in the West, to the Yukon and Hawaii, and she enjoys cruises. She loves her home in Lower Pottsgrove that she shares with her three cats and is thrilled to have 3 rooms available for her fabrics and sewing projects.

Kathie has been combatting cancer since 2010 and is currently treating a tumor which has paralyzed her vocal cords but she enjoys getting out and being with others. She is also so pleased that she developed that productive sewing habit so long ago!

Joanne Cantwell

Quilt Shop Review Betty Ann Dawson

Welcome – The Front Door

Den Haan & Wagenmakers BV, Nieuwezijds Voorburgwal 95, 1012RE Amsterdam NL, +31 (0)20 6202525

www.dutchquilts.com

While roaming around the center of Amsterdam, Netherlands, Pete and I happened upon two quilt shops right next door to each other. Well, you know how we all are about quilt shops, I had to go in and look around. And, I have Pete well trained, he snapped a few photos of the outside and inside.

Dutch quilts are a little different than ours; the materials are generally darker in tones and the fabric almost chintz-like. There weren't very many pale, muted colors and when they are used, they are in the background as you can see in the photos. The quilts were striking and on the bold side.

Unfortunately, the other shop wasn't open so we couldn't wander around in there. Apparently, there had been a big quilt show the weekend before and there was much unpacking to be done. Everyone was exhausted!

If you're planning a trip to Amsterdam and want to visit this shop, I have a map that might make it a bit easier, especially if your Dutch is a bit rusty.

Betty Ann Dawson

Lots of Fat Quarters

Upcoming Events

Fall Festival of Quilts - October 11 – 13, 2019 Presented by Undercover Quilters at Brookhaven Municipal Building, 2 Cambridge Road, Brookhaven, PA , Admission $7
www.undercoverquilters.com

Beauty and the Batik – October 11 – 12, 2019 Presented by Keystone Quilters at Finland Mennonite Church, 1750 Ziegler Road, Pennsburg, PA Admission $8
www.keuystonequilters.org

Quilting for Cures – October 18 – 20, 2019 Presented by South Shore Stitchers Quilt Guild at Upper Township Community Center, 1790 Route 50, Tuckahoe, NJ Admission $8
www.southshorestitchers.com

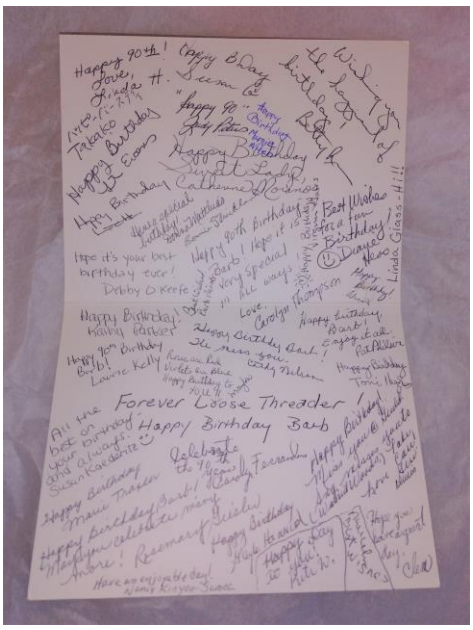
A Harvest of Quilts – October 19 – 20, 2019 Presented by Evening Star Quilt Guild at Belvidere High School, 809 Oxford St., Belvidere, NJ Admission $7
www.esqg.com

A Thread Runs Through It - October 12 – 13, 2019 Presented by Newtown Quilters Guild at Lower Bucks Masonic Hall, Heacock Road & Edgewood Road, Yardley, PA Admission $8

Forever Loose Threader!

One of our long-term members just celebrated a milestone birthday on September 14th – Barb Kuterbach turned 90! After the program meeting in September a few members went to visit Barb at The Birches in Harleysville. We brought her a goodie bag filled with cookies, Frieda Anderson's Jack-in-the-Pulpit pattern and a little Happy Birthday singing bear which she couldn't put down. She was absolutely thrilled to see the birthday card filled with all the good wishes of so many folks from the guild. We enjoyed a lovely visit, chatting of Barb's family, her life in Alaska and of fond memories of all her "friends at quilting club."

Susan Koederitz, Linda Hamel and Eileen Frankil wishing Barb a Happy 90th.



September Program Freida Anderson

We knew the highlight of the visit was probably going to be beautiful hand dyed fabrics in every color of the rainbow, but September's workshop and lecture with Frieda Anderson turned out to be so much more. Our Tuesday full day workshop was productive, informative, organized and most of all fun! Frieda had so many suggestions for fused applique - to make the process easier and the end result more appealing.

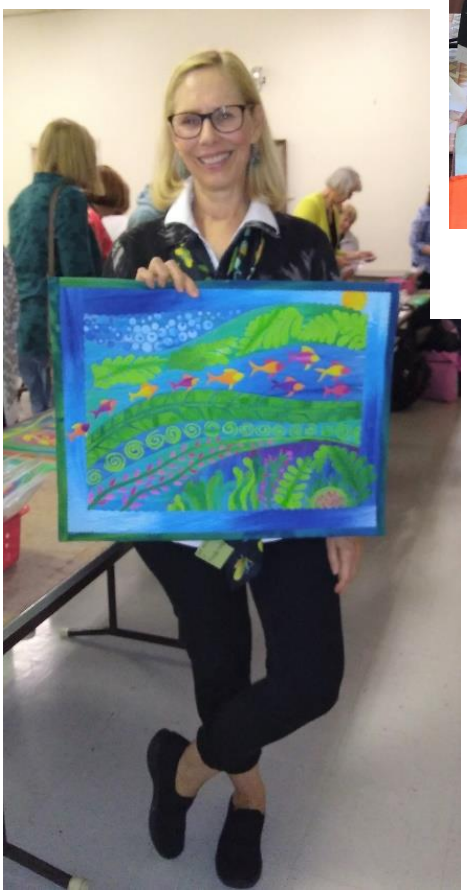
At the lecture on Wednesday, *A Walk with George*, Frieda described the inspiration of nature's simple beauty that is featured in so many of her gorgeous art quilts. Frieda's visit was an opportunity to get to know a talented textile artist - a smart, witty and generous woman of the '*Chicago School of Fusing.'*

Cathy and Laurie

Jack-in-the Pulpit, the free pattern Frieda gave to everyone.

Christine

Marylou & Rosemary



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Loretta

October Program Whisper Challenge

What is the Whisper Challenge? It's based on the old-time party game of Telephone or Whisper Down the Lane, where the first person whispers a sentence to the second person, who whispers what she thinks was said to the third person. By the time the whispered sentence reaches the last person in the line, how different from the original!

For our guild Whisper Challenge, each person started by making a10 ½ inch block using any design of their choice. Quilter #1 passed her block to Quilter #2. Quilter #2 had one month to create a block inspired by the block of Quilter #1. At the end of the month the block of Quilter #1 was collected by the Challenge coordinator. Quilter #2 passed her block to Quilter #3. Thus, each person in the group saw ONLY the quilt block from the quilter immediately preceding her. Each time a quilter made a block, a short note about 'why she made what she did' was also passed to the coordinator.

A total of 26 Loose Threads members in all, (divided into 3 exchange groups) have been participating in the Whisper Challenge since January. At our October program meeting we will see an exhibit, with quilt blocks and inspiration notes, from two of the exchange groups.

Tea Time News Update

By now everyone should have received an email from me (memmlo56@gmail.com) with the detail responsibilities for each of your Tea Committee assignments. If you have not, please check your spam/junk mail folder. And if it isn't there, please contact me to resend this information. Also, I've asked each committee to review these detail responsibilities and update them no later than April 1, 2020. Note, you don't need to wait until April to update these, do it now as time permits.

The following committees need to provide information for the invitation by November 1, 2019, so please let me know your progress or if you need any help! Discussion Groups, Tea Block Design, Quilt Show (special exhibits info). If any other committee has special input you want on the invitation, please contact Lori Memmen.

FYI, we have more than enough guest folders, so please don't bring me anymore. Hopefully we'll find a way in the future to be even more earth friendly and not need these at all. But for now, we have enough. Thank you to those who have donated the folders!

Ta Ta for now,

Lori Memmen

Congratulations to our members who won ribbons at the Kimberton Fair:

Lil Evans, Marcela Sivco, Diane Hess and Linda Garthe.

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Loose Threads Quilt Guild

Meets at 9:30 AM on the
1st & 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

Loose Threads News is a monthly newsletter for the members of Loose Threads Quilt Guild
and is available on our website
www.theloosethreadsquilters.org

Virginia Quilt Museum

2019 Winter Wonderland Challenge

Join us for our new Mini Quilt Challenge! This challenge will stretch your creativity as you create a 15" x 15" Mini Quilt based on our Winter Wonderland theme. Make your entry and send it to us to have your work displayed in the museum! Please include a sleeve on your Mini Quilt. Please see details below on how to participate. We can't wait to see all of the beautiful Mini Quilts you talented artists will create! http://www.vaquiltmuseum.org/

To Enter the Challenge

Create your Mini Quilt with any fabric you would like, but each Mini Quilt must have some kind of Winter element. Submit your Mini Quilt (in person or by mail) + $10 (per Mini Quilt entered) and Challenge Contract (below) to the Virginia Quilt Museum 301 South Main Street, Harrisonburg, VA 22801. Entries must arrive by **November 1, 2019.**

Challenge Contract Form:
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