Loose Threads News

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1st Wednesday Agenda

9:30 Doors open - refreshments & socializing

10:00 Business Meeting
Show and Tell

3rd Wednesday Agenda

9:30 Doors open - refreshments & socializing

10:00 **RaNae Merrill**
AM Lecture
PM Workshop

President's Message

Dear Ladies of Loose Threads,

Happy November! It's hard to believe that in a few short weeks it will be Thanksgiving. In among all that feasting and family, don't forget to take some quiet time for yourself. Time to work on all those Christmas presents that you were determined to make, time to finish your "Wings" challenge, time to get those quilts done for the quilt show at the Tea.

November is a busy month for our guild. At the business meeting we will choose two additional people to be part of the Nominating Committee for the coming year. Sign-ups for Fabric Exchange will be finalized, as well as Secret Pal. And, we have a guest speaker, RaNae Merrill, and her design workshop scheduled for the second meeting of the month. All of that, along with the holiday should keep us busy and, maybe, out of trouble!

Betty Ann

A new Block of the Month begins this month.
The quilt project has a sewing theme, but you will not know what the finished project looks like until the end. Our Mystery project will finish at 34 x 36 inches and will be comprised of 10 various size blocks. Please join us on the BOM 'Mystery Tour'.

The multi-page instructions for Block #1 were included in the email of this newsletter issue.

Diane Hess and Silvia Homa

Minutes – October Meeting

CALL TO ORDER: Business meeting started promptly at 10:00 on Oct 2, 2019. Betty Ann Dawson as president.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Day camp reminder next Tuesday and Wednesday 10-8 and 10-9.
- Make your CD hexes, about 10, any color fabric or design, for the Chinese Auction at the Tea. Instructions are in the August newsletter.

NEW BUSINESS: Our holiday brunch is still scheduled for the first meeting in Dec, the 4th, and our business meeting will be held on Dec 18th. Come January, the evening bee will be held Jan 8th, our business meeting will be held on Jan 15th and there will be a program and or basting day on January 29th.

Today's meeting was designated for the new committees to meet and discuss plans for this upcoming years' activity.

FIELD TRIP: Winterthur is coming, and checks are due

MEMBERSHIP: All active and associate members signed up

PROGRAMS: First group of our Whisper Down the Lane challenge will be displayed next meeting.

SPEAKERS: November will be ReNae Merrill. A design workshop is scheduled for Wednesday afternoon.

SUNSHINE: Brenda Calhoun's mother has recently passed. Jane Russell has fallen and hurt her knee so she will be out for a short time. Jean Sullivan will be caring for her ill husband and may not attend as many meetings.

TEA: If you have any ideas for the Tea discussions, let Judy Snook know.

Respectfully submitted by:

Silvia Homa – Secretary

Quilter's Quest Shop Hop

October finds Sharon and I participating in the Quilter's Quest Shop Hop in Virginia and Maryland. It is amazingly well planned. All the information is online including the passport (free!), directions to the shops, places to eat, and when the shop hop buses will be at each shop (so you can avoid being there then).

Each shop has made a quilt using similar colors. If you spend at least $40, each shop has a package of a half dozen layer cake fabrics that go into any of the quilts or you can buy a package. This year the theme was books which were shown in decorations in the shops.

Our magnets

There was an object in each shop to find in a scavenger hunt. We found each one and were rewarded with magnets with quilt quotes. Last year the magnets were quilt blocks. Sharon won one of the daily door prizes so I imagine we'll be going back, to pick it up, soon.

Judy Snook

Quilter's Day Camp

Carolyn Thompson

From the first notice that went out months ago to the final wrap, ***Day Camp October '19*** was another amazing success. Considerable planning by the enthusiastic team of Betty Ann Dawson and Lil Evans resulted in nearly two full days of quilting activity for 37 happy attendees. Those who attended chose their preferred work station from ample tables in the main meeting room as well as at additional areas in a small classroom.

Morning coffee and refreshments were available and a bountiful lunch was provided at noon each day with seating for all in the large classroom (Sewing Room Sale room). Innovative offerings one day included yummy potato/leek soup, a huge green salad embellished with plump strawberries and crème Brule for dessert, an immediate hit! More goodies the next day featured assorted hoagies and for dessert, something for everyone.

Debby O'Keefe

Preparing the crème Brule

Guests each brought their own projects that were most varied: from that long-term UFO quilt to baby quilts for newly expected family members, maybe a graduation quilt or two, some kit panels with seasonal touches, wool projects, charity quilts and even dozens of hexies were created. If one ran into a problem or a question on their project, another who could offer help or suggestions was merely a few steps away and all reported a real sense of accomplishment as they headed off on the second day.

Much gratitude is extended to Betty Ann and Lil and their helpers for their many endeavors to keep "Day Camp" high on the list of activities for Loose Threads members in 2020 and beyond!

Clean-Up Crew

Joanne Cantwell

Eileen, Lenore and Linda

Time to get up from your sewing machine and move (and groove!) a bit.

Laurie & Cathy

'The Annex'

Mmmm…lunch!

Busy time at the Quilter's Café.

November Speaker – RaNae Merrill

On Wednesday, November 20, 2019 Loose Threads will enjoy a day with RaNae Merrill. The morning will be a lecture and trunk show. In the afternoon from 1- 4 pm will be her workshop - **Designing a Simply Amazing Spiral Quilt**. (Might be good to bring a lunch.)

In the workshop, participants will learn techniques for designing their own unique and original spiral quilt. Often when spirals are combined the spirals themselves disappear and the connections between them become the more important element of the design. The possibilities range from traditional to modern. The class explores and builds on the techniques in RaNae's books *Simply Amazing Spiral Quilts* and *Magnificent Spiral Mandala Quilts*.

There is no sewing in this class -- it focuses just on design.

Fabric Exchange 2020

The Fabric Exchange for 2020 will begin in January. This year we are featuring **fat quarters** in **geometrics**. If you are interested in collecting these fat quarters for your quilting use, please sign up in November 2019 with Toni Hughes.

The 2020 Fabric Exchange will run from January through September 2020. Each month you will cut fat quarters of a pre-selected color for the month and place them in a zip-lock bag with your name on it and turn them in to Toni Hughes, Geri Dulis or Takako Pike. At the following meeting you will receive a group of fat quarters in that color that other Fabric Exchange members have chosen.

When the sign-up period ends on November 30, 2019 and we know how many are participating, you will be notified of the exact number of fat quarters to cut monthly for the remainder of our quilting year 2020. Depending on the number of people who sign up, we will break you into groups so you will not have to buy more than 1 to 1 1/2 yards of fabric.

MONTH	COLOR
January	Blue
February	Red
March	Brown
April	Black
May	Green
June	Purple
July	Yellow
August	Multi-colored
September	Orange

2019 - 2020 Loose Threads Committees

Officers: President – Betty Ann Dawson, Vice President – Virginia Gates, Secretary – Silvia Home, Treasurer – Diane Hess

2020 Challenge - Linda Glass, Carolyn Thompson
Ad Hoc – *Judy Peters, Susan Koederitz, Judy Snook, Diane Hess, Catherine Morano, Lenore Clarke
Business Meeting Raffle – Debby O'Keefe, Marcela Sivco, Jane Russell
Basting – Kathy Neiman, Jean Sullivan, Judy McCourry, Loretta Radewonuk, Jeanne Nalbandian
Block of the Month – Diane Hess, Sylvia Homa
Evening Bee – Judy Snook, Nancy Miller
Fabric Exchange – Toni Hughes, Geri Dulis, Takako Pike
Facebook – Kiti Williams, Brenda Calhoun, Judy Magner
Field Trips - Betty Ann Dawson, Cathy Nelson, Winnie McCarraher, Christine Fallon
Historian – Kathy Parker, Stephanie Adrian
Holiday Brunch – Donna Mathias, Susan Glaser, Linda Garthe, Melinda Novatnak, Sally Ater, Pat Leiter, Clem Dupont
Hospitality –Barb Painter, Gayle Hammond, Bonnie Strickland, Mary Larkin, Geri Dulis
Librarians – Judy McCourry, Toni Hughes, Carolyn Ferrandino
Newsletter - Linda Hamel, Joanne Cantwell
Nominating Committee – *Virginia Gates, Election of 2: Pat Philion, Margie Allen, Linda Glass, Christine Fallon, Judy Shafer
Programs – Loretta Radewonuk, Josie Sharp, Christine Fallon, Marie Traxler
Secret Pal – Margie Allen, Jane Russell
Service Projects – Nancy Kinyan-Samec, Lenore Clarke, Judy Shafer, Brenda Calhoun, Kathie Travis
Speakers – *Laurie Kelly, Marylou Boryta, Rosemary Geisler,
Sunshine – *Judy Snook, Jean Sullivan, Eileen Frankil
Tea Chairs – 2020 – Lori Memmen, 2021 – Bernie Hughes
Website – Diane Hess

Odd Jobs (Not Committees)
Day Camp - Betty Ann Dawson, Lil Evans
Email Blaster – Linda Hamel
Name Tag Raffle – Marylou Boryta
Needle Nite – Winnie McCarraher
Printing Name Tags – Jean Sullivan
UFO Challenge – Marylou Boryta

Road Trip

What a wonderful day we spent at Winterthur! The weather was lovely, the docents were friendly and so knowledgeable and the quilts we saw were amazing. The vast collection that comprises Winterthur museum features a variety of predominantly American artifacts that date prior to 1860. We were divided into small groups and were taken to various rooms (there are 175 in all!) that featured quilts, bed coverings and needlework. The house tour ended in the Quilt Storage Room. They had selected 8 quilts from their huge archive for us to examine more closely. (Betty Ann and I 'guesstimated' that there were over 350 quilts stored in that room!) After lunch in the cafeteria at the Visitor's Center, we returned to the museum to view the costumes of *The Crown*, a Netflix series about the life and times of Queen Elizabeth II.

Business Raffle Donors for 2019-2020

November	Winnie Mc Carraher
December	Marcela Sivco
January	Kathy Parker
February	Judy Shafer
March	Josie Sharp
April	Lori Memmen
May	Donna Mathias
June	Judy McCourry
July	Gayle Hammond
August	Judy Magner
September	Kiti Williams

You will receive a phone call reminder when it is your month. Your prize is completely up to your choosing. It can be quilting, sewing related or something completely different. No set monetary amount. Think simple, fun, seasonal, sweet (chocolate?).
Contact Debby O'Keefe with questions.

YOU ARE INVITED

Loose Threads Holiday Brunch

Wednesday, December 4, 2019

10:00 A.M.

Gift Exchange – *If you would like to participate*, bring a quilting related gift valued at $20, wrapped with your name written on a card inside.

Bring your WINGS challenge quilt in a plain bag

Bring a dozen cookies to share

Bring your favorite holiday mug

Upcoming Events

13th Annual Exhibition of Quilts – November 8 – 9, 2019 Presented by Lebanon Quilt Guild at Lebanon Expo Center and Fairgrounds, 80 80 Rocherty Road, Lebanon, PA Admission $10 www.lebanonquiltersguild.com

Celebration of Quilts 2019 – November 8 – 9, 2019 Presented by Brownstone Quilters Guild at Northern Highlands Regional High School, 298 Hillside Avenue, Allendale, NJ Admission $10 www.brownstonequilters.com

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

18 Jeanne Nalbandian
28 Bonnie Strickland

Wings Challenge

It's not too late!

Questions? Contact Linda Glass

It's almost time for the 2019 challenge reveal! A few reminders:

- theme is "wings"
- maximum circumference is 120"
- bring your finished entry in an unmarked bag to the December brunch.

Quilts will be displayed on the stage and we will vote on favorites. Three lucky winners will take home cash prizes!

Hospitality

	Nov 6	Nov 20
Snack	Judy Magner	Marie Traxler
Snack	Sally Ater	Kiti Williams
Fruit/Veg	Donna Matthias	Marylou Bortya
Cold Drink	Silvia Homa	Nancy Kinyon-Samec

Keeping in Touch Sandy Michalec

One of our Loose Threads guests this summer was Sandy Michalec, associate member, who grew up in Spokane, WA. When life moved her to homes across the US and beyond, she eventually touched down in Chester County and became acquainted with Loose Threads. As an active member from 2000 to 2012, she served as Treasurer, Vice President, and was Co-Chair of the Tea. In 2012, Sandy moved to Olympia, WA, the State Capitol, to be near her 2 sons and families including 3 grandchildren, all of whom are less than an hour from her now. She is enjoying her surroundings, living in a bit of a rainy climate but oh, so green all year long, lots of pine trees, mountains, (especially Mt. Rainier) and Puget Sound.

As she was getting acquainted with the new area, Sandy knew she really would like to find a quilt guild near Olympia. Sandy's son came through for her, introducing her to a co-worker who was a member of a large guild structured much like ours. She knew from the beginning that she would have to just "put herself out there" and get involved. The new guild is very large with membership of around 200 women and is celebrating their 20th anniversary! They meet in the sanctuary of a church on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday evenings each month.

The Washington Stars Quilt Guild sponsors retreats, brings in speakers, takes field trips, etc., much like Loose Threads. They have a very active charity group which is currently Sandy's main focus. The guild charity projects include:

- Quilts for *Safe Place* (Center for families of domestic violence)
- Quilts for veterans in hospice units
- Quilts for DSHS Foster kids
- Making cloth bags for the Food Bank (Plastic bags are no longer allowed there)
- Items for the Baby Bank – supplying them with Christmas stockings (The guild made 800 Christmas stockings this year!)
- Kits for the NICU units
- Sewing Place Mats for *Meals on Wheels* at holiday time

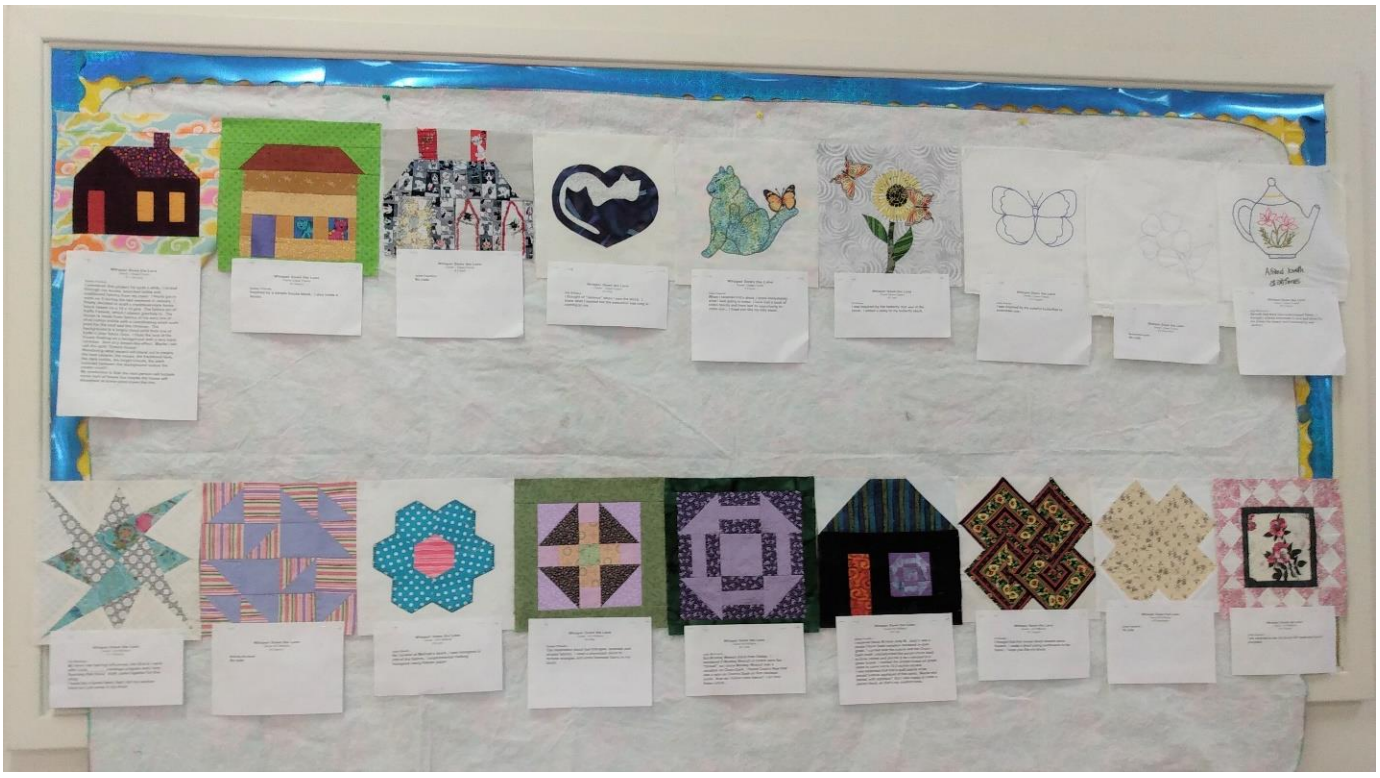
Sandy lamented that small quilt shops near Olympia have recently closed and it's difficult to find nice fabric in the area (but she has quite a stash to work through anyway at the moment). Sounds very familiar to us!

She also mentioned that her quilt guild contacts have introduced her to other broadening areas of her life; she has joined a bridge group and takes water aerobics, both shared with new quilter friends. She is so happy to be a part of Washington Stars and - look for her to visit Loose Threads again some summer day as she continues to enjoy the friendships and memories with quilters from her Chester County days.

Joanne Cantwell

Whisper Challenge Exhibit

In October we revealed the amazing results for 18 participants of the Whisper Challenge Exchange that has been going on since January. Participants made blocks each month inspired by ONLY the block immediately preceding theirs. Members wandered the room to view each series – the blocks arranged in sequence with notes describing why each quilter had decided on their design. Remarkable creativity and imagination were evident everywhere as almost every series took surprising twists and turns. The series for the remaining 8 participants will be displayed soon. An exhibit is also planned for our 2020 Tea in March.



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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

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and is available on our website
www.theloosethreadsquilters.org

Calico Cutters Quilt Guild

Wednesday, November 13, 2019
Judith Baker Montano
"Crazy Quilt History"

The Victorian era was an exciting and interesting time. Crazy quilts are historical documents; every scrap of fabric has a story to tell. This will be a digital presentation of antique crazy quilts and details showing embellishments and techniques, along with samples of Judith's work.
https://www.judithbakermontano.com

Meeting begins at 9:30 AM
Guest Fee $5.00
Goshen Fire Company
1320 Park Ave
West Chester, PA

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