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

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10:00 Tea Preparations

President's Message

The countdown has begun in earnest. We're approximately 6 weeks out until our Quilter's Tea, our major fundraiser of the year. By now, everyone should have their assignments for the big day. Committees should be meeting to go over plans and be ready to go. Everyone's sewing room should have been cleaned out and items donated to the Sewing Room sale and the Basket Raffle. Tea blocks should be getting made and fat quarters should have been brought in. And, don't forget to finish those entries for the Quilt Show including the Whisper Down the Lane projects and the Wings Challenge and we can't forget, any and all of the in-class sewing projects offered by our various guest speakers. There's still lots to do, so get busy ladies and let's make this Tea the best!

Betty Ann

It was so interesting to see all the Whisper Challenge Blocks on display along with the corresponding inspiration notes. We will have an opportunity to view some again in a special exhibit at the Tea, but due to space considerations that will be just a sampling of the group. Here's your chance to look through the entire group (26!) at your leisure – borrow the new Whisper Challenge photo book which includes **all** the blocks and notes. If you were absent from the guild meeting or perhaps weren't able to get through all the information during the display, see Linda Hamel. The book will be available for the next few months to sign out on loan.

January Minutes

The Monthly Business Meeting of the Loose Threads Guild was held at the United Church of Christ in Spring City, PA on Jan 14, 2020 facilitated by President Betty Ann Dawson. Meeting was called to order at 10:00am.

Old Business: A Talent survey form was sent around to members. It was discussed at an earlier meeting, that new members would like to know who to ask for specific questions on technique and quilting. This form is optional, and for those who wouldn't mind sharing your talents.

New Business:

- Hope on the Hill sent thanks for all the mug rugs that were provided for their dinner. There were about 70 made, and was enough for all.
- There is a need for a co-chair for the tea for 2021 Bernie is co-chair for this year and will move up to chair in 2021

Basting: Next basting day will be April 29th. See a committee member if you need a quilt basted.

Block of the Month: BOM sample was displayed for this months' sewing theme. Patterns available on website. Never too late to join. Encourage members to bring in BOM for show and tell and inspiration for other members.

Challenge: The theme is winter wonderland Needs to display snow or snowflakes in design. Size should be no more than 25 X 25inches.

Fabric Exchange: Blue geometric is due by next meeting.

Facebook Page: The facebook page title is loosethreadsquiltguildgroup.

Field Trips: Any ideas for a trip, see Winnie.

Historian: Kathy Parker organized photo books of events from the past year. (Aug 2018 - July 2019)

Newsletter: Any new information can go to Linda Hamel.

Programs: Next meeting will be with Steve and Liz from Steve's Sewing and how to care for your machine.

Secret Pal: Starts in Feb 2020

Service Projects: Nancy donated to men's' shelter, Manor Care in Pottstown. The VA not taking donations, they are getting overwhelmed. There was an in-depth discussion about where our charity quilts go and what to do with ICE quilts.

Speakers: Gail Garber on April 14th. Workshop will be circular flying geese on Tuesday April 13th

Sunshine: Lenore going to PT and followed by neurologist. It will take a bit to recover from her fall and concussion. Send cards and email.

Tea: 101 guests registered thus far for the Tea
Tea Block: Use either a solid white or tone on tone white for background and cool color blue, green, or purple. Instructions are in Dec 2019 newsletter

Treasurer Report: December expenses were noted

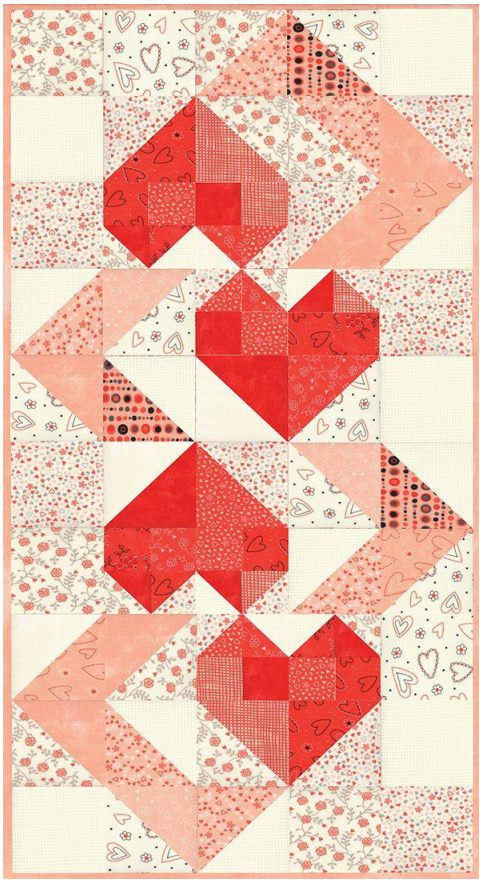
Website: E-mail Diane Hess if there is something of interest for the website.

Drawings:
UFO challenge (Oct, Nov,Dec) winner: Jean Sullivan for 25$
Business meeting raffle winner: Pat Philion
Nametag drawing winner: Betty Ann Dawson

The meeting concluded at 11:00am, followed by a robust "Show 'n Tell" period.

Respectfully submitted by:
Silvia Homa – Secretary

Valentine Quilt Ideas



A quick online search of 'Valentine Quilts' resulted in a number of interesting ideas that you could do without any patterns at all. They may be a bit late for this year but you could have a real head start for February 2021!

Love this appliqued block. Just print out this page, enlarge it on a copier, make a line tracing and you've got the pattern.

2018-2019 Service/Charity Project Report

Our guild members are exceptional ladies! Throughout the year you have donated quilts (children and adults), walker/wheelchair bags, and pillow cases that have been donated to various charities in the area. The gratitude expressed by these organizations brings tears to my eyes. Sometimes I forget how a small gesture means so much; and so, I want to express my gratitude for the generosity of you, the members of the Loose Threads Quilt Guild, in helping those in need.

8 - Adult Quilts to Manor Care, Pottstown, Pa
3 - Quilted Shawls
36 - Adult Quilts to Shannondell Memory Care, Audubon, Pa
26 - Walker bags

<u>These items were donated to:</u>
Manor Care in Pottstown
Manatawny Manor in East Coventry
Shannondell in Audubon
Good Samaritan in Phoenixville

*** As of December 19, 2019, we have donated ALL quilts, walker bags, and pillowcases***

Collection of donated quilts from our guild members has begun for 2020

Nancy Kinyon-Samec

Hospitality

	<u>February 5</u>	**<u>February 19</u>**
Snack:	Josie Sharp	Loretta Radewonuk
Snack:	Judy Snook	Sally Ater
Fruit/Veggies:	Winnie McCarraher	Takako Pike
Cold Drink:	Rosemary Geisler	Linda Glass

Business meeting raffle gift to be provided by Judy Shafer on February 5th.

Tea Reminders

- **Tea Block:** Please make this year's Tea block - FRAMED NINE PATCH. And if you're feeling ambitious, two blocks would make you eligible for the guild drawing of extra blocks. The pattern is available on our web site, under the December newsletter or the Tea Invitation section. The blocks are due by Friday, March 8th, but turn them in any time prior to Debby O'Keefe or Judy Peters.

- **Quilt Show:** Put the finishing touches on your quilting projects so they will be ready for display at the Tea. We hope that **everyone** will have something to show at our annual show. Don't forget last year's workshop projects from Joyce Hughes, Sarah Ann Smith and Frieda Anderson, the 2019 WINGS challenge and all those creative Whisper Challenge Blocks with notes. **If your quilt is larger than 50 x 50" please attach a sleeve for hanging**. This makes the quilt show committee's job so much easier. Attached with this month's newsletter are instructions to create a quilt sleeve.

- **Book Sale:** We are accepting book donations for the Tea. The last day to accept books will be at the Tea set-up day Friday, March 13th. No donations the day of the Tea!
WANTED : Accepting quilt books, craft books, quilt novels, general fiction and biographies (fairly recent and in good condition) and quilt magazines **no older than 2010.**
NOT WANTED: In an effort to reduce the number of leftover books, we will NOT accept: children's books, cookbooks, instruction "booklets," quilt magazines before 2010 or any dusty, damaged or otherwise unappealing books and magazines (please recycle).
Book Sale Committee: Clem DuPont, Virginia Gates, Linda Glass, Judy Magner

- **Sewing Room Sale:** Lil Evans and Betty Ann Dawson are working their magic on all your donations that will, yet again, turn our sewing room sale space into a mini quilt shop. It's too late to add to their fabric stock this year, but set it aside and do it in 2021.

- **Loose Threads Auction:** Do you have a quilt, UFO, fabric, new skein of yarn or sewing item that might work (or add to) an auction basket? Then please consider donating to the Loose Threads Auction. Talk to members of this committee (Linda Hamel, Pat Philion, Kathy Parker, Marie Traxler, or Donna Matthias) to make your donation. Members are asked to donate a FQ or two of fabric for our *100 Fat Quarters Basket*. We also hope to put together a *Notions Basket*, so if you have a NEW notion adding to that clutter in your sewing space, please consider a donation.

- **Craft Sale:** Here is an opportunity to sell your sewing and non- sewing related handicrafts. Prices are set by each crafter and items are sold on consignment, with the guild retaining 10%. We will take items up to Friday, March 13. If possible, please bring in some type of display source for your items. Contact committee members Silvia Homa, Margie Allen or Loretta Radewonuk for any questions.
Be sure to fill out a form with your name, item, price per unit and the number of items. Silvia will have and collect the forms and they will be available on the website to print.
  - **No items will be accepted without a form.**
  - **Each item must be labeled with your initials and price, with a tag or dot label** (If you need some labels, see Silvia)
  - **Please make a copy of your form**

Attached with this month's newsletter are some ideas and lots of links of quick and easy crafts to make.

Any Idea What This Is?

While we were in Tucson last year, we visited the Sonoran Desert Museum. Found this piece of artwork to be interesting, to say the least. If you read the description, you'll find that is made from old sewing patterns. Now we know what to do with those old patterns!

Betty Ann Dawson

Colonia Sublime by Monica Zavala-Durazo

In the early 1980's, for two glorious summers, I was a beekeeper in what was affectionately referred to as the Tri-Community of Oracle, San Manuel and Mammoth, Arizona. Out in the immense surrounding desert of the San Pedro River Valley, my friends had set up a network of apiaries. Isolated and protected in locations known only to them, bee boxes sat stacked like apartments under mesquite trees.

Tending and grooming hives is an art and serious business. There are no short cuts in beekeeping. It is a disciplined, quiet and meditative practice. You learn to work in a constant state of buzzing, humming and mutual respect. Years would pass before I reaped the blessings and lessons learned from bees. This is an 18-pound reflection and manifestation of a deeply embedded memory of bees.

Collection of 625 paper tubes made from recycled sewing patterns. $5000

New Quilt Shop

Lately it seems we keep hearing about another quilt shop closing its doors. Well, good news, a new quilt shop has opened. This just might call for a Loose Threads road trip.

Sew What
4311 Kirkwood Highway
Gordy Plaza
Wilmington, Delaware
https://www.sewwhatde.com/
302 397-8091

Store Hours:

Monday	10:00 am - 9:00 pm
Tuesday	10:00 am - 9:00 pm
Wednesday	10:00 am - 9:00 pm
Thursday	10:00 am - 9:00 pm
Friday	10:00 am - 6:00 pm
Saturday	10:00 am - 6:00 pm
Sunday	CLOSED

UFO Challenge

Reminder - UFO Challenge lists need to be turned in to Marylou at the February Business Meeting (2/5/20). Additional projects can be added to lists as projects are completed (or if you find a hidden UFO!). Any questions, see Marylou Boryta at the meeting.

Upcoming Events

AQS Quilt Week - February 26-29, 2020. Presented by AQS at the Ocean Center, 101 North Atlantic Avenue, Daytona Beach, FL http://aqsshows.com.

Mid-Atlantic Quilt Festival - February 27 - March 1, 2020. Presented by Mancuso Show Management at the Hampton Roads Convention Center, 1610 Coliseum Drive, Hampton, VA http://www.quiltfest.com.

Geometric Fabric Exchange

February's color is **Red**.

February Birthdays

1	Joanne Gardner
3	Pat Leiter
4	Virginia Gates
8	Eileen Frankil
9	Edy Martin
13	Sally Ater
15	Kathy Parker
19	Brenda Calhoun
20	Judy Magner

How Well Do You Know Your Fellow Members?

Quiz Time #1… Now that we have looked at "bios" of over **50** **(!)** Loose Threads members and Associate Members, it's time for a little fun. Here is a list of questions, followed by the names of some of our members. Can you match them up? Next month we'll look at more and continue until all of our questions are answered.

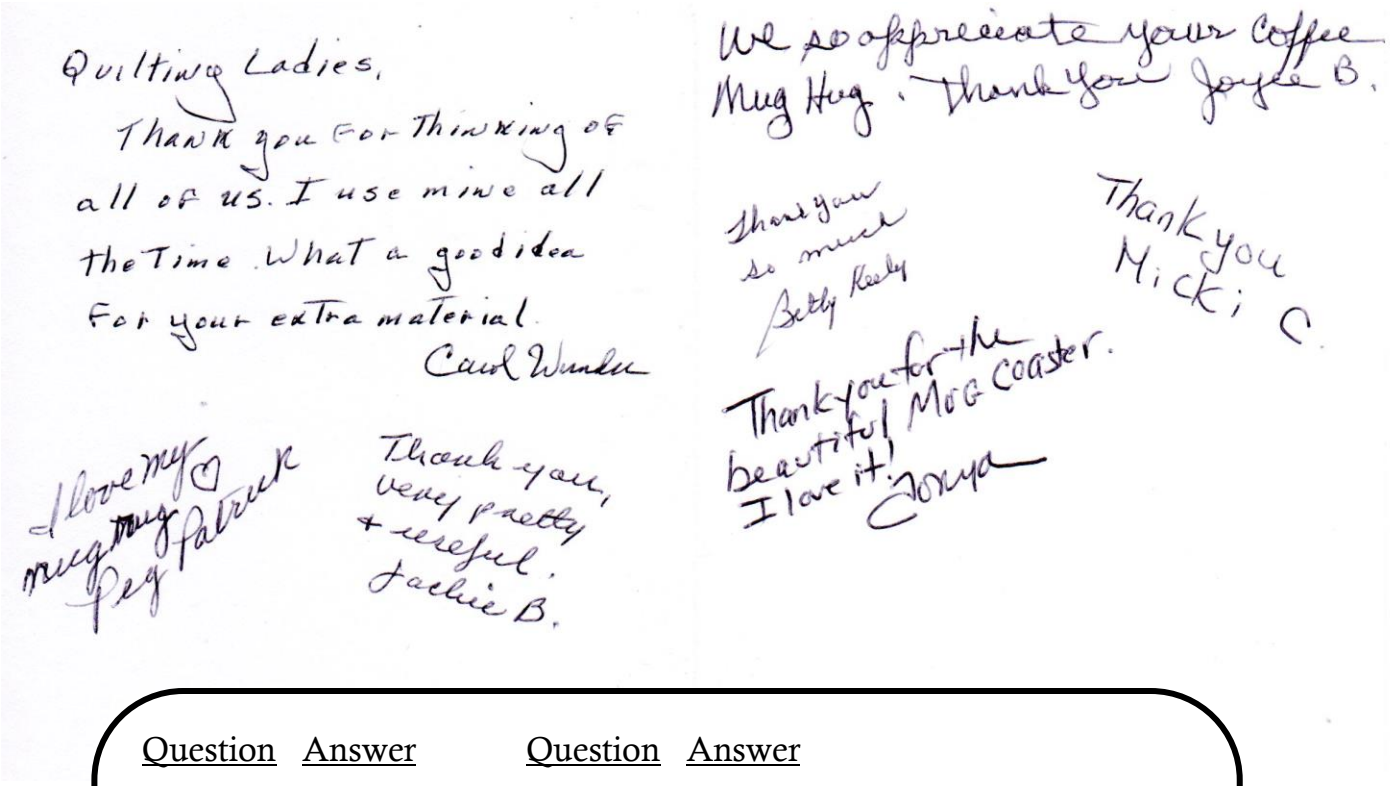
Joanne Cantwell

1. Can you name our former tap dancer?
2. Do you recall the member who won a Blue Ribbon for her beautiful redwork quilt at the Kimberton Fair?
3. Who are we apt to find paddling her canoe at Marsh Creek Lake?
4. Who drives from Lancaster County to come to Loose Threads meetings?
5. Which of our long-arm quilters has transported her machine the farthest?
6. Who was active in the Armed Forces before attending Law School?
7. Which member taught at both a Japanese School and an International School in Brussels?
8. Who enjoys skiing with her Colorado family in their State?
9. Which Associate Member works as a Teacher's Aide so mainly attends summer meetings?
10. Which member feeds her miniature horses before she comes to Loose Threads meetings?
11. Who runs a Parrot rescue service?
12. Which member saturates herself with books, working at Barnes and Noble?
13. Who enjoys taking quilting classes aboard a cruise ship?
14. Which member will chair the Quilter's Tea in 2020?
15. Who enjoys flying in her family's airplane?
16. Which Penn State fan opened her pool on a balmy September evening for Needle Night?
17. Who works out at the gym at 5:30am, then goes home to bake scones?
18. Who lived in California most of her life and now quilts with 3-4 other quilt groups besides Loose Threads?
19. Whose first quilt was made of lime green polyester and brown calico?
20. Which nurse chose her career because she loved the smell of BandAids as a child?
21. Which associate member lives closest to the Pacific Ocean?
22. Which nurse traveled widely as an insurance company employee?
23. Who was a member of the Covered Bridge Embroidery Guild for many years?
24. Which of our Associate Members started to sew at age 5?

A)Toni Hughes
B) Lori Memmen
C) Marie Traxler
D) Lil Evans
E) Barb Painter
F) Kiti Williams
G) Brenda Calhoun
H) Cathy Nelson
I) Sally Ater
J) Virginia Gates
K) Kathy Neiman
L) Geri Dulis
M) Pat Leiter
N) Nancy Miller
O) Bernie Hughes
P) Kathy Travis
Q) Carolyn Thompson
R) Margie Allen
S) Sandy Michalec
T) Silvia Homa
U) Takako Pike
V) Judy Snook
W) Gaye Hammond
X) Marylou Boryta

thank you!

We gave holiday mug rugs to Hope on the Hill to add a festive touch for their December gatherings at the church. As indicated by the thanks we received below, the mug rugs were much enjoyed.



Question	Answer	Question	Answer
1	X	13	V
2	K	14	B
3	E	15	C
4	M	16	D
5	U	17	Q
6	J	18	G
7	I	19	R
8	A	20	T
9	N	21	S
10	W	22	H
11	F	23	L
12	O	24	P

Quiz Time #1
Answer Key

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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

How Much Fabric Should I Buy?

When you come across a fabric you love but you don't have a particular project in mind for it, determining how much to buy can be tricky. Here are some simple suggestions:

Novelty Prints: ¼ yard, fat quarter or ½ yard because they are fun but preform best as focal fabrics or accents.

Florals, paisley, geometrics: ½ yard or 1 yard because they can work as either focal fabrics or blenders. Small-scale motifs often are easier to incorporate into projects than large-scale prints.

Blenders, polka dot, stripes, solids, tone-on-tones, batiks: ½ yard, 1 yard or 1 ½ Yards because these classic fabrics look great in most projects as accents, backgrounds or color unifiers.

Backing Fabrics: 3-5 yards because you want enough for a standard-size quilt. If you end up needing more, you can select a second fabric and piece the back.

Thanks to Jane Russell Source: AllPeopleQuilt.com