Loose Threads News

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1st Wednesday Agenda

9:30 Doors open - refreshments & socializing

10:00 Business Meeting

Time to renew your membership! Don't forget to bring Susan Koederitz your completed membership form and $20 check or cash.

3rd Wednesday Agenda

9:30 Doors open - refreshments & socializing

10:00 Cobblestone Quilt with Linda Hamel

5th Wednesday Agenda

9:30 Doors open - refreshments & socializing

10:00 Basting

President's Message

Parting is such sweet sorrow. However, while this may be my last letter as president of this wonderful guild, you won't be getting rid of me entirely. I'll be around for a long while. We still have the rest of the month for me to torture you, we have a fabric sale to do and then, of course, we will be having Day Camp in October.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank my fellow officers for all their hard work. Josie, for keeping up with all of the membership changes this year. Winnie (and her stand-ins, Judy McC and Sylvia), for excellence in note taking. Marylou, for juggling the books and keeping us solvent. You have all made my job easier! Thank you, thank you, thank you!

Nancy Miller will be taking over in September as your president, please be good to her!

Love you all,

Betty Ann

AUGUST MYSTERY BOM

There will be one small clue plus the 'REVEAL' at our Wednesday business meeting. After the meeting a blast will be sent which includes the final steps and the website from which the mystery quilt was taken.

Minutes - July Meeting

The Monthly Business Meeting of the Loose Threads Quilt Guild was held at the United Church of Christ in Spring City on July 5th, 2023, facilitated by President
Betty Ann Dawson. The meeting was called to order at 10:03.

Old Business: Kiti Williams motioned and Chris Rivard seconded with approval by the membership of June's minutes. The June treasurer's report was also approved.
• A fabric and book sale is taking place on the 18th (set-up) and 19th of August. No new donations are being accepted. Sign-up sheet for working the event is being passed.

Announcements: Betty Ann sold her house and is moving to Delaware in September.

Basting: The next basting day is August 30th. See Kiti to get on the list and find out what is necessary to bring.

Block of the Month: Silvia insists we are near the end. We should have 144 half square triangles, 12 square in squares, 7 hour glass, 10 half hour glass and this month making 12 diamond blocks.

Challenge: Keep working on those challenges.

Day Camp: Will be sometime in October.

Evening Bee: Next Wednesday, July 12th, meeting at 5:00 for dinner at Giovanni's and then meet at the church at 6:30.

Hospitality: Sign-up sheet being passed.

Library: Carolyn states there are 3 new magazines available.

Membership: Membership renewal starts in September. Susan Koederitz will be in charge of membership.

Newsletter: Linda says all is well.

Programs: In July we are working on piecing charity quilts. Sign-up sheet is being passed. There has been a request for long quilts for dialysis centers for tall patients. So, some quilts should be 72" long.

In August Linda Hamel is teaching a pattern called Cobblestones. She reassures us that it is easy and involves rectangles. The example is gorgeous.

Round Robin: The finished project is due in December at the Holiday Brunch.

Secret Pal: Just let Margie know if there are any problems.

Speakers: Laurie Kelly is finalizing contracts next week.

Sunshine: Cathy Nelson is having health issues and could use some positive messages. Jane Russell is in skilled nursing care with severe dementia. Her daughter says she can no longer sew.

Tea: Still need a co-chair.

Treasurer: Marylou gave the current report up to the end of June.

Website: Up to date and Diane reminded everyone of the password for the member's section.

Raffle Winners: Donated by Chris Rivard.
Business Meeting Raffle: Betty Ann Dawson
Name Tag Winner: Judy McCourry

The meeting concluded at 11:05 followed by Show 'n Tell.

Respectfully submitted by:
Winnie McCarraher – Secretary

July Show & Tell

Sharon Beideman

Margie Allen

Linda Hamel

Pat Leiter

Diane Hess

Marcela Sivco

Farewell

No, it wasn't pizza the guild presented Winnie McCarraher with on her last meeting before her move to Wilmington, North Caroline…it was it was a slew of signed blocks made by all her Loose Threads friends who will miss her immensely. After Winnie took a look through the beautiful aqua, teal and blue blocks, we took them all back! They will be assembled into a top, quilted and bound as a friendship quilt for Winnie to enjoy in her new home.

Lori Memmen has a friend who would like to sell her lightly used long-arm. It is an APQS 12' Millennium, 2006. All information and photos were sent as an attachment along with this newsletter.

Quilt Show

In July, organizers of The Lancaster Quilt Show announced their show will move to Lebanon County.

"While we wish we could have continued the show in Lancaster, the landscape of event rental centers has changed greatly in the last few years," organizers shared in an email and on social media. "In order to bring you a great show, with lots of space, somewhere easy to travel to — AND be able to continue to offer free admission and free parking — there was no place in Lancaster that would work."

The quilt show, now named **Lancaster-Lebanon Quilt Show**, will be April 10-13, 2024 at the Lebanon Valley Expo Center. The 2023 show was held at Wyndham Lancaster Resort and Convention Center locate on Route 30.

"At the end of the day, our goal is to bring an event to quilters that is considerate of their time and money," organizers wrote in the email. "We want you to be able to join us without having to spend a lot of money, that is better spent on quilting supplies!"

The **American Quilter's Society show** returns to Lancaster County after a pandemic break. The show comes to Spooky Nook Sports Conference Center Sept. 11-14, 2024. Tickets are not yet on sale.

In the meantime, Quilting Daily is hosting a **Maker Festival in Lancaster** Aug. 2-5 for quilters and crafters. The event combines a Stitch Fest, Art Fest, Bead Fest and Yarn Fest. The event is at Lancaster County Convention Center and will include workshops and a marketplace.

Sisters Quilt Show

I finally realized a dream to attend the Sisters Outdoor Quilt Show in Oregon. Sisters sits at the foothills of the Three Sisters Mountains. The small town was very charming and at this time of year bustling. I was invited to share a house with 7 other ladies. It was called a "cabin" but was 4000 sq ft., not a cabin in my mind! From our "cabin," huge two-story windows were a frame for a view of the mountains.

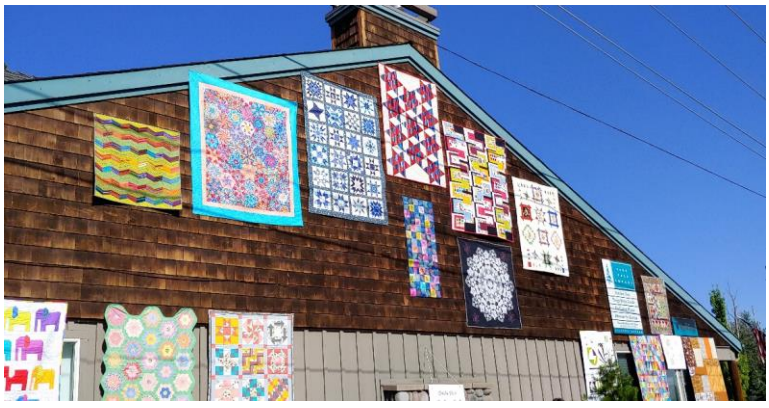
I and two friends left on Thursday while the other ladies went earlier to take a class. We arrived Thursday afternoon in time for an early dinner before heading out to a Bingo game, part of the events held during the week. Friday, we headed into town to shop and have lunch before it got even crazier the next day. In addition to a quilt shop, we visited an art store, jewelry, and clothing stores. It was quite a day and we left our share of dollars in town.

Saturday, the only day of the show, we arrived very early to watch the firemen hang the quilts on the sides of buildings. Then we made our way through the myriad of quilts. As some of you recall, I really like to take my time inspecting the quilts. Unfortunately, I didn't get to see them all but was so very pleased with what I did see. The weather was very warm but absolutely no humidity. I believe it is called the high desert, and so beautiful.

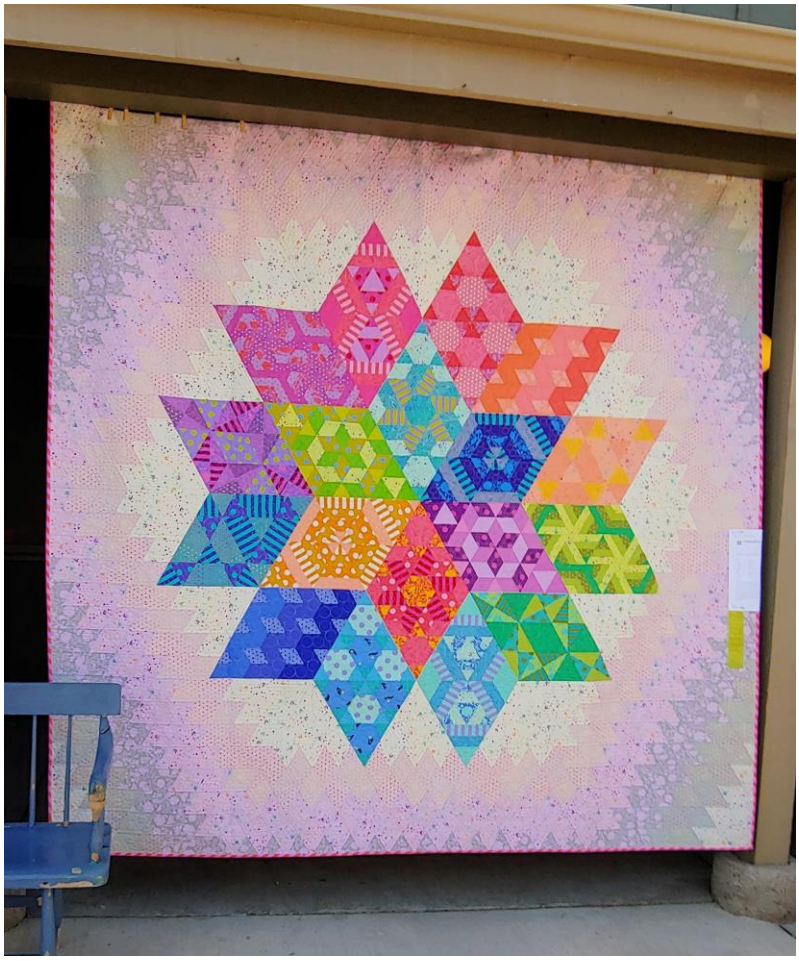
It was an experience I will not soon forget.

Sandy Michalec

Like to see more… enjoy this video about the quilt show.
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mzAfkX6WelI



Sandy (center back) and her quilting friends in Sisters



Guild Committees

Our new guild calendar year begins in September. That means it's time to sign up for whichever guild committees you would like to help out with in the coming year.

Think about branching out and perhaps serving on a committee you have never been on before. There are always friendly folks to work with you. You just may find a new passion while getting to know some other members a bit better.

To help with your decision-making, descriptions of all the guild committees and their corresponding responsibilities have been sent along with this newsletter.

August Birthdays

3	Barbara Sherman
7	Jane Russell
11	Debbie Popp
14	Geri Dulis
17	Susan Koederitz
21	Marcela Sivco
25	Pat Philion

HOSPITALITY

	August 2	August 16	August 30
SNACK	Melissa Ciacci	Kathy Parker	----------
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DRINK	Loretta Radewonuk	Rosemary Geisler	Diane Hess

Membership

It's that time again. Membership Renewal! Beginning in August, we will be open for renewal of guild membership. The renewal form for you to complete has been sent along with this newsletter. Turn your form and payment in at the same time. You can do cash or check made out to Loose Threads Quilters Guild. Highlight any updated information such as phone number, email or address changes on your membership form. If you are unable to attend the meetings, please mail check and form to Susan. My address is included on the form.

Thank you!
Susan Koederitz

August program

At our August program meeting, we will be demonstrating the steps involved to make the Cobblestone Quilt by Alison Glass. The pattern is available at this website for $12.

[Cobblestone Quilt Pattern | Alison Glass]

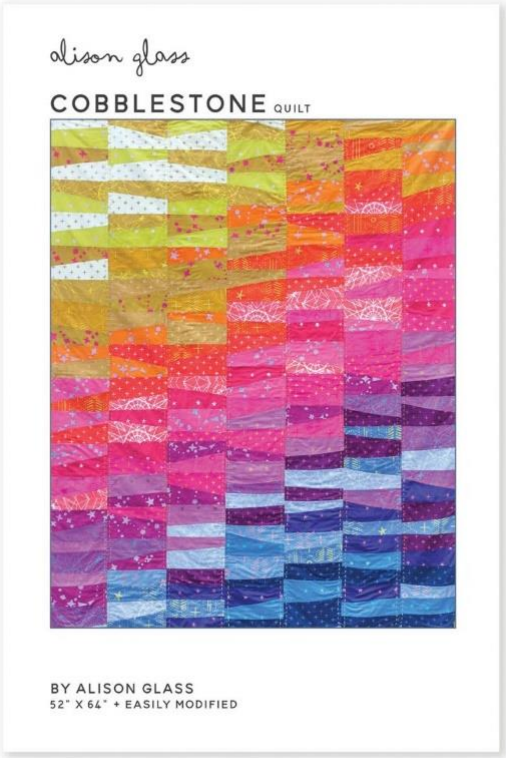
This is a SIMPLE project. There are no seams to match! Most of the effort will be designing your layout.

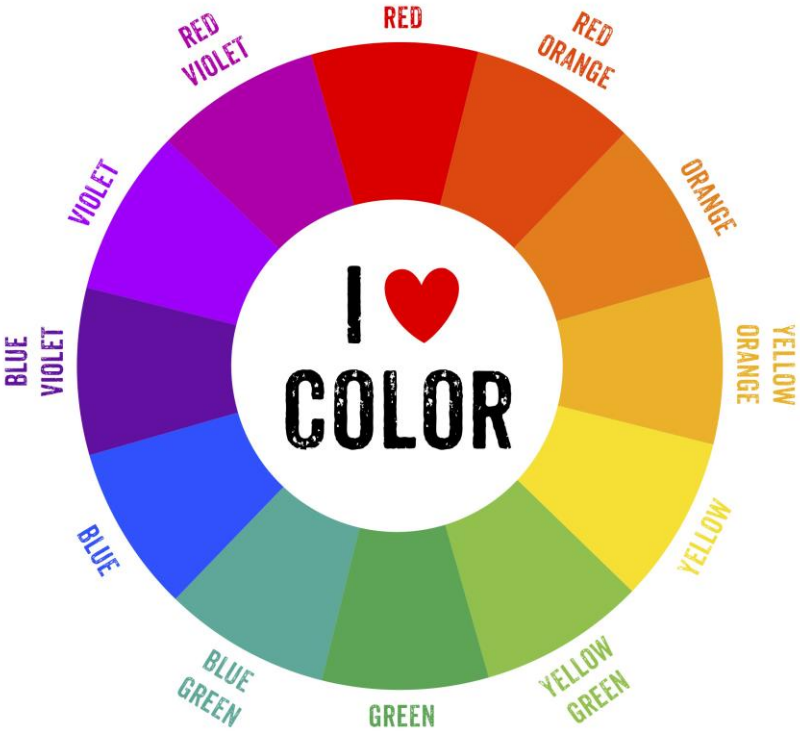
You need to do a bit of work prior to the actual program. For this color gradation quilt, you will need a variety of bright solids (or fabrics that 'read' as solids) and coordinating prints. The pattern suggests using 5 or 6 rectangles from about 21 fat quarters. You'll need ~120 rectangles total. Cut the rectangles to 8" width x 5 height. (This will result in a quilt measuring ~52 x 64".) Put your rectangles, right sides up, into pairs that are close to each other on the color spectrum.

•• If you'd like to do something smaller, a wall hanging size, you could cut your rectangles at 5" width x 3" height".

Perhaps you're not into the color gradation look at all! There's no reason you can't do a total mix of fabrics yielding a random patchwork of brightly colored fabrics.

Bring your sewing machine and flannel for a design wall, so we can get the rectangles sewn together and get right to the fun part – designing the quilt top.





Linda Hamel

Loose Threads Sale

Lil Evans will be firming up the work schedule for our upcoming sale – that includes set-up day on Friday, August 18th and the actual sale on the 19th.

Please tell all your quilting friends about the bargains to be had at our Loose Threads blowout fabric sale.

See you there!

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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
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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 Invitation

I would like to invite area quilt guild members to attend our meetings as a guest, or attend our workshops.

- Coming up August 2nd (workshop Aug 3rd) we welcome Amy Friend, who will lecture and teach on Low Waste Improv Paper Piecing.
- In September we have Kevin Womak who will speak on Color Theory and teach a Gelli Plate Fabric Printing Class. I can't wait to see Amy and Kevin and attend both workshops.

Please look at our website for additional details, calicocutters.com. Our meetings take place in a beautiful space at the new Boy Scout Council Building on Rt 30 near Rt 100.

Please contact me if I can offer additional information or answer any questions.
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