Loose Threads News

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1st Wednesday Agenda

9:30 Arrive with Challenge entries

10:00

Holiday Party

Bring Challenge, gift exchange, 1 dozen cookies, holiday mug, Secret Pal gift…and your holiday spirit.

3rd Wednesday Agenda

9:30 Doors open - refreshments & socializing

10:00 Business Meeting

President's Message

What an interesting month we've had! A small outbreak of Covid (hopefully, all have recovered), the sad departure of our friend and Church Administrative Assistant, Dona Kern, the arrival of her replacement, Desiree (whose last name I didn't get), and a marvelous guest speaker at our November program meeting. Whew!

December is shaping up to be just as exciting! We have our Holiday Brunch, complete with our Placemat Challenge, Secret Pal reveal, and the Pollyanna/Gift Exchange. Our Christmas gift to the Church, instead of individual gifts, will be two additional tables for the meeting room which have been ordered. Our business meeting will take place on the third Wednesday of the month. Finish up all those quilts so that we have a spectacular Show & Tell! Remember that we only have three more months until it's time for the Tea!

In the meantime, I'd like to take this opportunity to wish each and every one of you a very merry, happy, joyous holiday season!

Betty Ann

In this season of giving

As a token of our appreciation to the UCC church for providing our wonderful meeting place, in November the guild voted to approve a special holiday gift. We will be purchasing two new tables for the dining room.

Minutes - November Meeting

The Monthly Business Meeting of the Loose Threads Quilt Guild was held at the United Church of Christ in Spring City on November 2, 2022 facilitated by President Betty Ann Dawson. The meeting was called to order at 10:07.

Announcements: We have a visitor today - Barbara Sherman.
Everyone needs to have their blocks done for Dona's quilt by the next meeting on 11/16/22.

Old Business: Bring in any sewing room items members want to donate and Betty Ann will start getting the stuff organized.

Basting: Next basting day is 11/30/22. There are two quilts to be done.

Block of the Month: Directions for the first month of the BOM Mystery quilt are in the newsletter. The mystery will last until August or September.

Challenge: Bring the placemats in a paper bag with no name by 9:30 on the day of the holiday brunch (12/7/2022).

Charity Projects: Nancy is still collecting quilts. We also made five tops for the Ukraine effort and collected ~$260 for shipping and costs. Nancy also discussed the display at the Hankin Library - the dates are 2/26/23 - 3/25/23 and 10/8/23 - 11/4/23.

Day Camp: Day camp had 22 attendees. It was great fun and lots got done. The next camp is 5/9/23 and 5/10/23.

Evening Bee: Next bee is 11/9/22.

Field Trips: Last field trip was a success with 11 participants to Burkholder's and Goodville Fabrics with a break for lunch. Judy also reported on the properties near Burkholder's in Cocalico for possible retreats. The next field trip will be Lititz for a visit to Weavers and the Wilbur Chocolate Factory tentatively on 1/25/23, meeting at JoAnn's in Coventry Mall at 9:15. Sounds like a sweet time.

Holiday Brunch: Everyone needs to make a dozen cookies for the brunch.
There was a question regarding the budget and increased costs. Kiti Williams made a motion to raise the holiday brunch budget to $500. It was seconded by Clem Dupont. The motion was voted on by membership and passed.

Hospitality: The signup sheet was passed around for January.

Library: Carolyn reported that she is removing some of the older books. Also, the guild received a new Quiltfolk magazine this month.

Membership: Josie reports that there was 1 new renewal this month and we have 43 Active members and 14 Associate members.

Round Robin: Each group will meet after the business meeting to get details.

Secret Pal: Carly is joining Margie on this committee. New forms are coming out for the next year. The forms are due completely filled out and returned to Margie or Carly by November 30.

Speakers: Next meeting is Cheryl Holman to discuss her Journey and Dimensional quilts. Susan Koederitz is joining this committee.

Sunshine: Lil Evans is still under the weather but doing better. Cathy Nelson had a small stroke but is doing well and sold her house. Kathy Neiman is having surgery when strong enough. She won't be returning home after recovery. She's currently at Promedica in Exton. Please send some cards or stop by. Susan Glazer had foot surgery and can't drive.

Tea: Our Tea speaker is Janneke van der Ree. Discussion groups are Sashiko - Big Stitch, Marking Quilts, Travel, Christmas Ornaments, Potato Chip Block, Fractured Quilts and Skill Builders.

Treasurer: Report sent by Marylou to Betty Ann.

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Quilts for Ukrainian Refugees

Loretta, Linda G and Linda H

Mary, Nancy and Laurie

All five teams finished up the quilt tops that we worked on at the October program meeting. All were the requested blue and yellow colors, but each one was unique.

Judy, Mary, Winnie and Takako

Sue, Nancy, Clem and Margie

Kathy, Susan and Joanne

Last day for In-Store shopping at Ladyfingers in Oley is December 15th. They are going to be available for **online shopping only** going forward.

Minutes, Continued

Raffle Winners:
Business Meeting Raffle: Chris Rivard
Name Tag Winner: Susan Koederitz

The meeting concluded and was followed by Show 'n Tell.

Respectfully submitted by:
Winnie McCarraher
Secretary

Our Holiday Party is December 7th. Come dressed in festive attire and be ready for the 2022 challenge judging, Secret Pal reveals, refreshments, gift exchange (optional), and the beginning of a month of holiday cheer!

Please bring one dozen cookies to share and your favorite holiday mug to add to the festive table settings.

Loose Threads Favorites

We each need to bring 1 dozen cookies to our Holiday Brunch. These yummy recipes from the Loose Threads' Favorites cookbook should give you some inspiration.

Nanny's Coconut Cookies

2 cups sugar
¼ pound butter
½ cup milk
3 cups rolled oats
1 cup shredded coconut
½ cup nuts (optional)
3 Tbsp cocoa
1 tsp vanilla

Combine sugar, milk, butter and bring to a rolling boil (1 minute). Remove and add oats and coconut, then cocoa and vanilla. Drop by teaspoon on wax paper.

Bernie Hughes

Gingerbread Cookies

½ cup sugar
½ cup molasses
1 stick butter, softened
1 large egg
2 ½ cups flour
1 ½ tsp ginger
1 tsp cinnamon
½ tsp ground cloves
½ tsp baking powder
¼ tsp salt
Raisins, frosting, etc. for decoration (optional)

In a large bowl, mix together first 4 ingredients until fluffy. Stir in next 6 ingredients until smooth. Wrap and refrigerate at least 30 minutes. Roll out dough on well-floured board. Cut shapes and place on ungreased cookie sheet. Bake about 8 minutes if thin (longer if cookies are ~1/4 inch thick or more) in 300o oven. Decorate when cooled if desired.

Debby O'Keefe

Melt in Your Mouth Cookies

1 cup confectioners' sugar
2 cups flour
½ tsp cream of tartar
1 cup butter
1 tsp vanilla
2 egg yolks
½ tsp baking powder
Colored sprinkles and sugar for decoration

Sift together dry ingredients. With mixer, cream butter, vanilla and egg yolks. Slowly add dry ingredients until combined. Roll dough into balls (about 1 teaspoon each) place on ungreased cookie sheet and press flat with fork. Decorate with sprinkles or sugars. Bake at 350° for 10 – 11 minutes.

Nancy Miller

Buckeyes

1 stick butter
1 ½ cups peanut butter
3 cups powdered sugar
3 cups Rice Krispies
2 cups chocolate chips, melted

Knead together first 4 ingredients until mixed. Roll into balls. Dip ½ of ball into melted chocolate. Place on waxed paper and refrigerate.

Winnie McCarraher

Associate's Corner

We recently visited our son near Minneapolis. When we emerged from the plane, we saw this beautiful art quilt display in the corner adjacent to our gate. It was a great way to be welcomed to Minnesota.

Pat Philion

Art Quilts from the Minnesota Chapter of Studio Art Quilt Association

"This quilt is an expression of our love for the four seasons of the Midwest. With the change of the seasons, we change the way we dress, what we eat, and our activities. We want to celebrate the beauty that we find in each season."

This is the machine appliqued 'Hawaiian' style quilt I made for my grandson Ian's birthday.

Sandy Michalec

Mystery Block of the Month

Boy, is this ever an easy assignment for this month! Remember the clue for last month…DO IT AGAIN.

For December: We will be making **another** set of 24 HST from fabric A and B

- Cut (12) 4" X 4" squares from A and B.
- With RST draw a diagonal line on the back of either square and sew ¼ inch from both sides of the line.
- Cut in half so you'll have 2 HST measuring 3 ½" when you are done.
- You should end up with (24) 3 ½" HST.

Any questions see/call me (484 – 459 - 5591)

Silvia Homa

Taking a Road Trip

A few weeks ago, I went "junkin'" with my sister on a beautiful Sunday afternoon. For those of you who don't know about "junkin'", it is time spent going into little shops, antique malls, flea markets and maybe a yard sale or two. There were a couple of little places out towards Adamstown that we wanted to check out, so off we went. Purely by accident, we decided to take the main road through Adamstown itself. We found a great little shop called "The House Mouse", located at 1 South Broad Street, Reinholds, PA. While not a quilting/fabric store, it held a bunch of beautiful, handmade and reasonably priced items. Most of the things in the store are handmade by the owner, her mother, her aunt, her daughter and a couple of her neighbors. If you find yourself in that neck of the woods, stop in to visit, you won't be disappointed!

Betty Ann Dawson

Betty Ann's sister, Kitty Burks, outside the House Mouse.

Tea Block

We have decided on our Tea Block for the 2023 Tea scheduled for March 25. It is called **Sweet Caroline** and the PDF directions are being sent with this December newsletter.

Members, please make one (or more) of these blocks which are due by the Tea. If you make more than one, you will be entered in the guild raffle to win enough blocks for a quilt top. Turn blocks in to Nancy Miller.

The quilt is the hug you would have given if you were present.
Gyleen Fitzgerald

What if it snows?

Wondering if a guild meeting will be held if it's looking pretty white out there? In the event of winter storms, check the Springford school district website http://www.springford.net/. On the upper right side of the page under Quick Links, click on Parents and then click on Emergency Information in the drop-down menu.

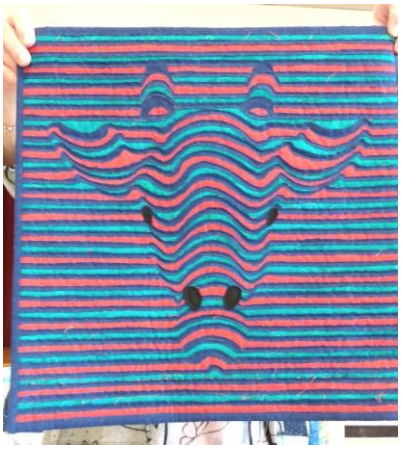
If the district schools are closed, the guild meeting will be cancelled. If there is a 2-hour delay, the guild meeting will begin a half hour late at 10:00.

December Birthdays

8	Toni Hughes
10	Linda Garthe
10	Carolyn Thompson
18	Lenore Clarke
20	Bernie Hughes
21	Sharon Beideman
24	Mary Larkin

November Speaker- Cheryl Holman

Our November guest speaker, Cheryl Holman, is totally enamored with three dimensional quilts. And she has certainly made quite a number of them! There were many oohs and aahs during her trunk show of colorful dimensional art. There was even talk about Cheryl returning for a guild workshop next year.



November Show & Tell

Chris Rivard is making this special quilt for the family of her piano teacher who recently passed away.

Marylou Boryta finished this quilt to be donated to our service projects effort.

Susan Koederitz finished the top of our August workshop quilt – Ricky Tims Kaleidoscope.

Josie Sharp is donating this quilt to our service projects effort.

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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

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

Field Trip

We had a really fun time on the last field trip to Burkholder's in Lancaster County. While on that trip it was discovered that some people have never been to Lititz. While we aren't planning on any field trips in November or December because of the holidays, we are going to take our chances to visit **Weavers and the Wilbur Chocolate factory in Lititz on Wednesday, January 25th, 2023. Weather permitting, we will meet at JoAnn's parking lot at North Coventry, leaving there at 9:30** for Weavers, a fabric and home goods store in Lititz. After that it's a visit to the chocolate factory and lunch.

A sign-up sheet will be at the upcoming meetings. Please sign up if you plan to come since I will need to call if there are any changes due to weather. Happy Holidays and I hope to see you soon.

Winnie McCarraher