Loose Threads News

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1st Wednesday Agenda

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President's Message

"I don't know where I'm going from here, but I promise it won't be boring."

David Bowie

A new year with all sorts of new adventures awaiting us! Our 35th year to celebrate, the Tea to enjoy (even with all the hard work prior), Field Trips to spark our creativity and lots of quilts to ooh and ahh over throughout the year. Definitely not boring!

So, fellow quilters, join me in the celebration of 2023. Hoping it brings all of us good health, great quilt ideas, and tons of laughter.

Wishing all of you a very Happy New Year! See you at the next meeting!

Betty Ann

December Minutes

The Monthly Business Meeting of the Loose Threads Quilt Guild was held at the United Church of Christ in Spring City on December 21, 2022 facilitated by President Betty Ann Dawson. The meeting was called to order at 10:03.

Announcements: Sign-up for the January field trip on back table.
First January meeting is Row by Row exchange for the theme and block Row by Row.

Basting: Next is March 29, 2023

Block of the Month: Mystery continues with square in square for January.

Challenge: Debby talked about the new challenge with the coral and jade solids.

Charity Projects: Nancy reported that 4 quilts went to Salvation Army and others went to dialysis. Both organizations very grateful. Nancy also spoke about the exhibition at the library. The exhibit will address underground railroad quilts in October/November. Also, there was discussion on where the money will be sent that was collected for the Ukraine quilts.

Evening Bee: Very small gathering this month but hope to see more people in January.

Field Trips: January 25th, going to Lititz. Sign-up sheet being passed around.

Holiday Brunch: It was fabulous.

Hospitality: Sending the sign-up list around.

Library: Not available today

Membership: List is updated.

Newsletter: All going well and Linda reminds all that always interested in submissions.

Programs: January program is In-house tutorial, a Sew Together Bag with zippers taught by Lori Memmen.

Secret Pal: The secret pal information was distributed last week so if you haven't received your stuff yet you should see Margie or Carly.

Speakers: Laurie Kelly reports working on getting a speaker for May.

Sunshine: Kathy Nieman back home but jaundiced and not feeling well, Lil Evans hopes to return in in January, Sue Glaser still doing PT - not sure when returning, and Cathy Nelson doing better and the move went okay.

Tea: Invitations were sent and we have 47 registrations so far. We are looking for volunteers to help with cleanup after tea.

Treasurer: Balance was reported by Marylou.

Website: Up to date.

Other Items: Reverend Epps, the new temporary pastor introduced himself to our group. A reminder that Linda Glass is currently in charge of Name Tags Raffle and UFO projects.

The meeting concluded at 10:50 followed by Show 'n Tell.

Respectfully submitted by:
Winnie McCarraher – Secretary

The color of springtime is flowers; the color of winter is in the imagination.

Terri Guillemets

Member Support

Kiti Williams has been facing a challenging health diagnosis and some difficult treatment over recent months. Everyone wanted to show her our love and support to help get her through these trying times.

Kiti loves bold colors, has a thing for flamingos and loves her parrots. We incorporated all of these favorites into a comfort quilt we hope she will love.

We're all with you Kiti!

January Birthdays

1 Takako Pike
14 Lil Evans

2022 Challenge

Participation in this year's challenge was great! The variety of color and design was amazing to see.

Congratulations to our viewer's choice winner Linda Hamel and participant's drawing winner Winnie McCarraher. Each received a gift certificate to Seamless Sewing Quilt Shop.

Challenge participants: Joanne Gardner, Nancy Kinyon-Samec, Judy McCourry, Josie Sharp, Silvia Homa, Debby O'Keefe, Marylou Boryta, Winnie McCarraher, Betty Ann Dawson. Back Row: Chris Rivard, Judy Peters, Linda Hamel, Nancy Miller, Susan Umstead, Mary Larkin. Not present for photograph were Kathy Neiman, Eileen Frankil, Bernie Hughes, Lori Memmen and Takako Pike.

2022 Holiday Party

Pat was this year's Santa's helper.

Winnie, Linda, Joanne and Sue

Geri, Margie and Barbara

Bonnie, our master of ceremonies

Linda

The start of every holiday season is the Loose Threads Holiday Brunch. And, again this year, we enjoyed all the traditional features of the day: colorful decorations, challenge display and voting, secret pal reveals, gift exchange and our tasty refreshments. Our emcee, Bonnie Strickland, led us through each of the planned events.

Kudos to the hardworking members of the Holiday Party committee for providing such a wonderful gathering for us all: Pat Leiter, Bonnie Strickland, Geri Dulis, Gayle Hammond and committee chair Marie Traxler.

Josie, Joanne, Sharon and Susan

Nancy & Laurie

Mary and Betty Ann who took the 'festive' attire encouragement very seriously!

Kiti, Carly and Nancy

Gayle

Diane, Linda and Loretta

January Program – First & 'Fave' Quilts

We need your help to make our January program a success.

Members are encouraged to bring two quilts to the meeting, their FIRST quilt and then their BEST or FAVORITE quilt (sometimes those can be two different quilts as we all know!)

If a member doesn't have their first quilt, then one of your beginning quilts works just as well. We will all take turns talking a bit about each of the quilts we brought. For example, you might tell us when and why your first quilt was made or perhaps, was it done at a class or on your own? For your favorite quilt the big question is why is it your favorite – the fabric, the pattern, the technique, the occasion it was made for or perhaps simply pride in the result. You decide what you want to share with us.

There are several benefits to having a meeting like this:

- New quilters get to see that everyone started at the beginning.
- Members get to know each other a bit better, because folks will be up in front of the guild talking for a bit. Since we have a bunch of new members, this is a good way to help them feel a part of the group
- Since we've got a quilt show coming up, our show committee is going to be on the lookout for quilts. Who knows, perhaps we might even have a display of "First Quilt/Fave Quilt" at our quilt show?
- It really gets members talking to each other (this kind of meeting CAN get a bit loud)

The biggest "if" to having a meeting like this is having enough quilts. At the January business meeting, we will have a sign-up so we can determine the number of members that will be taking part…and we hope it's a bunch! If you won't be at the first meeting in January, then send Linda Hamel an email letting her know that you'd like to take part.

A quilt is never just a quilt. There is meaning in the things we make by hand.

Cindy Cloward

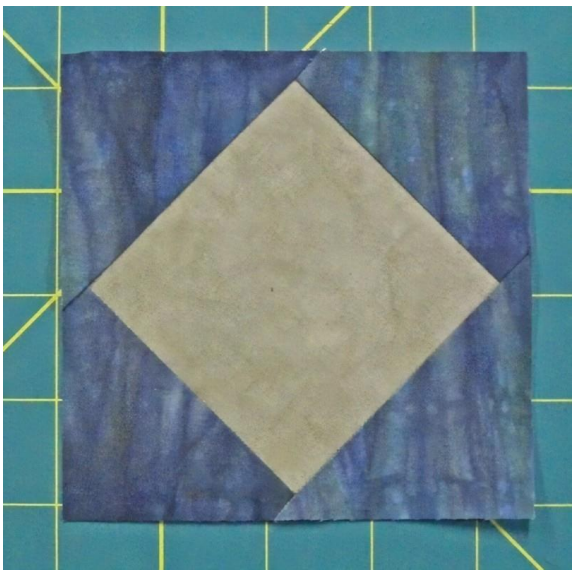
Mystery Block of the Month

Square in a square Blocks

Cut 6 fabric B squares: 4 ¾" x 4 ¾"
Cut 12 fabric A squares: 3 7/8" X 3 7/8"

Cut these A squares on the diagonal one time to make 24 triangles.

- Center fabric A triangle along a first side of a fabric B; sew a SCANT 1/4 inch, press towards triangle.
- Sew next triangle opposite side to the first side, again pressing outward towards the triangle.
- Continue sewing 3rd and 4th triangle to square.
- Trim off tabs and square unit to 6 ½' squares.



Note: You can display a favorite print in the center square or use scraps in the same color way as fabric A triangles.

Any questions contact Silvia

Silvia Homa

Hospitality

	January 4	January 18
Snack:	Judy Snook	Takako Pike
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Cold Drink:	Linda Hamel	Bonnie Strickland

December Show and Tell

Nancy made three of these cheery quilts to donate to charity efforts.

Linda finished this 2020 UFO as a 2022 Christmas gift.

Betty Ann made this quilt to highlight all her Hawaiian fabrics.

This striking pear quilt was made by Margie and quilted by Winnie.

Betty Ann completed this wool Halloween project that was given to her by her secret pal, Chris Rivard

Judy Snook managed to finish this quilt top from this December's quilt cruise.

Margie showed this 'sunflower' quilt that was quilted by Takako.

Tea Info

Craft Sale – We would love to sell your handcrafted item or kits at the Tea. Check out Pinterest for loads of clever ideas.
Questions? Contact Silvia Homa.

LTQ Auction – Think about volunteering (with 1 or 2 other members perhaps) to put together a 'theme' basket for the auction. Or if you have a quilt kit that you never got to make (and realize you never will!) or a UFO that you'll never finish, think about donating it to the auction.
Questions? Contact Linda Hamel

Tea Block – A reminder that members are asked to make 1 Tea block to donate to this drawing. Directions for the Sweet Caroline block were in December's newsletter or on our website. If you make 2 (or more, if you'd like), then your name will be entered into the guild drawing to win a group of blocks. Please turn in your block to Nancy Miller.

Book Sale – You can donate quilting related books (please nothing older than 2010) or novels to this sale. PLEASE NO COOKBOOKS, KNITTING OR NEEDLEWORK BOOKS – ONLY QUILTING BOOKS! Bring the books in anytime – they are being stored in the Maple Room behind the kitchen.

Quilt Show – It's the new year so make plans to finish up some of those UFOs for the show. We need lots of colorful quilts in all different sizes to display at our member quilt show. Please, please plan to display your work!

2023 LTQ Challenge

LTQ 35th Anniversary

Using the 35th anniversary colors of jade and coral, plus any other fabrics of your choosing, create a quilted piece for the challenge. It can be a wallhanging (no more than 120" circumference), pillow, tote bag, or any idea you wish to create. You must include most of each of the two fat eighths that you receive from the challenge committee. This is the challenge - use these fabrics.

The prizes (s) will be funded, in part, by your $2 donation for the two fat eighths. FYI, the fabrics were purchased from Seamless Sewing in Phoenixville and are Kona "Pool" and "Chilli".

All completed entries will be displayed at the Dec 2023 holiday party.

Questions: Lori Memmen, Silvia Homa or Debby O'Keefe, 2023 Challenge Committee

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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
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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

Secret Pal

The participants of the 2022 Secret Pal gift exchange were revealed at the holiday party. Everyone had beautifully embellished stockings for the final gift exchange. The unadorned stockings had been provided by Margie earlier in the year.