Loose Threads News

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10:00 Business Meeting

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10:00 Basting

President's Message

Hello Ladies of Loose Threads,

I hope that this Newsletter finds you all healthy and happy and ready to come back to Guild meetings. We are no longer mandated to wear masks at meetings but if you would feel better about it, please, by all means, keep wearing your mask. We would like as many of you as possible to attend our June meeting, it is election time! We will need a quorum of our active members to vote in the new slate of officers.

By the June meeting, we also hope to have the details of a few of our activities (the Tea, Day Camp, etc.) worked out so that we can once again enjoy them. It's been a long 14 months and it's time to get back to almost normal. We have lots to discuss and plan. We hope to see you there!

Betty Ann

Dear ladies,

Thank you so much for the quilt that you made for me, the best surprise I've ever had. The colors are beautiful, the workmanship superb.

I think of you every first and third Wednesday of the month. Miss you all a lot, but now I have my quilt to comfort me.

Love,
Pat

May Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting started promptly at 10:00

NEW BUSINESS: Royersford/Springford Clinic will be at the Royersford fire dept to administer the COVID vaccines. No appointment necessary.

COMMITTEES.
BOM: Pincushion of the month is in the newsletter. Little chicken sample will be coming.

CHALLENGE: First meeting in July will be the guilds first X-mas in July. Bring in your challenges and previous sewing room BOM. You can wear X-mas attire. More to follow.

CHARITY (SERVICE) PROJECTS: There were 9 quilts donated to the dialysis unit in Pottstown.

DAY CAMP: Sometime in October, maybe for the next day camp session.

EVENING BEE: Is starting up May 12th, can bring in own food/snacks.

FIELD TRIP: A trip to Blue Hen, a quilt shop that is in Delaware, is set for Wednesday June 9th at 10 am. More to follow on a meet up area and carpooling information.

LIBRARY: If you have any suggestions on books, patterns, or rulers, let the committee know.

MEMBERSHIP: Only 46 members, no one on the waiting list. If you know of anyone that is interested in joining, now is a good time.

NEWSLETTER: As always, Linda is very appreciative of all the info that she receives. She continues to produce to the guild, an excellent monthly newsletter. Thank you, Linda.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Voting will be in June. Need 31 members to come for the process. Marylou presented names, to the guild, of the next board members that will running for office.

PROGRAMS: July will be neonatal day. Josie will provide info on the flannel hearts and pads in the next newsletter.

SPEAKERS: June meeting will host Britta Nelson, from Malvern. She will provide a lecture and workshop. Calico Cutters has had Zoom speakers since the pandemic started and has invited the guild to join in if interested.

TEA: Discussion was had to have some version of our Tea on Sat Sept 11. "Open House" maybe the theme. There will be no luncheon, but possibly a speaker. A quilt show, book sale, sewing room, Chinese auction, craft room sale will be included. Concrete plans are being made and will be discussed at next meeting. Invites will be sent in July.

TREASURER: Current expenses and deposits were reported by Diane Hess.

RAFFLE WINNERS: Gift donated by Jane Russell. **BUSINESS:** Kiti Williams
NAMETAG: Josie Sharp

Respectfully submitted by:
Silvia Homa – Secretary

SEWING TIPS

- If you use neutral thread for most of your sewing, fill four bobbins. When the bobbins are empty it is time to clean and oil your machine and change the needle.
- If you have to "unsew" a seam and the tiny stitch holes are visible, dampen a cotton swab in warm water and rub over the holes. The moisture swells the fabric and fills the holes.

June Workshop and Program – Brita Nelson

In the *Crumbs to Quilts* workshop, you will learn how to turn the tiniest scraps into a beautiful, quilt. Have you ever thought about making your own fabric? In this class we will discuss tint, tone, shade, value and scale to take your tiniest scraps and turn them into one-of-a-kind textiles.

You will learn a simple, organized method for assembling your curated crumbs results into fabric that is part planned, part free-form and totally fun! We will use this new fabric to make a simple tulip block, but once you master this technique, there is no limit to what you can create.

There is a $25 fee for this **June 15th Tuesday workshop** and you must register with Laurie Kelly.

Brita Nelson Lecture on Wednesday June 16th:

Every Last Crumb, An Adventure in Scrap Quilting.

This is a fun, informative and inspirational trek to find the best way to handle a mountain of left-over fabric. I had over 30-years worth of accumulated scraps which threatened to take over my sewing room and consume me. I had to do something. Some of you may have the same problem. Here is how I managed to save myself and actually make some room in my fabric closet. With over two dozen quilts and projects, I will demonstrate some great ways to use that secret treasure hiding in your house. I will also cover basic color and contrast principles to make your scrap beauties really shine.

www.questioningquilter.com

In another sign that things are returning to normal, Loose Threads is planning a ROAD TRIP! On Wednesday, June 9, 2021, meet with fellow members and car pool for the drive to Delaware to spend time at a newly relocated quilt shop – Blue Hen. We will meet at Wegman's in Collegeville.

Blue Hen Quilt Shop
705 Interchange Blvd.
Interchange Business Park
Newark, DE
(302) 636-5215

Hours:
Monday – Friday 10:00 am – 5 pm
Saturday 10:00 am – 4 pm
Closed Sundays

Located in tax-free Newark, Blue Hen Quilt Shop features Erin's designs as well as offering classes featuring her innovative techniques, along with a variety of techniques and styles from many other talented quilters.

Winnie McCarraher

Since we were unable to hold our annual Holiday Brunch this past December, we also weren't able to complete some traditional guild events held at that gathering. So, our July Business meeting will play double duty as our Christmas in July celebration.

Both of our 2020 Challenges -Winter and the Silk Purse, Sow's Ear - will be revealed. You can submit an entry to one or both, if you'd like.

We would also like to see the last Block-of the Month from 2019/2020 – the Sewing Room Quilt designed by Diane Hess and Silvia Homa. (I'm sure they are done…but if not, bring the tops to show.)

If you have 'Holiday' accessories or attire that is not too warm for July, consider wearing it. Do you have some fun holiday headwear? That would certainly add a festive air of the day.

We are planning to have a few other surprises. So, bring along your lunch that day and we will provide the dessert!

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

1	Loretta Radewonuk
3	Barbara Painter
7	Margie Allen
9	Sandy Michalec
21	Nancy Kinyon-Samec
22	Donna Matthais
23	Debby O'Keefe
24	Christine Fallon
25	Carolyn Ferrandino

At the June business meeting we will resurrect the Business Meeting Raffle. This is a small way to boost our treasury and for a member to win a prize.

Bring your quarters or dollar bills and purchase a ticket or two. Tickets are 50 cents. Good Luck!

Dear Loose Threads,

My family and I would like to say how very thoughtful it was of you to remember our mother, Barbara Kuterbach, the way you have. Eileen Frankil's lovely tribute in your newsletter and then the purple quilt blocks and donation to Manatawny Manor is truly heartfelt.

I know that Mom is smiling down on you all (or maybe it is to pick up a dropped pin!)

Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated.

The Kuterbach Family

Nominations for Guild Officers

The nominating committee is pleased to present its slate of officers the upcoming year, 2021 to 2022.

President: Rosemary Geisler

Vice-President: Linda Hamel

Secretary: Winnie McCarraher

Treasurer: Marylou Boryta

At our June 2nd business meeting we will present this slate of officers and then conduct a vote for approval of the slate as presented. According to our by-laws, we need a member quorum to do this. We currenting have 46 active members, so we will need 31 active members present to have that vote. We encourage members to try to attend this meeting.

If we do not have a quorum, then the slate approval vote will be held at the July business meeting. The current guild officers will serve until we are able hold this vote.

Our Racing Fingers guild showed these videos at their meeting the other night. It is a REALLY neat way to do half square triangles. If you don't want scrappy just alternate light and dark.

Jo Quaglia

part 1:
Accordion Sewn scrappy half square triangles Part 1 - Why scrappy, and what to cut - Bing video
part 2:
Accordion Sewn scrappy half square triangle technique Part 2 - Sewing the Accordian! - YouTube
part 3:
Accordion sewn scrappy half square triangles Part 3 - cutting apart and trimming - Bing video

Pincushion of the Month

CATHEDRAL WINDOW PIN CUSHION

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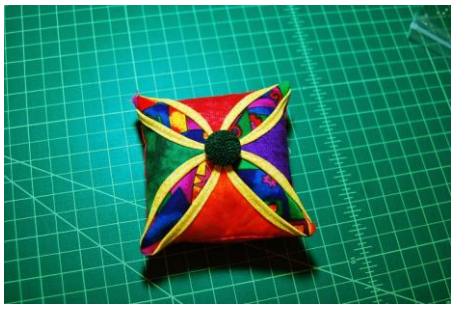
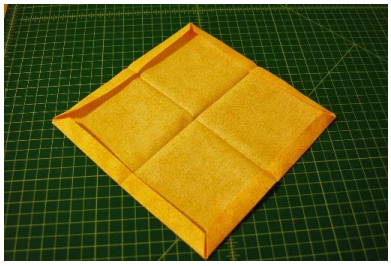


1. Cut a piece of fabric 10 ½ inches. I used a file folder, cut it to 9 inches, as my template. Place it in the center of fabric.

2. Iron all four corners as shown below.

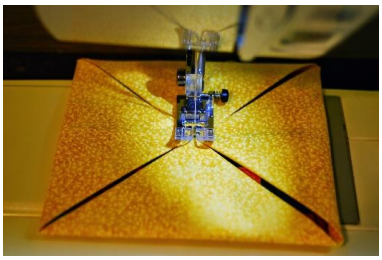
3. Fold down all four edges and iron.

4. Remove the template and fold in half and iron. Fold the opposite and iron. When you open your square it will look like this.



5. Take all four corners and fold to the center. Iron all four corners. Now do it all again. Fold each of the corners in and press. I put fabric in the center but you don't have to. The square measures 4.25 inches.

6. I did a quick stitch in both directions to secure it.



7. I took scraps whose colors match the center square.

8. Fold over the side and pin it.

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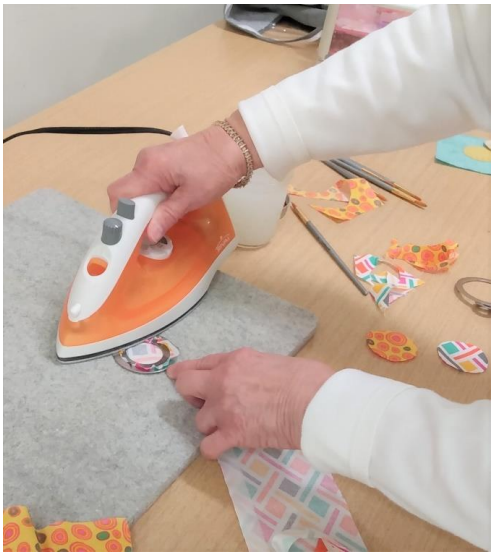
May Program – Kiti Williams

Kiti shared with us the premise and planning necessary to make a temperature quilt in her May presentation: *Making a Temperature quilt using Applipops.* Her original effort in recording these temperatures was done with knitting, but she now has a quilt underway for her husband. Kiti displayed the fabrics she chose for this quilt - creating a range (usually 10 degrees) of temperatures and assigning one fabric to each set of numbers. Before you can make any blocks, you need to set your temperature ranges using the typical highs and lows for your city. This information is available online for a given time frame, in any given area.

Kiti brought her set of Applipops, gave us a demo and had a station set up for all of us try them out.



Nancy gives it a try.

Service Projects

Our guild donated 9 quilts and blankets to the U.S. Renal Care of Pottstown on Monday 5/3/2021. The unit cares for approximately 40 patients who need dialysis, which is the process of removing excess water and toxins from the blood in people whose kidneys can no longer perform these functions naturally. Usually takes about 4 hours for the session and the patients get cold. So, our donations can help keep the patients warm and also liven up the environment.

Thank you to all who donate your time and materials to help those in need!

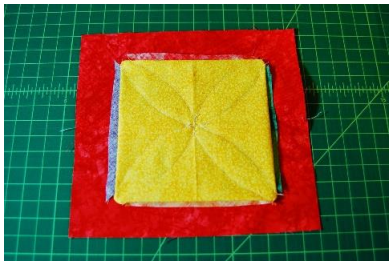
Nancy Kinyon-Samec

PIN CUSHION: continued

9. Starting at the top of the curve sew it into place. Do that for all sides. You end up with the piece looking like this.

10. Take a 7 inch square and cut in half. Leave a 2 ½ inch opening in the center for turning out later.

11. Center the block on top and sew all around the four corners.



12. To finish up - Trim the excess fabric and turn right sides out. Before I stuffed the pin cushion, I sewed a button in the center. Stuff the pin cushion and a blindstitch.

Member Show and Tell

Josie Sharp asked her grandson's class to name their 'favorite' thing. She then used that info to search far and wide for the ideal novelty fabrics to make each student a special notebook cover embroidered with their initial - 22 in all!

Pat Leiter made this striking quilt as a wedding gift for her husband's cousin who requested a geometric pattern.

Judy Peters was very busy making charity quilts!

That's Carolyn Thompson peaking from behind her completed Spring Themed Round Robin quilt from an exchange of several years ago.

Judy Snook finished up this interesting and colorful UFO.

Carolyn Thompson

Linda Hamel – Finished the top of my Dresden Village wallhanging taught by Judy Snook as a Valley Forge guild workshop. Now on to the quilting!

July Program- NICU Projects

Our Community Service Sewing Day is Back!

Our community service sewing will be held at our meeting on Wednesday, July 21, and we will be making developmental hearts for Newborn Intensive Care Units (NICU) in 8 area hospitals and cuddle pads for 1 hospital (so far). If you are unable to attend the day of sewing and want to participate in this heartwarming endeavor and make the hearts and/or cuddle pads, the patterns are attached.

Hearts

Two hearts are given to mothers (sometimes fathers also) whose infants are in the NICUs. The flannel heart is worn against the mother's skin to absorb her scent. The heart is then placed with the baby in the isolette or crib so the parent's scent is always with the baby. Hearts are swapped with each visit.

100% cotton flannel fabric must be used for these hearts. They are quick and simple to make, and the pattern is attached; however, if you have scraps for a smaller size, feel free to make them. Some of the babies weigh only a pound so a heart in even a 3" size is acceptable. The hearts will be distributed to the following hospitals by the Sweet Peas Organization: Bryn Mawr, Lankenau, Paoli, Riddle, Chester County, Phoenixville, Einstein Montgomery and St. Christopher's. They use 1,000+ hearts per year.

Cuddle Pad Liners

Virtua Hospital is the current recipient for these pads. They will gradually be offered to other hospitals in the above list as the quantity builds. These pads are used as a liner in the isolette and are changed as they get soiled, which is frequently. It saves on laundry because only the liner needs to be replaced instead of all of the linens in the isolette.

Like the hearts, the cuddle pad liners must be made with 100% cotton flannel, and the hospital needs 3 different sizes. Batting should be used on the medium and large sizes, but it is optional on the small size. The patterns are attached. They need 4 per bed, and they have 46 beds so that's just under 200. The attached picture shows some of the developmental hearts and cuddle pad liners that were made by Judy Peters.

We hope to see you at our July meeting! If you have any questions, please contact Josie Sharp – josie.sharp@sharperoutlook.com. If you are making these items at home and want to deliver them or have them picked up, please contact Josie Sharp. You can also bring them to any guild meeting.

Josie Sharp

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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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Website to Check Out

Jordan Fabrics, located in Grants Pass, Oregon is owned and run by Matt and Donna Jordan. This husband and wife quilting team, like many small businesses, started nearly 40 years ago in their garage. They have since grown and now have a retail store, workshop and offices. They specialize in quilt kits but sell lots more including pre cuts, rulers, patterns and fabric of course. Yardage prices are usually $7.95 to $10.95/yd. Batiks seem to be a favorite as they have 45 pages of them.

In their how-to videos, Donna does an excellent job demonstrating each step and discussing fabric and color choices. My favorites are the free pattern downloads. Each lists the fabric requirements in fat quarters or yardage and also how to cut each piece for a minimum of waste. Say goodbye to all those odd leftovers. Shipping is a flat rate of $4.95 or free if you spend $50.

You can check them out at jordanfabrics.com

Linda Glass