Loose Threads News

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1st Wednesday Agenda

9:30 Doors open - refreshments & socializing

10:00 Business Meeting

3rd Wednesday Agenda

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10:00 Manx Quilting

President's Message

Well, here we are in the month of June already. Where does the time go? The month of May flew by, we had our regular meetings, an Anniversary luncheon, a great field trip and before you knew it, the month was gone. June promises to be another full month. Our first special activity, a field trip, will be held on the 2nd of June and promises to be fun, interesting and, maybe, educational.

With the start of the summer season and vacation time, don't forget to do a write up for the newsletter of where you've been, sights you've seen and quilt shops that you've visited. You never know when your travel logue will inspire someone else to visit a spot you loved.

Get out there and enjoy the summer. Stay cool!

Betty Ann

Our 35th anniversary celebration was all about friendship...some thoughts:

Truly great friends are hard to find, difficult to leave, and impossible to forget. **G. Randolf**

There is nothing better than a friend unless it is a friend with chocolate. **Linda Grayson**

Friends are people who know you really well and like you anyway. **Greg Tamblyn**

Friends are those rare people who ask how we are and then wait to hear the answer. **Ed Cunningham**

May Meeting Minutes

The Monthly Business Meeting of the Loose Threads Quilt Guild was held at the United Church of Christ in Spring City on May 3, 2024 facilitated by President Betty Ann Dawson. The meeting was called to order at 10:02 AM.

Old Business: Last month's minutes were read and approved by the membership. Last month's treasurer's report was approved.

- Today is the last day for signing up for both the luncheon and day camp. Please see Marylou Boryta for the luncheon and Lil Evans for day camp.
- There is a fabric sale planned for August 19th from 9:00-2:00. It is open to the public and brochures are being sent to other guilds. The event set-up is August 18th.

Announcements: The next meeting is at Landis Creek on May 17th at 11:30. The program is "Every Quilt Tells a Story" and the members need to bring ONE quilt or photo of a quilt that is special to you. Stories need to be brief.

Basting: Starts at 9:00 on May 31st per Kiti Williams

Block of the Month: Silvia Homa showed a sample of what you should have for April and then briefly explained what to expect of May. She says we are getting close.

Challenge: Betty Ann reminded everyone that the 35th Anniversary challenge is due in December and now would be a good time to start.

Charity Projects: Nancy reports that the VA in Spring City has requested walker bags. She also reminded that we need sizes 40x48 (wheelchair) and 42x76 (dialysis) quilts. Also, there are unfinished tops in the sewing room if members want to finish.

Day Camp: May 9th from 8:30-4:00 and May 10th from 8:30-3:00.

Evening Bee: Follows day camp on May 10th with dinner at Giovanni's at 5:00 and then meeting at the church afterwards. Rosemary will keep a tally of people attending to determine if we should continue.

Field Trips: Winnie reported that the recent field trip went well and everyone enjoyed a lovely day. The next field trip is Wednesday, May 24th in Intercourse and Bird in Hand. We will meet at Joann's at Coventry Mall and leave there at 9:30 sharp. A sign-up sheet is being passed around. We need a head count to reserve our space for lunch so if you want to go, please sign-up. There's also another field trip planned for June 2nd at the Schwenkfelder Heritage Center for their Penn Dry Goods Market and a special textile exhibit. We will carpool from Hickory Park in Gilbertsville. The sign-up sheet will be at the luncheon.

Hospitality: Gayle is sending around a sign-up sheet.

Historian: There is a plan to retire some of the older Shutterfly history books per Kathy Parker and Betty Ann. Kathy is currently working on the recent Tea and 2022.

Library: The library cart is in the first room if you want anything. Please make sure to sign out any books.

Membership: Josie Sharp reports that we are currently at 50 members so we are full.

Programs: The luncheon is our program this month. June is Manx quilting and July we will work on charity quilts. Deb O'Keefe is organizing it.

Round Robin: All is running on time.

Secret Pal: Margie Allen reminds everyone to pick up your gift and if your pal is not here, then take the gift home.

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May Minutes, continued

Speakers: Laurie Kelly reports that Karen Miller is a possible speaker for September or November. Also, the committee is trying to get Rhonda Denny and coordinate with Valley Forge guild to cut expenses.

Tea: Chris Rivard will be 2024 chairman. We still need a volunteer for 2025.

Treasurer: Marylou gave her report. We are doing well. For more details, see Marylou.

Website: Diane Hess reports all is up to date.

Raffle Winners: Donated by Kathy Parker
Business Meeting Raffle: Joanne Borgnis
Name Tag Winner: Debby O'Keefe

Respectfully submitted by:
Winnie Mc Carraher – Secretary

Main Line Quilters'

Trash to Treasure Sale

June 10, 2023
10 AM – 1 PM

Saint Luke Lutheran Church
203 N Valley Forge Road Devon, PA.

Quilt Fabric $4 yard
Fat Quarters $1

Door Prizes, Bake Sale, Silent Auction

Credit Cards Accepted

June Road Trip

Loose Threads Field Trip committee has organized a car pool road trip for

Friday, June 2nd

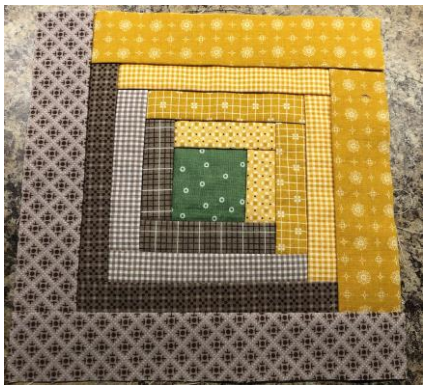
to the Schwenkfelder Heritage Center (105 Seminary St., Pennsburg) for their Penn Dry Goods Market which is a textile-focused antique and vintage show.

We will also view the special exhibit *Once Upon a Thread* (on display from May 12 – July 3) featuring works of textile art inspired by stories from the artist's childhood, world-famous books, family legends and the artist's imagination.

We will carpool from Hickory Park in Gilbertsville. If you have questions or would like to join us, contact Winnie McCarraher or Judy McCourry.

Go to this website for a $1 off admission coupon
Penn Dry Goods Market — Schwenkfelder Library and Heritage Center

June Program – Manx Quilting

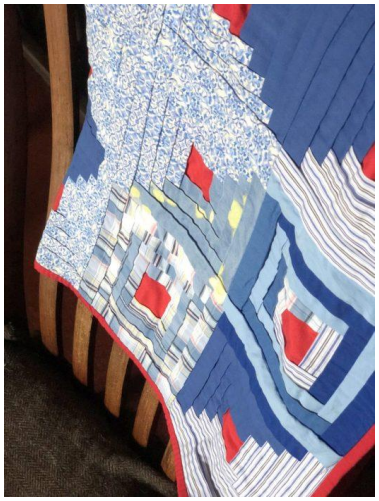


Nancy Miller will lead us through an introduction to Manx quilting This quilt as you go style of log cabin quilt block, developed by inhabitants of the Isle of Man, is made by hand.

Supply list

1 3" square for the center
Assorted 2" strips in 2 contrasting color families (Nothing longer than 10") for the logs
Hand sewing needle
Neutral thread
Fabric scissors
Pins

Want to know more about the Isle of Man and Manx quilting? Check out Amy Smart's blog Manx Quilting from the Isle of Man - Diary of a Quilter - a quilt blog



June Birthdays

1	Loretta Radewonuk
7	Margie Allen
9	Sandy Michalec
21	Nancy Kinyon-Samec
21	Judy Snook
22	Donna Matthias
23	Debby O'Keefe
24	Christine Fallon
25	Carolyn Ferrandino

Nominations for Guild Officers

The nominating committee is pleased to present its slate of officers the upcoming year, 2023 to 2024.

President: Nancy Miller

Vice-President: Susan Koederitz

Secretary: Carly Moore

Treasurer: Josie Sharp (2 year term)

At our June 7th business meeting we plan to conduct a vote for next year's guild officers. According to our by-laws we require a quorum of two-thirds of our Active members to hold an election. There will need to be 30 Active members in attendance.

35th Anniversary Luncheon

Mary, Silvia, Clem, Loretta & Judy

One thing is for certain, Loose Threaders know how to throw themselves a party! The room at Landis Creek in Limerick was decorated with guild photos from bygone days and lovely table settings which included flowers and our LTQ 'favor' bags. A large display in the front of the room assured that those who are no longer part of the day-to-day guild were not forgotten. We enjoyed a tasty lunch followed by a really delicious chocolate cake. The theme of the day was *Every Quilt Tells a Story*. Members showed their quilts and shared stories of family, early guild days, accomplishments and funny happenings. It was truly a wonderful day!

Lil & Kathy

Bonnie & Marie

Pat

Debby

Carly, Barbara, Christine, Debby & Judy

Winnie & Susan

Melinda, Silvia & Chris

Cheryl

Sharon, Joanne & Carolyn

Nancy & Linda

Nancy & Rosemary

Cathy & Laurie

Judy & Linda

Judy, Geri & Cheryl

Lil & Jean

Getting To Know You Joanne Borgnis

Growing up in East Norriton, Joanne attended Norristown High School and Montgomery County Community College. She presently lives in Schwenksville with her husband, Dan. They recently celebrated their 40th anniversary! She is fortunate that her three children, one son and two daughters, along with a step granddaughter, all live nearby.

Joanne started sewing when she was 8 years old. Taught by her mom, she enjoyed making doll clothes. She eventually sewed her own clothes, even making gowns to wear as a hostess at a nearby restaurant.

Recently retired after 19 years as a paraprofessional in the Perkiomen Valley School District, Joanne first started quilting when she joined a group of co-workers who were interested in quilting. Her first quilt was a rag quilt. She also participated in 4H, which led to her construction of a rail fence quilt.

Joanne has been experimenting with appliqué and she really enjoys the handwork it involves. She is also an avid embroiderer, both hand and machine. Perhaps you have seen her embroidery sampler that she has been working on. Joanne stitches just one design every day. It is a beautiful piece!

Joanne's amazing 'stitch-a-day' embroidery.

How did Joanne end up at LTQ? After attending the Tea last year, she and Sharon Beideman came to their first meeting, and the rest is history. Joanne says that LTQ is a great group of ladies and she is enjoying the inspiration she gets from other members as well as the friendships she has made. We are glad you found us, Joanne!

Nancy Miller

Spring Day Camp

Lil & Betty Ann

The spring 2023 Loose Threads Day Camp is in the books and by all accounts another in a long line of successful 'no travel' retreats. Betty Ann and Lil saw to every little detail from room organization, equipment, and most importantly, all that yummy food. There were 30 in attendance including many of our newer members, along with our guest regulars - Marylou's sister Anne and Marie's daughter Patty. Many folks opted for hand projects, but there were numerous sewing machines humming along on a variety of projects that ranged from quilts to curtains.

A special thank you to Diane Hess who, rather than working on that amazing Laura Heine project she brought, spent most of Wednesday replacing the castors on the library cart so we will now be able to maneuver it easily throughout the church hall.

Debby & Chris

Mary & Lori

Mary, Susan & Cheryl

Laurie, Linda & Judy

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

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 fabrics (116 total).

So, in the next couple of months, search through those all those scraps, we know you have, to find some fun combinations.

Hospitality

	June 7	June 21
Snack	Judy Magner	Takako Pike
Snack	Debby O'Keefe	Sue Umstead
Drink	Jean Sullivan	Nancy Miller

Lancaster County Road Trip

On May 24th our largest gathering yet of Loose Threaders hit the road for an adventure in Intercourse and Bird-in-Hand. There were 22 of us that wandered through the sunshine looking for the next fabric or ice cream purchase. They expected us at the Old Country Store, thanks to a call ahead by new member Ruth Ann Joslin, so we each were presented with a fat eighth with a 25% off coupon tucked inside. Lunch was at the Bird-in-Hand Restaurant & Smorgasbord with a game added by Judy McCourry that tested our knowledge of quilt block nomenclature. Last, but certainly not least, was our final stop of the day at the Log Cabin. Friends, food and fabric on a warm sunny day…just can't beat that!

Nature of Quilting - June 24-25, 2023. Presented by the Milford Valley Quilters Guild at the Delaware Valley High School, Rt 209, Milford. PA. https://www.milfordvalleyquiltersguild.org/.

Quilt and Fiber Arts Show - June 24-25, 2023. Presented at the Historic Cold Spring Village, 735 Seashore Road, Cape May, NJ. https://hcsv.org/quilt-fiber-arts-show/.

Kutztown Folk Festival – July 1-9, 2023. The Kutztown Folk Festival is proud to present America's largest quilt sale with over 2500 local handmade quilts on display and for sale! For more info visit https://www.kutztownfestival.com/quilts.

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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 Quilters
Newsletter available on our website
www.theloosethreadsquilters.org

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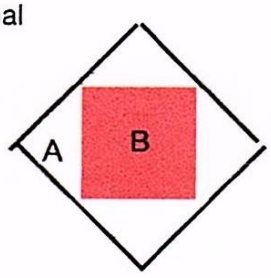
BOM Mystery Quilt

We are almost there !!!
In the next few months, you will be able to finally appreciate the hard work you have been putting into making the mystery.

This month we are making another batch of the square in a square blocks ,that measure 6 1/2 unfinished

1. From fabric A cut (12) 3 7/8 or 4 inch squares and cut once on the diagonal
   From fabric B cut (6) 4 3/4 squares

   Sew a triangle from fabric A to opposing sides of fabric B
   Trim down to 6 1/2 square



As it was discussed before, in the first batch of square in a square blocks in Jan, if you have an alternative focus fabric that you would like to use for the Fabric B center , that would work with this block

2. From fabric B cut (12) 3 1/2 squares and set aside