Loose Threads News

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1st Wednesday Agenda

9:30 Doors open - refreshments & socializing

10:00 Cancelled

3rd Wednesday Agenda

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10:00

Look for email updates

President's Message

Someone accused me of being an optimist the other day! And, I suppose that I am. I prefer to think the best of most any situation rather than seeing things as the worst. I know that many people think that this stay-at-home, self-isolating, mask wearing time is just horrible. To me, it's just a little glitch in what, with any luck, will be my very long life. There was a woman on the news the other night that was 107 and had had, and lived through, both the Spanish Flu and Covid-19, I want her anti-bodies!

Anyway, just think of all the time that we've had to work on quilt projects, house fix-ups, garden plantings, book readings, etc. We're only a phone call, text message or email away from anybody that we want or need to talk to these days. The business of life goes on and, before you know it, we will be back to our beloved Guild meetings and lunch outings. Until then, keep busy and stay healthy!

Betty Ann

Marylou Boryta sent off a birthday email to Kathie Travis, who is battling cancer, and got this note in reply:

Thanks so much for remembering! 😊
Newest problem is peripheral neuropathy in legs, arms and hands. I describe it as feeling like I've walked through a field of stinging nettles. Really distracting and painful. I have supplies for a bunch of masks and two target recipients but have a tough time getting to it.
Ironically, I was planning to get to the April meeting. Oh, well, there's always next April, I hope.

Give my best and tell those who have sent me well wishes cards. Put a sparkle in my day.

You are truly a wonderful person. Thank you.
Kathie

May Birthdays

8 Judy Shafer

23 Betty Ann Dawson

Block of the Month Show & Tell

Susan Glaser Months #5 and #6

Rosemary Geisler
Month #6

Linda Hamel
Month #6

MODA Website offers a free *Village Quilt* pattern as a PDF download

https://my.modafabrics.com/inspiration-resources/one-village-together

Made in 2015, this Village quilt has been around the world. Literally. It has been to shops and distributors in Europe and Australia.

Now we're making this quilt and pattern available as a free PDF download to reach out and connect with our community - with each other.
http://www.unitednotions.com/fp_RQC-701-Villages.pdf

From Gina's Thimble website:
Spring is almost over so we better get started! The challenge will begin on Friday, May 1st and will end on May 30th. It will include 30 tasks that will help you get your sewing space clean and organized! We are aiming to spend approximately 30 minutes each day on a task. For example, here are the first three: 1. Organize a drawer, 2. List all projects & kits, 3. Organize rulers

http://www.gigisthimble.com/2020/04/quilters-spring-cleaning-30-day.html

We're all doin' 'em…facemasks!

Jean Sullivan - Going to friends that I know that could use them.

Carolyn Thompson - 65 masks that I made for Chester County Hospital made with material they supplied and made to their specifications. Sally Ater initiated the project and other guild members assisted with the task!

Linda Glass - For Sally

Lori Memmen - Valami masks - no elastic!

Lil Evans – 32 finished today! Going to Parkhouse

Linda Hamel - For Parkhouse

Margie Allen - Going to nurses at a nursing home in Delaware

Lenore Clarke

Rosemary Geisler

Virtual Road Trip - Ashtabula, Ohio Barn Quilts

Somehow our random and spontaneous road trips land us in one of the towns my husband lived in as a boy moving around for his father's transfers. One such adventure was the Fall of 2019, after a PSU game we traveled west across Pennsylvania and hit the corner of Ohio. As we made our way around Ashtabula (on Lake Erie), I noticed a barn quilt, and then another. I enjoyed taking pictures and having him pull over to check out another here and there. The quilts were definitely planned out and not random. A trail but no information until we were heading out of town and no time to explore the others.

Our trip continued east across NY State. How many of us have heard Lucy say on *I Love Lucy* that she was from Jamestown, NY? Well, she was! Our trip wound up through the Finger Lakes and the Women's Rights National Historical Park in Seneca Falls. A special tie for us in the Finger Lakes is my father went to Navy Boot Camp to prepare for WWII at what is now Sampson State Park there. We enjoyed family camping trips and seeing our sons enjoy swimming in water falls. I trust you will enjoy a virtual road trip while we are not able to take an actual road trip.

Looking forward to seeing you all soon.

Susan Koederitz

"They Marched For Us"

POD Linda Glass

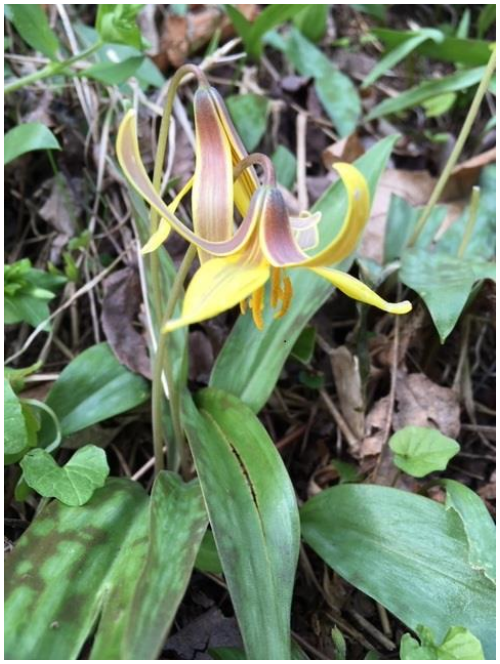
Social distancing doesn't have to keep us from communicating. In an effort to keep in touch with my sisters and grandchildren, my family is now doing "picture of the day". We send a photo to each other of anything we find interesting. It's a reason to get dressed, grab the iPad or phone and think about something other than the virus. If your pix needs it, there are fun applications that can edit that picture.

My preteen grandkids are amazing! What they see and send has revealed a whole new side of them. My sisters garden is a plethora of dazzling color. And who knew how interesting moss on an old tree could be?!?!

I eagerly look forward to my POD. You will too.

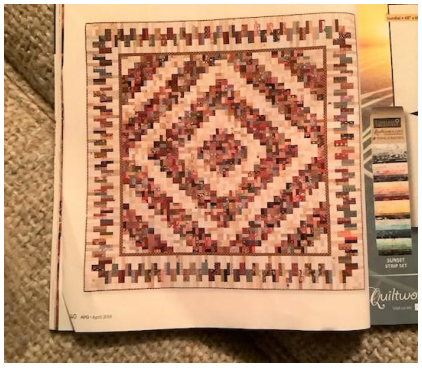
Linda Glass

A real pod!



Loose Threads Virtual Show & Tell

Debby O'Keefe - I made two baby quilts using my favorite flip and sew method onto pre-fabric. Weirdly they turned out to be exactly the same size. The one on the left is for my first grandson due in June.



Carolyn Thompson - A king size quilt I have begun at the request of my daughter. Each 8" block has 32 different fabrics! Ugh! Whose idea was it to ask her to "pick out" what you like?

Donna Matthais - Nancy Bills pattern for scrappy double wedding ring. Used all my heat n bond, etc. so waiting for more to arrive. Hope you are doing some fun projects. Miss everyone!

Marylou Boryta – Door hanger for my great niece Rowan. Finished a UFO *Backyard Birds* which is a Rachel Pellman Kit.

Margie Allen - A huge flag quilt that I never put together from 9-11 era

Linda Hamel – Working on *Victory Garden* quilt, a very old BOM from Ladyfingers…bought way back when it was called Summerhouse!

Lori Memmen - NY Beauty UFO, from 2017 Sara Bond workshop. Only 12 blocks left, so hoping to finish before the SHO is lifted. I call it my Covid19 therapy as it is tedious and distracting!

Rosemary Geisler – Completed table runner with my birthday cake in the background.

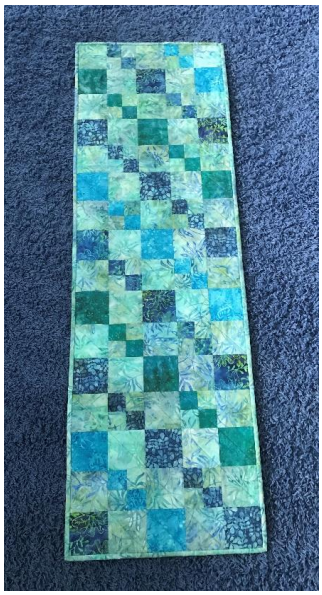
Rosemary Geisler – VFHQ Potholder of the Month

Lil Evans - When my husband retired ten years ago, I rescued Shirts from the donation (trash) bag. This quilt was made entirely from his work shirts.

Pat Philion - This is the inspiration for the block above that I've started for my granddaughter Charlotte

Sandy Michalec - I took a class with Krista Moser in Feb. for this *Bumblebee* quilt.

Susan Glaser - *A Star is Born* baby quilt for a friend.



Nancy Miller

Bonnie Strickland

Lori Memmen - Frieda Anderson workshop

Nancy Miller - *Bee in my Bonnet* quilt along.

Pat Leiter - Bed size paper pieced modern quilt goes to a quilter.

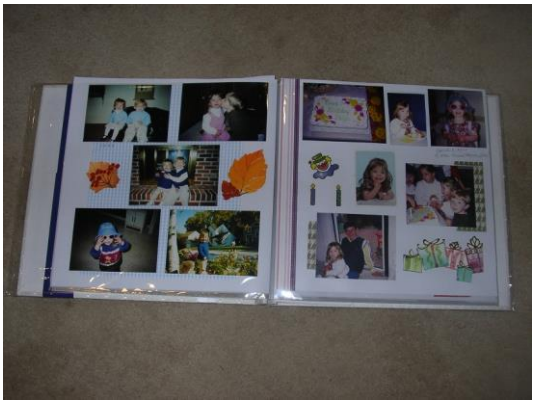
Many thanks to members for making this issue such a success. There were an amazing 23 members who responded to the call for our virtual show and tell.

Pat Leiter – Baby Quilt

Nancy Miller – Baby Quilts

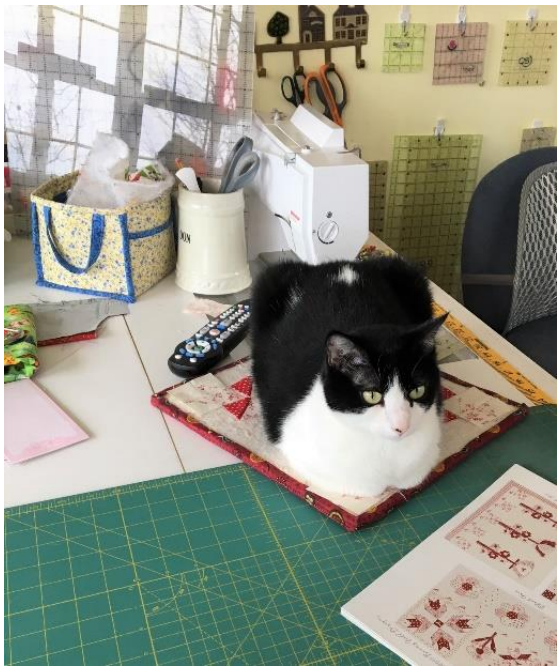
Marylou Bortya - *Irish Blessings* by Kathy Schmitz

Marie Traxler – I have been knitting little preemie hats for my church group to be donated to a local hospital.



Marie Traxler – A scrap/photo album for my granddaughter, Paige. She will be graduating from West Chester University next semester. It covers from sonogram to Senior year. I make one for each graduating grandchild. Six completed and one to go.

Marie Traxler – I have been trying to finish my die cut Christmas tree wall hanging from last year's workshop.



Judy Snook – Sarah likes to sit exactly on what I'm working on. What is she trying to tell me?

Judy Snook – My mini churn dash made with dozens and dozens of half square triangles.

Marylou Bortya - *Silk Road* by Laura Blanchard was a kit I picked up in California YEARS ago. The ceramic pin in the middle is from Avon and very old.

Lenore Clarke - *Chaos of a Concussion* quilt and *Streak of Lightning* quilt

Lenore Clarke - Knitting: Lacy not Lazy, Diamond Duality, Tarragon the Dragon, Sponge Bob Square Pants, Exordium Shawl

Marylou Boryta (obviously an Eagle's fan!) – Flower Door Hangers

Nancy Miller – Pandemic Quilt

Speakers

I have rescheduled Gail Garber. She will be coming next May 18-19, 2021.

http://gailgarber.com/

We have also scheduled Brita Nelson for June 15-16, 2021. She is a local quilter from Berwyn, PA. We will do a workshop with her (she has two to choose from), but I'm not sure which one yet.

https://questioningquilter.com/

New York by Design – Brita Nelson
31″ X 31”

Laurie Kelly

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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

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www.theloosethreadsquilters.org

And to finish, a Tell

Saw this and thought it might be of interest to the guild.

Judy Magner

"Since we're spending much more time at home lately, we at Quilting Daily have become extra interested in how filmmakers have told the stories of quilts through documentaries. Because honestly what better way to spend an afternoon or evening than by delving into an array of fascinating documentaries all about quilting? We know this list isn't complete, but we think it covers a comprehensive range over the past four decades of quilting, covering traditional quilters, art quilters, and those who use quilts as means of outreach or protest (or both). Simply put, there's something here for every quilter.

We have included short trailers for some films where possible, and have included links to other websites where you can either view the entire film for free online or find out more about how to get ahold of a copy if you desire."

https://www.quiltingdaily.com/17-quilt-documentaries-you-should-see-inside-quilters-newsletter/