Loose Threads News

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1st Wednesday Agenda

9:30 Doors open - refreshments & socializing

10:00 Business Meeting
Show and Tell

3rd Wednesday Agenda

9:30 Doors open - refreshments & socializing

10:00 Speaker – Cheryl Holman

5th Wednesday Agenda

9:30 Doors open - refreshments & socializing

10:00 Basting

President's Message

The holiday season will soon be upon us and there is so much to do! So many projects to finish: the family gifts followed rapidly by the challenge placemats, the Secret Pal stockings and the mini quilt blocks of the month. We have a Holiday Brunch to get ready for as well as our own family celebrations, whew! It's a very busy time of year!

As busy as it is, take some time to be thankful for all the good in your life…your family, your friends and your quilt guild. Also, take a minute to reflect on all the good that you've done this year. Our guild does all kinds of good throughout the year. We make comfort quilts, neo-natal hearts, those little soft pads for babies, quilt tops for Ukraine, ICE quilts, and more. In the past we've made walker bags, fidget quilts, aprons for Haiti, and more quilts. If you've participated in any or all of the above, you get to take credit for a whole lot of good and that should fill your heart with happiness.

So thankful for all of you,

Betty Ann

Burkholder's Road Trip – Seems a few purchases were made!

Minutes – October Meeting

The Monthly Business Meeting of the Loose Threads Quilt Guild was held at the United Church of Christ in Spring City on October 5, 2022 facilitated by President
Betty Ann Dawson. The meeting was called to order at 10:07.

Announcements:
• Kiti spoke, saying that she has endometrial cancer and is being treated with chemotherapy after her surgery. She is doing well and thanks everyone for their support.
• Betty Ann announced that Lil is out of the hospital but being treated with heparin for blood clots in her abdomen. She is very fatigued.
• Also, a former member, Dell Shurneck, attended and brought some books.

Old Business: We need a Tea chair for 2025.

Basting: Next basting day is 11/30/22.

Block of the Month: Sylvia said that starting in November the next BOM project will be a mystery quilt that finishes to the size of 54" x 72". There are 3 fabrics, 1) Main: 1 3/4 yd, 2) Background: 3 yds, 3) High contrast: 5/8 yd.

Challenge: Bring your finished placemats to the December meeting in a different bag than the fabric bag that you received.

Charity Projects: project for next meeting

Day Camp: Next week, Times will be: Tuesday 9-4, Wednesday 9-3.

Evening Bee: Next Wednesday after day camp.

Field Trips: On October 26 a shopping trip is planned to Burkholder's with lunch and possible other stops.

Holiday Brunch: Committee is working on it. We don't need wrapped food. Yay!

Hospitality: All good.

Membership: Josie is handing out new membership cards. She also gave out a statistical report on the membership.

Newsletter: Linda reports all is well

Programs: Judy Snook has organized the project of finishing the Ukrainian blocks into quilt tops. We need four sewers. There will be four teams of members cutting, ironing and assembling the tops.

Round Robin: Nancy repeated that this requires a commitment to participate, but it's a lot of fun. She explained 3 different types possible. A fractured quilt like a triptych is one. Strips where a box is passed each month. It could have a theme or limit colors and then there is a medallion where you start it with a center and borders are added. A sign-up sheet was passed.

Speakers: November is Cheryl Holman.

Sunshine: Marylou reported on Jane Russell. She is in assisted living now. She's lost sight in one eye and not doing well. Some cards and continued prayers might help.

Tea: The Tea was tentatively scheduled for April 1st but we are changing it to March 25th so it doesn't conflict with the Lancaster quilt show, pending availability of the church. Tea committees are set up and members need to check which committee they are on.

Treasurer: Marylou gave the treasurer's report.

Website: Diane Hess is working on it.

Other Items: Nancy Kinyon-Samec spoke about the display at the Hankin library.

Raffle Winners: Gift donated by Marie Traxler
Business Meeting Raffle: Winnie McCarraher
Name Tag Winner: Debby O'Keefe

The meeting concluded at 11:25 followed by Show 'n Tell.

Respectfully submitted by:

Winnie McCarraher – Secretary

Fall 2022 Quilter's Day Camp

Our fall Day Camp was a huge success! It had all the expected components…many. many interesting sewing projects, good food, much chatter, a whole lot of laughter (especially that table near the window!).

Judy Snook is ready for lunch.

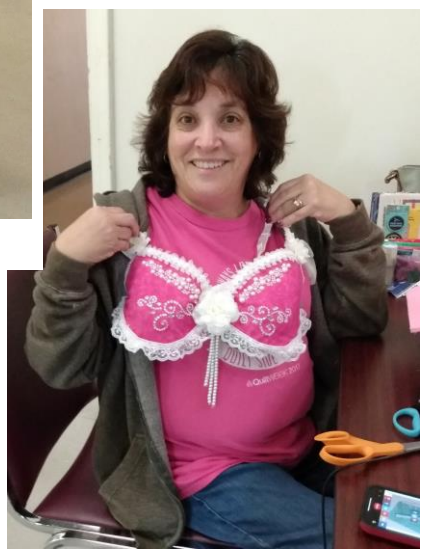
Chris Rivard was working on some hand embroidery.

Marylou dressed to match the quilt she was finishing.

Winnie completed this striking quilt top.

Marylou's sister Anne finished up a Halloween project for Marylou.

The excitement level did surge when Clem discovered that she lost her diamond ring. There was 5 minutes of frantic searching until Diane Hess shouted "I got it!" from across the room. PHEW!



Silvia Homa modeling the project she finished in support of breast cancer.

Block of the Month – Mystery Quilt Along

Hi friends,
Come join me on a Mystery Quilt Along. This one is an easy one. Who doesn't like easy? There will be NO appliqué, paper piecing or Y seams. I don't think I can make it any easier than that, unless I tell you what the mystery is. Fat chance!!

When you're done, you'll have a nice lap size quilt about 72 "X 54" and you could make it larger by adding borders.

Let's have fun!!! Only 3 fabric colors are needed. There should be a high contrast between each of fabric colors.

For example:

Fabric A	Fabric B	Fabric C
Coral	Yellow	Teal blue
Pink.	Purple	Yellow
Lt green	Yellow	Red/pink
Yellow.	Black.	Grey
Red.	Tan	Black
Blue.	Off/White	Green

Fabric A: (most color seen and main "design") You will need about 1 ¾ to 2 yds; I am being generous in the amount
Fabric B: (background) Choose white, grey, off white, black, tan, yellow or any color you want as background. You will need about 3 yds
Fabric C: (highlight) You'll need about 5/8 - 1 yd, again I'm being generous on the amount.
For each of the fabric sets (A,B and C) you may use a single fabric or a combination of fabrics for a scrappy look. For example: You could use a combination of fabrics for A and single color for B & C.

If you have any questions about your choices, come see me. I'll be happy to guide you.

Should you decide to accept this assignment, November and December are quite easy.

For November: We will be making half square triangles (HST) from fabric A & 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.

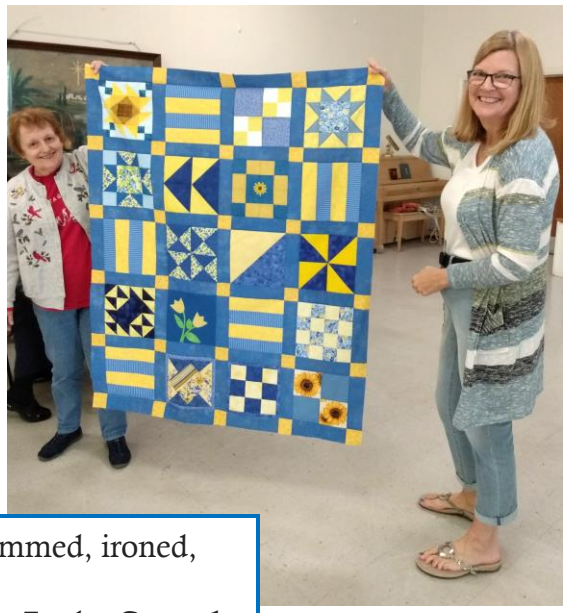
Easy peasy!

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

Silvia Homa

Service Projects – Ukrainian Refugee Quilts

Our November program was led by Judy Snook. She organized members into 5 teams to assemble quilt tops from the blocks members had made during the summer. It went like clockwork and most teams were done (or almost!) by the end of the meeting. They will be sent to a contact in the USA for quilting along with a generous member's donation for this worthy cause.



Thank you to all the people who made blocks, designed, sewed, trimmed, ironed, and put together five lovely quilts for the people of Ukraine.

Many people are going to be warmed and hugged by these quilts. Judy Snook

Florida Quilt Shop Review

On a recent trip to Florida, I had the chance to visit **The Quilt Place**. What a great shop! Located in a strip mall on the outskirts of Orlando, I was able to spend 2 hours browsing while my husband remote worked in the car. As you can see from the pictures, it is a very bright and open shop that was very well organized. They carry a lot of prepackaged quilt kits that include pattern and all fabric needed to complete the quilt. These kits are tailored to all skill levels. They also have an entire separate room dedicated to solids and blenders, which makes it very easy when you are trying to coordinate fabrics.

When they were cutting fabric for me, they put a sticker on each piece that included the fabric name and SKU—makes it easy if I need to order more. I thought this was a clever idea. If you are ever in the Orlando area, stop in at **The Quilt Place**. You won't be disappointed!

Nancy Miller

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Associate's Corner

Pat Philion suggested a new recurring feature for the newsletter – the Associate's Corner. This space will feature updates from our members from far and wide. Please send any new projects you've completed, happenings in your new guilds or family announcements you may want to share. Hope to hear from you all.

Guess who is secretary, and now in charge of Comfort Covers? Comfort Covers supplies all children in the hospital a quilt, or a cover. Church groups will knit, crochet, Scout groups will knot fleece blankets, etc. Then three times a year, the covers are collected, drivers have specific routes, and the covers go up to 2 hours away. A woman has done it for 23+years, and is in her late 70's. She would like to step back!!! These covers also go to nursing homes, developmentally disabled homes, etc. Not sure what I walked into, but it is a noble cause. I'm thinking walker bags would be a good addition.

I'm also the Roving Reporter (like Joanne Cantwell). It is the guild's 40th anniversary, so I've been interviewing members. Plus, I get to know people in town. Win-win.

Lenore Clarke

Upcoming Events

***"Fall Harvest of Quilts"* Show 2022** – Nov 4 – 6, 2022 Presented by Everybody's Quilt Guild at the Pleasant Valley Fire Co., 2030 Pleasant Valley Road., Westminster, MD. Vendors, Boutique, Raffle Baskets, Silent Auction and Demos Admission $10

14th Annual Exhibition of Quilts - November 11-12, 2022. Presented by Lebanon Quilters Guild at the Lebanon Expo Center, 80 Rocherty Road, Lebanon, PA. For more info visit http://lebanonquiltersguild.com/exhibition-of-quilts/.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

18 Jeanne Nalbandia
28 Bonnie Strickland

Sandy Michalec (now living in Washington) was in New York for a family wedding not far from where Pat Philion now lives in Schenectady. Clem and Linda decided that was close enough to warrant a quick visit north.

NOTE: A number of adult beverages may have been consumed during the making of this happy reunion!

YOU ARE INVITED TO THE

Loose Threads Holiday Celebration

Wednesday, December 7, 2022

10:00 A.M.

Gift Exchange – *If you choose to participate*, bring a quilting related gift valued at $25, wrapped, with your name written on a card inside.

Bring your Challenge placemats in a plain bag

Wear your festive clothes

Bring your favorite holiday mug

NICU Hearts

A reminder to our members that the hearts are really needed for the NICU units in 8 of our area hospitals. Here is a photo that was sent by Maria Bentin who spoke at one of our Loose Threads meetings.
What a great and heartfelt message this sends - 2 former NICU babies now giving back to current babies.

Josie Sharp

2022 Challenge

It's not too late!

It's almost time for the 2022 challenge reveal at our brunch on December 7th.

Reminder of the rules:

- Use the contents of the mystery bag given to you earlier this year to make two coordinated (not necessarily identical) placemats.
- You do not have to use every piece of fabric in your bag.
- You may include one additional fabric.
- Size is optional, to fit on a dining table.
- Binding is optional.
- Back can be plain or pieced.

Bring your entry, without your name attached, inside a plain bag and place it on the stage area as soon as you arrive. Placemats will be displayed for all to view and then we will vote for our favorite.

Hospitality

	Nov 2	Nov 16	Nov 30
Snack	Kathy Neiman	Debby O'Keefe	Laurie Kelly
Snack	Linda Glass	Pat Leiter	Judy McCourry
Cold Drink	Jean Sullivan	Marie Traxler	Chris Rivard

Show & Tell

Debby O'Keefe completed a quilt made from very old UFO blocks.

Judy Snook said she likes Halloween quilts that are 'fun' and not scary!

Takko Pike's award winning quilt from the Oaks Quilt Show.

Marylou Boryta made this Rachel I wall hanging for the Relay for Life event.

Marie Traxler showed one of the BOM mini-quilt projects from last year.

lem Dupont made this quilt omprised of orphan blocks, her own nd some from sewing room sale hich was quilted by Takako.

This king size quilt was made by Lori Memmen and quilted by Winnie.

Loose Threads Favorites

It is fall, in fact, it's almost November. That means PUMPKIN everything will be in the markets and on people's menus. Here's two pumpkin recipes from Jolene to add to your 'must try' list.

Pumpkin Apple Breakfast Bake (Custard-like)

3 large eggs
2/3 cup full fat coconut milk
1 cup pumpkin puree
1 large ripe banana, mashed
1 tsp pumpkin pie spice
1 tsp cinnamon, divided
¼ tsp salt
1 large apple, peeled and diced
¾ cup chopped pecans

Preheat oven to 350°. Grease 8 x 8" square pan with coconut oil.

In a large bowl, combine pumpkin, banana, eggs, coconut milk, pumpkin pie spice, ½ tsp cinnamon and salt. Mix together. In a separate bowl, sprinkle ½ tsp cinnamon on diced apple and coat the apples. Now mix into wet ingredients. Pour into greased pan. Sprinkle the pecans on top. Bake 35 – 40 minutes.

Pumpkin Chocolate Chip Cookies

1 stick butter
1¼ cups sugar
2 eggs
1½ cups pumpkin puree
2 cups flour
½ cup wheat germ
2 tsp baking powder
1 tsp baking soda
1 tsp cinnamon
1 cup chocolate chips

Mix butter and sugar, then add eggs and pumpkin, mix well. Add remaining ingredients, mix well. Bake at 375° for 12 – 15 minutes. Makes 5 dozen.

Jolene Lorah

November Program – Cheryl Holman

Cheryl Holman, a member of one of our local guilds, Calico Cutters, will be our guest speaker in November. Her lecture titled "How Did I get To This Point?" is about how she got started in quilting and her journey on the road to creating her own dimensional patterns. Being local she will be bringing many quilts to show.

Since this program features a guest speaker there will be a $5 fee for guests and associate members not assigned to guild committees.

One of Cheryl Holman's optical illusion-maze 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:
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Annual dues are $20 per year and guests are always welcome

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and is available on our website
www.theloosethreadsquilters.org

Fractured Quilt Challenge

Have you seen the great pictorial quilts made by several different quilters? Although each quilter is working from the same photo and pattern, their individual choices of fabrics and techniques make these quilts very interesting and unique. And each quilter works individually so they do not know how others are executing their section. These quilts, called fractured or sliced, are lots of fun to make.

Some Loose Threads members are going to participate in this challenge beginning in November. Laurie Kelly, Winnie McCarraher, Judy Snook, Eileen Frankil, Rosemary Geisler, Lori Memmen and Linda Hamel will each get a section of an original photo of a Pennsylvania covered bridge to interpret. Each section, by each quilter, will measure 7" x 36". When everyone is finished, all the sections will be hung together, in the proper order, to reconstitute the photo of the bridge. The goal is to have the project completed for display at our Tea in March 2023.