Loose Threads News

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1st Wednesday Agenda

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10:00 **Ukrainian Refugee Quilts**

President's Message

Happy Fall, everyone! Cooler weather is definitely here and, much to the chagrin of many, the days are getting shorter. It's a great time to get busy on all those projects that you avoided during the hot summer months. Oh, yeah, and all those Christmas presents that you've not yet started. Better get busy!

On another note, if you missed the post regarding the quilt show in Lancaster and the mistake on their published information regarding the show dates, let me fill you in. The dates are scheduled for March 29,30,31 and April 1, 2023. However, our Tea set-up and the Tea itself are on the calendar for March 31 and April 1, 2023. Please do not sign up for any classes that conflict with the Tea. As a member of Loose Threads, you are required to help with and participate in the Tea.

Betty Ann

Remember this bag filled with fabric?

Our challenge is just 2 months away!

Reminder of the rules:

Use the contents of the mystery bag to make 2 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.

Minutes – September Meeting

The Monthly Business Meeting of the Loose Threads Quilt Guild was held at the United Church of Christ in Spring City on September 7, 2022 facilitated by President Betty Anne Dawson. The meeting was called to order at 10:02.

Announcements:
• Donna and her husband are retiring as of November 2022. They are moving to East Greenville. The guild needs to lock in any dates for next year for use of the church. We need to get them on the church calendar as soon as possible.
• The 35th anniversary of the guild is in 2023.
• Carly Moore is a new member and just a reminder that membership renewal stuff such as committee selections need to be turned into Josie.

Old Business: Inactive Committees; will they remain inactive? Membership voted to keep **Fabric Exchange** on hiatus. **Retreat** committee - 6 people are interested, so its back on the list. **Round Robin** - back on the list. Samples of Round Robin projects will be brought in and there will be further discussion.

Block of the Month: Sylvia showed this month's BOM, shadow boxes. She also showed the pineapple block from last month. Sylvia also announced a fundraiser using bras to benefit women who need mammograms. Talk to Sylvia for more info.

Challenge: Deb encouraged everyone to finish your challenge. Two prizes will be awarded.

Evening Bee: Next Wednesday, meet at Giovanni's at 5:00 for dinner.

Field Trips: None planned at this time but announced that there is a local shop hop from 10/7-10/16. The passport is $36. Also, there is an event at the Mennonite Heritage Center on 11/12/22 called a Quilt Turning. It's an opportunity to view and study 24 quilts in the center's collection. Cost is $40 per person and is limited to 20 people.
Also put on your calendar the Valley Forge Quilt Show October 21 and 22.

Library: Caroline Ferrandino said that there are books missing and books that are signed out and not returned. Members, please check your sewing rooms for any extra books you might've forgotten.

Membership: Josie reports 39 renewals plus 10 today. There are 5 openings for active members.

Secret Pal: Margie reminded everyone to do their stocking for the Holiday brunch.

Speakers: Janneke Van Der Ree in September – Her topic is My Journey as a Quilter.

Sunshine: Jane Russell a bit under the weather. Cards and notes appreciated

Tea: Need the committee sign-up sheets turned in. The Sewing Room is taking donations.

Treasurer: Report given by Marylou.

Other Items: Lenore is coming into town for the Oaks Quilt Show and would like to get together with other members.

Raffle Winners:
Business Meeting Raffle: Donated by Betty Ann Dawson, won by Mary Larkin
Cherry Wood Raffle: Chris Rivard

The meeting concluded at 11:10 followed by Show 'n Tell.

Respectfully submitted,
Winnie McCarraher, Secretary

Hospitality

	October 5	October 19
Snack:	Nancy Kinyon-Samec	Judy Snook
Snack:	Marylou Boryta	Clem Dupont
Cold Drink:	Loretta Radewonuk	Bonnie Strickland

Nancy Kinyon-Samec coordinated this 'mini-exhibit' of mini-quilts and small collectibles at the Henrietta Hankin Library. In 2023 guild members will have an opportunity to display their quilts in a more extensive exhibit at the library.

THE QUILTSHOW.com

It's been at least two years since Laurie Kelly turned me on to The Quilt Show and, wow, I'm glad she did!

The Quilt Show is an online subscription type show hosted by Alex Anderson and Ricky Tims. For just $49 per year, you are able to view new shows every week! You can watch them live or later at your convenience. They host big names in the quilting world who usually have their quilts displayed and will teach a new quilting skill. They do block-of-the-months, blogs, and tutorials. I am currently doing their 2022 BOM and there is always support and inspiration available. And, you can watch older shows too. I am always picking up new tips and I especially benefit from the physical activity I get from watching the shows on the treadmill! 😂 It's a great alternative to physically attending quilt classes. And you can't beat the price.

Nancy Miller

Oaks Quilt Show

Takako Pike submitted an entry into this year's Pennsylvania National Quilt Extravaganza held in Oaks. Appropriately called *First Challenge*, since she hadn't ever entered a show before, she was rewarded with a wonderful surprise. She received a ribbon for Judge's Choice! Congratulations Takako.

October Birthdays

7	Susan Umstead
16	Jean Sullivan
18	Judy Peters
22	Jolene Lorah
27	Joanne Cantwell

Upcoming Events

Quilts in the Mill – September 30 - October 2, 2022. Presented by the Courthouse Quilters Guild at Prallsville Mills, 33 Risler Street, Stockton, NJ. www.courthousequilters.org

"Quilts From the Heart of Berks" Quilt Show 2022—Oct 7 - 8, 2022 Presented by Berks Quilters Guild at the Leesport Farmer's Market, 312 Cernant's Church Road, Leesport, PA. Friday 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM and Saturday 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

Berry Basket Quilt Show – October 8-9, 2022. Presented by Berry Basket Quilters at Kirby's Mill School, 151 Hartford Road, Medford, NJ. www.berrybasketquilters.com

Quilt Fanfare - October 14-15, 2022. Presented by Keystone Quilters Guild at the Finland Mennonite Church, 1750 Ziegler Road, Pennsburg, PA. www.keystonequilters.org

America Quilts - October 14-16, 2022. Presented by South Shore Stitchers Quilt Guild at the Upper Township Community Center, 1790 Route 50, Tuckahoe, NJ. www.southshorestitchers.com/.

Valley Forge Quilt Show - October 21-22, 2022. Presented by Valley Forge Homestead Quilters at the Good Shepard Church, King of Prussia, PA. at www.valleyforgequilters.org

September Show and Tell

Linda Hamel, Nancy Miller, Clem Dupont and Carly Moore show off their quilts from the August Kool Kaleidoscope workshop.

This embroidered quilt represents the birds of all 50 states and will be a fundraiser at the Oaks quilt show for Josie Sharp's Sewing Guild.
BTW: They did great at Oaks, making over $800!

Betty Ann made a quilt from flannel shirts of a friend who passed away. It will go to his family.

Pat Leiter completed this baby quilt

Lori Memmen completed this quilt for her mom from a Sarah Bond workshop they had taken together.

Clem completed this amazing Red & White quilt which she has always wanted to make.

New member Carly Moore shows the first quilt she ever made.

Debby O'Keefe did this scrap quilt to use up her sizable scrap savings from over the years. But she said it didn't use up nearly enough!

Takako Pike finished 3 quilts for the son of a client who had passed away. This one was pieced entirely by hand!

September Speaker – Janneke Vanderree

Our speaker in September was a reunion of sorts. Janneke Vanderree, a former Loose Threads member before she relocated to New Jersey, gave a trunk show of her charming, colorful and eclectic quilts. Her pride in her Dutch heritage was front and center in much of her work…especially in her use of the color orange!

Below is Janneke's 'totally Dutch' quilt – it's got it all!

October Program

The folks to whom we are sending the quilt blocks for Ukrainian refugees have been overwhelmed with donations. They requested, if possible, would we be able to sew the blocks into quilt tops to make their job a bit easier. So, our October program meeting will be dedicated to that goal.

We have about 90 blocks that are already made. Members will divide into 4 groups who will each receive 20 blocks. The groups should choose a coordinator (to assign jobs for the day and keep things moving) and then teams will get busy deciding how to put their blocks together into a lovely quilt. We will need at least 4 sewing machines, 2 irons (the guild has 2), and 2 cutting set-ups (mat, ruler and rotary cutter. If you have a design wall or flannel fabric for that purpose, bring that along too. Please email Judy Snook (Judyann112@verizon.net) if you can bring any of these items on Wednesday, October 19th.

To make the quilt larger or the design more interesting, additional fabric could be added. If you have any yellow or blue fabric, these can be cut into 8 ½ inch blocks or 2 - 2 ½ inch strips which could be used as sashing between blocks. Or if it's a large piece of fabric, leave it intact and perhaps it could be used as borders.

Hopefully we can get 4 quilts tops together that day…and have fun doing it!

Judy Snook

Loose Threads' Favorites

Now that fall is here and there's a chill in the air, it seems like the perfect time for a soup recipe from our guild cookbook?

Ham and Yam Soup

1 onion
3 leeks, chopped (white part)
1 Tbsp. oil
½ pound, diced ham
1/3 tsp. white pepper
2 pounds sweet potatoes, peeled and diced
4 cups chicken stock
1 tsp. salt
1 cup milk
Grated nutmeg

Soften onion and leeks in oil. Add ham and sweet potatoes: toss to coat. Add stock, salt, pepper and nutmeg. Cook until potatoes are soft. Remove 2 cups potatoes and puree. Add puree to pot with milk. Heat through.

Eileen Frankil

Loose Threads Guild Committees for 2022-2023

Basting – Kiti Williams, Kathy Neiman, Loretta Radewonuk, Jean Sullivan, Jolene Lorah
Block of the Month –Sylvia Homa
Business Meeting Raffle – Marie Traxler, Clem Dupont
2023 Challenge – Lori Memmen, Debby O'Keefe, Silvia Homa
Day Camp – Betty Ann Dawson, Lil Evans
Evening Bee – Linda Glass
Fabric Exchange – on haitus
Facebook – Kiti Williams (private group page administrator)
Facebook Public Page - TBA
Field Trips - Winnie McCarraher, Judy McCourry, Susan Umstead
Henrietta Hankin Library Exhibit: Debby O'Keefe, Nancy Kinyon-Samec
Historian – Kathy Parker
Holiday Brunch – Pat Leiter, Bonnie Strickland, Marie Traxler, Geri Dulis, Gayle Hammond
Hospitality – Gayle Hammond, Bonnie Strickland, Geri Dulis
Library – Chris Rivard, Carolyn Ferrandino, Takako Pike, Bernie Hughes
Name Tag Raffle – Linda Glass
Name Tags Printing – Jean Sullivan
Newsletter - Linda Hamel, Judy Snook, Susan Koederitz, Nancy Miller
Nominating Committee – Josie Sharp (VP) Elect 2 additional from: Judy Snook, Laurie Kelly, Geri Dulis, Rosemary Geisler, Bernie Hughes
Programs - Linda Hamel, Susan Koederitz, Nancy Miller
Retreats – TBA
Round Robin – Nancy Miller, Rosemary Geisler, Laurie Kelly, Linda Hamel
Secret Pal – Margie Allen, Carly Moore
Service Projects – Nancy Kinyan-Samec, Sharon Beiderman, Judy Peters, Joanne Borgnis
Speakers – Laurie Kelly, Rosemary Geisler
Sunshine – Judy Snook, Mary Larkin, Cathy Nelson
Tea Chairs – 2023 – Diane Hess, 2024 – Chris Rivard
UFO Challenge – Linda Glass, Melinda Novatnak
Website – Diane Hess

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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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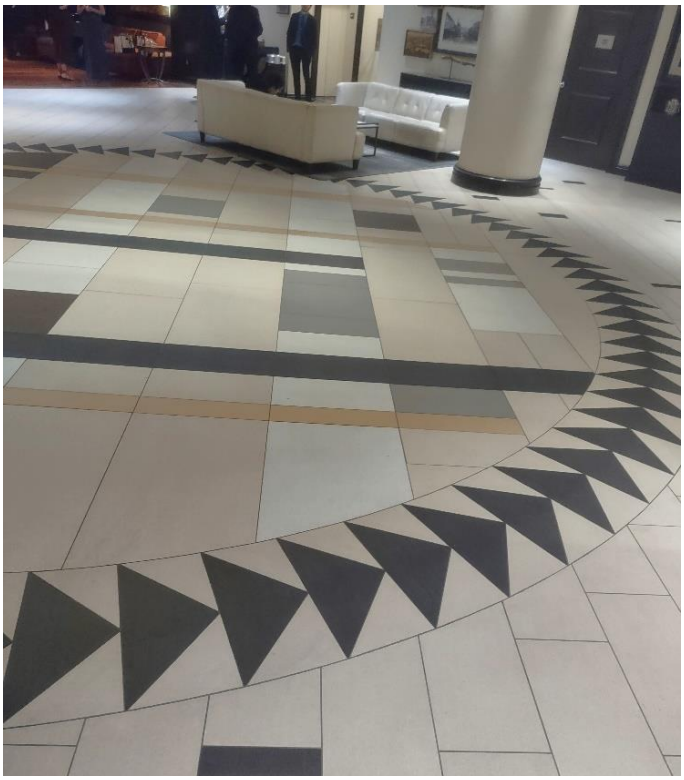
www.theloosethreadsquilters.org



As we were leaving a work party at the Marriott in Gulph Mills, I saw this in the lobby and had to take photos.

Susan Koederitz

Once we've developed a quilter's eye, we seem to view the world a bit differently – everything is q quilt design!