Loose Threads News

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1st Wednesday Agenda

9:30 Doors open - refreshments & socializing

10:00 Business Meeting

Time to renew your membership! Don't forget to bring Josie Sharp your completed membership form and $20 check or cash.

3rd Wednesday Agenda

9:30 Doors open - refreshments & socializing

10:00 Speaker
Janneke Van Der Ree

President's Message

Well, ladies, here we are heading into September and a brand new year of the Loose Threads Quilt Guild. We have lots of things that will be finishing up in the near future: mini-quilts in Block of the Month, placemats for the Challenge, and, if you are participating, the Christmas stocking for your Secret Pal. Then we will be heading into a whole new set of fun activities for 2023 which will be our 35th Anniversary, as well as, planning and finalizing our preparations for our annual Quilters' Tea. Looks like it is going to be a busy year!

It's a year in which I am honored to be your president. We have a good group of officers that are ready, willing and able to tackle the upcoming year and infuse it with tons of fun. A big "thank you" goes to the outgoing officers for the time and the effort that they put into last year.

As always,

Betty Ann

Fall Day Camp is scheduled for Tuesday, October 11th and Wednesday, October 12th at our Spring City UCC church.
Cost is $25 which includes lunch and snack on both days.
See Betty Ann to sign up by paying your non-refundable fee.

Minutes - August Meeting

The Monthly Business Meeting of the Loose Threads Quilt Guild was held at the United Church of Christ in Spring City on 8/3/22 facilitated by President Rosemary Geisler. The meeting was called to order at 10:10.

Announcements: Welcome again to Carly on her second meeting.

Basting: Meeting this month on 8/31/22. There are 2 tops in the queue.

Block of the Month: This month is the pineapple.

Charity Projects: Nancy reports there are 11 quilts for donation. She will deliver soon. Judy Snook has collected 90 blocks for donations Ukraine. She will mail them in a couple of weeks.

Day Camp: October 11th and 12th. Betty Anne is collecting the registration fee of $25.

Evening Bee: Next week at the usual time.

Field Trips: Next trip is Aug 24th. Going to the Schwenkfelder Heritage Center.

Hospitality: Covered through the end of August so sign-up at next meeting.

Library: Available for the meeting. Carolyn will cull the older books out of the collection.

Membership: Josie is collecting membership forms and the dues.

Newsletter: Linda thanked everyone for the story submissions and encouraged more people to sign up for the committee. Nancy Miller and Susan Koederitz are volunteering to join the committee.

Programs: August - Laurie and Nancy presenting Kaleidoscope workshop. Laurie reviewed what's necessary for the workshop. They will send out a supply list.

Secret Pal: Nothing new but reminder to work on your Christmas stocking.

Speakers: September - Janneke Van Der Ree

Tea: New date is April 1st. We need ideas for speakers.

Treasurer: Report by Marylou. We doubled our treasury this year.

Website: Up to date

FB: Up to date

Raffle Winners:
Business Meeting Raffle: Kathy Neiman
Name Tag Winner: Sharon Beideman

The meeting concluded at 10:55 followed by Show 'n Tell.

Respectfully submitted,
Winnie McCarraher –Secretary

VALLEY FORGE QUILT SHOW

October 21-22, 2022

Presented by Valley Forge Homestead Quilters at the Good Shepard Church King of Prussia, PA.
$10 Donation

Vendors, Quilt Boutique, Antiques, Quilt Appraisals, Bake Sale, Numerous Raffles

For more info visit:
http://www.valleyforgequilters.org/Evt-QShow-Pg.html.

Upcoming Events

Mountain Laurel Quilt Guild Exhibit - September 2-24, 2022. At the Gmeiner Art & Cultural Center, 134 Main Street, Wellsboro, PA. www.mountainlaurelquiltguild

Pennsylvania National Quilt Extravaganza - September 15-18, 2022. Presented by Mancuso Show Management, the largest and most prominent quilting arts event in the Northeast all under one roof at the Greater Philadelphia Expo Center, Phoenixville, PA. www.quiltfest.com/upcoming-shows-and-events/pennsylvania-national-quilt-extravaganza/

New Jersey Shop Hop 9/16 to 9/25 The Hop will begin on Friday, September 16th, and conclude on Sunday, September 25th. You'll have 10 full days to get to Jersey's best shops! www.facebook.com/NJShopHop.

4H Club Annual Giant Fabric Sale September 22-25, 2022 at the Montgomery County 4-H Center, 1015 Bridge Road, Collegeville, PA. Visit our Giant Fabric Sale with all kinds of fabrics, patterns, notions, needlecrafts, yarn, and assorted sewing supplies are priced to sell. www.montcopa4hcenter.org/event/giant-fabric-sale/.

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-in-the-mill-show.html.

September Birthdays

2	Linda Hamel
5	Laurie Kelly
13	Silvia Homa
16	Clem Dupont
22	Nancy Miller
30	Lori Memmen

Hospitality

	September 7	September 21
Snack:	Nancy Miller	Linda Hamel
Snack:	Nancy Kinyon-Samec	Rosemary Geisler
Cold Drink:	Betty Ann Dawson	Carolyn Ferrandino

Pat Philion made this colorful beach themed quilt for her granddaughter Charlotte.

The Google Queen

This issue contains the first of a new recurring feature of our Loose Threads News. Susan Koederitz, now to be known as the **Google Queen,** will be searching the web for interesting tips, patterns or quilting ideas…hers or yours! As she expressed to me, "I hope members will see these articles as a chance to share ideas and ask questions, especially if they are not comfortable searching out information on their own. In one of my jobs, I was called the **Google Queen** because I could get in there and find info others couldn't." So, for our first installment…

There is so much information, ideas, patterns, images, etc. out there on the internet…Where to start? Are you looking for a pattern or idea and don't know where to start? Has finding something you were looking for been a successful endeavor? Would you like help with something? Please share. Please ask questions.

For me, one such project was Christmas stockings. I decided to make stockings for my son and his fiancé (now wife and yes, I bought extra fabric for any additional family members that might come—wink, wink. I have made one so far). This stocking idea led me down a path where I have now made--I don't even know--75 (as a guess) of different kinds, themes, and materials.

The videos listed below were the two that were most successful for me, and I combined aspects of each one for my stockings. The pattern I liked the most came from allpeoplequilt.com I listened and watched the videos multiple times, as well as some others. BUT!!! When my husband heard Jenny Doan say a stocking could be anything (shhh….Jenny!), he rushed out to the garage and came back with a fire boot. I lost count after 50. We made ours to fit a box of Hot Tamales (appropriate, right?) The technique I learned in the Russell Conte video has been very helpful in other areas of sewing, such as the hearts for *I Found a Quilted Heart.*

Susan Koederitz

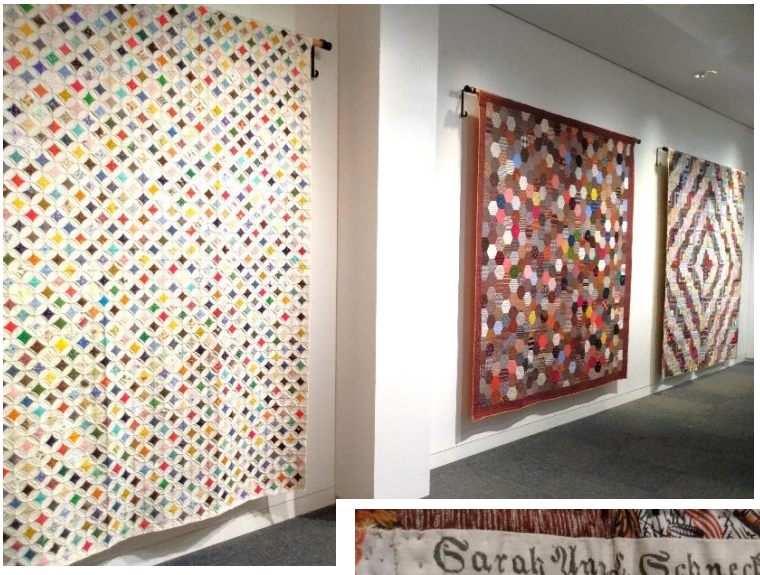
Make an Adorable Christmas Stocking with Jenny Doan
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4YK2GlJGeH4&t=509s

Quick and Easy Holiday Stocking with Russell Conte
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LvRvXijGoQk

https://www.allpeoplequilt.com/holiday-quilts/christmas/basic-christmas-stocking

August Road Trip – Schwenkfelder Library

We headed to Pennsburg in August to see the quilt exhibits at the Schwenkfelder Library. Upstairs the exhibit was *Bits and Pieces: Scrappy Quilts from the Collection,* which is on display until November 6, 2022. The day ended after a very tasty and leisurely lunch at the historic Jameson Public House.



This amazing quilt, in pristine condition, had a label, front and center, which was dated 1826.

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The exhibit on the ground floor of the Schwenkfelder Library was *Crazy for You: Crazy Quilts and Objects of Memory for the Permanent Collection.* (Exhibit through September 30th)

From their website: Crazy quilts were a phenomenon that swept the nation in the late 1800s and were embraced by nearly everyone, no matter what their background. The lushness of the silks and velvets usually incorporated into these textiles perfectly complemented the interiors of Victorian homes.

Many quilts (or more accurately coverlets) were made from pre-cut pieces that could be bought mail order. Some quilt makers included motifs that were important or interesting to them, such as dates, initials, political and organizational symbolism, animals, figures – the list is endless. These quilts became albums of a sort, preserving the maker's whims and fancies in embroidery and fabric.

A beautiful contemporary crazy quilt

August Show & Tell

Nancy Miller finished three colorful projects for donations to the guild charity quilt effort.

Pat Leiter made a charming baby quilt.

Jean had a tote bag filled with a slew of newly finished UFO projects. Way to go Jean!

Judy Snook did this project at the MAQ weekend. She is donating it to VFHQ quilt show Mini-Raffle.

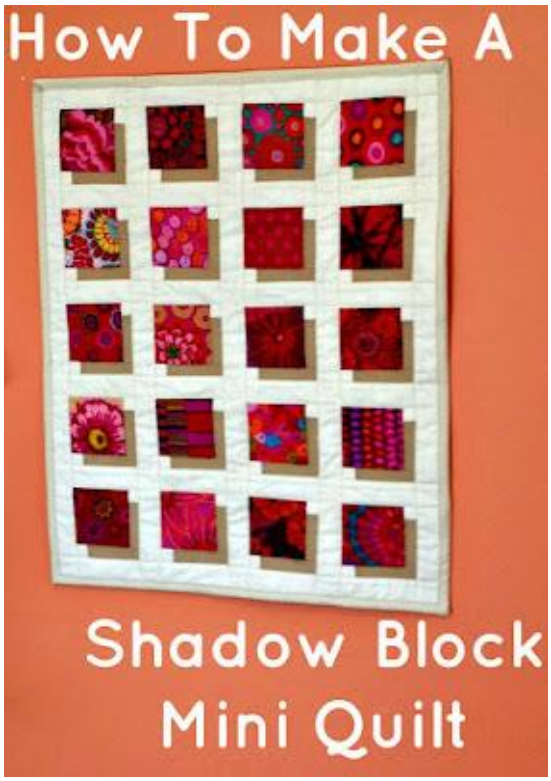
September Speaker – Janneke Van Der Ree

We will have an opportunity to visit with an old friend at our September program meeting. Janneke Van Der Ree is a former Loose Threads member who moved to New Jersey a number of years ago. She was always full of so many novel and creative ideas…it will be a pleasure to see what she has been up to!

Janneke's lecture is titled *Diary of a Dutch Quilter.*

www.jannekequilts.com

BOM Mini- Quilt - September



http://studiodragonfly.blogspot.com/2015/09/how-to-make-shadow-block-mini-quilt.html

One very important thing to keep in mind with this project is that the smaller the project, the more important it is to be accurate. Be extra careful with your cutting and check to make sure your seam allowance is an accurate 1/4". If you do those two things, your project will come together perfectly.

Focus fabric - Twenty 3" squares.
Shadow fabric - 1/4 yard or fat quarter This fabric should be a solid, medium value neutral. As long as there is contrast with the background, it should provide the right effect.
Background fabric - 3/8 yard light solid fabric
Backing fabric - 5/8 yard
Binding fabric - 1/4 yard

Quilt block sections

Fundraising Effort

Recently I had the opportunity to participate in a Fundraiser for Ukraine sponsored by the International Quilt Museum in Lincoln.

The International Quilt Museum (IQM) held a three-day online quilt auction to benefit disaster relief in Ukraine. The IQM partnered with Lincoln Rotary Club #14 and Friends of IQM to launch a challenge in the spring for quilters to make a 16" X 16" quilt inspired by the sunflower quilts within the museum's collection. The mini-quilt challenge and the auction were met with great enthusiasm; each of the 219 donated quilts was sold in the online auction.

Initially, Levy and the IQM team expected the auction to bring in a couple of thousand dollars; however, within just hours of the auction beginning, the team quickly realized they underestimated the reach of the challenge. With over 300 bidders and 1,523 bids, the total amount made to support disaster relief efforts in Ukraine is $27,385.

A photo was required along with a registration form. I took the photo before it was quilted and it still sold. The quilt was titled Hope for Ukraine. The buyer sent me a lovely note commenting on the quilting and she lives in Portland, Oregon (small world).

Sandy Michalec
Olympia, WA

Quilting Panels

Article from quiltinghub.com

Panels have been popular since the quilting resurgence in the 70's. They have lots of uses and good reasons for using them. Though some quilters refer to them as cheater quilts, they are a wonderful beginning for the modern quilter with limited time for piecing. They become a center medallion that saves much time for the quilter – probably the reason they came into being.

Attic window quilts are popular uses of panels also. There are many artistic approaches to this basic pattern, and you can probably find one by your favorite designer. Variations on the attic window include fracturing the panel in different ways. Because our brains are wired to see the whole picture even if it isn't there, we still see the panel scene in the fractured quilt.

Panels also make a good start for totes, pillows, and other décor items. I read recently about an artist that used a panel for the start of a thread painting.

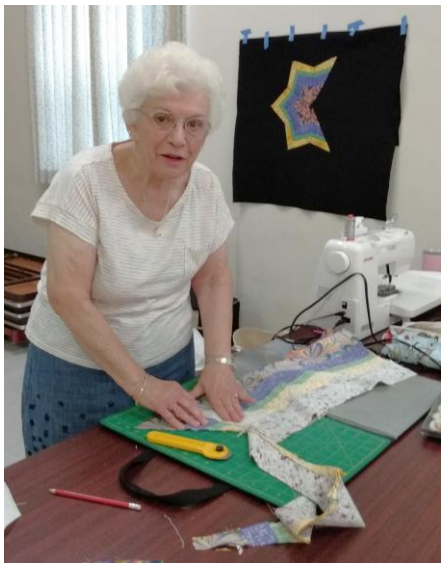
My quilting spouse and I use different approaches to panels. He loves quilting with grid interfacing, so he may cut up his panels and surround them with fabric that he likes.

I might use a panel as a background for some art project I have in mind. This butterfly was created first, and the panel purchased after to have a quilt for mounting the butterfly.

When you think about panels, don't limit yourself to ones that are commercially produced by the fabric houses. Decorator pillows, pillow shams, or bandanas are good sources of panels and readily available at retail and thrift stores. My granddaughter wanted a sea otter and baby, so I ordered a pillow sham from a big box store.

August Program – Kool Kaleidoscope

Laurie Kelly and Nancy Miller led the August Ricky Tims Kool Kaleidoscope workshop. They steered us through the process step by step and most folks had all their kaleidoscope pieces pinned to their design wall by the end of the day. If you're interested in trying it at home, it's available online as four You Tube videos.



Loose Threads' Favorites

I'm sure many members have a major sweet tooth like I do. How about some dessert recipes from our vintage guild cookbook for this month?

Rhubarb Pie

1 egg
1 cup sugar
1 Tbsp flour
2 Tbsp milk
2 cups rhubarb, cut into cubes (add a little more for 9 inch pie)
8 or 9 inch pie crust
1 Tbsp margarine
Cinnamon

Combine egg, sugar, flour and milk. Add rhubarb. Pour into unbaked shell. Dot with margarine. Sprinkle cinnamon on top. Bake at 400° for 35 to 40 minutes

Eileen Frankil

Toffee Bars

1 cup butter or margarine, softened
1 cup brown sugar, packed
1 egg yolk
1 tsp. vanilla
¼ tsp salt
4 -5 (1.55 oz.) Hershey's chocolate bars
½ cup chopped pecans or walnuts
2 cups flour

Heat oven to 350°. Grease 13 x 9" pan. Mix thoroughly butter, sugar, egg yolk, and vanilla. Blend in flour and salt. Press evenly in bottom of pan. Bake 25 - 30 minutes or until very light brown. Crust will be soft. Remove from oven; immediately place separated squares of chocolate on crust. As soon as it softens, spread evenly. Sprinkle with nits. Cut into bars while still warm.

Dell Scherneck

Pineapple Drop Cookies

½ cup butter
1 ½ cup sugar
2 eggs
½ cup drained pineapple
2 ½ cups flour
Pinch of salt
½ tsp baking soda
1 tsp baking powder

Mix all ingredients together. Drop from teaspoon onto greased cookie sheet. Bake at 375°, in preheated oven for 10 minutes. Watch how you pack them for storage; they stick together. Place on wax paper to stack.

Jolene Lorah

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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
Spring City, PA 19475
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Annual dues are $20 per year and guests are always welcome

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www.theloosethreadsquilters.org

A few more examples of Susan's stockings: