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Loose Threads News

1st Wednesday Agenda

9:30 Doors open - refreshments and socializing

10:00 Business Meeting

3rd Wednesday Agenda

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10:00 Program Meeting - Easy Thread Catcher

President's Message

April showers bring May flowers. The plants and trees are in full bloom and it's a great time to be outside! The dedicated quilter would take their handwork outside and enjoy the sunshine while quilting! LOL! The Guild has several fun activities planned for May. Two field trips and a program on making thread catchers. We hope everyone will join in the fun!!
~Diane

Mark your calendar!
FIELD TRIPS

Friday, May 16
Schwenkfelder Library & Heritage Center
105 Seminary St., Pennsburg
Meet at 9:30 at Royersford Kohl's
Lunch at Jamison Publick House

Tuesday, May 27
Fabric Mart &
In Stitches
3911 Penn Ave., Sinking Spring
4017 Conrad Weiser Pkwy, Womelsdorf
Meet at 9:30 at Pottstown Joanns
Lunch at Countryfare Restaurant

Questions?
Contact Judy McCourry
or Sue Umstead

May 21 Workshop

Plan on joining us on Wednesday, May 21 to make the World's Easiest Thread Catcher which can capture all of those pesky threads and small scraps that accumulate while you are creating. There will be straight seam sewing only - no curves.

Supplies needed:

Exterior fabric: one piece of sturdy cotton fabric cut to 7" x 15" rectangle

Lining fabric: one piece of sturdy cotton fabric cut to 7" x 15" rectangle

(Do not use one directional prints)

Sewing machine including zigzag foot
Scissors
Ruler
Pencil or pen
Pins
Questions? Contact Kathy Santillo

2025 Challenge: IT

Inspiration and Transformation

Open up your interpretation and creativity and let your inspiration transform your creation. Is there a particular piece of art you are inspired by? A flower? A landscape? What inspires you? A particular genre? A favorite book? An art piece? A style of painting? A person? Let that idea inspire you in your creation (quilt, soft sculpture, bag, runner, pillow, etc.) This is your inspiration and transformation. No size limitations. Let your imagination and inspiration take you away. By the November business meeting, please submit to the committee an approximate size of your piece (for determining display size requirements at the holiday party). At the reveal, please include a photo of your inspiration and a brief written description of what inspired you. Questions? Contact Susan Koederitz or Beth Hammond-Ritschard.

MYSTERY BOM

Get in on the fun! A new BOM kicked off in September and it's going to be a mystery! You will need:
2 yards background fabric and

- A layer cake or
- A fat quarter bundle or
- Scraps in a color scheme or
- Totally random scraps

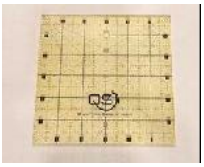
Challenge yourself to use up some fabric that you already have! Instructions will be passed out and explained at the business meeting each month. These instructions will also be posted on the LTQ website. Questions? Contact Silvia Homa or Nancy Miller.

TEA BLOCK WINNERS

Congratulations to our guild winners!
Lil Evans
Judy Snook
Susan Koederitz
Sue Umstead

LTQ Library RULERS

Did you know that our library has a collection of quilting rulers? Before you purchase that once and done ruler, check out the rulers that are available to borrow!

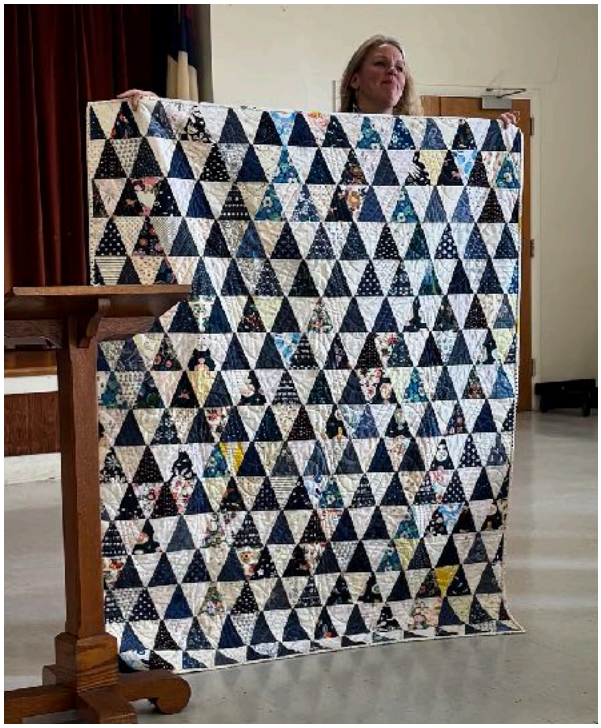


UFO Challenge

If you have too many projects started but not finished, the UFO Challenge is an opportunity for you to rid yourself of the guilt and maybe win $25.00! Here is how it works:

Go to your sewing room and list all of your UFO's on the form available from Linda Glass. Return the form so that they can be entered into the UFO Challenge book.
Now for the tough part, finish your project! Bring it to show and tell and receive a raffle ticket for a drawing that will take place each quarter. Finished projects are recorded in the Challenge book so you needn't worry about losing your ticket. The winning ticket holder will then receive $25.00.
Please note- For our purposes, a UFO will be any project that is 6 months old or older.
Any questions, don't hesitate to ask Linda Glass.

SHOW AND TELL



Carly Moore repurposed the triangles she made from the David Sirota workshop into this beautiful quilt. Good on you, Carly, for using what you had already made and for not throwing them into the UFO pile!

Susan Glaser stitched up this Laundry Basket quilt made from a kit. She was a little hesitant about using the precuts, but it turned out great!

This friendship quilt was presented to Nancy Kinyon-Samec. The colors are so springy and uplifting. Nancy thanked the guild for their encouraging thoughts and for the efforts that went into creating this lovely quilt.

Diane Hess stitched up this Sue Daly precut kit. The colors are so inviting!

Barb Sherman came across a pile of red and white cross-stitch squares from 2001-2005 and decided to finally put them all together. Gorgeous!

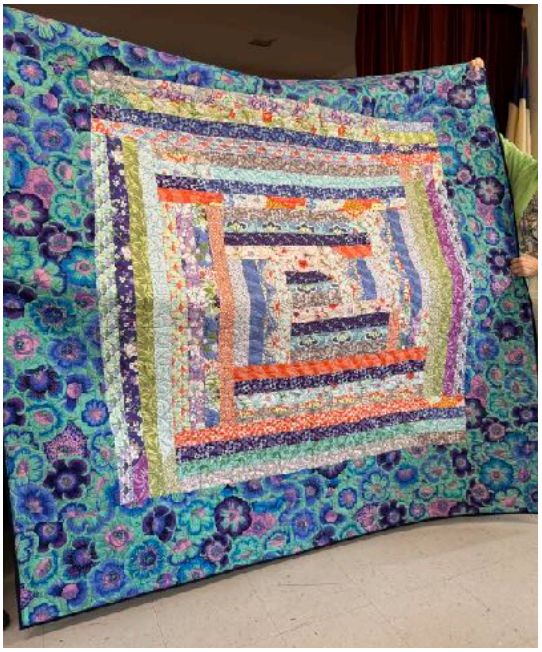
Field Trip to Little Cocalico

Guild members enjoyed a fun and informative trip to Little Cocalico. The process of creating digitally designed fabric was fascinating. Watching our own LTQ fabric being printed and processed was very cool. A huge thank you to Judy McCourry for her dedication and diligence in planning this trip!

Check out their website littlecocalico.com. Click on “Our Story” to watch a YouTube video that tells their story.

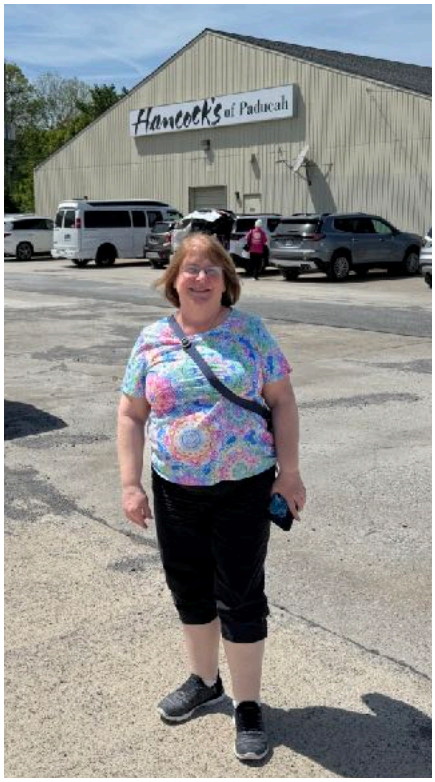
Scrapstashtic Quilts with Janellea Macbeth

Loose Threads enjoyed a very informative lecture by Janellea about organizing and using fabric scraps. Many members stayed for an afternoon workshop using jelly roll strips or scrap strips. Can't wait to see what everyone put together!



Our trip to Paducah

by, Laurie Kelly and Nancy Miller



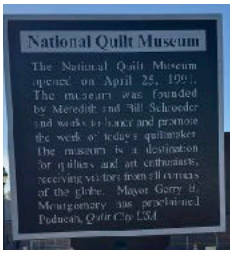
After months of careful planning, we took off on our bucket list trip to the AQS Paducah quilt show. We flew into Nashville, rented a car, and drove 2 1/2 hours to Quilt City, USA. We made a quick stop at the Hampton Inn to check in and drop off our luggage then headed over to Hancock's of Paducah. We barely managed to secure a parking spot… there were bus loads of fellow quilters already there. I'm not sure what we were expecting but we were actually a little disappointed in the store. Endless racks of fabric were laid out like a discount clothing store and you had to navigate narrow aisles where two carts could barely pass each other. They had a huge selection and of course we scored a few favorites, but we were more than happy to leave.

Next, we were off to the AQS awards ceremony to witness the announcing and awarding of the ribbon/cash winners. Hosted by Alex Anderson, it was so cool to see many winners there who were able to accept their awards in person. Laurie snagged a photo op with Alex and Ricky Tims! Our evening was not finished yet as we headed over to the convention center for a sneak preview of the show and vendors. Needless to say, we did a lot more shopping.

On Wednesday, we headed back to the convention center for all day classes. Laurie spent the day with Karen K. Stone while Nancy did a half day class with Sue Heinz and another half day class with MJ Kinman. After a quick dinner, we attended a speed dating type event where seven quilt instructors were given 10 minutes each to do a presentation. We learned a lot of great quilting tips.

Thursday brought us back to the convention center for another day of classes. Laurie attended a half day class with Sue Heinz and Nancy had a class with Jenny Lyon and then we both met up for an evening class with Jane Davila on edge finishes.

On Friday, with no classes scheduled, we headed out to another local quilt shop, Calico Country Sew and Vac. What a delightful surprise! It was so neat and organized! More shopping ensued……then, off to a smaller show venue at Carson Park that had about 20 vendors and a display of SAQA quilts. We ran into Kris Vierra who was a quilter we had both seen on an episode of The Quilt Show. More shopping of course….



Next, we were off to the National Quilt Museum which featured exhibits by Caryl Breyer Fallert-Gentry and Victoria Findlay Wolfe. Laurie snagged another photo op with Caryl. The quilts were exquisite and the museum is a beautiful display space. Then, back to the convention center to finish viewing the quilts. In between all this madness, we managed to find additional shopping opportunities as well as some great restaurants. Paducah has lovely waterfront shopping and dining areas.

We were all packed and ready to head back to the airport on Saturday when we both had the brilliant idea “I wonder if we will pass any quilt shops on the way to the airport?” We left the hotel early and were able to visit two more wonderful shops. More shopping, but we had to be mindful of how much we could purchase. There was no way we could reopen our suitcases, which were already stuffed, so we just carried our treasures on board. It was a whirlwind week but an experience of a lifetime.

After saying all this, we both agree that the best part of the week was the friendliness of everyone we met. You could just be standing in line next to someone, or sitting next to someone on the trolley, or perusing fabric next to someone at a quilt shop and within 10 seconds you were instant friends. Probably the only downside was our class experience with Janome machines. These two Bernina Babes were missing their machines!

If you are thinking of attending Quilt Week in Paducah, we highly recommend it. Just book your accommodations early and be ready to sign up when class registration opens up. You won’t be disappointed!

Cookies, too!

APRIL MEETING MINUTES

Diane Hess called the meeting to order at 9:55 a.m.

Show and tell followed.

Debbie O'Keefe presented a comfort quilt to Nancy Kinyon-Samec that the members of the guild made for her.

Announcements Jimmy Nelson, Cathy's husband and Laurie's father, has died. Val Fisher has a bag of fabric bought in the Sewing Room Sale, but she doesn't know who left it at the Tea.

Tea Chris Rivard, Tea chair, received some observations from Tea attendees. Some wished we had yarn for sale. Some preferred the smaller groups of tea discussions rather than the crowded demonstrations that made it hard to see what was being demonstrated. Chris suggested we open at 9:00 rather than earlier since things were still being set up. A very nice thank you for the Tea from a guest was read. Many compliments were heard at the Tea.

Tea Blocks Silvia Homa drew four winners of the tea blocks. Lil Evans, Sue Umstead, Susan Koederitz, and Judy Snook were the lucky ones.

Treasurer's Report Josie Sharp gave the treasurer's report and the Tea financial report. We earned $$$$ at the Tea.

Guild Quilt Show Winners Guild members voted for their favorite quilt at the tea. Ribbons were given to Clem Dupont for first place with a tie for second place between Diane Hess and Loretta Radewonuk.

Debbie Haas suggested the guild make a Quilt of Valor quilt.

A note from Lovye Osterlin's family was read thanking us for the sympathy card.

Basting It will be on the Wednesday of Day Camp. Anyone wanting a quilt to be basted should call Mary Larkin or Loretta Radewonuk. Jolene Lorah reminded people to mark the center of the front and back and along the sides.

Block of the Month Silvia Homa and Nancy Miller showed samples of the next two blocks. Silvia encouraged members to closely read the directions for the 12" block.

Day Camp Debby O'Keefe reminded us that the dates of Day Camp are April 29 and 30. Bring your lunch and a snack if you want. Please clean up your area before you leave.

Afternoon Bee There won't be an April afternoon bee because the field trip is on the same day.

Facebook Lori Memmen said the rules for the public Facebook page have been modified. It is now necessary to receive approval before putting something on the Facebook page. The private page is no longer being used.

Field Trips The Little Cocalico trip is on April 9th. Judy McCourry said to follow the directions on their website if you want to submit a design or choose one of their designs. The guild logo is being used on Moda fabric for member use.

Hospitality and Library All is fine.

A New Member Josie Sharp introduced our new member, Terri Salindong.

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Nominating Committee Susan Koederitz is the chair. Rosemary Geisler and Judy Snook are also on the committee. Please give any nomination suggestions to one of the three.

Newsletter Please send any information to Nancy Miller.

May Program Kathy Santillo will show us how to make thread catchers. More information will be in the newsletter.

April Speaker Debbie O'Keefe mentioned that Janellea Macbeth will be giving a lecture at the April guild meeting and leading a workshop after lunch. Look in the newsletter for more information. There is a $5.00 charge for non-members for the lecture. The workshop is full.

Secret Pal All good.

Charity Projects All is good.

Sunshine Remember Laurie Kelly and Cathy Nelson.

Website Diane Hess is working on it.

Name Tag Raffle Judy Snook was the winner.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Snook for Sue Umstead

My Trip to Texas

by, Judy Snook

March found me in Texas looking for blue bonnets (there were some), visiting my granddaughter (I don't see her enough), and going to a quilt retreat at Stitchin' Heaven's retreat center.

Nancy Mahoney gave many good tips on paper piecing Spring Green. I made nearly all the pieces when I decided a lovely table runner would be something I would finish, quilt myself (!), and have on my dining room table right away. Sharon is using my extra pieces to make her quilt bigger. A win-win.

Another side attraction was to visit eleven quilt shops as part of the Texas shop hop. I cannot imagine anyone visiting all the quilt shops in Texas, but we found the ones we went to were mostly inspiring. Perhaps my favorite was Stitch and Fish found on a winding road with the only signage being a quilt on the mailbox. You can see from the photo that I caught a quilt while fishing with Nancy Mahoney. By the way, stitching and fishing are the owner's favorite things to do; thus, the name.

UPCOMING EVENTS

May

Airing of the Quilts - May 3, 2025. In historic downtown Palmerton, PA and Palmerton High School. The event will include over 500 quilts displayed throughout historic downtown Palmerton; live entertainment and vendors in the park; a quilt show with artisans, crafters and vendors at the Palmerton High School gymnasium; free parking at the high school with shuttle bus to the venues, a scavenger hunt with prizes, and more. For more info visit https://www.theairingofthequilts.com/.

Hopewell Valley Quilters Annual Pennington Day Show 2025 - May17, 2025. Hopewell Valley Quilters invite you to visit their annual quilt show as part of Pennington Day at the Toll Gate Grammar School Cafeteria at 275 S Main St, Pennington, NJ. For more info visit https://www.penningtonday.org/quilt-show.

Penn Dry Goods Market - May 16-17, 2025. Presented by the Schwenkfelder Library & Heritage Center at 105 Seminary Street, Pennsburg, PA. The Penn Dry Goods Market is a textile-focused antiques and vintage show that offers a textile history lecture series during the antiques show with 11 nationally and internationally known speakers on many aspects of textile history. For a full list of dealers, to register for lectures, and download an admissions coupon go to https://www.schwenkfelder.org/penn-dry-goods-market.

Quilts in the Vineyard - May 31-June 1, 2025. Presented by the Evening Star Quilters Guild of Belvidere at the Brook Hollow Winery, 594 State Highway 94, Columbia, NJ. Amazing quilts made by local artists, visit with quilt makers and browse through the boutique of hand-crafted items. For more info visit https://www.esqg.com/index.shtml.

June

MidAppalachian Quilt (MAQ) Retreat - June 6-8, 2025. The Mid-Appalachian Quilters gather each summer for a three-day quilting seminar at Gettysburg College, 300 North Washington Street, Gettysburg, PA. We offer a variety of classes presented by some of the best teachers in the Mid-Atlantic area. For more info visit http://maqonline.org/.

Trash to Treasure Sale – June 14, 2025. Presented by Main Line Quilters at Saint Luke Lutheran Church, 203 N Valley Forge Road, Devon, PA. For more info visit https://mainlinequilters.org/2025-trash-to-treasure/.

Road to Virginia Quilter's Conference and Showcase - June 26-28, 2025. A new quilt show sponsored by the Road to California, Inc, the company that puts on one of the largest quilt shows in the USA - Road to California. It is at the Greater Richmond Convention Center, 403 N 3rd Street, Richmond, Virginia. For more info visit https://www.road2va.com/.

Members Choice winners selected by the guild are:
1st Clem Dupont
2nd Diane Hess &
(tie) Loretta Radewonuk
Congratulations, ladies!

Hospitality

May 7	snack	Chris Rivard
	snack	Sue Umstead
May 21	snack	Barb Sherman
	snack	Debbie Haas

May Birthdays

11	Carly Moore
19	Val Fisher
23	Betty Ann Dawson

Loose Threads Quilt Guild

Meets at 9:30 a.m. on the
1st and 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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