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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 - Lecture
Rebecca Penniston

President's Message

"The quiet hum of a sewing machine can silence a noisy world. In a world that often feels too loud, too busy, and too overwhelming, that sound is a reminder that peace can be created with our own two hands. Every stitch is more than just fabric joined together - it'a a moment of stillness, a breath of calm, and a piece of your heart woven into something beautiful."

~paraphrased from Amy Baughman

I need no more encouragement to continue to do what I love! I am also so thankful we have each other!

Read on…. Our newsletter is also a wonderful distraction...Keep Quilting! ~Val

DAY CAMP Oct. 28 & 29

Pack a lunch and join your fellow LTQ gals for two fun days of stitching and chatting. Bring your own project and machine. Ironing stations will be set up.

*** Ruth Ann Joslin will be teaching a **Quilted Vest class** for all those interested. Supplies needed:

- A pre-made vest (any thickness)
- Pellon trace-a-pattern paper
- Either a quilt top and batting, a piece of fabric and batting, or a finished quilt
- Matching thread
- Thimble

Contact Ruth Ann for more specifics on dimensions needed.

Mystery Row by Row BOM

Debuting this month is the new BOM for 2025-2026. Each month, a new block will be presented in two sizes (6" & 12"). Just make a row of the same block. You set the width of your rows…make a small wallhanging or a king size quilt!

You can use a fabric bundle or do something totally scrappy. Pick a theme like Christmas, Fall, or Sports and use coordinating fabrics. Dig into your stash and see what you come up with. We suggest you use a common background fabric to tie it all together. More details will be discussed at the October business meeting.

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Questions? Contact Kathy Snyder or Nancy Miller

THANK-YOU

I am so Blessed to have such caring friends from this wonderful Guild.

The many cards that I received of get well wishes, encouragement and prayer messages were so appreciated during my recuperation period from my recent heart attack. My cardiac rehab starts soon and I now will be able to join all of you at the October Business meeting.

I am looking forward to seeing you and catching up with the many new ideas and projects.

In Friendship, Mary Larkin

OCTOBER 14 & 15 LECTURE & WORKSHOP

Thanks to Pat Leiter and Laurie Kelly for arranging our October workshop and lecture!

Rebecca Penniston will be coming to our guild this month. Her presentations feature humorous stories about the lives of her fabulous little birds (and other creatures), as well as detailed information about the technique she uses when creating her raw edge appliqué designs. It's not uncommon for her audience members to break into song and laughter during a presentation. They definitely have a lot of fun!

Workshop: Tuesday, October 14. Set-up at 9:30 with the class starting promptly at 10:00.

Lecture: Wednesday, October 15.

The workshop ***kit*** fee will be $30 for those participating. Your spot will only be held with your payment. We will be doing the Gloria quilt. Please bring a bag lunch. A supply list will be provided after sign-ups. Please contact Laurie Kelly by email (family5kelly@comcast.net) and send your check payable to ***Loose Threads Quilters*** to:
Laurie Kelly at PO Box 24, Gilbertsville, PA 19525.

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.

SHOW AND TELL

WOW! LTQ really stepped up in creating this beautiful array of Quilted Hug Shawls. Your generosity and time will be appreciated by many warm and happy nursing home residents!

BOM REVEAL!

What a beautiful collection of BOM quilts!
Same design but all so different! Great job, ladies!

Kathy Snyder picked up this pattern and fabrics on her recent trip to Missouri Star Quilts. Love your colors!

Melissa Ciacci took a break from big quilts to create this lovely nine patch. And, she made a preschool sleep mat for her grandson. Very creative!

20 years ago, Judy Peters won this quilt made by the Honeybrook Methodist Church ladies. Imagine her surprise when she unfolded it recently only to discover one particular fabric had disintegrated! She's not sure what the original color was but just might appliqué a new fabric in it's place. What a beautiful example of a Trip Around the World quilt!

Judy McCourry finished this David Sirota Kaleidoscope quilt. Love the colors and the movement!

Debbie Haas made not one, but two quilts for her granddaughters! She took them shopping for fabric selection and wow, they turned out great. I'm sure they will love them!

Carolyn Thompson made this adorable truck quilt for her third great grandson.

Judy Snook recently participated in the Minnesota Shop Hop. After completing a section of the hop, Judy was awarded this beautiful MN cutting board!

Debby O'Keefe stumbled on this pre-quilted fabric in her stash and with a little binding, she turned it into two dialysis quilts. Great idea, Debby!

Diane Hess got together with three friends to make this spool quilt. Each person made several blocks which were then exchanged. Beautiful machine quilting!

Joanne Borgnis created these adorable stuffed dragons. Everyone was intrigued by the printed felt with the shiny spots. So cute!

Carly Moore wasn't able to join us for the BOM reveal, so she shared a picture instead. Love your colors and the sewing themed border fabric!

Charity is the spirit of being generous and helpful to those in need or those that are suffering.

Thank you so much to everyone that participated in our quilted hugs charity project. We were able to provide over twenty hugs to keep the folks warm, not only with the fabric, but also a hug, knowing that someone cared enough to provide that warmth.

A charity working day will be scheduled sometime during the year. However, these projects can also be done at home throughout the year. We encourage you to give your time and talents to make a positive difference in another's life. Want to reduce your stash, or use up some of those scraps? What better way than to turn it into a project that will help another!

This year, the committee would like to focus on three different projects (in no particular order). All are needed and appreciated.

1. - Dialysis Quilts - these quilts bring comfort to those who spend many hours getting dialysis treatments. Quilts should be 42" wide and about 72" (2 yards) long. Backing should be a soft fleece or flannel. The guild has fabric and batting available if you are in need. These quilts can be very simple or detailed. Use some of your orphan blocks and stitch them together! Melissa has generously offered to quilt the tops if you are unable to, and will return them to you for binding.

2. - Lap quilts for wheelchairs or for those with limited mobility. These should be about 42" x 46". Again, use your orphan blocks, stash, or guild fabric.

3. - Seatbelt Port Pillows - these are small pillows that fit on seat belts to protect and cushion those who are going through chemotherapy and have a port implanted for treatments. These pillows are very easy to make, and you can make two with a fat quarter of fabric. A perfect project to use up some of those scraps that are too pretty to toss, but too small for a larger project. Directions for the Port Pillows will be posted on the website.

Please reach out to one of us if you have any questions.
Thank you very much from the Charity/Service Projects Committee.

Nancy Kinyon-Samec
Melissa Ciacci
Judy Peters
Kathy Snyder

September Dresden Plate Workshop

We had a busy and productive day with 18 LTQ ladies learning how to construct Dresden Plates! After learning about the process, many found that what they thought was a tough and intimidating block turned out to be quite easy. I'm sure we will see many Dresden creations at our future Show and Tells.

Diane Hess even gave us a quick lesson on machine appliqué.

SEPTEMBER MEETING MINUTES

The monthly business meeting of the Loose Threads Quilt Guild was held at the United Church of Christ in Spring City, PA on September 3 and was facilitated by President Val Fisher. The meeting was called to order at 10:05.

The meeting began with Show and Tell. Quilted Hug Shawls made by guild members, completed BOM quilt tops, and guild member quilts and sewing projects were shown.

Old Business: none

New Business: none

Announcements: LTQ printed logos are still available for $1.00 from Diane Hess. The Allentown Art Museum is currently showing nineteenth century quilts until October 26. Hours are Thursday through Sunday 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. The Fiber Arts Festival in Allentown will be September 20 - 21. 10 - 5 on Saturday, 10 - 4 on Sunday.
Keystone Quilters Bingo on September 20 at Tylersport Fire House, 125 Ridge Rd, Tylersport. Cost is $25.00

Basting Day: October 29

Block of the Month: The new BOM will be announced at the next meeting.

Day Camp: October 28th and 29th. You can bring a snack to share. Sign up sheets are available. Ruth Ann will teach how she makes her quilted vests during day camp. If you are interested, let Ruth Ann know.

Morning Bee: 9:30 till noon on the second Wednesday of the month.

Holiday Brunch: December 3rd. Sign up sheets are available. Help is needed to set up tables and break them down.

Hospitality: now has a beverage dispenser.

Library: will now have binders with old newsletters.

Membership: The guild currently has 48 members. Reminder letters were sent out.

Newsletter: Due to copyright issues, if you want something published in the newsletter, it must be written by you. No copies of articles please.

Programs: September 17, Dresden Plate Workshop. If you cut ahead of time, cut no more than 2 layers at a time. Pack a lunch.

Service or Charity Project: Hugs completed and sent off.

Sewing Room Sale: keep bringing fabric.

Speakers: October 14 RazBeca Bird Quilt Workshop, October 15 Rebecca Penniston lecture.

Sunshine: Members should inform the guild of other members in need.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's report was provided.

Website: up to date.

Raffle Winner: Jean Sullivan

With no other business to discuss, the meeting was concluded at 11:05.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Haas

Secretary

UPCOMING EVENTS

Quilt Shows

October

Crazy About Quilting Celebration – October 4, 2025. Presented by the Crazy Quilters Quilt Guild at Calvary Baptist Church 4601 Tilghman Street, Allentown, PA. For more info visit https://www.crazyquilters.org/.

QuiltFest Virtual Schoolhouse #12 - October 15-18, 2025. Our twelfth QuiltFest Virtual Schoolhouse will take place, ONLINE. Mancuso Show Management is no stranger to online quilting and textile arts seminars. We've learned that many students enjoy learning new and exciting techniques from the comfort of their homes. The great strength of this platform is that both instructors and students do not have any country borders or cultural barriers to their participation from around the world. Put on the tea, get comfortable in your PJs and slippers, and join us for another in the Virtual Schoolhouse series. For more info visit https://www.quiltfest.com/upcoming-shows-and-events/quiltfest-virtual-schoolhouse-12 and the workshop catalog.

Sew Many Colors Fall Festival of Quilts - October 17-19, 2025. Presented by Undercovers Quilters at Brookhaven Municipal Building, 2 Cambridge Road, Brookhaven, PA. For more info go to https://undercoverquilters.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/Quilt-Show-Insert-for-Website.2-PDFcopy.pdf.

Harvest of Quilts – October 25-26, 2025. Presented by Evening Star Quilters Guild of Belvidere, NJ at the Belvidere High School, 809 Oxford St., Belvidere, NJ. For more info visit https://www.esqg.com/index.shtml.

November

Quilt/Craft Show - Friday, Nov. 7, 9 - 4, Saturday, Nov. 8, 10-2. Brittany Pointe Estates, 1001 S. Valley Forge Rd., Lansdale.

Celebration of Quilts 2025 - November 7 – 8, 2025. Presented by the Brownstone Quilters Guild at Eric S. Smith Middle School, 2 Monroe St., Ramsey, NJ. For more info visit https://brownstonequilters.com/.

Quilting on the Line - November 14-15, 2025. Presented by Quilting on the Line at the Jarrettsville Volunteer Fire Company's "Jarrettsville Gardens", 3825 Federal Hill Rd., Jarrettsville, MD. For more info visit https://quiltingontheline.com/quilt-show-2025/.

Shop Hops

All New England Shop Hop in CT, ME, MA, NH, RI, VT from 9/1/2025 - 10/31/2054. For more info go to https://allnewenglandshophop.com/. See the list of shops at https://allnewenglandshophop.com/stores/.

Mystery Harvest Quilt Shop Hop in OH, KY, WV from 10/1/2025 - 10/4/2025. For more info go to https://www.facebook.com/mysteryharvest/.

Country Roads Shop Hop in southwestern PA: Grantsville, MD Mount Pleasant, PA · Uniontown, PA · Bedford, PA · Johnstown, PA · Ebensburg, PA · New Enterprise, PA · Meyersdale, PA from 10/13/2025 - 10/18/2025. For more info go to https://countryroadsshophop.com/.

21st Eastern PA Shop Hop Berks, Carbon, Chester, Lycoming, Luzerne, Monroe, Montgomery counties from 10/24/2025 - 11/8/2025. For more info go to https://www.facebook.com/EasternPAShopHop. See the Details about the Shop Hop at https://www.facebook.com/EasternPAShopHop/about_details.

Ohio Amish Country Quilt Shop Hop from 10/27/2025 - 11/01/2025. For more info go to https://www.facebook.com/ACQSH/.

DAY BEE NEW HOURS

Day Bee meets on the second Wednesday of each month from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Bring along a project to work on and get to know your fellow LTQ members.

Questions? Contact Rosemary Geisler

Hospitality

Oct 1	snack	Joanne Borgnis
	snack	Beth Ritschard
Oct 15	snack	Jean Sullivan
	snack	Cheryl Scalzi

October Birthdays

7	Sue Umstead
16	Jean Sullivan
18	Judy Peters
22	Jolene Lorah

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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and is available on our website.
www.theloosethreadsquilters.org