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Loose Threads News

1st Wednesday Agenda

9:30 Doors open - refreshments and socializing

10:00 Business Meeting & Voting

3rd Wednesday Agenda

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10:00 Program Meeting - Barbara Black

President's Message

Hello fall!

As the autumn air settles in and the leaves begin their transformation, my thoughts turn to cozy sewing rooms, the comforting hum of sewing machines, and stacks of warm, colorful fall fabrics. There is truly no better season for quilting! It's also the perfect opportunity to prioritize our passion for quilting. Our upcoming meetings are packed with inspiration! So much to look forward to….I love this time of year. I hope you do too!

Itching to stitch! ~Val

October Program Meeting

Barbara Black will be presenting a lecture entitled, "Time Management for Quilters". Join us for what should be a very informative and hopefully helpful program that we could all probably benefit from. Who doesn't want to learn how to have more time to quilt?

Attention Officers

The next officer's meeting will be held on November 4th at 9:30 a.m. prior to the business meeting.

Ask Miss Quiltsalot

Dear Miss Quiltsalot,

Every time I start to sew a new seam, the thread gets all bunched up! Help!

Dear Thread Nester,

No worries, gentle quilter! Simply hang on to the thread tails when you start to sew…take a few stitches and then let go. This keeps them from getting sucked into the machine and making little thread nests. My personal trick is to use a small scrap of fabric when ending a seam…just sew right onto the scrap, then clip the thread between your quilt piece and the scrap. The scrap stays under your lowered presser foot. When you are ready to start a new piece on your quilt, sew to the edge of the scrap and then continue right onto your quilt piece. Clip the scrap off and reuse it. This method also saves a lot of thread waste, which I love!

Dear Miss Quiltsalot,

I just purchased a jelly roll for my latest project and the package said that the strips are 2 1/2" wide, but the edges are pinked and I am having a hard time measuring. Any ideas?

Dear Jelly Roller,

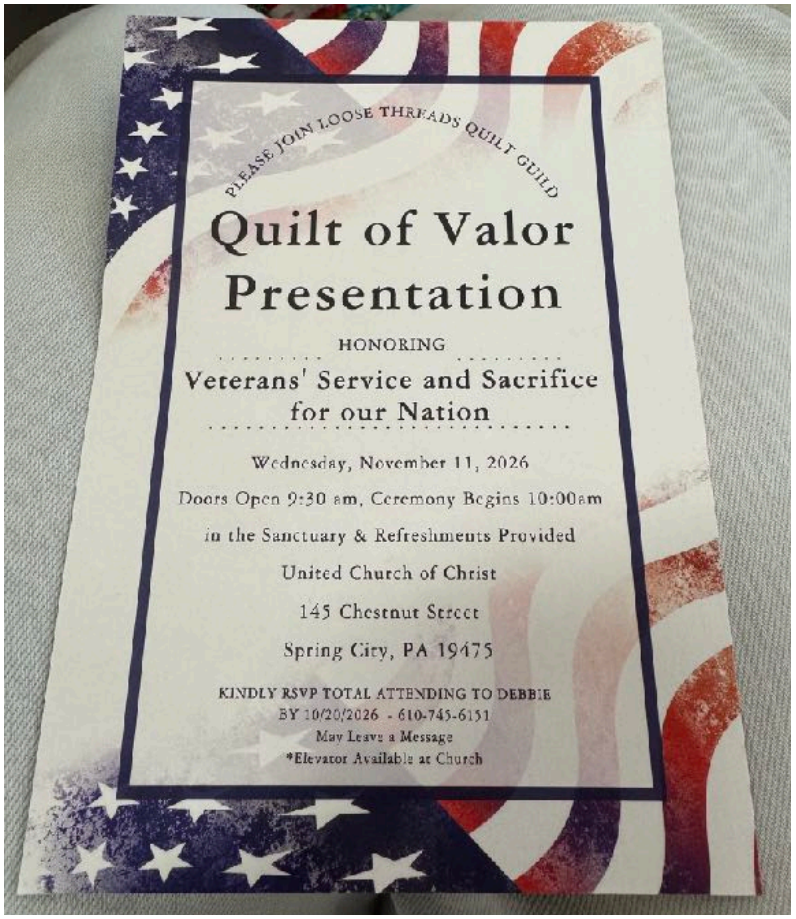
This is a problem! My advice would be to measure from the peak of the zigzag to the peak on the opposite side to check to be sure you have a true 2 1/2" strip. Or, stick to batik jelly rolls which are typically cut with straight edges.

Until next time,

Miss Quiltsalot

Quilts of Valor

The Quilts of Valor committee has been working hard coordinating a presentation of quilts that will take place on Veterans Day in November. Be sure to RSVP so that they can get a count of how many people will be attending.



SHOW and TELL

Chris Rivard whipped up this lovely quilt for her dog breeder. It features photos of dogs and flowers from her garden. Her quilting designs included music notes, half moons, and hearts. Beautiful job!

Marie Traxler stitched up this quilt for her youngest daughter who selected the interlocking block as well as the colors. Marie finished it off with big stitch quilting by hand. Well done!

Missy Smith stumbled across this pattern in the ladies room of a quilt shop! Of course she picked up the kit and her quilt turned out great!

Rosemary Geisler has been busy completing her quilt top from the August jelly roll workshop. Love how she incorporated turtles in with the lovely tropical batik fabrics. Great design choice!

Judy Snook found this kit in a quilt shop in Skagway, Alaska. She found the pattern directions very confusing and the appliqué process to be extremely tedious. She was thankful for YouTube for providing excellent tips. Well, Judy, even though it sounds like the construction was painful, the results are gorgeous!

Diane Hess finished up her quilt top from the August jelly roll program and will be giving it as a baby gift. She also finished up this beautiful wool applique-by-machine quilt that features a linen like background. It only took her six years to complete. It was worth the wait!

Josie Sharp has been at it again! Using her machine embroidery skills, she whipped up these NFL towels. She also reimagined old CDs to make these great card holders. And, she finished this gorgeous four season quilt featuring 901,000 stitches and 27 fabrics. Whew! I think she has earned a nap. So creative!

Several ladies showed their finished tops from the 2025-2026 Row by Row BOM! The range of colors and design choices was amazing! Thanks to everyone who participated…maybe we will see a few more finished tops soon!

2026 Library & Embellishment Challenge

The challenge this year is to use an item from the guild library and to embellish your quilt. Library items include patterns, books, rulers, and magazines. Embellishments include beading, embroidery, painting, etc. Any shape and color, but the total perimeter should be no bigger than 80” (20” per side if a square). The committee will be starting a collection of donated embellishments from members of the guild that will be available at each business meeting. Please consider bringing in any extra items such as buttons, special threads, beads, etc. that other members could use. Be sure to credit the library resource you used in creating your challenge.

Stay tuned! There may be some additional surprises revealed in the future.

Calling all members…anyone with embellishing techniques they would like to share, please contact Susan Koederitz, Silvia Homa, or Beth Hammond-Ritschard.

LTQ FABRIC SALE

The Loose Threads Quilters Guild held its fabric sale in September and it was a tremendous success! Thanks to the generosity and hard work of our many volunteers, the sale came together beautifully and welcomed quilters and crafters looking for wonderful fabrics at great prices.

From setting up and organizing the fabric to helping shoppers and cleaning up afterward, our volunteers gave their time and energy to make the event possible. We are so grateful to everyone who helped make the sale such a success.

And the good news continues — we still have some fabric left over! Rather than letting it go to waste, we'll be putting it to good use at our **Quilters' Tea in 2027**.

A big thank-you to all of our volunteers, shoppers, and guild members who helped make this year's fabric sale such a wonderful event. Your enthusiasm and support are what make the Loose Threads Quilters Guild so special.

Lil Evans

****A special shout out to Lil (one AMAZING lady)!!!****

Seamless Sewing is moving!

Josie Sharp reports that Seamless Sewing in Phoenixville will be closed October 19 - 31. They will be reopening on November 2 at their new location. Stay tuned!

DAY BEE

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

A Trip to AQS Columbus

by, Nancy Miller

Well, you don't turn 65 everyday, so, why not celebrate the momentous occasion by taking a quilt show trip?! My husband offered to be my chauffeur, so off we went. Now it just so happens that Sue Spargo's shop is on the way! (Actually, it was a two hour detour, but since I was the navigator, my driver took me where I told him to go!) What a beautiful shop! It was like being in a candy store with all of the bright colors and luscious wools and cotton fabrics. Of course I did a little shopping while my driver made himself comfortable in the "husband chair" which was actually a very well thought out mini living room! We then headed to Columbus for the AQS show. Columbus is a beautiful city! Very clean and walkable. I attended a thread painting class with Joyce Hughes who just happens to be our speaker for the 2027 Tea. It was very fun and informative and gave me some new skills for my quilting toolbox. Once again, I was able to squeeze in some shopping during my lunch break. We headed back to the convention center on Friday morning to view the quilt show which was very impressive. Lots of inspiration! It was a great way to spend my birthday and if you have the chance, I would highly recommend attending this show if it comes back to Columbus.

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 2, and facilitated by President Val Fisher. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m.

The meeting began with Show and Tell. The first members to present their work were those who participated in the Block-Of-The-Month project organized row by row. They were followed by a plethora of quilts and other sewing projects.

Old Business: A vote was held to unify the Loose Threads Quilt Guild membership. The Loose Threads Quilt Guild officially voted to unify its membership through a majority show of hands. A suggestion was made to increase membership to 75; however, another suggestion was made to increase membership to 65. A motion to increase membership to 65 was seconded. A vote by show of hands in the majority changed the membership to 65.

New Business: The church secretary, Dee has free tickets to the Reading Phillies game on Sept 19th. Seamless Sewing Arts in Phoenixville PA is hosting a mini mystery quilt via Facebook. Sign up to receive the clues. Susan Koederitz presented fabric to make pillowcases for sick children which will be distributed to various hospitals in our area. You can use your own fabric, but it must be cotton, and there is a need for more pillowcases for boys.

Announcements: Tea committee sign-up sheets were passed out at the meeting.

Basting Day: Is the last Wednesday, September 30th.

Block of the Month: Row by Row BOM program has been completed.

Challenge: The challenge is ongoing and is due at the holiday brunch.

Day Camp: If you are interested in making an ironing table from a TV tray, Ruth Ann will show us how during Day Camp. There are seven TV tables in the sewing room that are available to use if you are interested in making one. It should take about 45 minutes to make.

Morning Bee: nothing new to report.

Field Trips: N/A
Holiday Brunch: N/A

Hospitality: Thank you for the donations.

Membership: There are currently 57 members.

Newsletter: Keep the contributions coming.

Programs: No changes. The next program is a lecture by Barbara Black.

Sewing Room: The sewing room sale is September 18th and 19th.

Sunshine: Eileen Frankil's daughter passed away. Linda Garthe is scheduled for back surgery.

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

With no other business to discuss, the meeting was concluded at 11:00.

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Haas

UPCOMING EVENTS

June - October 2026

Pieced Together: American Quilts Across Generations – June 8 - October 18, 2026. An exhibit opening in the Pearl S. Buck House Museum this summer at 520 Dublin Road, Perkasie, PA. Explore American quilting traditions from the Civil War era to the present. Featuring a remarkable range of quilts, from early utilitarian quilts reflective of 19th-century life to contemporary art quilts, including pieces that have won awards in regional and national quilt shows. Tickets are on sale now at https://pearlsbuckinternational.ticketspice.com/quilt-exhibit.

October 2026

Quilts from the Heart of Berks - October 2-3, 2026. Presented by the Berks Quilters Guild at Leesport Farmers Market, 312 Gernant's Church Rd., Leesport, PA. For more info visit https://www.berksquiltersguild.org/quilt-show.
Keystone Quilters 2026 Quilt Show - October 9-10, 2026. Presented by Keystone Quilters Guild at the Finland Mennonite Church, 1750 Ziegler Road, Pennsburg, PA. For more info visit https://www.keystonequilters.org/quilt-show.
Quilts in the Mill – October 16-17, 2026. Presented by the Courthouse Quilters Guild at Prallsville Mills, 33 Risler Street, Stockton, NJ. For more info see the quilt show flyer.
Every Quilt Tells a Story- October 16-18, 2026. Presented by South Shore Stitchers Quilt Guild at the Upper Township Community Center, 1790 Route 50, Tuckahoe, NJ. For more info visit http://www.southshorestitchers.com/.
Valley Forge Quilt Show - October 23-24, 2026. Presented by Valley Forge Homestead Quilters at the Good Shepard Church, King of Prussia, PA. For more info go to the Valley Forge Quilt Show web page.

November 2026

Every Quilt Tells a Story – November 20-21, 2026. Presented by the Main Line Quilters at Saint Luke Lutheran Church, 203 N Valley Forge RD, Devon, PA. Boutique, Fabric Sale, Raffle Baskets, Vendors, Small Quilt Raffle, Snacks. For more info visit https://mainlinequilters.org/.

Shop Hops

Eastern PA Shop Hop 10/23/2026 - 11/7/2026
Shops in Berks, Carbon, Lycoming, Luzerne, and Monroe counties. List of Shops with Travel time to Next Shop. Here is a List of Shops with Addresses.

Email Blast Requests

Any information that you want emailed to guild members should be forwarded to theloosethreadsquilters@gmail.com.
Please format your email so that it can be copied and sent to the group.
Thank you - Missy Smith

Hospitality

Oct 7	snack	Nancy Kinyon-Samec
	snack	Jean Sullivan
Oct 21	snack	Cheryl Scalzi
	snack	Jolene Lorah

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.

Loose Threads News is a monthly newsletter for the members of Loose Threads Quilt Guild and is available on our website.

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