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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 - Video presentation

SAHRR SEPTEMBER PROMPT

This month's clue is brought to you by Debby O'Keefe. The prompt is **Squares**.

Think of a checkerboard, a scrappy row of assorted colors, small and large squares together, or squares plus other shapes. If you want to use printed fabric you might consider gingham or plaids.

At the October business meeting, bring your finished top or your unfinished top to show your progress.

Bring any questions to the September business meeting.

President's Message

Hello September!

And Hello Fall! The hot weather is starting to let up and back-to-school is upon us. It's a good time to get excited about new beginnings and maybe start a new quilty project or maybe bind a quilt that was waiting for cooler weather.

I also want to thank Nancy Miller for an awesome job leading us for the past year! **Thank you Nancy!** This will be my first time as president of anything, so go easy on me :)

Lastly, put your thinking caps on as we will need to finalize our planning and vote about Tea issues at the next meeting.

Be Quilty!

Diane Hess

September Program Meeting
September 18, 2024

We have purchased a projector and speakers and we will be testing them out with a to-be-determined quilting video.
The projector opens up a ton of opportunities for the guild including lectures and workshops.

LTQG Challenge 2024
Crayola Box

It's a Crayola challenge to see how many colors from a box of crayons we can represent. First, "blindly" choose your crayon from either Lori Memmen or Carly Moore. Then, make a quilt that represents your chosen color using your own fabrics. The quilt should have a perimeter no larger than 80". It can be any shape. All challenge quilts are due at the December Holiday Party and all members will vote for their favorite to receive a prize. In addition, all participating members will be entered for a prize.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!
DAY CAMP
OCTOBER 29 & 30, 2024

Day Camp has been set for Tuesday and Wednesday, October 29 & 30, 2024 from 9:00 - 4:00.
Set up will take place at 8:00 on Tuesday morning and tear down will be at 4:00 on Wednesday.
Sign up at the September business meeting for attendance as well as willingness to help with the room logistics.

OCTOBER PROGRAM MEETING
ANN HOLT

Workshop: Tuesday, October 15
Quilt-as-you-go

Lecture: Wednesday, October 16
"The Lancaster Quilt"

Ann will also be conducting quilt appraisals for a small fee.

See Laurie Kelly with questions and to sign up for the workshop and/or for a quilt appraisal.

AUGUST 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 August 7, 2024, hosted by President, Nancy Miller. The meeting was called to order at 10:01am.

The meeting began with Show and Tell.

Announcements: Jolene was presented with a quilt made by the guild in colorful Tula Pink fabrics.

New Business: It was brought to the guild's attention that we need to spend more of our money! It was determined that the Tea would stay on the calendar for 2025, although alternate options of format and to spend money vs. earn money may need to be discussed in the future. It was also voted to increase the holiday brunch budget. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to the Guild President.

Old Business: Reminder: annual dues ($20) and membership forms are due. Please hand in to Susan Koederitz.

Basting Day: The next basting day will be October 30th. See the basting committee to sign up.

Block of the Month – Orphan Blocks: Reminder, the last eligible show and tell for card stamps will be in September. Reminder to bring your stamped cards to the September Business Meeting to be eligible for a prize. There will be a drawing for a full card and another drawing for a partially completed card (only 1 stamp required).

Challenge—Crayon Box Challenge: We hope you are all excited about your crayon colors and having fun! Reminder that the reveals will be at the holiday brunch. Also, the entries only have to be *inspired* by the color and can be any quilted item that fits the size requirements.

Day Camp: October dates to be announced. See emails and the newsletter for information.

Evening Bee: There will be a new afternoon bee starting in September followed by dinner at Giovannis. The afternoon bee will be held from 3pm-5pm (at the church) and is led by Rosemary Geisler.

Field Trips: Field trips will start again in the Fall.

Programs: August's program will be a sit n' sew (bring your handwork projects) and Diane will provide tips for making project boards—there will be an email blast to follow with any supplies required. It is also a great opportunity to finish July's fidget quilts.

Round Robin (SAHRR): The August border prompt is "Pinwheels". See the newsletter for additional information. Reminder, bring completed tops to the meeting in October.

Secret Pal: Reminder to take your gift back with you if your Secret Pal is not in attendance and clearly label all gifts.

Service or Charity Projects: See Nancy Kinyon-Samec with any donations including any completed fidget quilts.

Sewing Room Sale: Accepting donations.

Speakers: Ann Holt will be October's speaker with a Tuesday workshop on her version of quilt-as-you-go and Wednesday's presentation on the "Lancaster Quilt." Ann will be conducting quilt appraisals for a small fee for those who sign up in advance. See Laurie with questions or to sign up for either the workshop or appraisals.

Treasurer's Report: Josie provided a treasury report of expenses, income, and balance. Books close for the year on August 31st—submit all your expenses to Josie ASAP.

Website: All up to date.

Business Meeting Raffle Winner: Donated by Kathy Parker. Won by Carolyn Ferrandino.

Name Tag Winner: Kathy Snyder

The meeting concluded at 11:23am.

Respectfully Submitted,
Carly Moore
Secretary

SAHRR

Here are the details about the new guild SAHRR (Stay At Home Round Robin) project.
Each participant will work on her own project starting with a center block and building borders around it. Prompts will be given once a month for each border, with the interpretation determined by each quilter for her own quilt. For example, if the prompt is “circles”, the border can be polka dot fabric, appliquéd circles, or other circular objects. Each month, there will be a different prompt for you to interpret as your quilt grows. For the first month, choose your center which could be an orphan block, a panel, or any other center. It can be any size and either square or rectangular. A new prompt will be announced every month through September and the big reveal, OF TOPS ONLY, will be at the October business meeting.

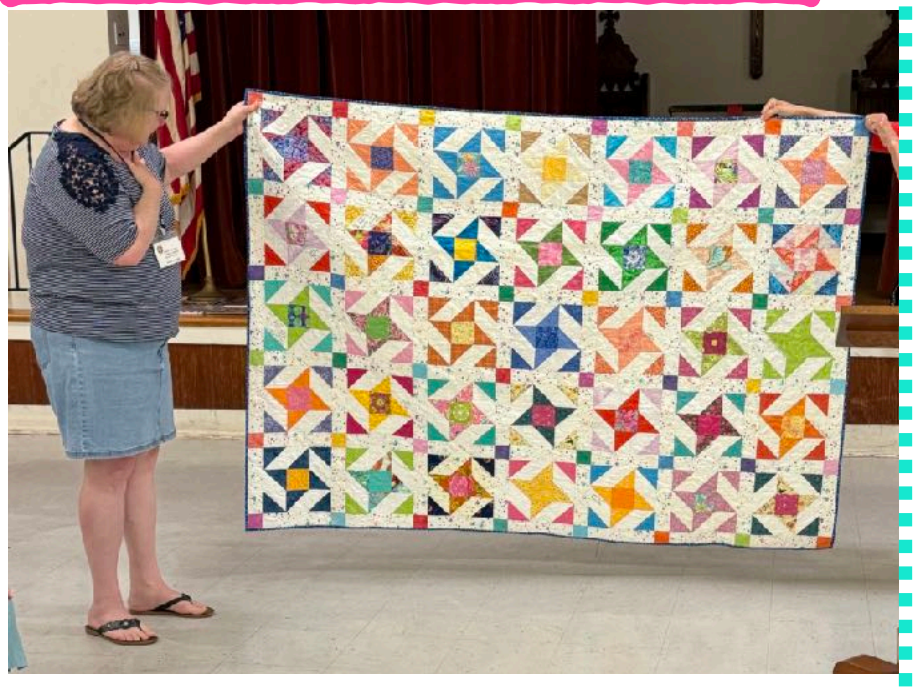
May prompt: piano keys
June prompt: birds and blooms
July prompt: the sky’s the limit
Aug prompt: pinwheels
Sept prompt: squares

Just have fun with your own round robin! Questions? see Debby O’Keefe

MYSTERY BOM

Get in on the fun! A new BOM will kick off this month and it’s going to be a mystery! You will need:
2 yards background fabric &
- 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. Questions? Contact Silvia Homa or Nancy Miller



This friendship quilt was presented to Jolene Lorah.

THANK YOU

Dear Loose Threads Quilters Guild,

Receiving this beautiful quilt from the guild felt like a big bear hug. I will cherish it always. I still get emotional every time I show it to someone.

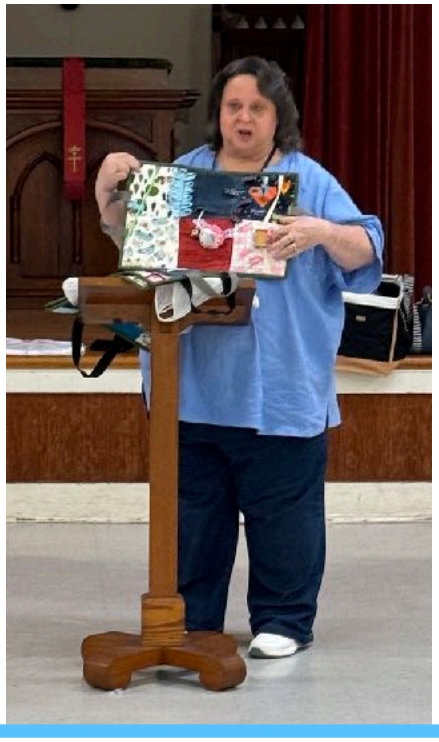
I can’t thank you enough for being there for me. I appreciate your support more than I can express. You are all very talented, generous people.

Thank you!

Jolene

BLOCK-OF-THE-MONTH

Our LTQ ladies have been busy completing a wide variety of projects using orphan blocks. Debby O'Keefe, Marie Traxler, Joanne Borgnis, Diane Hess, Sharon Beideman and Jean Sullivan used their creativity to whip up some amazing quilted items. Great job, ladies!



July's program on Fidget Quilts inspired Pat Leiter, Judy McCourry, Debby O'Keefe, and Mary Larkin to create some beautiful and worthwhile quilts for those who are suffering from dementia. Great job, ladies!

Linda Ulinski completed this beautiful sampler. Love your colors!

Diane Hess calls this her "everything's in there" quilt since it is made up of multiple leftover blocks from different projects.

SEWING ROOM SALE

Start saving your quilting castoffs for the sewing room sale. We are looking for anything quilt related.

- 100% cotton fabric suitable for quilting
- Wool fabric (not clothing)
- Flannel suitable for quilting

NO decorator fabric, NO clothing fabric, NO craft or clothing patterns.
It is extremely helpful if fabric is measured and flattened.
Drop off will take place at any meeting up until 3 months before the sale.
Questions? Contact Lil.

Rosemary Geisler designed this Irish chain quilt using fabrics from Mary Koval. Love it!

Marie Traxler made this lovely flannel quilt. It looks so cozy!

Mary Larkin made this special Spiderman quilt for her college bound niece. So fun!

Pat Leiter made this sweet baby quilt. Love the tulips!

Diane Hess finally completed a 2004 BOM from Keepsake Quilting. It was certainly worth the wait! Love the feedsack prints!

Shop Hop in Real Time!

by, Pat Leiter

In the last newsletter, Judy Snook shared information on the All Mid-Atlantic Shop Hop. It was open from July 1 through August 31, 2024. I have participated in shop hops before, but none that covered this large of a territory. There were 96 participating shops represented in six states. I knew from the beginning that visiting all of the shops would not be a reality in my life!

So, I began the journey with shops close to home. The first stop was in Phoenixville and they did not disappoint. Seamless Sewing is a familiar venue but they did feature the fabrics and blocks that were unique to the theme and that was a good starting point. Then my next destination was to points north and east. One honorable mention is Serendipity Stitch in New Bloomfield, PA. This is a fairly new business opened by a mom and her daughter. They feature a luscious collection of the latest fabrics. I fell in love with the Nocturnal collection by Gingiber. It is very vogue and modern. I spent more money than I intended in that shop!

My exploration included a few day trips on my own, a day with hubby at the wheel, and a friend from Lancaster. Even when I journeyed alone, I met friendly people along the way. But the most exciting adventure was down state Delaware and into a bit of Maryland. Diane Hess and I decided to take off for two days and visit five shops in that area. This trip included an overnight stay with Betty Ann and Pete. They live in Milton and have a sweet home. Lower slower Delaware is the perfect place to retire. I am a little bit jealous! Betty Ann joined us at the visit to Serendipity Quilt Shop of Dagsboro (not to be confused with Serendipity Stitch). I had been there several times and they met my expectations. The staff is friendly, willing to spend time answering questions, and they have a variety of items – both traditional and modern. If you visit the Delaware beaches, they are worth the stop.

I am now looking at my shop hop experience in the rear view mirror. I completed my endeavor by visiting 18 shops in all. While it was time consuming, and also a bit on the pricey side, I'm glad I did it! I purchased a few items that I needed and was in the market for and I also treated myself to some beautiful fabric and projects. If you are willing to put in the time, I recommend participating in one in the future. The fun part is bringing a friend and meeting new people!

Susan Koederitz whipped up this Any Time Topper using bandanas. Very creative!

Nancy Miller participated in a quilt along with Primitive Gatherings. She was tasked with making two blocks per week for almost a year. The center of each star is a different pattern.

September Birthdays

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

Hospitality

Sept 4	snack	Melissa Ciacci
	snack	Debby O'Keefe
Sept 18	snack	Nancy Kinyon-Samec
	snack	Josie Sharp

UPCOMING EVENTS

September

AQS QuiltWeek - September 11-14, 2024. Presented by AQS at The Nook Sports & Events Center, 75 Champ Blvd (GPS address), Manheim, PA. For more info visit https://www.quiltweek.com/.

Pennsylvania National Quilt Extravaganza - September 12-15, 2024. Presented by Mancuso Show Management, the largest and most comprehensive quilt festival in a state known for its rich history of quilting is all under one roof at the Greater Philadelphia Expo Center, Phoenixville, PA. For more info visit https://www.quiltfest.com/upcoming-shows-and-events/pennsylvania-national-quilt-extravaganza/.

Quilts in the Mill - September 27-29, 2024. Presented by the Courthouse Quilters Guild at Prallsville Mills, 33 Risler Street, Stockton, NJ. For more info go to http://www.courthousequilters.org/quilts-in-the-mill-show.html.

Annual Giant Fabric Sale - September 19-22, 2024. Presented by Montgomery County 4H at the Montgomery County 4-H Center, 1015 Bridge Road, Collegeville, PA. All kinds of fabrics, patterns, notions, needlecrafts, yarn, and assorted sewing supplies are available. In addition, many vintage fabrics and quilting supplies are available. For more info visit https://montcopa4hcenter.org/fabric-sale/.

October

Quilts from the Heart of Berks - October 4-5, 2024. 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/.

Star Struck - October 11-12, 2024. 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.

Valley Forge Quilt Show - October 18-19, 2024. Presented by Valley Forge Homestead Quilters at the Good Shepard Church, King of Prussia, PA. For more info visit our website at http://www.valleyforgequilters.org/Evt-QShow-Pg.html.

Heart 2 Heart- October 18-20, 2024. Presented by South Shore Stitchers Quilt Guild at the Upper Township Community Center, 1790 Route 50, Tuckahoe, NJ. For more info go to http://www.southshorestitchers.com/.

November

QuiltFest Virtual Schoolhouse #9 - November 6-9, 2024. Our ninth 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. For more info visit https://www.quiltfest.com/.

15th Annual Exhibition of Quilts - November 8-9, 2024. Presented by Lebanon Quilters Guild at the Lebanon Valley Exposition Center, 80 Rocherty Road, Lebanon, PA. For more info visit http://lebanonquiltersguild.com/exhibition-of-quilts/.

Shop Hops

All Ohio Shop Hop 8/1/2024 - 9/30/2024. List of Shops in Ohio.

All New England Shop Hop 9/1/2024 - 10/31/2024. List of Shops in Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont.

New Jersey Shop Hop 9/19/2024 - 9/29/2024. Seven shops from last year are participating again, plus two more added to the list for 2023!

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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