

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 - speaker
David Sirota

President's Message



I recently spent the day with my granddaughter, Kenna. We put on our rain boots and stomped around in the puddles in my driveway. Nothing fancy or exciting, just stomping in puddles. But the joy and excitement she got from doing something so simple was contagious. We laughed and giggled and I marveled at the idea that sometimes simple things are way more fun and satisfying than the most elaborate plans.

As quilters, we often get caught up in the mindset that our projects need to be complicated in order to be worthy. After viewing quilts in shows, magazines, or even LTQ's show and tell, we often feel inexperienced or inadequate in our abilities. Let's forget that mindset. Instead, let's celebrate our quilt creations no matter how simple we think they are. They are an expression of ourselves and, like the puddles in my driveway, they will bring joy to someone.

Yours in quilting,

Nancy

SAHRR

JUNE PROMPT

This month's clue is brought to you by Kathy Santillo. The prompt is **birds and blooms**. This can be done by utilizing fabric with flowers and/or birds, paper pieced flowers, appliquéd birds, etc. You do not have to use both flowers and birds for this border, just whatever speaks to you. The possibilities are endless...bring any questions to the June business meeting.

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.

June Program Meeting June 19, 2024

David Sirota

“What Makes a Quilter Tick? A Fun-Filled Look in the Mirror”

As a follow up to Tuesday's Kaleidoscope workshop, David will be presenting this fun and interactive lecture. You won't want to miss it!



Barb made this Philadelphia sports themed quilt for her significant other. Great job!



LTQ came out in full force to enjoy a fun field trip to Stitch Central in Glenside. Everyone was raving about the new shop and the variety of merchandise. After a wonderful lunch at The Ways, everyone agreed it was a great day!



MAY MEETING MINUTES

May Minutes

The monthly business meeting of the Loose Threads Quilt Guild was held at the United Church of Christ in Spring City, Pa., on May 1 and facilitated by President, Nancy Miller. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m.

Old Business: Mary Koval will speak at the May meeting on How to Make Quilts More Valuable. Her workshop had to be cancelled because enough people didn't sign up.

Homemakers Fabric Sale is May 10 at the 4H Center with a speaker.

Val Fisher attended her second meeting today. Denise Pokorny attended her third and is eligible to be an active member.

New Business: Susan Koederitz will be sending the new guild pins to Associate Members who live far away. She has paper for members to write a note to each if they wish. She will bring it to Day Camp.

Eileen Frankil is selling her house in Pennsylvania. She is offering the quilting items in her house to the guild. Plans are being made as to how this will happen.

Basting: Basting Day is May 29. Please let Kiti Williams know if you have a quilt to be basted. If you sign up to bring a quilt and won't be bringing it, let Kiti know. Clem Dupont has sticks to give away. Melinda Novatnak will take them.

Block of the Month: Silvia Homa is glad members are taking the orphan blocks and will be happy when more are brought in.

Challenge: Lori Memmen said each quilt is to represent the crayon color chosen and should be no bigger than 80 inches around. You can still get a crayon from Carly Moore or Lori.

Day Camp: Day Camp will be May 7-8. It begins at 9:00. On Tuesday you may stay until 7-8:00; on Wednesday until 3:00. Bring your own lunch. Water will be provided.

Field Trips: We will be traveling to Stitch Central with lunch following at a nearby restaurant. We will meet at Kohl's in Royersford at 9:30. We will skip June, July, and August.

Hospitality: The sign-up sheet was sent around.

Library: Sue Umstead talked about magazines specifically Quilting Arts and Quilting Art Studio. Let the committee know of any magazines you would like the guild to subscribe to.

Membership: Susan Koederitz said we have 45 Active Members and 19 Associate Members.

Nominating Committee: Susan Koederitz told us the slate of officers for next year: President, Diane Hess; Vice President, Susan Koederitz; Josie Sharp to continue as Treasurer for her two-year term; and Sue Umstead, Secretary. If you want to be on the ballot, let Susan know. We will vote at the business meeting in June.

Newsletter: Nancy Miller asked that members text or email any information for the newsletter by the middle of the month.

Programs: Laurie Kelly spoke about Mary Koval speaking in May and David Sirota in June. We will make fidget quilts in July.

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May minutes, continued:

Round Robin: Debby Popp gave the guidelines for the first border for each member's quilt. It is to be Piano Keys. She showed us the two quilts she is making so far. The reveal is in October of just the tops.

Secret Pal: Melissa Ciacci told us to take home a secret pal present if the person you are giving it to is not at the meeting.

Service or Charity: Nancy Kinyon-Samec purchased a lot of "junk" at the Home Sew Warehouse. She asked that we gather things to be used for the fidget quilts in July. We'll use flannel from the fabric sale bins as backing.

Speakers: Laurie Kelly sent out an email to those taking David Sirota's workshop on Tuesday June 18 at 9:30 a.m. giving information on what we'll need and cutting instructions to do ahead of time. His lecture will be the next day.

Website: Guild newsletters and block of the month patterns are on the website.

The business meeting raffle present was donated by Pat Leiter and won by Judy Magner.

Nancy Kinyon-Samec won the name tag drawing.

The meeting concluded at 11:05.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Snook

Orphan Block of the Month

Silvia Homa

WANTED: ORPHAN BLOCKS Keep them coming!

Don't forget to look at the various blocks that have been donated for the BOM projects. Many new blocks were added to our collection since the SAHRR was started.

There is still time to join up with this block challenge and make your projects. Be sure to get your card stamped by me or Pat. Remember, there will be a drawing at the end for those who have completed their cards and for those who at least started a card.

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

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

DAY CAMP 2024



A Full Weekend

by, Judy Snook

My daughter, Sharon, and I set out to see the kites at the International Kite Festival in Ocean City, Maryland. On our way, we stopped at two quilt shops.



Serendipity in Dagsboro, Delaware was the best one. Clean, tidy, and well laid out, it was easy to see what was offered. The fabric selection was varied and included panels and wool. Most things were organized by type of fabric or project. There were many kits and samples enticing me to buy this or that. Fortunately for my pocketbook, I didn't go wild. Sharon was entranced with a little 4"x4" wool mat that I thought was cute - but too small. I'll find out what she is going to use it for. Serendipity's website www.serendipityquiltshop@gmail.com You can order online.

Church Street Fabrics in Selbyville, Delaware was okay. There was a variety of fabric quality. I did find a red fabric with white Adirondack chairs on it for my grandson's surprise quilt. There were several good panels. I'm looking forward to seeing what Sharon does with the two she purchased. We came home with a free bandaid holder with their name on it. The quilt shop is located at 13 W. Church St., Shelbyville, De 19975. Their phone number is 302-988-2165.

Since Assateague was only eight miles from Ocean City, we traveled down to see the wild horses. Sometimes a horse held up traffic by standing in the road. A bright yellow sign with a silhouette of a horse told us "Share the road". Other signs told us to keep away from the horses or there would be a \$1000 fine. We figured just looking was a better idea.

"Spring Challenge"

by, Lenore Clarke

In 2019, I participated in a Quilt Challenge with my guild, Loose Threads, in Spring City, PA. The challenge was a "Whisper Down the Lane" challenge. The quilt owner would submit a block to the coordinator and indicate what inspired them about the block. The block would be submitted to the first person on the list and the "inspiration" note would go to the coordinator. Person one would be inspired, pass their block to Person two, and the comments would only be submitted back to the coordinator. At the end, I received ten blocks plus my original block. Thank yous to Carolyn Thompson, Susan Koederitz, Kathy Parker, Silvia Homa, Linda Hamel, and Judy Peters.



Here is a picture of my final quilt

The CPQG Quilt Challenge was to include :

- 15 blocks or more
- 2 or more block sizes (you pick the sizes)
- *Filler material is allowed and encouraged!!
- A border created from "crumbs" - scraps of your choosing
- No more than 3 repeated block patterns or designs
- At least 3 fabrics that you have in your stash or you borrow from someone else (if necessary)

Project Blocks must include: (although remaining blocks are up to you)

- A variation of a Log Cabin block
- A block having more than one Flying Geese (Goose?) in it
- A Square in a Square block - can even have multiple squares in squares if you choose
- A variation of a Patch Block (4-patch, 9-patch, etc. - any size multiple patch)
- Either your very Favorite Block OR a Block "You Have Never Tried Before"

Thank you for sharing these ideas, Lenore!

DAY CAMP 2024



OFFICER ELECTIONS

The 2024 Nominating Committee has proposed the following candidates:

President	Diane Hess
Vice President	Susan Koederitz
Secretary	Sue Umstead
Treasurer	Josie Sharp

Voting will take place at the June business meeting. Additional nominations can be taken from the floor on the day of the vote.

Hospitality

June 5	snack	Marcela Sivco
	snack	Nancy Kinyon-Samec
	drink	Jolene Lorah
June 19	snack	Linda Glass
	snack	Barb Sherman
	drink	Rosemary Geisler



JUNE Birthdays

- 1 Loretta Radewonuk
- 7 Margie Allen
- 21 Nancy Kinyon-Samec
- 22 Donna Matthias
- 23 Debby O'Keefe
- 24 Christine Fallon
- 25 Carolyn Ferrandino

2025 Pennsylvania Farm Show Block Opportunity

Susan Koederitz

The farm show block requirements leave lots of room for your imagination. The theme is **Fall Harvest**. Blocks should be constructed of 100% pre-washed cotton fabric in the fall color palette, and should measure 12.5" x 12.5" unfinished, with no buttons, charms, or paint. One pieced block and one appliqué block may be submitted. The web site (farmshow.pa.gov) will have directions on how to register. Registrations open later in the year (about September). Entrants must pre-register online by Dec. 15, 2024 (sooner is better). In December, a tag will be sent which must be attached to the block. The block can be mailed to Harrisburg. For reference only, this link has the 2024 guidelines.

<https://www.farmshow.pa.gov/pafarmshow/exhibit/rules-regulations/Documents/Department%202024%20-%20Family%20Living.pdf>

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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
www.theloosethreadsquilters.org

MEETING CHANGE

LTQ will NOT be meeting
on **July 3** due to the
holiday. Our regular
business meeting will be
held on **July 10** with our
program meeting on
July 17.

UPCOMING EVENTS

June

A Celebration of Quilts - June 7-8, 2024. Presented by the York Quilters Guild at the York College of Pennsylvania, Grumbacher Sport and Fitness Center, 899 South Richland Ave, York, PA. For more info visit <http://www.celebrationofquilts.com/>.

Trash to Treasure Sale – June 15, 2024. Presented by Main Line Quilters at Saint Luke Lutheran Church, 203 N Valley Forge Road, Devon, PA. For more info visit <https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=800672142099255&set=pb.100064694286642.-2207520000&type=3>.

Lazy Crazy Days of Summer - June 21-23, 2024. Presented by the Brandywine Valley Quilters at Neumann University, Aston, PA. For more info visit <https://www.brandywinevalleyquilters.org/lazy-crazy-days.html>.

MidAppalachian Quilt (MAQ) Retreat - June 27-30, 2024. 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/>.

Kutztown Folk Festival - June 29 to July 7, 2024. The Kutztown Folk Festival is proud to present America's largest quilt sale with over 2500 local handmade quilts on display and for sale! For more info visit <https://www.kutztownfestival.com/quilts>.

July-August

Maker Festival - August 1-3, 2024. Maker Festivals featuring the event formally known as Bead Fest returns to the [Lancaster Marriott & Convention Center](#), 25 S Queen Street, Lancaster, PA, and we will once again be bringing our fiber artists with us! For more info visit <https://www.makerfestivals.com/lancaster>.

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 <http://www.quiltfest.com/>.

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/>.

Shop Hops

[All Mid-Atlantic Shop Hop](#) 7/1/2024 - 8/31/2024. [List of Shops](#) in Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and West Virginia.

[All Ohio Shop Hop](#) 8/1/2024 - 9/30/2024. [List of Shops](#) in Ohio.