



Thimbles & Friends Quilt Guild Newsletter

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Membership Report

This year we are happy to welcome six new members bringing our membership to capacity. Our new members are: Sylvia Saidel, Barbara White, Sue Ellen Hewitt, Donna Babchuck, and most recently Muriel Toronto, Mildred Metcalf and Sue Painter. Welcome to Thimbles & Friends!

Just a reminder, if you know of someone in our guild who is ill or needs a special, "thinking about you," please let me know. I will be happy to send a card out to them from all of us – thanks!

Louise Wilson , Membership

Greetings from Bridgewater

Dear Quilting friends,

Well we're all gearing up for the Aloha Retreat next month; can't wait! I'm looking at all the stuff I have to haul, wondering what I'll need and how much I can work on. I will try to have everything cut out so that I can use my retreat time to sew. For all you new Friends, you are in for a wonderful time of sewing, learning, fun, and laughs. The camaraderie on these retreats is awesome. I am fairly new to the guild too, but when we came back from my first retreat I felt as though I knew everyone so much better! And wait till you see what these ladies are capable of; it is inspiring!

I hope to see you all there and don't forget the chocolate.

Blessings,

- *Julia B.*

Note: Be sure to pass in your raffle quilt prairie point fabric if you haven't already. They need four 4 ½ inch squares of jewel-toned fabric. Thanks.

From the Chairman

Thank you to Nancy & Chris for the demo at the January Meeting. I actually took by block apart and followed their direction and the block came out much better. I would encourage everyone to try at least one block of the month. It is a challenge for some of us to make the block of the month, but don't forget you are learning yet another way of putting blocks together accurately, (without using toys).

I would like to welcome the new ladies. I hope to see you in February and at our Retreat for the fun and festivities. I would also like to thank those that have signed up to run the programming for each meeting. I like to see the ideas that you are coming up with; each one is very different and I am learning more and more about each member. Looking forward to seeing everyone at the February meeting and at the retreat.

- Sheryl

February Meeting

Our Retreat this year will have a Hawaiian theme. On Saturday night we are encouraged to wear something a la Hawaiian. With that in mind and to make ourselves a little more beautiful, there will be a workshop at the February meeting to make Hawaiian Leis out of fabric.

What to bring:

- 3 or 4 flowery, colorful fat quarters (or whatever scraps you might have)
- Scissors

We will provide:

- string
- ribbon
- spacers (made out of colorful plastic straws)
- needles
- 3 paper templates to help with cutting the fabrics
- beading for embellishments

See you on February 2!

- Joanne Donovan

Handy Link of the Month

Here's a wonderful site by Elizabeth Root, featuring her [Hawaiian quilts](#).

Her designs put a modern spin on the traditional Hawaiian method. Very pretty! Look through the Gallery; then click on "How To" for instructions and patterns.

Retreat News

Thimbles & Friends Retreat

February 15 -17, 2013

Radisson, Plymouth 508-747-4900



~Hawaiian theme attire encouraged for the weekend~

Looking forward to our retreat – please call to

make your reservations (deadline January 14, 2013)

Rooms blocked for Thimbles & Friends

\$90.00 + tax per night/double occupancy; 3 or more – additional \$15.00 each

Also, **please get your checks to Shirley for food.**

VENDORS – Heart N Hand

SWAPS – Floral Fat Quarter (new – quilt shop quality)

Recycled notion (fits in a brown paper bag)

C H O C O L A T E !!!!! - \$2.00 value

Saturday 8:00 pm – Dress up in Hawaiian attire – Fun & Games!

- Paula and Louise

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Local Quilt Shop Day, January 24th!

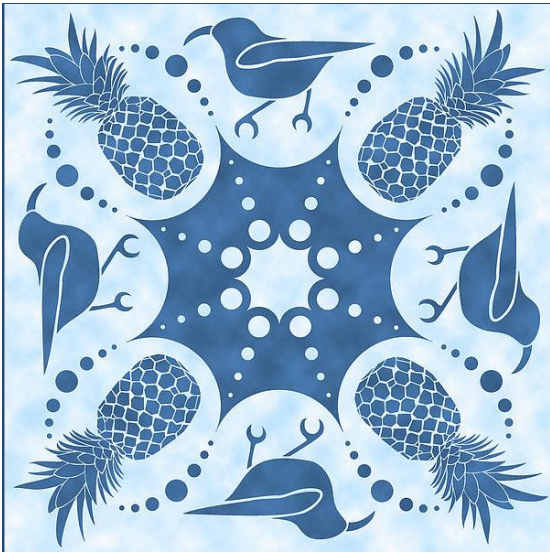


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Block of the Month

A fabric chart and three diagrams are attached to this Newsletter. Please contact Nancy or Chris for more information.

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