



Thimbles & Friends Quilt Guild Newsletter

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Greetings from Hanson

Hi ladies,

2017 began with a typical New England January snowstorm. It didn't hang around too long, but was just bothersome enough to cancel our first meeting of the year! I hope you were able to use this "free" time to crank up your sewing machines or think about what to bring for your retreat project(s). Yes, it's almost time to load up the car and trek to Hotel 1620 for our annual sisterhood weekend. I don't know about you, but I can't wait!

I've been keeping an eye on Accu-Weather and here is the prediction for the weekend:



See you soon!

- Jill

Freecycle Table

The Freecycle Table will be open for business at our next Guild meeting on January 28th. Since the last meeting was canceled because of snow, the items I am asking folks to bring will be the same as in the last newsletter. Therefore, the focus of the Freecycle Table at the next meeting will be on old and ugly fabric and magazines. Also, each member can drop off one non quilting related item that you no longer have a use for. January is a good time for a fresh start, so clean out those craft and sewing areas and recirculate some stuff to make room for more stuff.

Your Sister in Sewing,

- Gina Stone

Sharing is Caring

If you've taken a class or visited a new quilt shop, please consider sharing it with the guild. Send your submissions to Jill and Julia and we will post it in the Newsletter.



From the Chair

Hi Everyone,

I have some announcements this month. First, our April 1 meeting is changed to March 25 because that is when the Schoolhouse Shop Hop is taking place. (I don't know why they didn't realize they should have scheduled it for April 1 to suit us!) Nancy Moynihan and Tracey Phillips are in charge. They will let us know the details soon.

Second, the forms for registering your quilts for our 2017 quilt show will soon be available! We are working out the kinks at present, trying to make an even smoother process. The forms will be available on the website for you to print in the number you want. It's nice that our venue this year is large enough to accommodate several quilts per member.

Third, remember that you need to bring lots of solid fabric scraps to our meeting on January 28th. (Workshop cost is \$5.00 per member. If you plan to attend and have not paid, we will collect it then.) Also bring your color wheel if you have one. Or you may buy one at the meeting for \$20.00. (Pat is also bringing other items for sale.) The workshop consists of several exercises where we place colors together. Small pieces are what you need. You could cut two-inch strips off your solid fat quarters and use those during the workshop.

I'm looking forward to all our upcoming events!

- Jeanne

Retreat News

The retreat is fast approaching and I'm sure that you have all been busy putting together what you need! At the Jan. 28th meeting we will be passing out a Retreat Packing List of things that you might need. I do have a special treat for each of you and will give it out at the retreat (your own personal retreat first aid kit).

If you haven't already sent in your \$25 for the meals, you may pay at the Jan. 28 meeting. Please note that the \$25 is to be paid whether you come for one or both of the meals.

- Joanne Donovan

A Mother's Love

This past December 24, my adult son passed away from a long illness. Some time back I made him a quilt in purple, his favorite color, and while he was sick and often cold, I said "Why don't you cover yourself with the quilt I made you?" He would answer, "I don't want to ruin it or wear it out." He loved it. Upon his passing, I thought he should take the quilt with him as a part of his mother's love for him. It was draped over his coffin and looked really nice. I later wrapped it about him to take him to a better place free from pain and illness.

I am sharing this story not to make you sad, but to celebrate what we do as quilters with all those scraps of fabric which, when brought together, keep our loved ones warm and show we care. It felt like a final tribute and it made me feel better.

- Josephine Abbott



Retreat Fun

Are you ready for the February 2017 retreat? The Retreat Fun Committee is looking forward to the retreat this year with the theme of "Celebration" -- celebrating our love of quilting individually and within our quilt guild group. Our theme song is the disco anthem "Celebrate" by Kool and the Gang...You'll probably hear it more than once over the course of the weekend. (And you may be asked to strike a disco pose...)

Please bring the following to keep the fun going:

- Chocolate in a brown paper bag for swap
- One fat quarter (good quality fabric please) in a brown paper bag for Yankee Swap
- Two (2) 5-inch squares of fabric in Celebration Colors for demo and raffle
- Fat quarters (good quality fabric please) for L-C-R (if you plan to participate)

The L-C-R (Left-Center-Right) game is a perennial favorite at our retreat and lots of laughs. Anyone can play but you will need one fat quarter per game to play (no fabric theme, your choice). The winner is rewarded with all the fat quarters played that game!

"Celebration Colors" may be drawn from any celebration, holiday, or event: red, white, and blue; Christmas red and green; pastels for Easter, etc. The demo is to create pinwheel blocks. The blocks will be raffled off, and one lucky winner will have the makings of a scrappy quilt to donate to charity.

There's one activity for which you should probably wear running shoes, but we don't want to give too much away!

Sue has contacted a vendor, and we will have favors for each attendee.

All together now... "*Celebrate good times... Come on!*"

- Mary Davis, Sue Warchal, and Pat McCollem

Out and About

Rhododendron Needlers' Quilt Show "Traditions and Treasures"
March 18-19 2017
Blue Hills Regional Technical School
800 Randolph Street
Canton, MA



Have Something to Say?

Send newsletter submissions to
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Quilt Show 2017

The weather outside was frightful January 4! I ended up with about 18" of the white stuff. Although it wasn't bad when we would have had the meeting start, I think it could have been testy when we would have been driving home, especially for those going south from Abington. Anyway, we stayed warm and cozy (and got some good quilting done, I hope).

Unfortunately, we missed yet another scheduled quilt show committee meeting. We haven't met since November and I think we need to really get a move on, as they say.

I've spoken with Jeanne and I would like to propose that we have a meeting during retreat. I HATE to deprive anyone of precious sewing time but I don't want to rush Pat's presentation on the 28th, and the rest of the guild calendar is pretty much spoken for through May. I was hoping we might take time around 4:00pm on the Saturday of retreat to discuss some important scheduling and staffing issues for set up day and to get caught up on where the various committees are in their individual projects. I picked late afternoon Saturday because I figure the most folks will be at retreat then, we may need a little break at that hour (I don't know about you, but I start to fade about then), and it's just before dinner hour. (Hunger will make for a natural ending point.) I welcome any other suggestions.

The quilt show is but nine months off and three months of that will be during the summer. I figure we can meet once during March and April, after the tea in May, and then schedule what we think we need for the summer. By the time we reconvene as a guild in September we'll be turning in projects etc. and we'll be down to the final push.

Thanks for your help and suggestions. Get your thinking caps on!
- Quilt Show Co-Chairs,
Chris Thierfelder and Linda Robbins

Meeting Dates

Here are the meeting and event dates for our upcoming year. Meeting times are 10:15 am – 2 pm.

Jan. 28	Color Workshop – Pat Delaney and Jeanne Aurelio
Feb. 10-12	Retreat at Hotel 1620 at Plymouth Harbor – Fun Committee: Mary Davis, Sue Warchal, Pat McCollum
March 4	Ruler/Cutter Safety and Special Ruler Demo: Sheryl Briggs
March 25	Schoolhouse Shop Hop – Nancy Moynihan and Tracey Phillips
May 6	May Tea Party – Linda Austin and Janice O'Gara