



Thimbles & Friends Quilt Guild Newsletter

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Greetings from Bridgewater

Happy Mardi Gras! See the winners of the Second Line Parade contest pictured below (Jill won first prize). We also cannot forget the winner of the BOOBY prize, Cathy Hodges, for obvious reasons, tee hee. Pat would have loved that, Cathy.

Then we have the DIE-HARDS, who braved the storm right into Monday! Donna Babchuck, Joanne Donovan, Jo Fruzzetti, Sheryl, Joyce, and Shirley, Sue Warchal, Mary Davis, Pat McCollem, Pat Delany, Jeanne Aurelio, Janice, Wendy, Mai, and Paula. And me. It was great. But we really missed those who couldn't make it.

- Julia

From the Chair

Dear Ladies,

Well, wasn't our retreat exciting this year? We won't talk about the weather. Enough of that already. Despite the weather, retreat 2015 was so much fun. I would like to thank the Retreat team for all their exceptional hard work and excellent planning for our very own Mardi Gras. And thanks to everyone who made the exodus to Plymouth. I feed off of the energy in the room, don't you? And all the extras added so much to the experience. The swaps, the giveaways, the exotic masks and costumes, the chocolate, those rowdy gamblers with the L-R-C game, I can't exclaim enough. We wore red on Saturday in honor of Pat Loftus, and we looked good! Pat would have been tickled. Add next year's retreat dates to your calendars NOW, so you don't mistakenly plan something for that weekend.

Our next regular meeting is March 7. We will begin sign-ups for anyone interested in serving as an officer for the 2015-2016 Guild year. Sign-ups will continue in April, with elections in May. I would also like to have you consider hostessing one of our monthly programs next year. Grab a friend and come up with an idea. Sign-ups for that also will start at the March meeting. Lastly, I'd like to let you know that the Board met in January, and that the finances of the Guild are on-budget for the first half of our Guild year. Good news all around.

Happy quilting, - Rose



Eclair Bars

- 8 oz Cool Whip
- 2 pkgs INSTANT vanilla pudding
- box of graham crackers
- 3 1/2 cups milk

Spray bottom of 9x13 pan.
 Mix pudding and milk with electric mixer. Mix in Cool Whip.
 Line bottom of pan with graham crackers.
 Pour half of pudding/cool whip mixture over the crackers.
 Add another layer of crackers.
 Pour the rest of pudding on top, then another layer of crackers.
 Let stand 15 minutes, and then refrigerate 2 hours while you make the frosting.

Meeting Dates

March 7	Luella Mann Love of Aprons Workshop – Donna Babchuck
April 4	Adele Scott workshop – Tracy Phillips
May 2	End of the year party – Joanne Donovan Another person is needed to help Joanne Donovan with the Year End party at the May meeting.

March Meeting

For the March meeting, we will be welcoming Luella Mann, who will display and talk about her love of aprons. Luella will also give us a lesson on how to make an apron. If you are taking part in this workshop (and have previously signed up for it), bring the following supplies:

- 1 yard of fabric - preferably cotton and at least 42" wide (directional fabric is OK)
- Matching thread
- scissors
- pins
- measuring tape /ruler
- sewing machine

(Luella will provide the interfacing)
 Call me if you have any questions at 617-794-5231 - cell or 508-697-9109 home.
 – Donna



Frosting:

2 cups confectionary sugar

2 tsp soft butter

2 tsp vanilla

3 Tbl milk

2 Tbl light corn syrup

2 pkgs unsweetened melted chocolate

Spread frosting over last layer of crackers and refrigerate overnight

This is really yummy - Julia



Upcoming Quilt Shows

Covenant Congregational Church

204 Center Street, No. Easton, MA

Saturday, March 28, 2015

9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Admission: \$5.00, Luncheon: \$7.00

All proceeds go to support Science With a Mission, a program that makes and delivers medical diagnostic kits to the third world.

Rhododendron Needlers Quilt Show

March 21 & 22 at Blue Hills Regional Tech in Canton

My Mother's Quilts - Carrie O'Neal

Within our sitting room a table stood,
Made by my father out of cherry wood,
On which thru summer day and winter night
A basket rested full of patches bright;
And from those scraps of variegated shades
My mother planned the many quilts she made,
From muslin and cretonne by some deft spell
Forming the flowers she loved so well;
The crimson tulip and the wild rose, too,
Were fashioned, each in its own shape and hue;
The drooping lily bent its modest head,
The pink carnations' perfume seemed to shed.

Oft from the brass-bound chest her quilts I take,
And from their folds the scented herb leaves shake;
Then on her own great, square four-post bed
The cunning labor of her hands I spread;
With lingering caress I softly touch
The beauty, oddly quaint, she prized so much,
While memory brings back the homely room
Where those bright blocks of flowers flamed in bloom.

Now for long years her patient toil is o'er;
Her quilt hands create her dreams no more;
Beneath a quilt of pinks and lilies too--
The prototypes from which her patterns grew--
She rests in peace. There, while she calmly sleeps,
God's mystic coverlet above her creeps.

This be my faith: That someday I shall see
Life's complex pattern growing plain to me;
That somewhere I shall clearly understand
The great design worked by the Master's hand;
And that somehow love's thread may reunite
Our broken lives into a fabric bright,
And in celestial arabesques restore
The ties that bind us here on earth no more.



Joanne's most recent quilt, a gift to her daughter Elyse for her bridal shower that was held last August.

Newsletter Note: Just click on the picture of any quilt to see the Web page it came from.

Have Something to Say?

Send newsletter submissions to Julia at Julia.Blanchard@comcast.net and Jill at scruffsmom@comcast.net

Guild Website:
<http://www.thimblesandfriends.org/>

Featured Quilter of the Month – Joanne Donovan

I have lived in Abington since 1981; it truly is home. I have always sewed, made my own clothes, curtains etc. and thought someday I'll learn how to quilt. Then I met Pat Delaney and she introduced me to the wonderful art of Quilting. I had seen her "Cherry Fizz" quilt and was hooked; I believe that was in 2005! I joined her Tuesday night class and she transformed quilting into a life-changing experience. I keep telling myself that someday I'll try hand quilting, but so far machine quilting holds my passion. I love free-motion quilting and attempt many different designs on my quilts. (With Pat as my teacher, of course free-motion becomes a passion) I also like to add some unexpected touches to my quilts like beading or applique. The beading I add by hand but the applique is done by machine.

I have used many different types of fabrics. I love colorful fabrics, but I have also been known to use muted colors on occasion. LOL, I never can make up my mind! I love, love, love Kaffe Fassett fabrics. I have many of his books and I have accumulated a stash of his fabrics. However, I have yet to decide what to do with them!!!! That is one of my goals for 2015, to make a quilt inspired by Kaffe Fassett (maybe even get it done for our show in Oct.....tooo ambitious for sure!!

I always sewed on a Singer and still have it for my home decorating projects. For quilting I purchased a Baby Lock Quilter's edition. I was my first quilting machine and it still works great. I recently purchased a Bernina Aurora 440QE and I love it. Another goal (maybe for 2016) is to get the larger Bernina with an embroidery unit. I have never done machine embroidery and would like to try it out.

I also love to knit; it is a great way to keep busy on the many flights to Chicago to see the grandchildren. Hobbies have changed over the years; quilting and knitting have taken over. But once in a while I still like to needlepoint or paint.

For Pat



The Die-Hards

