



# Thimbles & Friends Quilt Guild Newsletter

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## 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.

**Guild Website:**

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

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

## Greetings from Hanson

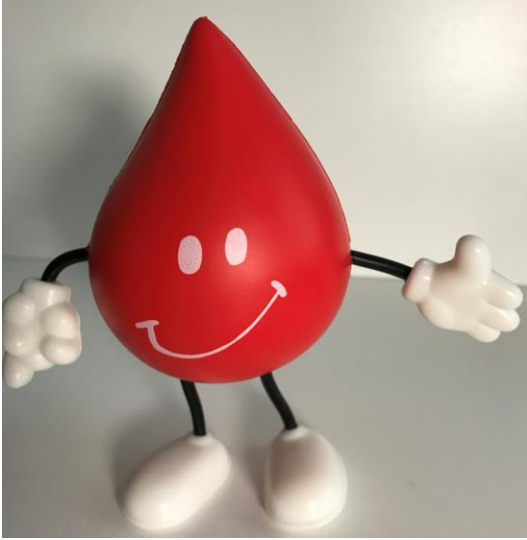
Good Morning Ladies,

Today I want to say "Thank You". First, thank you for the more obvious, more visible reasons...To Gina for her FreeCycle passion and willingness to haul stuff to and from our meetings. To Joyce and Jo for the devoted work they do to organize, collect and distribute our charity items; I am amazed at every meeting when I see our member contributions. To Jeanne for her leadership as Chair. To Chris and Linda for their continued, dogged focus on our upcoming quilt show. To Mary, Sue, Pat, and Joanne for the hours they put in to be sure our retreat was once again fabulous. To Rose for her Web site maintenance. To everyone who works so hard to ensure that our guild is the best around....the list is endless.

I also want to thank all of our members for just being the wonderful women that you are. You show up at every meeting with a smile and a welcome for whoever walks through the door. You share your talents and give of yourselves (including your fabric!). You may not realize it, but your joyous attitude, infectious laughter and caring presence just might be what another member needs at that particular moment to put her cares aside, lift her spirits, and add a spring to her step. You are all awesome!

- Jill





### **Out and About**

#### **Branching Out: The Art of Quilting**

by Pamela Goody  
Artist Gallery Talk/Show & Tell  
Arnold Arboretum, Harvard Univ.  
Sat., April 1, 1:00-3:00pm

#### **What Remains: Wooden Quilt Sculptures of Laura Petrovich-Cheney**

Fuller Craft Museum, Brockton, MA  
Oct. 22, 2016 – Nov.12, 2017

#### **Material Girls Quilt Guild**

June 23-24, 2017  
St. Leo's School Auditorium  
120 Main Street  
Leominster, MA

### **Tips and Tricks**

Janice O'Gara shared a terrific binding tip she found on Facebook. Click on the picture for graphic instructions on how to finish your binding, along with perfect mitered corners.



### **From the Chair**

Dear Guild Members,

Aruba was warm and wonderful. It was so nice not to have to wear layers of clothing or real shoes. I don't know about you, but pedal pushers and flip flops suit me fine! Of course I'm back to the real world now, fully layered up and looking forward to our warm weather, whenever that may hit!

So, while waiting, I work in my sewing room and look around at all the projects I have to get done, plus I see all the things that remind me of my quilting sisters. Over my years as a guild member, I have collected quite an assortment of gifts, silent auction items, boutique purchases, and recycle table items from many of you!

For example, I see a cupcake pincushion from Shirley, a wooden "I'd rather be Quilting" sign from Chris, a cup holder/thread snippet receptacle from Tracey, a thread rack from May, a sewing machine pedal minder from Sheryl, a pretty box from Gina, and a very cute Bernina promotional item from Pat. D. (See the photo – I think it's a drop of blood!) I also see name tags, notebooks, pencils, a water bottle cozy, a tea bag holder, and jewelry cases from retreat committees. I have fabric and useful containers from Yankee swaps that came from unnamed members. I believe that belonging to Thimbles and Friends has truly enriched me, mostly because I have little bits of you that I can look at every day to inspire me!

Thanks,  
- Jeanne

### **Meeting Dates**

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

March 25	Schoolhouse Shop Hop – Nancy Moynihan & Tracey Phillips
April 1	Quilt Show Planning – Chris Thierfelder & Linda Robbins
May 6	May Tea Party – Linda Austin & Janice O'Gara



## **FreeCycle Table**

The Freecycle Table continues to be a huge success! Every month the volume of items that are dropped off on the table equals the volume of items that members take home. Last month someone said they had a big bag of scraps they did not want but thought them unworthy of the Freecycle Table. To that I say, everything is good and worthy of the Freecycle Table!!!! We have members who love working with scraps, even small ones. Please do not throw anything away, but instead bring it to the table. Even very old, ugly, scratchy and stiff fabric can be used for something, such as foundation piecing. I am currently involved in a project that requires small, even very small, scraps and narrow strips of batik fabrics, so bring them in!

On a side note, I was wondering if anyone would be interested in some more charity quilt precut packages like the ones we offered a while ago? A generous member of our guild took some coordinating fabrics from the Freecycle Table, cut them into squares or strips, and packaged them in a plastic bag or bunch for distribution to our members to get them started on a charity quilt. Let me know at the next meeting if you would like a kit and we will see what we can do. In the meantime, Happy Sewing!

Gina Stone  
Recycler Extraordinaire

## **Have Something to Say?**

Send newsletter submissions to

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Jill at [scruffsmom@comcast.net](mailto:scruffsmom@comcast.net)

*Content is due no later than the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month.*

## **Quilt Show 2017**

As you already know, our April 1 Guild Meeting will be devoted to 2017 Quilt Show catch-up and continued planning. We are beginning to think about the “details” of the show, like floor plans, organizing our “workforce”, and bringing in the information from chairs whose activities can only be planned closer to the show dates. This is an important meeting for planning and information. Please try to attend.

Our agenda on April 1 will include:

1. A recap of activity to date,
2. Reports from quilt show sub-committee chairs,
3. Member participation expectations, and
4. The beginning of sign-ups for activities central for show staging.
  - a. May Lai will be prepared to address and begin sign up for Set Up day, White Glove, and Take Down.

I am requesting that all sub-chairs be prepared to report on:

1. What has been done to date in their area of responsibility
2. What is remaining to be done and with whom they may need to coordinate

One of our goals has been to staff the show during open hours in a manner that is efficient and orderly while honoring scheduling needs of the membership. Sub-chairs should be thinking about logistical and workforce requirements during the show and be prepared to detail those needs by the May Tea. The plan is to develop a “master list” of activities and the personnel required to carry out those activities. Examples of forms successfully used to organize activities in the past are available from the Quilt Show Chair.

Happy Quilting,  
Chris Thierfelder, Chair  
Linda Robbins, Co-Chair





### *Shop Hop*

Just a reminder for those going on the Shop Hop this Saturday the 25th. Please be on the bus by 7:45AM so we can do a head count. You might want to bring a lunch and/or snacks as well as any non-alcoholic beverages. Even though the shops do provide some refreshments, they may not be to your liking or they may run out, etc. We should be returning around 6pm. The weather looks like it will be great with the temp about 60 degrees so it should be a great day! See you Saturday!

- Nancy

Vocabulary Word:

**Proquiltinating:**  
working on quilts  
when you should be  
doing laundry, or dishes,  
or picking kids up from  
school.

