



# Thimbles & Friends Quilt Guild Newsletter

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In my dream world, fabric is free and quilting makes you thin!



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## Greetings from Hanson

Hello ladies...wow, it's almost time to start our new Thimbles and Friends year! I don't know where the summer is going, but I do know that our dedicated quilt show committee has been working hard throughout the summer to make sure our show is the very best yet. I can't wait to see the display of all the wonderful work our talented guild produces. See you in September and enjoy the first installment of your newsletter for the guild year.

- Jill

## From the Chair

*Anyone who works on a quilt, who devotes her time, energy, creativity, and passion to that art, learns to value the work of her hands. And as any quilter will tell you, a quilter's quilting friends are some of the dearest, most generous and most supportive people she knows. Jennifer Chiaverini*

The cow bell has been passed. We are starting our new year together and I am honored to be the new chair. Many thanks to Jeanne for her hard work, enthusiasm, and outstanding leadership, and for continuing as vice-chair. We hope with everyone's help to make the upcoming year special.

It seems like yesterday that Janice O'Gara, Rose Perry, Sue Warchal and I joined the guild. We were warmly welcomed into the guild by Joanne Fruzzetti, Pat Loftus, and May Lai. Being welcoming is an integral strength of this guild, leading to many friendships and shared learning. When looking back I am amazed at how much I have learned from members--using good batting, precision cutting, exacting ironing, sewing a true  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch, and so much more. I am even more pleased with the many friendships and happy times shared.

At our September meeting we will be voting on the revised guild by-laws. The by-laws were mailed out to all guild members April 4, 2017, discussed for feedback at the May meeting, and, based on the feedback, revisited by the Board members in July for changes. We emailed the by-laws earlier this month for your review in preparation for the September vote. Once approved, we will apply for State non-profit status. The by-laws are now designed with minimal but necessary content since we need to apply to the state with any changes. Given this, policies are being drafted to address basic guild business such as membership fees, committee responsibilities, etc. The Board is currently developing the policies and planning to bring them to the guild during this fall for feedback and approval.

## **Freecycle Table**

HEAR YE! HEAR YE! Come one come all to the third installment of the abundant and eco-friendly FREECYCLE TABLE! It will be open for business at our first meeting in September and every monthly meeting of the year after that. Our theme for September is Holiday and Novelty Fabrics. So bring in all your Halloween, Christmas, Valentine's Day, autumn, animal, vegetable and mineral fancies. As always, this is only a suggestion; please feel free to bring in anything you want to put on the table. What you focus on expands! Think positive and abundant thoughts and you will live a positive and abundant life!

- Gina Stone



## **Out and About**

### Silver City Quilt Show

Friedman Middle School  
500 Norton Ave  
Taunton, MA  
September 16-17

Guild Website:

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

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](mailto:Julia.Blanchard@comcast.net) and

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

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

Our biennial quilt show is fast approaching. I hope everyone has completed their quilt show registration entry forms, mailing them with color quilt pictures. The show quilts will be collected at the September meeting. Remember to place a single quilt with a hanging sleeve and label into a jumbo, clear plastic bag with your contact information. Challenge quilt items and small wall hangings do not need a sleeve.

In addition to scheduled guild meetings such as the quilt show, applique workshop, and our quilting retreat, remaining activities and programs will be coordinated by Joyce Hochstrasser and Nancy Moynihan this year. Please contact them with any program ideas or to volunteer presenting/coordinating a meeting.

I am looking forward to seeing you September 16<sup>th</sup>. For members like me (still working on my show quilts), have fun quilting.

- Tracey

## **Program Activities**

We hope you all had a wonderful summer and are looking forward to a great year with Thimbles and Friends. Joyce and I have planned some great fun and sewing activities and are just putting on the final touches. We will fill you in on the later activities but want to bring you up to date on the September plans.

We will do Show and Tell for any quilts that won't be going in the show. Please keep it to a maximum of two apiece for this meeting since there will be lots to talk about and many more meetings to "Show".

As you know, we will be turning in our quilts for the show on that day so there won't be a lot of time leftover for sewing, but we thought it would be a great time to not only meet and greet our new members but to get to know our present members a little better on an individual basis. This should give us some laughs while we are waiting our turn to hand over the quilts!

We are asking our present members to please wear their name badges. We will provide "name badges" for anyone who isn't wearing one that day.

One final note: We are still looking for a committee to plan the Retreat, as well as volunteers for both the Holiday Party in December and the Tea in May.

See you in September,

- Nancy and Joyce



## **Newsletter Submission Guidelines**

In anticipation of our upcoming guild year, Julia and I want to remind everyone of the Thimbles and Friends newsletter content guidelines.

All guild members are invited to submit articles. They can be useful and entertaining, are newsworthy, and pertain to quilting in general and Thimbles and Friends in particular. We request that you write your own articles and email them to both of us no later than the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month to allow us time to review, edit if necessary, and format each article before distribution on the 25th.

If you have a personal request or submission, detailed instructions such as block of the month, an article with a form or other attachment, a time-sensitive article, or a list such as membership, etc., please distribute to the guild via a separate e-mail.

Please note that we review each submission on an individual basis. We do our best, but cannot always accommodate a request.

Guild bylaws had stipulated that a newsletter be distributed three times a year. By working together and sharing newsletter responsibilities, Julia and I have managed to publish monthly during the guild year—for a total of nine issues. (But we do give ourselves the summer off!)

Happy reading!

- Julia and Jill

## **Meeting Dates**

Here are the meeting and event dates for our upcoming guild year. Meeting times are 10:15 AM – 2 PM. Looks like we have a busy season scheduled!

Sept. 16	Vote on Bylaws and turn in show quilts. Meet and Greet – Nancy Moynihan & Joyce Hochstrasser
Oct. 7	Quilt Show Planning – Chris Thierfelder & Linda Robbins
Oct. 13	Quilt Show Setup – Abington Senior Center
Oct. 14-15	Quilt Show – Abington Senior Center
Nov. 4	TBD
Dec. 2	Holiday Party
Jan. 6	TBD
Jan. 27	TBD
Feb. 10-12	Retreat at Hotel 1620 at Plymouth Harbor
March 3	TBD
April 7	TBD
May 5	Annual Tea Party





## *Quilt Show 2017*

August is three quarters over, fall approaches and with that our quilt show, "Quilts Color Our World," set for October 14 and 15 at the Abington Senior Center. Set up day will be Friday, October 13. I'm hoping along with a good summer you have all been working on completing your projects for display at the show—quilts, silent auction items, and maybe a Challenge project. Jeanne had to cut off the quilt registration once she received 80 forms and she was still counting! Amazing!! Remember, our quilts and challenge projects are due at the September 16 guild meeting. Silent Auction items will be accepted at the October 9 guild meeting, which will be dedicated to putting the finishing touches on show arrangements.

Please let Mai know how you want to distribute your six or more hours of volunteering at the show by the September meeting, if you haven't done so already. We are hoping to have all needed positions "staffed" for the most efficient deployment of our womanpower over the 3 show days. Please try to arrange for someone to take your place, if at the last moment life intrudes and prevents you from meeting your assignment.

As many of you are aware Rose Perry and Tracey Phillips are heavily involved in getting the show book together. This is a Herculean task! Please be prompt in answering their requests for additional or revised information.

Julia Blanchard needs someone to assist her with the silent auction since Karen Howard has resigned from the guild. Anyone interested should contact Julia.

Lastly it's time to start advertising the show on social media, so post, post, post!!! Pick up your bookmarks and flyers for distribution to your chosen sites from Linda Austin.

I entered the chairmanship of this show with a bit of fear and trembling at the challenge it posed. I can only say all my fears were unnecessary. Once the ground work initial planning was laid down, the show took on a life of its own. Each chair has simply taken up her tasks and run with them. Support for those new to their posts has been phenomenal. Many creative suggestions have been offered that are sure to make our show a success. A full history of shows gone by has been an indispensable touchstone. We can't wait to open the doors!

Happy Quilting,

- Chris Thierfelder and Linda Robbins  
Quilt Show Co-Chairs



## **Alternate Quilt Hanging Option**

I ran across this different method for hanging small quilts called “Alternate Quilt Options” (Command Strip Hanging Directions) by Mary Cannizzaro of [Cannizzaro Creations](#). (You will find this as a link on her “Classes” page.) I haven’t tried it yet, but it might be a useful option.

You will need at least two (2) pair of Command strips for each quilt, depending on the size and weight.

The picture hanging strips come in different weight parameters. Here Mary used medium weight.

Follow the directions on the reverse side of the Command package.

Basically you put two strips Velcro sides together; take off one of the papers exposing the adhesive strip; press on to the back of the quilt and press for a few seconds.

While the strips are still together on the back of the quilt, remove the other paper exposing the other strip of adhesive and press to the wall. Hold for a few seconds and then separate the Velcro pieces leaving one side on the wall, the other on the quilt. Let it set for about an hour and then put the quilt on the wall.

To remove, follow the directions on the package.

