



Thimbles & Friends Quilt Guild Newsletter

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Greetings from Hanson

Fall is here! I remember the month of September as a back to school theme assigned by a grade school teacher... "What Did You Do on Your Summer Vacation?" Well, I made my usual UFO list (that would be for quilting of course, not housework) and was determined to really stick to it. I actually did quite well to complete several projects before I fell off the wagon in mid-July and started a couple of new ones.

I am pleased to say however, I was able to cross a couple of quilt show items from my list...I took an afternoon to go through my 1930s stash and pulled together a nice little bundle for one of Mary Davis' raffle baskets. I then resurrected a very old UFO that I thought was doomed to stay at the bottom of the pile. (NB: *Never use a permanent jellyroll pen when you meant to use a temporary marker.*) I salvaged that project and now have a nice Christmas wallhanging to donate to the silent auction!

Now, back to that list.....

- *Jill*



Freecycle Table

The Freecycle Table will be open for business at the October meeting. You may bring anything you like to put on the table for others to take away. But.....the emphasis is on SCRAPs that you do not want any more or simply do not like. Shirley and Gina will be conducting an extremely interesting and informative October workshop on scraps and how to organize them, hence the focus on scraps. Gina Stone is back to being the organizer of the Freecycle Table, with help from the Trio Sisters (Barbara, Sue-Ellen, and Sally).

If you are looking for any particular item or type of fabric, please contact me with your request and I will mention it in the next newsletter. Hopefully someone will have what you need, is ready to donate it, and it will appear on the next freecycle table!

Gina Stone



From the Chair

Hello all,

Hope you are ready to welcome fall and our October 1 meeting! I am looking forward to getting some more ideas about what to do with scraps at the meeting. I have a pile of them to bring.

The Thimbles and Friends Board had a meeting at my home on August 25. Following are the main decisions we made.

We dealt with the issue of scheduling meeting agendas. Both this year and next had only one "TBD"-- the November meeting in each case. A few days after the board meeting we settled on the event for 2016 -- a slide show on Bali and its fabric to be given by Chris Thierfelder's friend. We still have an opening for November 2017, so if you would like to participate in giving one of the workshops we ranked highly, let me or a board member know.

We evaluated how well the meetings went last year and decided we need another sharing vehicle for each meeting this year. We settled upon "Favorites" -- having members talk about their favorite quilting tool, pattern, book, website or blog. That will start on October 1st! It's a great way of participating at meetings. Volunteers each month can expand our appreciation of quilting!

As a matter of expediency, we decided that the guild treasurer henceforth can approve expenditures \$50 and under, only requiring a board member signature for expenditures over that amount.

Lastly, we discussed whether the guild should continue to subsidize meals at the quilt retreat and bus trips for the shop hop. We want to, but decided it would be prudent to put off such decisions until we see the state of our treasury closer to the times of expenditure.

Looking forward to seeing you October 1!

Scrap happiness,

Jeanne

Out and About

Need a road trip? Check out these upcoming events:

- [Cocheco Quilters Guild](#) 35th Annual Quilt Show October 15 – 16 Rochester, NH
- Plymouth County [Cranberry Quilters](#) biennial quilt show will be held on Saturday, October 22, 2016 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. West Elementary School 70 Plympton Road in Plymouth; \$8.
- [Connections Quilt Festival](#) Nov. 10-12 Nashua, NH
- [Hammersmith Quilters Guild](#) October 29-30 Saugus Senior Center 466 Central Street, Saugus, MA
- [Our Daily Thread](#) Weekend Quilting Fabric Dyeing Retreats Oct. 7-10 Montague, MA

Guild Website:

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

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Quilt Show 2017

I wish you all could have been at our quilt show committee meeting on the 15th. The level of energy, idea sharing, substantive discussion, and enthusiasm were amazing. Here's where we're at after the summer.

Linda Austin is chairing our publicity campaign and her approach is ordered and will be effective, I believe, in increasing our attendance and creating a lot of interest in guild activities and the show. She freely admits this will not be a one-person effort and is looking forward to working with all guild members to accomplish her ambitious plan. Linda Robbins is looking forward to the September 17 meeting to work on the raffle quilt. I'm writing this before that meeting so hope to hear a progress report before 10/1.

The dates of the show are October 14 and 15, 2017 at the Abington Senior Center. Set up day is October 13, 2017. Save those dates! And start planning now for all your contributions and projects. This year will fly by! We'll all have an opportunity to display 3 quilts at the show. Be thinking about what you may want to make for the boutique, if you choose, and what you'll contribute to the silent auction. You'll be able to decide on your display quilts as soon as we select the theme at the October 1 meeting. Theme suggestions are:

Quilts Color Our World
A Festival of Color
Celebrations!

We want to hear everyone's show theme choice, so if you are unable to attend the October meeting please email either myself or Linda Robbins with your selection to be included in the total vote tally.

Sheryl Briggs has graciously consented to head up the Challenge Quilt project and will announce that theme with instructions at the November meeting.

Linda Robbins will present a more detailed report at the October meeting. You'll hear a lot more about how our show can be bigger and better and more profitable than ever and how as a guild we can double our fun in producing the best quilt show in the area.

Happy quilting!

Chris Thierfelder
Co-chair



Meeting Dates

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

Oct. 1	"Sew Many Scraps, What To Do" – Shirley MacLeod and Gina Stone
Nov. 5	Guest Speaker: "A Trip to Bali" - Chris Thierfelder
Dec. 3	Holiday Party – Joyce Hochstrasser and Julia Blanchard
Jan. 28	Color Workshop – Pat Delaney and Jeanne Aurelio
Feb. 4	Getting Ready for the Retreat – Joanne Donovan and Anne Marchetta
Feb. 10-12	Retreat Hotel 1620 – Fun Committee: Mary Davis, Sue Warchal, Pat McCollum
March 4	Virtual Sewing Room Tour - Rose Perry and (1 needed)
April 1	Schoolhouse Shop Hop - Karen Howard and (co-chair needed)
May 6	May tea party – Janice O’Gara and Linda Austin

Have Something to Say?

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