



Thimbles & Friends Quilt Guild Newsletter

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Greetings from Bridgewater

Hello ladies, welcome back!

Well for the first time in 30 years I am out of work and boy could I get used to this! I have time to do all sorts of things I didn't have time for, like clean closets, renovate my kitchen, and of course, more sewing! As much as I need to get another job to pay the bills, part of me wishes I could just retire like so many of you have.

While I have some free time, I have decided to do more volunteering with the Guild. There are many opportunities for this, especially with the show coming up. Also, there are meetings to volunteer for, parties, the retreat, charity work, and countless little jobs that make our Guild run smoothly. Volunteering together really creates a bond that runs deep and it's so fulfilling. I get to know you better as we work and for new folks, it's such a good way to feel like part of the group and get to know our new friends. I have found that quilters are wonderful people and as varied as the quilts we create.

See you at the October meeting! Looking forward to our show!

- Julia

From the Chair

To paraphrase Oscar Wilde, "*The smallest act of volunteering is worth more than the grandest intention.*"

We are a small group interested in quilting and quilting activities. To accomplish and financially support this, we need all Thimbles and Friends members to actively participate. This year there are many programs planned without any volunteers to coordinate the activities. Each open program or activity needs at least two volunteers (the retreat needs three). Please consider signing up and helping out. Volunteering is a great way to learn more and interact with guild members while having fun. Many long-lasting friendships have started this way. Please contact Joyce Hochstrasser and Nancy Moynihan to volunteer.

At our September meeting we voted and passed the revised guild by-laws. Now approved, we will apply for State non-profit status. The Board has been drafting policies to address basic guild business such as membership fees, committee responsibilities, etc., and will bring this to the guild for feedback and approval later this fall.

Our biannual quilt show is fast approaching and with everyone's participation will be a success. After a brief business overview, the



Guild Website:

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

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

You know you are a Quilter if....

There's more fabric in the house than food

"Fat Quarters"
are not the heaviest part of your body

Your ironing board is always set up,
but you never iron clothes

You pet fabric

People are always picking threads off of you

You can measure a scant 1/4 by eye

"Featherweight" doesn't mean boxer

Your "UFOs" are not from outer space
You clean up your sewing room
and they think you are leaving

You have a "stash" and it isn't illegal.

Have Something to Say?

Send newsletter submissions to

Julia at Julia.Blanchard@comcast.net and

Jill at scruffsmom@comcast.net

Content is due no later than the 20th of each month.

DEMO VERSION

October 7th meeting will be devoted to discussing the upcoming show and highlight the many tasks involved.

I am looking forward to seeing you October 7th.

- Tracey

Important Note on Quilt Racks

Regarding the Quilt Racks: I have good news and bad news. I am in the process of buying a new condo and will not have room for the racks in my new condo. I am downsizing! I have stored the racks for the past 8 years, but now it is time for someone else to step up.

The timing is perfect, since they will be delivered to the show on Oct 13th. I will not be able to take them back to my house after the show, since the timing of my move will probably be the end of October or early November.

Hopefully, someone will step up. If not, they will have to go into storage of some kind, which could be expensive!

Thanks,

- Cathy

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!

Oct. 7	Quilt Show Planning – Chris Thierfelder & Linda Robbins Please bring your Silent Auction item.
Oct. 13	Quilt Show Setup – Abington Senior Center
Oct. 14-15	Quilt Show – Abington Senior Center
Nov. 4	Open Sew/work on your Charity Quilt or any other project – Cathy, Josephine, Tracy. (extended time, need to be out by 2:45 pm)
Dec. 2	Holiday Party – Julia, Linda, Claudia
Jan. 6	Machine Applique – Pat Delaney (extended time if needed)
Jan. 27	Modern Class – Marge Tucker (extended time until 2:30)
Feb. 8-11	Retreat at Hotel 1620 at Plymouth Harbor
March 3	Scraps and Accuquilt – Joyce, Nancy, Erin
April 7	Open Sew – Sue W, Rose (extended time until 4:30 pm if desired)
May 5	Annual Tea Party – Still need volunteers

Thank you to all of our volunteers!!!

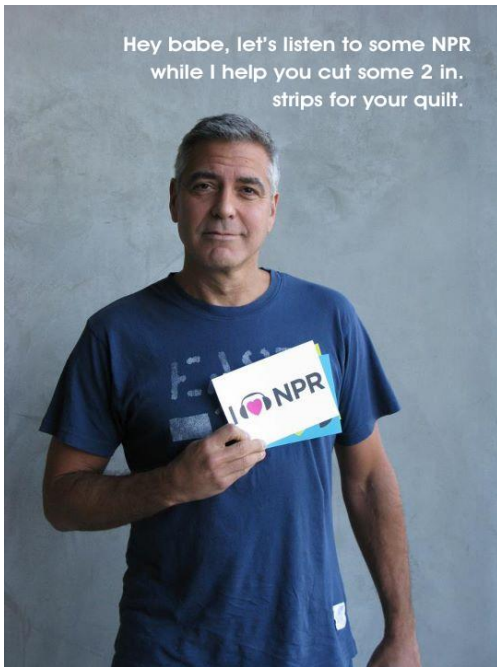
Out and About

Proper Bostonian Quilt Show
Oct. 20 - 22, 2017

Website:
www.properbostonianquilters.org

Location: St. Theresa School - Monsignor Donahue Hall, 40 St. Theresa Ave., West Roxbury, 02132
Hours: Fri 6 - 8, Sat 10 - 6, Sun 10 - 4
Admission: \$7, \$5 seniors

Sponsored by: Proper Bostonian Quilters Guild, Roslindale, Over 100 quilts on display. Unique boutique features quilts and hand fashioned articles for sale. Other attractions include: our annual guild quilt raffle and theme basket raffles, specialized vendors, sumptuous baked goods and refreshments at our cafe.



Newsletter Submissions

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 e-mail them to both of us no later than the 20th of each month to allow us time to review, edit if necessary, and format each article before distribution on the 25th.

- Jill and Julia

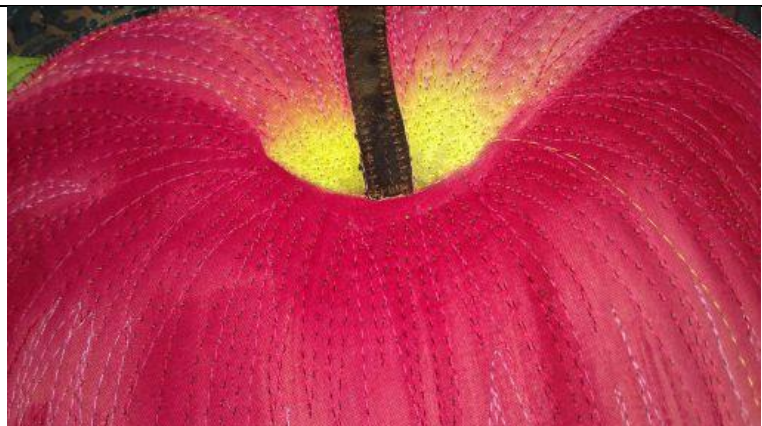


Travelogue – Star Quilt Co

Anyone going to Kansas City? If so, I have a fun day trip for you! Drive about an hour northwest to Hamilton, Missouri, the home of Missouri Star Quilt Company. You absolutely will not be disappointed! The small town brought back to life by Jenny Doan, boasts twelve (yes, twelve) quilt shops, a retreat center, and a man-cave to amuse your husbands or boyfriends! In addition to the main store with a smattering of everything, the quilt stores are specialized, mostly by type of fabric: florals, solids, batiks, seasonal, primitives and wool, backing and trims, modern, kids and baby, civil war and '30s, and licensed fabrics. That's only eleven—the other store has sewing machines, specifically Baby Lock. There is also a rather large fulfillment center from which many of us receive Daily Deals and other goodies.

I arrived late-morning after a flight from Boston, changed my watch (what better place to gain an hour?!), and explored many of the shops. The town doesn't have much else, but there are a variety of restaurants and, glory be, a microbrewery! After a lovely lunch alfresco, my husband and I repaired to the brewery to share a flight of wonderful beer. All in all, a great day!

- Jeanne



Quilt Show 2017

I want to thank Linda for filling in for me on September 16. Her assistance enabled me to attend my step-son's wedding; an occasion, I must say, would have grieved me to miss. Nothing like two families celebrating the union of two of their favorites, while enjoying getting to know each other and finding how much they love each other's company!

But back to the moment—the countdown to showtime has begun! Please try to attend the October 7 meeting. The plan is to:

- Review the layout of the new venue
- Review the set-up day schedule
- Review the process for quilt return at take down

Here are some final reminders (gentle to be sure) in advance of the October 7 meeting:

- All raffle basket donations are due at the October 7 meeting.
- Silent auction items should be turned in October 7 as well.

Décor items may be turned in on October 7 or delivered to the Abington Senior Center around 2:30 on October 13.

Each chair is responsible for the **table covering for their area, if needed**. Black sheets not used for quilt hanging may be available.

Boutique items can be brought to the October 7 meeting or brought to the senior center after 2:30 on set-up day.

Hospitality donations will be accepted on October 7 or on set-up day. Check with Phyllis Barry for what's yet needed.

Remember to bring your lunch on show days. Lunches will be ordered for vendors only.

May Lai is our staff coordinator. You may sign up for show work duties through her. She is hopeful to have schedule sheets for all members who have already volunteered available on October 7. If you arrive at the show site on set-up day or during show time and have not registered for a specific job, please touch base with May for direction as to where you are needed.

All members working should sign in and out with May/Linda Robbins to be sure your work hours are registered for the raffle. There's a mighty nice surprise for one winner and some other special thank yous for more winners. Remember you receive a raffle chance for each two hours of work.

If you are unable to fulfill a work assignment, please try to find a replacement, if at all possible. Your replacement should inform May/Linda and sign in and out.

All that said I cannot thank all of you enough for your expertise, help, ideas, energy, and dedication to making this guild event as successful as I know it will be. What a team we are! As we learn in guild sponsored workshops and revel in the companionship of retreat we can be satisfied and grateful for the spirit of fun, cooperation and sisterhood we have all created and enjoy together.

- Chris Thierfelder, Quilt Show Co-Chair

UFO Challenge 2017-2018

Do you have a pile of UFOs (unfinished objects), WIPs (works in progress), NFUFO (nearly finished UFOs), BBUFOs (barely begun UFOs), PIPs (projects in process), WISPs (works in slow progress) or my favorite - PIGs (projects in grocery bags)? No matter what you have called your unfinished items that are hiding in boxes and bags, we are here to give you some motivation to finish those quilting projects!

Here are the simple rules: Complete the UFO Challenge 2017-2018 project sheet if you would like to participate. It is completely voluntary. Make two copies of the list and hand one copy to me at the October guild meeting. Starting at the October meeting, I will randomly pick a number from 1-5 (#6 is explained below). The project on your list that corresponds with the number chosen will be due at the next meeting.

At the September meeting it was mentioned that we might accept "progress" as finished, but the more I thought about that, not finishing a quilt project through to binding is still a UFO and the purpose of this challenge is to finish projects, not leave them unfinished. So, for this UFO challenge, let's consider finished to mean completed: quilted and bound, ready for use.

For every project that you finish on your list, you will show your finished item at the meeting when due and then your name will be entered into a drawing. In May, we'll pull a name and give the winner a special prize. The more quilts you finish, the more times you'll be entered into the drawing.

- The number chosen at the October meeting will be due November 4th.
- The number chosen at the November meeting will be due December 2nd.
- The number chosen at the December meeting will be due January 27th (see note below)
- The number chosen at the (second) January meeting will be due March 3rd (see note below)
- The number chosen at the March meeting will be due April 7th.
- The final number chosen at the April meeting will be PROJECT #6, due May 7th. The reason for telling you ahead of time that project #6 will be due in May is that if you have a big project and you need time to finish, this will give you that extra time to complete the project during the year.

Note: given that fact we have two January meetings (instead of one in January and one in February), I chose to pull only a number at the second held January 27th meeting. This will allow more time over the holidays to complete the project due at the end of January and in addition, the project due for March could be worked on during the retreat!

Any questions, contact Joyce Hochstrasser, email: thequiltedclock@comcast.net or call 781-447-1331.
Thanks!

- Joyce



UFO Challenge 2017-2018 Project Sheet

Name: _____

Project #1: _____

Project #2: _____

Project #3: _____

Project #4 _____

Project #5 _____

Project #6 _____

*Due in May 2018

All project numbers will be chosen at random at the October, November, December, January (27th meeting), March.

*NOTE: At the April meeting, #6 will be chosen, project due at the May meeting. This will allow more time to work throughout the year on a larger UFO project if needed.