



# Thimbles & Friends Quilt Guild Newsletter

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## Holiday Party

The Annual Pot-Luck Holiday Party will be on Saturday December 3rd. Please bring the dish you signed up to make and a wrapped gift (\$20 value) for the Yankee Swap. Guild will provide the beverages.

See you there!

- Joyce & Nancy

## Greetings from Hanson

Hello ladies,

Wow, it's November already and 2016 is nearing an end. We made it through a long hot summer, survived a somewhat unusual presidential election, and the holidays are looming. As busy as we get however, this is a wonderful time to step back for a bit and reflect on the blessings we have in our lives--our family, friends and our country.

No matter how you celebrate (I'm still hoping to get up early enough to watch the sun rise at Plymouth Rock!), I wish all of my awesome quilting sisters a wonderful Thanksgiving.

- Jill





### **Freecycle Table**

Thank you to all who contributed to the Freecycle Table at the November meeting. The Freecycle Table will be open for business at the December 3 meeting and the focus will be on bringing in any batting, batting scraps, flannel, and flannel scraps. As always, you can drop off anything you are not finding useful anymore; you are never limited to the suggested focus items. This is a great way to reuse, recycle, and repurpose. Keep the earth green and clean.

- *Gina Stone*  
Freecycle Coordinator  
Extraordinaire

### **Tips and Tools**

Jill Lillie shared the use of a vintage tating hook for pulling out tiny bits of paper when paper piecing and for pulling clipped embroidery jump stitches to the back of your work. You can often find these in an antique shop.



### **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.

### **From the Chair**

Hello Quilting Friends,

As you know, I was in Houston for the International Quilt Festival during the meeting last month. I want to let you know something about it in case you have never been. I also want to encourage you to go at least once! It's a must for quilters.

My companion (Pat Delaney) and I went to the award ceremony on Tuesday night. It's rumored to be the best one in the business. Black draperies hang on all walls and as the winners are announced, the curtain over that quilt is raised, the quilt spotlighted, and the room goes wild. Well, maybe not wild, but it is rather dramatic and gratifying for the winners. The event is free: one just has to sign up for it and get there by Tuesday evening.

Getting there for Tuesday night does leave all of Wednesday free, as the quilt show opens Thursday. This year, Pat and I took an all day course with Sue Nickels, learning a delightful feathered quilting pattern. We managed to squeeze in the award luncheon during the two hour lunch break. For Wednesday, one could also go on one of several area bus trips, all of which stop at quilt stores.

Wednesday evening is a treat, because International Quilt Association members get a free preview of the festival. Pat and I took the opportunity to get a jump on the four miles of vendors! That's right, FOUR MILES! The convention center is huge and there are so many aisles of people selling so many things! See the photo of Pat and me at the Stitchin' Heaven booth!

We did manage to see the quilts too! So inspiring and intimidating! Pat's Lone Star quilt juried in – see the photo of Pat and her beautiful creation. Besides the quilts in the contest, there were numerous other exhibits, notably leather quilts (why?!), miniature incredible dioramas, and a quilt from outer space!

So make the trip next year or the year after! You won't be sorry.

Yours in quilting nirvana,

- *Jeanne*

## **Charity Donations**

Did you know that: Giving makes us happy? It also makes the staff and patients of South Shore Hospital Hospice and Homecare happy as well! From September to November, 2016 we have already received 71 items for donation to this charity, most of which were quilts of assorted sizes and colors as well as a plethora of knitted and crocheted items like hats, mittens, a baby sweater and several afghans.

All of these donations were delivered within the past few weeks to be enjoyed by patients in our surrounding community. Thank you so much for donating to this worthwhile charity!

Remember, please put a label on your quilt that says "Donated by Thimbles & Friends Quilt Guild" before submitting for donation. We accept donations at each guild meeting for delivery a few times throughout the year.

If you need charity batting, please contact Joyce Hochstrasser by email with the size you need.

Many thanks from your charity coordinators:

- *Joyce Hochstrasser and Joanne Fruzzetti (and Shirley MacLeod, our special delivery person!).*

## **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.**



## **Retreat News**

Hello Ladies, the retreat will be here before you know it! Book your room by calling Hotel 1620 reservations at 508-747-4900 (M-F 9AM to 5PM) before January 10, 2017. Be sure to mention Thimbles and Friends to get the group rate.

As I get additional information, I will include it in future newsletters.

- *Joanne Donovan*



## Meeting Dates

Here are the meeting and event dates for our upcoming year. Meeting times are 10:15 am – 2 pm. It looks like we have a busy season scheduled!

Dec. 3	Holiday Party – Joyce H. and Nancy M.
Jan. 7	Getting Ready for the Retreat – Joanne Donovan and Anne Marchetta
Jan. 28	Color Workshop – Pat Delaney and Jeanne Aurelio
Feb. 10-12	Retreat at Hotel 1620 at Plymouth Harbor – Fun Committee: Mary Davis, Sue Warchal, Pat McCollum
March 4	TBD
April 1	Schoolhouse Shop Hop - Karen Howard and (co-chair needed)
May 6	May tea party – Josephine Abbott and Cathy Hodges



Sheryl setting the guidelines for this year's quilt challenge.

### **Guild Website:**

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

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

## Quilt Show 2017

I'm beginning to feel like the quilt show is assuming a life of its own. Thanks to the dedicated chairpersons, things just hum along. The show belongs to the entire guild and its proceeds underwrite activities we love doing together, like retreat and shop hop. It is a complex endeavor with lots of moving and interlocking parts. All our members profit from our labors and we want all members to serve in any capacity they feel they can.

At our general guild meeting on the 5<sup>th</sup> of November, we completed our slate of open positions. Ann Marchetta will do Interior Signage, Barb White is doing Raffle Quilt Tickets, Julia Blanchard will see to the Silent Auction, Joyce Hochstrasser and Sheryl Briggs will arrange our Charity Quilt display, and Sue Warchal will lead the drive for Show Book Ads. My sincere thanks to all these ladies for their willingness to take on these responsibilities.

A new position has been established charged with managing the activities of set up day—that of Set-up Coordinator. Mai Lai and Wendy Moore have agreed to co-chair this. They will draft a schedule for the activities of set up day with input from the show chairs, assign people to activities as they arrive, and manage the sign in-sign out list tracking member hours at the show. (Remember for every two hours you work you earn a ticket for a fabric raffle. I mean what quilter won't work any number of hours for FREE FABRIC!)

I invite all of you to go to our website, [ThimblesandFriends.org](http://ThimblesandFriends.org), and check out the posting for Show Planning. We owe Rose Perry a huge thanks for the long hours and effort expended to get this listing online. All quilt show chairs are listed with their responsibilities and all supporting documents. The listing will be updated after each show, saving time for the new chairs and acting as a resource for the entire guild. This is much more efficient and streamlined than all those binders we pass along, show to show.

Sheryl Briggs announced the Challenge for the 2017 Quilt Show, "Use All the Crayons in the Box." Her parameters are indeed a challenge and available elsewhere in the newsletter. I've got my item figured out. How about you?

A Quilt Show Committee meeting was held immediately following our regular guild meeting. This seems to be a good arrangement for maximizing meeting attendance. Remember, all guild members are welcome to attend any show meeting. We need your ideas, interest, and energy! We won't have a meeting in December to allow for holiday fun at the party. However, we will have a meeting after the January 7, 2017 meeting.

Happy Holidays!! See you in January!

Quilt Show 2017 Co-Chairs,

- Chris Thierfelder and Linda Robbins

## Hue Can Do It! Supply List

This workshop (January 28) is a non-sewing class. We will play with fabric scraps, glue and templates to arrive at wonderful color combinations for your quilt blocks. Working with Joen Wolfrum's excellent color wheel, we will explore the many types of color plans and you will be inspired to be adventuresome and daring with color in your next quilt. So, raid your scrap bags and stash and come prepared to dream in color!

Please bring to class:

- Small pieces of many, many fabrics. Nothing needs to be bigger than a fat quarter. (Smaller is just fine, too) The main thing is to bring as many colors as possible in solid, batik or solid appearing fabrics. Bring your favorites but, don't forget to bring neutrals, grays, uglies and "loser" colors, too! This is all about "She with the most fabric wins!"
- Glue stick
- Scissors
- 3-in-1 Color Wheel I will have these for anyone who wishes. The cost is \$20.
- Optional, but very helpful, is a digital camera or camera on your phone. There is a black and white option on most, so either learn how this works or bring the book

## Quilt Challenge: Use All the Crayons in the Box

These are the requirements for the 2016-2017 Quilt Challenge:

1. NO wall hangings.
2. Your item must be useful.... For example: two place mats, table runner, vest, purse, etc. The possibilities are endless. If you MUST make a quilt, it can be no larger than 36 X 36 (crib size).
3. You must use as many different colors as there are in a box of crayons, and NOT the 8 crayon box, but the 16 crayon box or MORE.
4. It must be made from your stash...NOT newly purchased fabric. If you need to trade fabrics with a friend, please feel free to do so.
5. The challenge is due at the May meeting with your submission sheet for the Quilt Show.

- Sheryl Briggs

## Quilter's Codes

WIP: Work in Progress  
UFO: Unfinished Object  
PHD: Projects Half Done  
PIG: Projects in Grocery Bags  
WOMBAT: Waste of Money, Batting and Time  
NESTY: Not Even Started Yet  
PFC: Professional Fabric Collector  
STABLE: Stash Accumulation Beyond Life Expectancy  
WITHWIT: What in the Heck Was I Thinking?  
TIH: There is Hope





STITCHING MADE ANY MISTAKE TO PERFECTION  
Patchwork  
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