



Thimbles & Friends Quilt Guild Newsletter

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Greetings from Hanson

Hello ladies,

Happy Thanksgiving to the most awesome group of ladies on the planet! Thank you and congratulations to our show chairs, Chris and Linda, and to all of us who worked so hard to produce another successful quilt show. A new spacious location for our marvelous quilts, wonderful boutique and vendors, a beautiful raffle quilt, and a fun spirited silent auction made Quilt Show 2017 our best yet and provided us with an opportunity to help those in need by contributing significantly to the Abington food bank.

Our show quilts were fantastic...don't forget to check our [Thimbles and Friends](#) Web site for the photos Rose posted.

See you at the Holiday Party!

- Jill



From the Chair

Our biennial quilt show has come and gone in a flurry of activity. Despite a few bumps in the road, the guild has once again produced a great, successful quilt show. A call out and thanks to everyone who planned and/or was able to participate in the show. All your work produced a professional show. What beautiful and diverse quilts! Wasn't it fun talking with fellow guild members and learning more about each other?

The November meeting, a group sew fest, was also an opportunity to talk with and learn from fellow members. What a fun! Jill shared her "idea" book for future quilts. Wow! Shirley kindly explained her scrap organization system, which I have been applying successfully at home. I have tamed many left overs and managed to organize them---Yea, less clutter!!!

The holidays are fast approaching. Julia and the December party team are shaking up the holiday festivities with a great idea, encouraging donations to Toys for Tots. Please consider donating to this worthy drive. The holidays can be very challenging financially for many families.

Happy sewing and quilting. See you December 2nd.

- Tracey

Freecycle Table

The Freecycle Table will be open at the December meeting. The theme will be "Old and Ugly", so pull out all those really old or really ugly pieces of fabric you no longer want and bring them in! What is one quilter's trash is another quilter's treasure. As always, you can bring in whatever you want to the table on any given month. Thank you all for your continued participation and help.

- Gina Stone



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 and

Jill at scruffsmom@comcast.net

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

Holiday Party

Our annual holiday party is coming up in a few short weeks, on December 2. To change things up a little this year, we're having a "Toys for Tots" drive instead of a Yankee Swap. Participation is voluntary, but if you do want to contribute, bring a new, unwrapped toy or gift card of any amount, and we'll make sure it gets to the Marines for distribution. Together we can make this Christmas a happy one for up to 40 children and teens!

Thank you to those who have signed up to bring food. If you have not signed up, you can either bring something to this party or the tea party in May. We do have some slots available that are not filled. Contact Linda Austin for more info.

In order to give us a little time to set up the room, please plan to come at 10:30. We're looking forward to seeing your festive holiday outfits!

- Julia, Linda and Claudia



Meeting Dates

Here are the meeting and event dates for our upcoming guild year. Meeting times are 10:15 AM – 2 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 – Fun Committee: Julia, Tracey, Libby, Erin
March 3	Open Sew – Sue W, Rose (extended time until 4:30 pm if desired)
April 7	Scraps and Accuquilt – Joyce, Nancy, Erin
May 5	Annual Tea Party – Still need volunteers

Quilt Show dates for 2019 are tentatively October 18-20.

Mark your calendars!

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



Gift Ideas

Although Toys for Tots provides for all age groups, pre-teen and teens are groups for which shopping is especially difficult. The [Toys for Tots Foundation](#) does purchase supplemental toys and gifts for their campaign sites and focuses on these age groups.

In the past, items purchased for pre-teen/teens have included, but are not limited to: sporting equipment/bags/balls; books, backpacks, cosmetics, purses, watch/wallet gift sets, bath gift sets, board games, radio control cars/trucks, hand-held electronics, skateboards/helmets, curling irons, hair straighteners, and hair dryers. For more ideas, visit their site.

- Claudia



T&F in Pictures

Our November Open Sew Day provided an opportunity to socialize and get a few things done. In addition to our own personal projects, we worked on charity items, combed through the scraps on Gina's Freecycle Table, and in general had a rousing good time!





Things also happen behind the scenes. Julia and Jill got together over coffee to prep for the holiday party.



Never ask a quilter
to dress the turkey.

Happy Thanksgiving!