



Thimbles & Friends Quilt Guild Newsletter

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Greetings from Bridgewater

Hello all,

Well this has been a frustrating quilting year for me – now I'm down with knee surgery and haven't been sewing again. Hopefully 2017 will be my banner year and I'll be able to crank 'em out like nobody's business! I'm really looking forward to the retreat so I can get a jump start. I've seen a lot of inspiring quilts lately, most of them from our own group. I learn so much from you all.

Here's hoping that your New Year will be happy, healthy, and blessed with lots and lots of really great quilts.

- *Julia*

From the Chair

Happy Holidays!

Hope you have all sewn or quilted gifts for everyone on your list! Right....! I don't know about you, but I just couldn't get my mojo working this holiday season. My machine had to go in for a spa day, or week, and that really threw me off. I was planning to quilt a baby quilt for a great niece-in-law due in January, but my backup machine kept skipping stitches, even with a new needle. (I really have to find out more about trouble-shooting.)

In short, besides not quilting that quilt, I never made my annual Christmas ornament, nor even found my Christmas fabrics that usually inspire me! But I'll tell you what I did do. Ever since the scrap workshop we had, I've been obsessed with scraps! So I made 20 4-inch blocks out of leftovers from this baby quilt! (See photo.) Useless, at present, but maybe later a doll quilt for an unborn granddaughter! Hope springs eternal!

Seriously, I do hope you had fun with your projects if you worked on any. I also hope that you will have a wonderful Christmas, that you and yours are happy and healthy, and that you have a prosperous New Year!

Don't forget about our two January meetings!

- Jeanne

Freecycle Table

Wowsa!!!! We had a lot dropped off and a lot taken home during the December meeting. I hope everyone was able to find something useful. Remember that when you drop items off at the Freecycle Table you do not need to take them back home if they are still there at the end of the meeting. I will box everything up, store it, and take it back to the next meeting.

At our next meeting let's focus on bringing to the Freecycle Table some old and ugly fabric and magazines you no longer want. January is a perfect time for purging to start the New Year off more simplified and organized. Each person is also invited to bring one non-sewing related item to the table. Thank you to all who participate.

- Gina Stone



Raffle Basket Reboot

Dear Guild Members –The time has come to begin assembling contents for the Quilt Show Basket Raffle. I have chosen eight basket themes which I hope will whet your interest and that of our show patrons. The themes are:

- Beginner Quilter

Quilt Show 2017

Linda and I wish you the Merriest of Christmases and the Happiest of New Years. I don't know about you, but my Resolution List is quilt-themed with a host of "I will dos" related to quilt projects, new techniques to explore, new designs to render in my favorite fabrics and—the Quilt Show!!!!!! Lots of planned projects for the QUILT SHOW!!!!!! How you doing on your Challenge piece? Got mine figured out—I hope.

We'll hit the ground running with our first quilt show meeting following the January 7th monthly guild meeting. I'm hoping you'll resolve to attend, if you haven't before, and are prepared for a sincere welcome back, if you're a "regular." We'll need to catch up on developments since our November meeting and get our bearings for tasks to complete before the show in October. I know that's 10 months away, but it will fly by. Oh, how quickly October will come!!! The new year brings new energy for new beginnings. We wish all of you the blessings of creativity, inspiration, and the joy thereof as 2017 gets underway. See you January 7, 2017.

Quilt Show 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 and 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
- Pat D. and Jeanne A.

- Advanced Quilter
- Chocolate Fantasy (candy-printed fabric*)
- Those Were The Days (Thirties fabric selection*)
- Go Crazy for Quilting (books, embellishments, fabric for crazy quilts*)
- Pamper Yourself (gift certificate for massage*)
- Lottery (scratch tickets needed)
- Football (because everyone loves football-even men)

So Ladies, please scan your stash, clip those coupons, and ransack sale bins and clearance shelves wherever you find them. Let's make our 2017 Raffle Baskets the most successful ever! (*indicates donation received)

- Mary Davis

For questions, comments, amendments, email mcdavis1780@gmail.com.



Out and About

- Please let us know about upcoming events.



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



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.



Have Something to Say?

Send newsletter submissions to
Julia at Julia.Blanchard@comcast.net and
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Content is due no later than the 20th of each month.

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

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

Meeting Dates

Here are the meeting and event dates for our upcoming year. Meeting times are 10:15 am – 2 pm.

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	Ruler/Cutter Safety and Special Ruler Demo: Sheryl Briggs
April 1	Schoolhouse Shop Hop - (chair needed)
May 6	May tea party – Josephine Abbott and Cathy Hodges (or is that Mad Tea Party?)

Here are some photos of Pat Delaney angsting over which swap gift to choose. Thank you to everyone who attended the holiday party!



