



# Thimbles & Friends Quilt Guild Newsletter

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## Greetings from Bridgewater

In this busy time of year I like to get my shopping done ahead of time and do the really fun stuff, like making pizzelle, decorating, listening to beautiful Christmas music, and of course, finishing up the sewing projects I have earmarked as gifts. I'm running a little late on that, but it is what it is—I'm not going to make myself crazy. At least I'm not in a store!

As a Christian, this holiday is very meaningful to me and I rejoice in it. Whether you celebrate Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanza, New Year's, or all of the above, I wish you a blessed and joyful holiday season, with best wishes for the coming year.

- Julia

## From the Chair

Dear Ladies,

It was nice to see the large number of members who turned out for our December meeting/party. We were absent party coordinators this year; so I'd like to send many, many thanks to all the members who pitched in to make it an enjoyable time.

The New Year is almost upon us, can you believe it? I quit making New Year's Resolutions ages ago; I was never able to stick with them. But this coming year, as I am in the midst of a total re-do of my sewing room, I'm going to resolve to simplify my quilting life. I used to stand in the doorway and look at the mess, and turn around to do something else. Now, the room is empty as I am painting it. Nothing, and I mean NOTHING is going back into that room that I don't absolutely need. I picked a calming pastel color for the walls, spare white furniture for the office part of the room (yes, sadly, about 1/3 of the room is office space), adding great lighting and storage solutions, and decorating it with things I love to look at. And I will keep it clutter free (perhaps that's going a bit too far)! So, as we begin the New Year, think about making your sewing space a space that will draw you in, so you'll never again have to close the sewing room

### **Recipe Corner - "Keiche"**

5 eggs

1 cup heavy cream

1 cup grated Gouda cheese (I used Swiss)

4 slices of bacon, cooked & crumbled

1 ripe pear – peeled & sliced

Freshly ground pepper & nutmeg to taste

One 9" pie shell pre-baked until very light

Preheat oven to 325 degrees.

Whisk eggs in a medium bowl; add cream & combine.

Sprinkle cheese, bacon and pear in pie shell. Season with pepper and nutmeg.

Pour the egg mixture on top carefully.

Bake for 45-55 minutes, or until just puffed all the way across.

Makes 8 slices – enjoy!

Recipe is from Edible South Shore Magazine – picked up at a Farmer's Market! - Louise

### **Retreat Reservations**

Our retreat is fast approaching! February 14 -16th, 2014, at the Radisson at Plymouth Harbor located at 180 Water St. in Plymouth.

**Reservations must be made by January 13, 2014** to get the group rate of \$ 91.00, by calling 508-747-4900. Be sure to mention that you are with Thimbles and Friends Quilting.

Parking is in the back of the hotel.

door when company comes!

Happy New Year,

- Rose

### **January Meeting – Cable Applique Sweatshirt**

Thanks for signing up for the January Workshop – looks like we will have good group – a great way to start off our New Year! I have ordered enough Borders Made Easy for everyone that signed up for the workshop at a cost of approximately \$5.00 per person.

If any members who did not attend the December meeting would like to participate in this workshop – I do have additional borders, please let me know.

Supplies needed are as follows:

- 1 sweatshirt
- 1 yard of 45" wide contrast fabric (batiks are best – multicolored)
  - Cut two: 11" wide strips x wof (width of fabric)
  - Cut one: 3" wide strip x wof – you may need more if shirt measurement is more than the wof
  - Cut two: 1-3/4" wide bias strips for the collar binding
- Thread to match both fabric and sweatshirt
- 2-1/4 yards Borders Made Easy #101 – will be supplied at the workshop
- Walking foot
- Size 14 needle
- Sharp, pointed scissors (Fiskars – Micro Tip No. 5 are perfect)
- Masking tape – any size
- Tape measure
- Straight pins

Wash and dry both fabric and sweatshirt – iron your fabric. Remove ribbing from sleeves and bottom (not the neck) of sweatshirt by cutting close to ribbing or in "ditch" between ribbing and sweatshirt. Bring this ribbing with you to class as it can be used for an optional collar.

Looking forward to working with you on this project. We will need several ironing stations; I can supply two ironing boards and irons—two additional will do!

- Louise

More info will follow at the next meeting. See you then!

Happy Quilting,

Paula



### ***Have Something to Say?***

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### ***Sew In. Man!***

Here's the skinny on the 2014 Retreat scene!

All Thimbles & Friends members are invited to get in the groove at the happening "Piece" Commune that will be gathering at the Radisson pad in Plymouth. We will stage a "Sew In" from February 14-16—all day and all night! On Saturday, all chicks are invited to get decked out in their favorite 60's threads, like Hippie, Surfer, Peacenik, Protester, Jackie-O, or whatever style you remember... if you can remember!

We will have a chocolate exchange, and "old and ugly" fabric exchanges, and a "Flower Power" exchange. Use your fabric that dates back to the 60's if you like! There will also be 60's tunes all weekend In our Sew In room, and it would be fab if you let us know if you have a favorite song from the 60's so we could add it to our funky play list. It will be a gas, man!



So, drag out your 60's attire, grab your sewing machine and book it on down to the "Piece" Commune for a groovy time at the "Sew In." If you miss this, you will be bummed out! It's going to be a blast, baby, so be there or be square for a wicked cool time! You dig? For more info, contact Wendy Moore, Joyce Hochstrasser, Joanne Fruzzetti, or Pat McCollem.

Peace

### ***Help Wanted***

Reminder: Reminder that there will be sign-ups at the January meeting for members interested in the advance planning and coordination of the 2015 Quilt Show, Raffle Quilt, and Challenge.

Wanted: Program coordinators for the following meetings. Please contact anyone on the Board if you are interested.

-  April 4, 2014 – We would like to have an outside speaker come in, now that we can afford one! We need one or two coordinators to solicit ideas from the members and work with the Board to get someone wonderful!
-  May 3, 2014 – End of Year Party – Tea Party? Ice Cream Sundae Party? Chocolate Party? Fat Quarter Party? It will be up to you! One or two members needed.

### **Meeting Dates**

Here are the meeting and event dates for our upcoming year.

Jan.4	Table Runner workshop - Louise
Feb. 1	Rotary Cutter Mat Tote – Rose and Josephine
Feb. 14 - 16	Retreat in Plymouth!! – Wendy, Pat M., Joanne F., Joyce, and Donna
March 1	Joanne D. and Pat D.
April 4	Outside Speaker – <b>Need coordinator</b>
May 3	End of the year party – <b>need volunteers</b>



