



Thimbles & Friends Quilt Guild Newsletter

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Chairman: Sheryl Briggs

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Co-Treasurer: Cathy Hodges

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Charity: Gina Stone

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Newsletter Editor: Julia Blanchard

Programming: Member Volunteers

Changes to Guild By-laws

A draft of proposed changes to the Thimbles and Friends' By-laws is attached at the end of this newsletter. Please review these changes before the September meeting as we will be voting on them at the meeting.

Greetings From Bridgewater

Dear Quilting friends,

Recently we went on a short vacation to Pennsylvania. Part of that time was spent in Lancaster County – Amish country. As you know, the Amish women are renowned for their quilts so I looked forward to seeing them! The quilt shops were great but I really liked going to the Amish homes where they set aside an area in which to sell quilts and other crafts. I got to talk to several Amish quilters this way, and the experience was very rewarding.

These quilters were very friendly in their quiet way, and we discussed methods and materials while their children looked on. Of course, everything they do is completely by hand; no machinery involved. The sheer volume of what they produce is overwhelming! Many hands are employed in the making of each quilt. The tiny stitches of the hand quilting are sewn by a group of women who gather for quilting parties.

I was surprised at how puffy the quilts were, and when asked about batting, my hostess Rachael Esh told me that they use high-loft polyester batting cut from a giant roll. Since this batting holds a lot of air, the quilts are warm but lightweight.

I expected to see all solid colors in the Amish quilts, but this was not so. Although these families only use solid colors in their own homes, they buy colorfully printed fabrics to make articles to sell to the “English” tourists. I saw a lot of Ocean Wave, Jacobs Ladder, various settings of Log Cabin, and appliqued quilts, as well as pot holders, placemats, and Amish dolls. And lots of preserves and other canned goods. Don't get me started on the baked goods! OY! The whoopee pies!

Blessings,

- *Julia B.*

Handy Link of the Month

Have you ever tried blogging? Or do you just read them? I love to follow several quilt blogs; you get a lot of great ideas! Here is a link to a whole bunch of them.

<http://www.allquilting.biz/quilt-blogs/>



Recipe Corner

Eva's Dessert

Ingredients:

1 14 oz. can sweetened
condensed milk
½ cup lemon juice
1 cup sour cream
Crackers - Graham or ritz-style

Mix the first three ingredients. Line any style container with crackers, then a layer of the creamy mixture. Repeat until all mixture is used. Refrigerate, covered, until set.

2-Minute Pie

Ingredients:

2 pks instant vanilla pudding
1 container sour cream
1 can crushed pineapple w/ juice
1 Graham cracker crust

Mix the first three ingredients together, then fold into the crust. Refrigerate, covered, until set.

- Pat McCollem

From the Chairman

Summer is just about over and we will be back to meetings every month--hope you all had a fun summer. I really enjoyed the Bus Trip and I am looking forward to the next one in November. The September Meeting will be "Getting to Know You." There will be lots of surprises and I hope everyone will be there. Looking forward to a busy Guild year. I still haven't finished by Challenge and it's due in three weeks... oops!. Hoping to get that done soon.

Don't let the by-laws scare you when you read them. Most of the corrections have been in place for over a year; we are just putting them in writing. We will be having two separate votes. One vote will be amending the jobs and descriptions and the second vote will be to increase the membership to 40. So we really would like as many members as possible to attend the September meeting, as we will be voting by ballot at that time. Any changes or suggestions will be discussed at the September meeting. We are still working on other changes that were discussed about non-members attending the Retreat. The Board Members are working on that and we will be reporting back to you during the year. See you in September. Meeting date is: September 8th at 10:15 AM.

- Sheryl Briggs

Meeting Dates

September 8, 2012

October 6, 2012

October 27, 2012

November 3, 2012 (the Gathering)

December 1, 2012

January 5, 2013

February 2, 2013

February 15-17 RETREAT, Plymouth MA

March 2, 2013

April 6, 2012

May 4, 2013

Fenway Park Exhibit



Fenway Park Centennial quilt by Rosemary Bawn

A few weeks ago, Julia and I took advantage of the free passes the New England Quilt Museum gives to guilds who make an annual donation in its support. With my Red Sox vest in hand, we trekked to Lowell to see the Fenway Park Centennial quilt exhibit and oh, what an exhibit it was! Most of these amazing quilts were made by Rosemary Bawn, a lifelong Red Sox fan. We cannot begin to describe the incredible work this lady does at the sewing machine and by hand. Her quilts display Red Sox highs of World Series wins, lows thanks to the Curse of the Bambino, and our love affair with the most wonderful ball park in America. On display was an amazing collection of player autographs, and much of her work featured individual players, such as the Papelbon brothers, Nomar Garciaparra, Mike Lowell, and Kevin Youkalis, all applied in amazing detail.

Other contributions to this exhibit included a set of Fenway Park panels created by the Coastal Quilt Artists.

We also spent some time exploring the museum's gift shop, which contains an interesting variety of gifts, books, fabric and other quilt-related items. I can't think of a better way for two good friends (and diehard Sox fans!) to spend a day.

- Jill Lillie



Boston's Fenway Park by Coastal Quilt Artists

Have Something to Say?

Send newsletter submissions to Julia at Julia.Blanchard@Comcast.net.

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

***** Proposed By-Law Changes *****

In accordance with our By-Laws, amendments and/or revisions of the By-Laws may be made at any regular general meeting by the majority vote provided that the amendments/revisions shall have been previously published in the newsletter & submitted to the membership the month before the general meeting. The following proposed By-Law changes will be voted on at the September 8 meeting.

Proposed Amendment #1

Article IV, Section 7 - ADD

Section 7 Monthly meeting programming is handled by individual members of the Guild. Members sign up at the end of the Guild year (May) for specific meetings in the coming year. They are responsible for all arrangements for their program. (Added on 09-xx-12.)

Article V, Section 1

Executive Board will consist of the following:

- (1) Chair
- (2) Vice-Chair
- (3) Treasurer
- (4) Treasurer Assistant
- (5) Secretary
- ~~(6) Program Coordinator~~
- ~~(7) Programming Assistant~~
- (6) Newsletter Editor
- (7) Charity Coordinator (Amended on 09-xx-12)
- (8) Membership/Hospitality Coordinator (Amended on 09-xx-12)
- (9) Facilities Coordinator

Article VI, Section 2

Section 2 Treasurer & Treasurer Assistant (Amended on 09-xx-12)

- a. Treasurer & Treasurer Assistant shall be co-signators on the Guild bank account.
- b. The Treasurer shall have custody of all Guild Funds and be its general collecting, disbursing and accounting officer.
- c. The Treasurer Assistant shall be in charge of collecting annual dues. ~~and maintaining the membership roster, having an attendance sheet at guild meetings, and coordinating all with the secretary for the publication of the membership roster.~~
- ~~d. Treasury Assistant also notifies prospective member on the waiting list of openings, sending them the letter of invitation, by laws, directions for name tag, and guild pin (\$3 charge) upon receipt of membership dues~~
- d. Treasurer Assistant becomes Treasurer in succession.

Article VI, Section 3

Section 3 Secretary (Amended on 09-xx-12)

- a. The secretary shall perform all necessary correspondence on behalf of the Guild.
- b. Keep notes of the Board and Guild meetings.
- ~~e. constructing draft agendas for both Board & Guild meetings, for the Boards approval~~
- ~~d. Provide a brief annual summary to the Board at the end of each year.~~

Article VI, Section 4

Section 4 Programming Coordinator & Programming Assistant

[This section has been removed. See Article 4 Section 7 for revised programming responsibilities.]
(Amended 09-xx-12.)

- ~~a. Solicit suggestions for programs~~
- ~~b. Research programs~~
- ~~c. Make arrangements of such programs, etc.~~
- ~~d. Programming Assistant heads the retreat committee for coordinating the annual retreat & associated activities.~~
- ~~e. The Programming Assistant becomes Programming Coordinator in succession~~

Article VI, Section 6

Section 6 Charity Coordinator (Amended on 09-xx-12)/~~Hospitality Coordinator~~

- a. Identifies a charity recipient every year (or oversees committee of guild member(s) to do so).
- b. This includes identifying what type of quilts are needed, how many, arranging for guild purchase & availability of batting.
- c. Coordinates annual Charity Workshop day.
- d. Arranges for pickup and delivery, etc.
- ~~e. In addition serves as hospitality coordinator, keeping a finger on the wellbeing of guild members and sending appropriate cards as necessary~~

Article VI, Section 8 -- ADD

Section 8 Membership/~~Hospitality Coordinator~~ (Amended on 09-xx-12)

- a. Maintains and publishes the membership roster, coordinating with the Treasurer on the payment of dues.
- b. Keeps an attendance sheet at guild meetings
- c. Notifies prospective members on the waiting list of openings, sending them the letter of invitation, by-laws, directions for name tag, and guild pin (\$5 charge) upon receipt of membership dues.
- d. Keeps a finger on the well-being of guild members and sends appropriate cards as necessary.

Proposed Amendment #2

Article III, Section 7

Section 7 Membership will be limited to ~~35~~ 40 members. (Amended on 04-01-06 and 09-xx-12).