



Thimbles & Friends Quilt Guild Newsletter

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Greetings From Bridgewater

Dear Quilting friends,

I just got back from a 4-day quilt getaway in New Hampshire, and now I'm really looking forward to our retreat in February!

I just love the camaraderie and the giant hunk of time to just sew, with no other obligations. And there's always the chocolate! I learned how to do a Dresden Plate block, and of course mine was in my favorite color: purple.

Just a note to those of you who are doing a block for the Quilt of Love: Please mail the block to me at 27 Bridle Rd, Bridgewater, MA 02324. I will not be able to go on the bus trip so I won't see you until December.

Also, please remember to send me your Newsletter content submissions by the 20th of the month.

Blessings,

- *Julia B.*

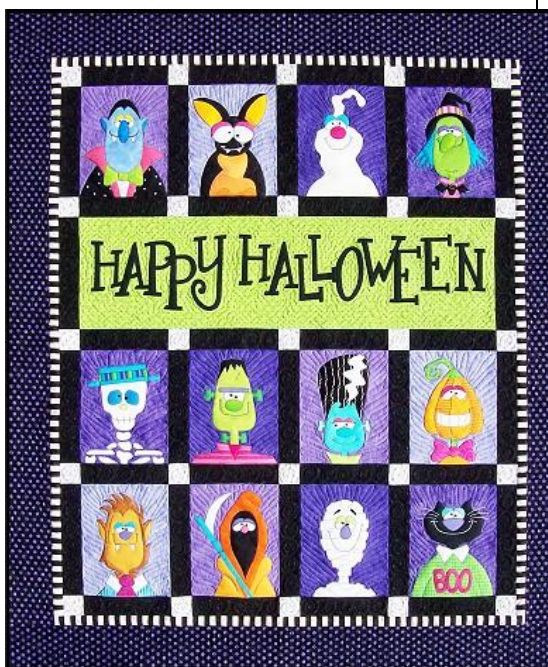
Note: Be sure to pass in your raffle quilt blocks if you haven't already. Thanks.

November Gathering Bus Trip

To all members going on the bus trip to [A Quilter's Gathering](#) on Saturday, November 3:

The bus will be picking us up at the park & drive in Rockland (across from Home Depot). We are planning to leave Rockland at **8:30 am** and will leave Manchester, NH around **3:30**. Bring a bag lunch if you would like; this leaves more money for fabric and new gadgets!

Thank you,
Shirley



For Sale

Memory Craft Janome 350E Embroidery sewing machine. Have cards and hoops also. Asking about \$700.00. Anyone interested can call me at 781-337-3440. Thanks – Joanne Fruzzetti



Handy Link of the Month

Hottest new trend in quilting:
Aboriginal fabrics!

See some [here](#).

The patterns represent the spirit world for the native peoples of Australia. Each design tells a story using bright colors and organic shapes. I think they're fascinating.



Block of the Month

Attached to this Newsletter are Block of the Month materials from Chris.

Welcome to the 2012 Thimbles and Friends Block of the Month Program. Each month we will present a new block aimed at informing the beginning quilter, challenging the intermediate quilter, and inspiring the advanced quilter. We will demo each block at the monthly guild meeting as well as publish each block in the monthly newsletter.

You may use any fabrics of your choice for each block--themed, repro, contemporary, Kaffe or batik. This is a great opportunity to "blast your stash." There will be a total of nine blocks (each will finish at 12") and in the last month we will offer some setting options with yardages. We hope you will be able to present your unique creations at next year's quilt show. Each month you will receive:

- An assembly diagram to help you plan your block.
- A fabric chart to plan your fabric placement and cutting.
- Specific directions for assembly.

We have provided you with a "Helpful Hints" article (attached) that describes specific piecing techniques for these blocks. Please review these before sewing and keep them close at hand for reference. We will welcome any of your questions by e-mail or at the guild meeting.

Happy Quilting,

- Chris Thierfelder and Nancy Moynahan

Christmas/Holiday Party

Ladies,

We have planned some interesting and new activities for our annual Christmas/Holiday Party! In order to be a successful and fun time for all, we need your help.

- We need people to volunteer to bring various food items to the party to make it enjoyable for all of us. Please note. We are asking that you also bring a list of ingredients to place in front of any item you bring as some of us have restricted diets due to health constraints. The food items we need are appetizers, salads, entrees, (such as finger foods – light fare) and desserts. If at all possible we'd appreciate 4 donors for each category. Please sign up this weekend so we have an idea of what items we might need in

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Pork Chops with Tomato Sauce and Mushrooms - Crock Pot

Ingredients

2 lb. boneless pork loin chops
8 oz. fresh mushrooms, sliced
1 medium onion, chopped
2-3 cloves garlic, chopped
2 (8 oz.) can tomato sauce
2 TBSP balsamic vinegar
2 TBSP minced fresh parsley
1/4 tsp. dried oregano
1/2 tsp. dried basil
salt and pepper to taste
2 TBSP cornstarch
1/4 C cold water

Directions

1. Line crock pot/slow cooker or spray with cooking spray.
2. In a large skillet, brown pork chops on both sides.
3. Place half the chops in slow cooker.
4. Add mushrooms, onion, and garlic
5. Add remaining chops.
6. In bowl, combine tomato sauce, vinegar and spices. Pour over chops.
7. Cover and cook on LOW for 7-8 hours or until chops are done
8. Transfer chops to a plate; keep warm.
9. Transfer remaining sauce to a sauce pan. Stir cornstarch into water until smooth. Stir into sauce. Cook and stir until thickened. Serve with chops.

Minutes to Prepare: 20

Minutes to Cook: 420

Number of Servings: 8

addition to those volunteered.

- If you wish to participate, we ask that you bring a sewing-related wrapped gift worth \$20.00 total. Several small items are fine, as long as the total equals \$20.00.
- We ask that your wear predominately red, green, or blue. The activities will predicate upon these colors.
- PLEASE RSVP by Thanksgiving weekend to Pat's email address: richpatmcc@yahoo.com.

The prizes and activities depend upon an accurate number.

Many thanks,

- Wendy Moore and Pat McCollem



Have Something to Say?

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

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