



Thimbles & Friends Quilt Guild Newsletter

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T&F Quilt Show

If you are interested in helping with the quilt show, please attend a meeting at Sue Warchal's home, 26 Foley Road, Rockland, at 8:00, prior to the March meeting. A continental breakfast will be served.

We will need 6 male volunteers to pick up the quilt racks at Cathy Hodge's house, to transport the quilt racks on Friday, October 4.

See sign-up list (at right) If you have not signed up there is plenty of opportunity to help the guild. All members are needed to participate in the show. – Tracy and Janice

Greetings From Bridgewater

Dear Quilting friends,

Wow! What a blast we had at the retreat! Who could forget the hula contest? Oh those hotties! And who knew we had such talented hula-hoopers? We won't mention coconuts...

And of course there was sewing, sewing, and more sewing. I love to watch members collaborating on projects, getting opinions, and picking up new skills from each other. We all got so much done, and the wind and snow didn't bother us a bit. The food was so much better this year too!

Many, many thanks to Louise, Pat, Lees, Jean, and Paula, for putting on the absolute best retreat ever.

Blessings,

- *Julia B.*

Sign-up for Quilt Show 2013

Be sure to sign up for this year's quilt show; we need every member! Here is the list so far:

Admission	Sue Warchal
Advertising	Donna Babchuck Jeanne Aurelio
Basket (Raffles)	NEED
Boutique	Shirley Macleod Joyce Hochstrasser Gina Stone Erin Yunits Lees Yunits
Decorations	Lees Yunits Erin Yunits Josephine Abbott Chris Thierfelder

The Lancaster Quilt Show

You are invited!

Please join us March 13-16, 2013 for the 23rd Annual Lancaster Quilt Show at the Continental Inn, 2285 Lincoln Highway (Rt. 30) Lancaster, PA.

Wed-Fri 9am-6pm

Saturday 9am-4pm

- Free Parking
- Free Admission
- 34 vendors
- Antique quilt show
- Free Raffle* (for over \$1000 of merchandise donated by our vendors)

Free shuttle between two shows: Lancaster Spring Quilt Show across the road at the Host Resort, and of course there is also the AQS show downtown!

Handy Link of the Month

This is a link to a site that has free quilt patterns and a fun design program to play with. It lets you change colors and patterns and rotate the blocks. You could spend hours playing with it. Then you can print the design and directions.

<http://www.freequiltpatterns.info>

At the bottom of the page click on "Pattern Playground" or use this [link](#).

- Sue Painter

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Hospitality	Louise Wilson Barbara White
Publicity	NEED
Electronic	Rose Perry
Paper	Margaret Rooney
Quilt Registration	Pat Delaney
Quilt Rods	Cathy Hodges - (Need Transportation and Men)
Ribbons	NEED
Show Book	Chris Thierfelder
Silent Auction	NEED
White glove	Julia Blanchard Donna Babchuck
Vendors	Paula Whalen

- Tracy and Janice

March Meeting News

I hope you have all set aside **Saturday, March 2**, for our special Thimbles and Friends meeting, welcoming **Wendy Analla** of Savannah Georgia. Wendy will lead a daylong workshop, presenting techniques for precision piecing. If you've avoided the dreaded inset seam or struggled to get all those points in an eight-pointed star to meet precisely in the center, this is the class for you! We'll also learn a modern take on templates and using them for accurate piecing, a method for making perfect strips for strip piecing, and lessons for perfect half square triangles and quarter square triangles.

You have participation options for the day. You may sew as the demo goes or you may watch the demo only. I am arranging a camera, projector, screen set-up with Pat Delaney for ease of viewing. Whether you are sewing or not, bring along a notebook (those lovely ones we got at the retreat would be perfect) and pen/pencil to jot down notes and hints. If you plan to participate, please e-mail me at christhrfldr@aol.com, so we can be sure to have a pattern/kit and additional templates needed to complete the block for you.

Wendy has designed an original block to demo the techniques, has created a pattern with complete, detailed instructions, and has included a small kit of special goodies she has found useful in executing the techniques. These are



available for \$15.00. Those participating in the demonstration/workshop should plan to bring the following:

- 9 fat quarters for the block and background (see illustration of block accompanying this article)
- 4 for the center star
- 2 for quarter square triangles
- 2 for four patch triangles
- 1 for background
- Working sewing machine
- Open toe foot
- 1/4" foot
- Mini iron and pressing surface
- Small rotary cutting mat and cutter
- "Add a Quarter Inch" Ruler
- Finest pins available (Clover or Bohin)
- Scissors for paper and fabric

I am attaching the *paper-pieced segments of the block center*. They are available on the website, [www.Thimbles and Friends.org](http://www.ThimblesandFriends.org), for those of you having difficulty downloading information from this newsletter. Please make every effort prior to the workshop to:

- Plan your colors per the picture and above fabric distribution statement
- Make the paper-pieced segments of the block center, an eight-pointed star:
- Make two copies of the pattern resulting in eight pieces—4 Ha and 4 Hb.

Each piece has two sections (1,2) and these are labeled with a SYMBOL (□, R, O with a line through it) that should correspond with a color of your choice. Note your color scheme for reference throughout the piecing.

Cut out each Ha and Hb template EXACTLY on the lines (a rotary cutter and ruler might be useful.)

THE PAPER-PIECING TEMPLATES ***DO NOT*** INCLUDE A SEAM ALLOWANCE. When you trim each completed piece, **trim 1/4" from the edge of the template to create the seam allowance.**

DO NOT ASSEMBLE THE STAR.

There is a great deal to accomplish at the workshop and we will also want to have time to see examples of Wendy's wonderful work. We will have the Abington Library from

10:00 to 3:00. **Please be ready to start the workshop at 10:30 SHARP.** We will need to end the workshop no later than 2:45 in order to be able to leave the library by its close at 3:00.

I am so excited to be able to host Wendy for this meeting. We are sure to increase our quilting skills by learning her techniques and be deeply inspired by her accomplishments.

- Chris T,



Note:

Keep scrolling for pictures!

Have Something to Say?

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

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



