



Thimbles & Friends Quilt Guild Newsletter

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T&F Quilt Show

There will be a quilt show committee meeting on April 6, at 8 am, at the home of Rose Perry, 20 Kimber Circle, Abington.

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.

Greetings from Bridgewater

Dear Quilting friends,

I just got back from the Rhododendron show and boy do we have our work cut out for us. What a fantastic quilt show they put on! The quilts themselves were wonderful, they had lots of vendors, and best of all, they had a 200-year-old whole cloth quilt with a very interesting and well-documented history. The quilter made it *before* her marriage at *seventeen* years of age and of course it was all hand quilted. We really enjoyed the talk given by the Canton Historical Society member, who was quite knowledgeable about the provenance of the quilt. It was so very interesting. They had another exhibit of various other antique quilts from the 20th century that was interesting as well. The hardest part was the voting because so many of the quilts were colorful, well designed and well executed that it made my mind spin trying to choose. It really drove home to me that it takes a lot of effort and a lot of hands to put on a good show. I am inspired!

Blessings,

- *Julia B.*

From the Chairman

Well, we have two more meetings left and then we are off for the Summer. Elections will be in May; I will be sending around a sign-up sheet for officers and meetings. Think about what you have to offer to the Guild. Wendy has offered to do the Retreat in 2014, but she will need a few folks to assist her. I will put that on the sign-up sheet as well. I would remind you that if you sign up to run the programming for a meeting, you are in charge of that meeting and your programming cannot be changed without your consent.

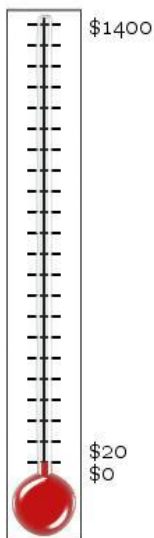
We will be looking for items to be made for the Boutique, both donated items and items where you can make a profit also. I know last Quilt Show some members made over \$200 off the Boutique, which means that the Guild also made money from those items. So, if you have any ideas, start putting them together. May's meeting will be the annual

Handy Link of the Month

Do you know about the [National Quilt Museum](http://www.quiltmuseum.org/) in Paducah Kentucky?

“The National Quilt Museum is the world's largest and most prestigious museum devoted to quilts and fiber art. Established in 1991, the Museum is committed to the preservation and advancement of quilting. In an average year, the Museum is visited by quilters and art enthusiasts from all 50 states and over 40 countries around the world.”

<http://www.quiltmuseum.org/>



"Tea Party"; more information will follow.

See you in April.

- Sheryl Briggs

Officers are as follows. If you think you would like to try one of these positions, please sign up;

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Raffle Quilt Update

We are off and running with ticket sales for our raffle quilt. Everyone who came to the March meeting received an envelope with 12 raffle tickets, and some quilt show publicity bookmarks. If you weren't at the March meeting, please pick up your envelope at the April meeting. Tickets are \$1 for one, and \$5 for 6. I have emailed everyone a color picture of the quilt. One good idea Jo Abbott is doing is using the picture as wallpaper on her computer at work, so people stop by and ask her about it.

There will be prizes for the top three ticket sellers. Please let me know if you want more tickets. And if you have an idea of where we can go to sell tickets, such as at Stop & Shop, a Spring Flower show, a summer concert (lots of towns have those), a soccer game, a fair, etc., send me those ideas. It should be something we would not have to rent a space for. We will be sharing our fundraising thermometer with you in the newsletter so you can watch our progress. In 2011, we took in \$1365 in sales; so we are upping the goal modestly to \$1400. Thanks for your participation!

- Rose Perry

T & F Silent Auction

A silent auction will be held during our upcoming quilt show. This has always been a great money-maker for our guild and so we hope each of our members participates.

Trying something new, this year you will have a choice to make one of the following items: a small quilt measuring no more than 18" on all sides or a lady's handbag or shopping bag.

The item will be due at our meeting in September; thank you for your support in this fundraiser!

- Cathy Hodges & Pat Loftus, Silent Auction Coordinators



April Meeting

Coinciding with the Silent Auction for our Quilt Show, as part of our April meeting Louise Wilson will demonstrate how to make a 4 pocket/reversible/quilted bag. If you are wondering what you'd like to make for the silent auction. This is a quick and easy project. If you would like to participate, please bring:

- One (1) yard of pre-quilted fabric – an exact yard
- Two pieces of coordinating binding 2-1/2" x 42" cut & pressed
- Coordinating thread for the bag and binding
- Shoelace or long ribbon (for turning handles)
- Sewing machine
- A walking foot for your machine
- Rotary cutter
- Large cutting mat/iron/ironing mat - three for our group would be great!

It takes approximately four hours to complete this bag; we have the Library until 2:00 pm so you might want to bring a light lunch.

Time is short – we thought it would be helpful to get this into the program before the end of the year. There are only FOUR meetings before our Quilt Show and the Silent Auction item is due in September!

Hope you can join us!

- Louise Wilson



Have Something to Say?

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

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