



Thimbles & Friends Quilt Guild Newsletter

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Newsletter Submissions

All guild members are encouraged to submit articles for this newsletter. Share an interesting article, picture cartoon, own story etc. Add your thoughts and please provide the source or web address. If you like it, we will, too! If the newsletter is published that month, we will save your article for a future publication.

- Taryen, Wendy F., Deborah

Meeting Dates

Here is the meeting information for our remaining guild year.
Meeting times are 10:15 AM – 2 PM.

Jan 7th	Charity Cutting Workshop
Jan 28th	X ruler Demo
Feb 9-12	RETREAT
March 4th	WIP workshop
April 1st	Speaker
May 6th	Tea Party



Guild Website

<http://www.thimblesandfriendsquiltguild.org>

Newsletter Note: Just click on the picture of any quilt to see the Web page it came from.





From the Chairman

Now we are between Christmas and the New Year. To me it is an exciting time bringing back memories of "after" Christmas when as kids we had the whole week to play with and enjoy our new toys and gifts, trying out the new sleds and coasters, and the new mittens and scarfs. Playing with all the new games with my sisters and brothers and working puzzles with my mom. The week was almost as magical as Christmas morning. As an adult I have new memories. I always enjoy playing with and interacting with grandchildren. But.....I also look forward to time off from work, enjoying my quilting hobby, and trying to catch up after the busy holiday season.

I wish everyone in the guild a Happy and prosperous New Year and may your bobbin always be full.

- Wendy Moore

Programing



I hope you all had a fantastic holiday sickness free. There has been one nasty cold going around and I have managed to miss all the holiday festivities this year. Good news is my knee is recovering well taking things one day at a time. Thanks for all your cards.

Hopefully we will have **two** meetings in January depending on the weather.

The *first meeting* we will be cutting fabric kits for charity quilts. Shirley has a few patterns in mind. So, bring your scraps, cutting mat's & rotary cutters.

The *second meeting* Wendy will be doing a demo on the X block. See you in January....

- Sheryl

January 28th Workshop



For the **X-Block workshop/demo** on January 28, you do not need to bring anything. Kim Charlebois and Wendy Moore will demonstrate the fun blocks you can make with the ruler, however! If you have the ruler and have not tried it out, please bring the ruler and three jelly roll strips sewn together and pressed with a light-colored strip in the center. Just three strips. This will help you to practice both the Morning Star block and the Origami Rose block. No ruler? No problem! Both Kim and I will have sewn strips, a ruler, cutting board and rotary cutter for use.

(Except for Sue-Ellen! We will cut for you!). Love you Sue- Ellen!

- Wendy Moore



Girl Scout Cookie order Form .Delivered at our Retreat.

Cookies

- Raspberry Rally- Thin, crispy cookies infused with raspberry flavor, dipped in chocolate.
- Adventurefuls- Indulgent brownie-inspired cookies with caramel flavored creme and a hint of sea salt
- Toast-Yay- French toast inspired cookies dipped in delicious icing and full of flavor in every bite
- Lemonades- Savory slices of shortbread with a refreshingly tangy lemon-flavored icing
- Trefoils- Traditional short bread cookies
- Thin mints- Crispy chocolate wafers dipped in a mint chocolatey coating
- Peanut butter patties- Crispy vanilla cookies layered with peanut butter and covered with a chocolate coating
- Caramel DeLites- Vanilla cookies topped with caramel, sprinkled with toasted coconut, and laced with chocolatey stripes
- Peanut Butter Sandwich- Crisp and crunchy oatmeal cookies with a creamy peanut butter filling
- Caramel Chocolate chip- caramel, semisweet chocolate chips, and a hint of sea salt in a delicious cookie



Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Cookies are \$5.00 per box

Raspberry Rally	# _____
Adventurefuls	# _____
Toast Yay	# _____
Lemonades	# _____
Trefoils	# _____
Thin Mints	# _____
Peanut butter Patties	# _____
Caramel Delights	# _____
Peanut butter Sandwich	# _____
Caramel Chocolate Chip	# _____

TOTAL# _____ X \$5.00ea. TOTAL\$ _____



Please make checks payable to **GSEMA** or pay cash at the time of ordering. Order forms and payments can be given to Wendy Moore at the January 28 meeting orders must be in by January 29, 2023. They will bring some extra boxes in case anyone would like to buy a few more boxes at the retreat.

- Sarah Norris

Freecycle and Recycle:

Anyone is welcome to bring "freecycle" items to our meetings. However please take-home whatever people do not take. If you need to leave the meeting early, please take your leftover items.

There are two textile recycle bins to the left of the Abington Library. Please utilize these bins for your scraps and unwanted fabric. Notions and tools, etc. cannot be put into these bins.



Sharing Information

A tip for organizing patterns:

Use a three ring binder labeled the way you understand, such as by pattern maker, company, or use, like table runners, kids etc. Then slip your pattern into a clear three ring sheet. You will be able to find them! This is great for PDF patterns that you may have downloaded and printed.

- Wendy Moore

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Hands All Around 18 Quilt Show

Apr 22 – 23, 2023

Robert Crown Center, Hampsh...
Amherst, MA



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JUN

Vermont Quilt Festival 2023

Jun 21 – 24, 2023

Champlain Valley Exposition, ...
Essex Junction, VT



20
MAR

Calico Quilters

Mon, 7 – 9 PM

North Yarmouth Congregation...
North Yarmouth, ME



27
JUL

Maine Quilts 2023

Jul 27 – 29, 2023

Augusta Civic Center, 76 Com...
Augusta, ME



From the Houston Quilt Market

There is a permanent [fusible](#) adhesive offered in sheets and rolls. How permanent? I talked to several vendors who have tested the bond by continuously washing a panel with the adhesive applied. Some have already exceeded 200+ washings without an issue.

Click on the link for more info.

HOMESTED NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK: EXPERIENCE

You can ask a Ranger for the Quilt Discovery Tour companion booklet to take with you as you explore [Homestead National Historical Park!](#)

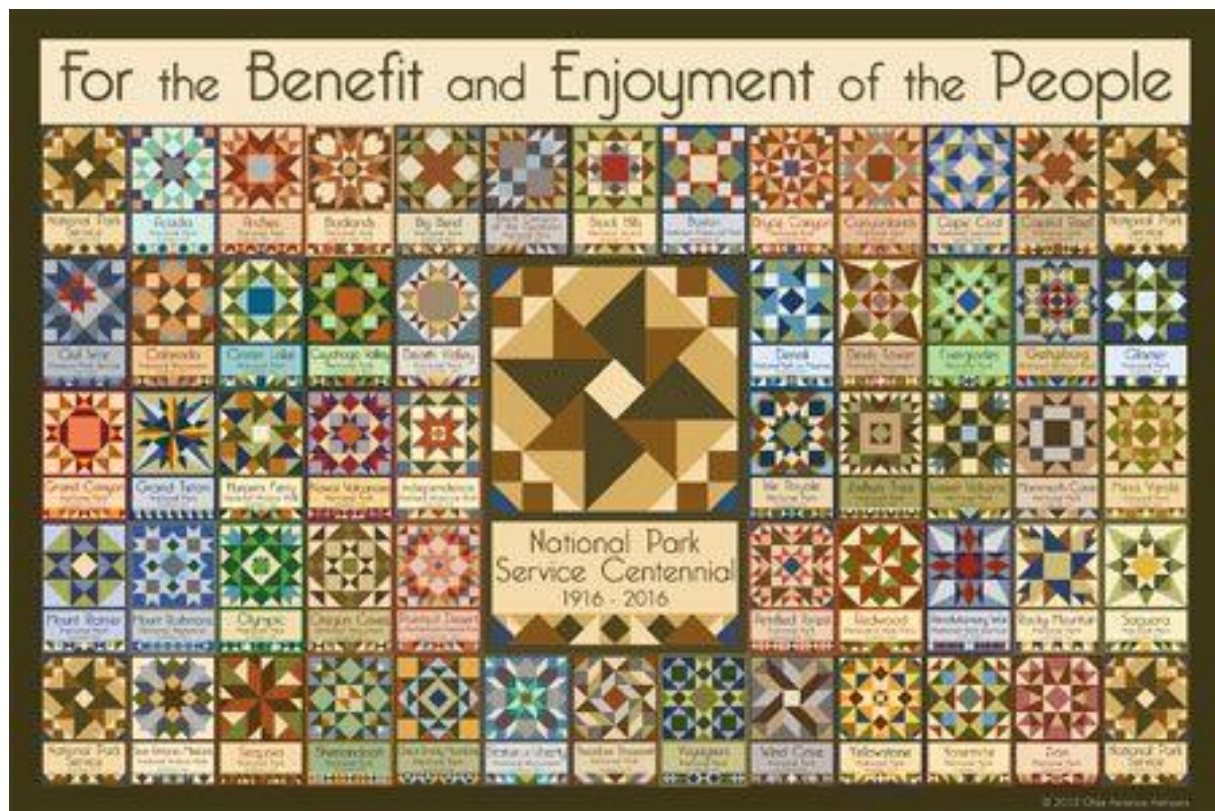


Thousands of quilt blocks and patterns have been created and sewn through the decades. The quilt patterns or "blocks" that are displayed on the Quilt Trail were in the quilts used by pioneer women as they traveled West and homesteaded the prairie. They also depict other popular patterns used in 1862, when the Homestead Act was signed by President Lincoln, up until the Act was repealed in 1886.

Follow the trail to learn more about quilt making and the history of quilts and how they truly are documents of history, reflecting who we were as a nation and a people.

There are many great blocks displayed in the article. Hope you enjoy it.

Here is a display of 90 National Park Quilt Blocks



This is one of the many quilts at the Smithsonian

This one caught my eye, there are so many more to see. Click on the link to view the vast collections at the [Smithsonian](#).



Fun Fact :

Every January 8th is **National Bubble Bath Day**. It is a day to reminds us to pamper ourselves, after a day of quilting and enjoy the comfort of Bubble Bath!



The first American bubble bath products became available in 1940's. It wasn't until the 1960's that Mr. Bubbles came on the market

