



# THIMBLES & FRIENDS QUILTING GUILD NEWSLETTER

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## WELCOME BACK LADIES

We hope you all had a restful summer. We have a busy year ahead. The Quilt Show will be here before you know. Our Secretary has resigned due to computer issues, so we will need someone to fill that space. Please consider taking this position, we have scaled the job description down quite a bit as the secretary in the past has been overloaded. The biggest part of the job is attending board meetings and taking notes at the board meeting and the regular meeting. We will be taking a vote at our September Meeting.

We would like to welcome two new members, Pat Luttrell & Linda Robbins. Be sure to bring along your Show & Tell. Charity Quilts should be finished and turned in at the September Meeting, Jo is arranging the pickup or delivery, so your time is up. Also anyone that has finished their Block of the Month Quilt or the Round Robin quilt, please bring them with you.

We are looking forward to a new year with lots of new ideas.

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## CONGRATULATIONS

To Pat Delaney, who won a blue ribbon for Autumn Leaves and a special award for Best Mixed Technique and to Diane Piechowski, who won a 2<sup>nd</sup> Place ribbon for Lone Hot Day in the Summertime at the Vermont Quilt Festival this summer!

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## MEMBERSHIP

We have two members that did not join this year - Sandra Nutall & Esther Rastegari. We have invited Pam Luttrell & Linda Robbins to join our guild for the 2005-2006 year. Be sure to look for these girls at the September meeting and welcome them in our Guild.

Submitted by Sheryl Briggs

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**MANCUSO WORLD QUILT SHOW IN  
MANCHESTER, NH  
WHITE GLOVE VOLUNTEERS**

**Thursday, August 18, 2005**

Claudia Cummings

Diane Piechowski

Erin Yunits

(they will man the raffle table and provide 2 hours  
each of white gloving)

**Friday, August 19, 2005**

Deb Doyle will be in charge of the raffle table

Linda Newberry (white gloving from 2-4 p.m.)

Martha Empey (white gloving from 10-noon and again  
from 4-6 p.m.)

**Saturday, August 20, 2005**

Carolyn Anderson will be in charge of the raffle table

Linda Newberry (white gloving from 10 -noon)

Phyllis Barry (white gloving from noon—2 p.m)

Sharon Price (white gloving from 2—4 pm.)

**Sunday, August 21, 2005**

Carolyn Anderson will be in charge of the raffle table

Louise Wilson will white glove from 10—noon

Nancy Moynihan will white glove from noon—2

Pat Delaney will white glove from 2—4

**(This gives 24 hours of white gloving. I've over-  
booked our commitment by 2 hours in case  
somebody cancels at the last minute.)**

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**OTHER UPCOMING QUILT SHOWS:**

**Bennington Quiltfest**

September 17-18, 2005

Mount Anthony Union High School

Park Street, Bennington, VT

**Nimble Thimblers's Quilt Guild**

October 1 & 2, 2005

American Civic Center

467 Main Street, Wakefield, MA

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**RAFFLE QUILT UPDATE**

**2005 CRAZY QUILT RAFFLE QUILT**

This quilt started as a class two Septembers ago to be given away at or quilt show supposedly this October. Everyone did at least one crazy square and many others who like working the technique contributed many other squares. The squares were joined and crazy stitching was added to enhance the quilt into what it is today. It has been completely tied and finished and is set go to its final showing to sell raffle tickets at the Mancuso Show in Manchester, New Hampshire the weekend of August 21/22. This quilt has heard many OOOs and AHHs and the Guild should be proud of this offering to the public. If you have volunteered to sit the raffle table or do white gloving please don't forget to come. The quilt will be raffled off at our October meeting.

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**2006 SPRING FLING RAFFLE QUILT**

The quilt is in progress and much progress has been made! First, thanks to all of the guild members who brought in purple and yellow fabrics at the May guild meeting. It was fabulous to get all those lovely fat quarters! Second, thanks to all of the ladies who showed up on that sweltering Saturday in June to sew the squares for the quilt. Claudia Cummings was able to get her church to let us use the downstairs and all the tables and chairs we needed that Saturday. May Lai, Joanne Fruzzetti, Dianne Piechowski, Phyllis Barry, Paula Whalen, Louise Wilson, Sharon Price, Martha Empey, joined Claudia and myself for an enjoyable morning and early afternoon of sewing. Thank goodness the large downstairs was comfortable and cool! Thanks also to Linda Newberry who spent an afternoon with me getting the quilt ready to put together. I am happy to say I have completely finished the quilt top. May Lai has graciously volunteered to do the quilting on her longarm machine so it goes there next. I am hoping if all goes well, it will be ready for presentation to the Guild at the September meeting. Yipeee! This quilt will then start its travels "The Gathering" in November will be its first stop. It will be raffled off at our quilt show in April of 2006.

Submitted by Carolyn Anderson, Raffle Quilt  
Coordinator 2005/6

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## RAFFLE BASKETS FOR 2006 SHOW

The raffle baskets presented at our last quilt show did so well that it was the general consensus to do them again for our 2006 show. I would like this to be a little more coordinated this time so I have come up with a general plan. Three times this year you will be asked to bring in to Guild meeting an item for the raffle baskets. **September** – Please bring in a fat quarter in a spring color, pastel, bold, print or solid anything just so it is springy! **November** – You will be asked to bring in a gadget, new or used but in excellent condition. Have it be something you have enjoyed using yourself – a ruler, needles, triangle papers, basting pins, scissors, mats, marking pens, to name a few of the millions of things out there. If you're thinking new, watch for the 50% off sales at JoAnn's and, of course, more than one gadget is always welcome. **January** – You will be asked to bring a thread for the raffle baskets. Again, have it be something you have enjoyed using. I will also be making announcements regarding any books or other items you may have that are in excellent condition and would like to donate for the raffle baskets, I will accept these items at any meeting. I would like to have between 5 and 10 (or even more) baskets for the show. I will also be asking anyone with creative flair to help put baskets together sometime in February or March. **REMEMBER – September meeting – PLEASE bring in a fat quarter in a spring color – pastel, bold, print or solid just so long as its SPRINGY!** Thanks ahead of time for any and all donations and help.

Submitted by Carolyn Anderson

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## APRIL QUILT SHOW NEWS

Pat & Matt Delaney will be selling a few Featherweights and some toy sewing machines at the quilt show. Matt has three FWs - white and black, and Joanne has two or three. We also have about six little machines.

Submitted by Pat Delaney

## NEW SEWING MACHINE RAFFLE!

Sew-n-Vac in Centerville is again giving us a sewing machine to raffle off at our quilt show. This time the machine is a Husqvarna Platinum 750 Quilt Sewing Machine, featuring a wide variety of stitches, two separate memories, quilting stitches and an "automatic seam allowance." Guild members are encouraged to take packets of the raffle tickets, which will be available for pick up at our September meeting, and sell them to your friends & relatives over the coming year. We will be keeping a list of how packets each guild member takes to sell (packets are stapled by sixes since chances are \$1 each or 6 for \$5). At each month's meeting you can turn in any money collected and get more tickets, if you need them. The tickets will also be sold at the raffle table in Manchester this August, and at The Gathering in November. In addition, if you belong to other guilds, ask for permission to sell tickets at one of their meetings. This raffle is a fantastic way to bring in money for the guild as there is no cost to us for the machine.

Submitted by Linda Newberry

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## REPORT ON VENDOR SOLICITATION FOR QUILT SHOW

We have found that there are two quilt shows, MQX in New Hampshire and Artful Hands, that will be happening the same weekend as our quilt show. As a result, some of the vendors we have invited to vend with us have regretfully declined. Right now we have 6 confirmed vendors: Sew -n-Vac, Quilter's Delight (lots of fabric), Tumbleweed (country type fabrics), Quilt Center (great prices on notions), Sleeping Cat Patterns (wool kits, etc.), and Ann's Pin Cushion (silver thimbles, jewelry, Alexander Henry fabric & batiks). We'd like 5-6 more vendors and have sent out many letters of invitation. In particular we'd like to have vendors who have beads/embellishment, oriental fabrics, hand dyes, wood quilt-related products, etc. If you know of someone who might be a good addition, please let me know. I'd appreciate it if you didn't ask them directly as I have an information packet I can send to them and I tracking who we solicit and who we receive replies from in a database. Thanks!!

Submitted by Linda Newberry

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>HOSPITALITY</b></p> <p>If you know of a Guild Member who is having a bit of a rough time and could use a cheerful note (surgery, death in the family, accident, etc.) or is celebrating something like the birth of a grandchild, please give me a call so that I can send a card. Submitted by Joanne Fruzzetti (781-337-3440)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * * * *</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">* * * * *</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>CHARITY QUILTS</b></p> <p>Your Charity Quilt should be finished and are due at our September meeting. The recipient of these quilts is "My Brother's Keeper". I am working on arrangements for them to be picked up at our September meeting, so you <b>MUST</b> bring them to the meeting completed and ready to go. Also our Charity Quilt for the 2005-2006 calendar year will be going to "Friends of the Unborn" in Quincy. So we will be working on Baby Quilts are our January workshop. Submitted by Joanne Fruzzetti</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * * * *</p>
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### 2005 – 2006 GUILD MEETING AGENDA

NOTE: We were not able to get the Abington Library for all meetings.

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| September 10 <sup>th</sup>                                      | - Charity Quilts, Block of the Month Quilts and Bags for the NEQM are due, Show & Tell. Please bring in a fat quarter for our raffle baskets in a spring color, pastel, bold, print or solid anything just so it is springy!<br>(Held at the Bridgewater Library, 15 South St., Bridgewater – see directions below) |
| October 1 <sup>st</sup>   | - Erin will run a workshop for the next raffle quilt (for 2008 quilt show)  |
| October 29 <sup>th</sup>  | - Road Trip?  |
| December 3 <sup>rd</sup>  | - Holiday Party (pot luck and Yankee Swap?), Show & Tell  |
| January 7 <sup>th</sup>   | - Joanne will run the Charity Workshop – Baby Quilts for “Friends of the Unborn” in Quincy  |
| February 10 <sup>th</sup> , 11 <sup>th</sup> & 12 <sup>th</sup> | - <b>RETREAT!!</b>  |
| March 4 <sup>th</sup>   | - Pat Delaney will run a Quilt Show Prep Class  |
| April 1 <sup>st</sup>   | - Finalizing Show Details   |
| April 22 <sup>nd</sup> & 23 <sup>rd</sup>                       | - <b>QUILT SHOW!!</b>   |
| May 6 <sup>th</sup>   | - Review Show, Elections and Yearly Dues Payment  |

Directions to the Bridgewater Library located at 15 South St., Bridgewater, MA 02324:

Go South on Rte 18 to Bridgewater center, go straight onto South St., Rte 104. Library is on the right, park in the rear, meeting will be in The Flora T. Little Meeting Room





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#### Quilting Tips:

1. Try taking a Polaroid for an instant picture of what your quilt layout will look like. Step back to get the whole quilt in the picture.
2. For greater accuracy and control when piecing your quilt top, keep the piece or unit with the most seam allowances on top while you stitch. This works with hand and machine stitching.
3. For kits or blocks-of-the month, rinse the small fabric pieces in the sink, blot them between the layers of a towel and iron them dry. Or wash small pieces or scraps by placing them in a mesh laundry bag.
4. Be sure your rotary blade is sharp! A dull blade slows you down, affects precision and invites injury. If you are skipping threads or not cutting through, it's time to change the blade. Wrap old blades in layers of paper towels before throwing away.
5. Put broken needles and pins in an old prescription medicine bottle with the label removed before throwing them in the trash bag. This prevents injury when lifting the bag.
6. When shipping your quilt, be sure to put a layer of cardboard on top before you put the flaps down and seal the box with tape. This prevents the quilt from being slit when the box is opened.
7. When you pack the quilt for shipping, make sure you attach a label to your quilt that includes your name, address and phone number. If the box is damaged and the return address unreadable, it can still be returned to you.

Newsletter Info: Do you have info you would like to share with the Guild, put it in the newsletter. Send to Phyllis Barry at [Phyllis\\_M.\\_Barry@ryder.com](mailto:Phyllis_M._Barry@ryder.com).

Please feel free to offer any feedback or suggestions on the newsletter.

Respectfully, Phyllis Barry, newsletter editor.