

THIMBLES & FRIENDS QUILTING GUILD

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A Word from the Chairpersons

Dear Members of Thimbles & Friends,

This has been the most amazing year. In the spring of 1999, when T & F was being created, we could not have imagined how it would grow and flourish in just one short year. From our very first undertaking, when we pooled our money and our efforts to create a raffle quilt for the Westford Gathering in just a few months, we could see a group emerging that was willing to work together to accomplish our very lofty goals. Since then, we have had some great monthly meetings, including very talented guest teachers and also very talented "home

grown" teachers, a fabric swap, basting party, Holiday party and the always favorite "Show and Tell" at every meeting. We've had a wonderful year, but we look forward to next year with some very exciting programs planned as well as some surprises.

We would like to thank everyone for all their help and cooperation all during the year, with a special thanks to our fellow board members.

We'll see you in September.

Nancy and Carolyn
Co-Chairpersons

The Quilt Lady

"The Quilt Lady is progressing! But there's still more to be done. There will be a meeting on August 8th at Louise Wilson's home in Hanover to work on the raffle quilt. Please see directions to Louise's inside.

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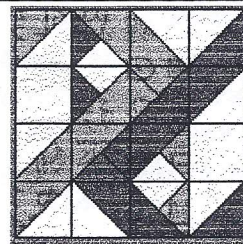
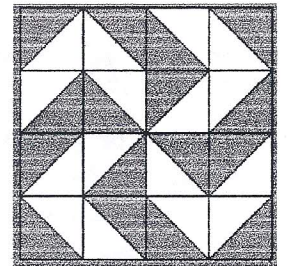
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A Letter from the Library

The Guild received the following letter, dated June 6, 2000

Dear Guild Members,

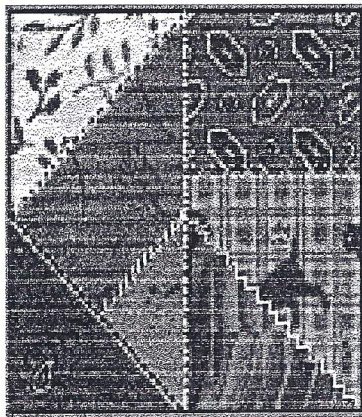
On behalf of the Board of Library Trustees and all the residents of Abington, I thank the Thimbles and Friends Quilt Guild for your generous donation for the purchase of additional books on the topic of quilting.

Quilting is a popular subject and the books will be a useful addition to the library's collection.

Sincerely,
Jean K. Lothrop
Library Director

IMPORTANT REASONS TO BUY FABRIC:

- It insulates the closet where it is kept.
- It helps keeps the economy going. It is our patriotic duty to support cotton farmers, textile mills and quilt shops.
- It is less expensive and more fun than psychiatric care.
- Because it's on sale!



MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR RENEWAL THIS FALL

With our September meeting, membership fees will be due for year 2000-01. Dues need to be paid by the end of October. We currently have a waiting list of people who wish to join the guild, so

please make sure your dues are paid on time so we know if we have any openings. Dues will remain \$25.00 for the coming year, and are non-transferable and non-refundable.

Charity Quilts

Charity quilts will be presented at the September meeting. We will be making arrangements to present our charity quilts at our September meeting. We are hoping to have a representative from the hospice come to our meeting to receive them. We are challenging each member to make a charity quilt for this important undertaking. Also, please put a label on the back for your charity quilt that contains the following information: ***Presented by Thimbles and Friends Quilt Guild, Abington, MA, September 2000, Made by (your name).***

An announcement will be made at the September meeting of our charity quilt recipient for next year.

Our First Raffle Drawing is Approaching!!!!!!!!!!!!

Our first raffle quilt drawing will be held at our September meeting. We encourage members to look for opportunities to sell tickets over the summer. There is still time for you to sell to your family, friends, and co-workers. The Quilt,

which measures 96 x 96 is stunning and completely hand quilted. All the proceeds go into the Guild fund to pay for future activities and we would like to see 100% participation on the part of the guild members in selling tickets. Contact Linda Newberry

(781-447-8512 or NO42066@mediaone.net) if you need tickets. If every guild member sold 20 tickets, that would be more than \$600 for the guild treasury that we could use for future events!

NEEDED: "WHITE GLOVE HOSTS"

Our "Baskets of the Past" Raffle quilt will be on display at Images 2000 in Lowell on Friday, August 18th. We need to provide white glove hosts for the time that our quilt is on

display (10am to 6pm).

We have a few people signed up, but we need more. If you are available, please contact Linda Newberry right away. She'll be calling people as the date gets

closer to verify time assignments.

Please volunteer before you are drafted!!!

Quilt Show a Go!!!

The Guild Board has decided that there was enough support indicated at the June Meeting to proceed with the planning of a quilt show for the fall of 2001. A date and location for our quilt show has been set! Get out your long-range calendars and mark down the following: ***"Quilts We love... Old & New"***; Saturday and Sunday, October 13 & 14 at the South Shore Voc Tech High School. More details to come in the following months. This will give you plenty of time to start thinking

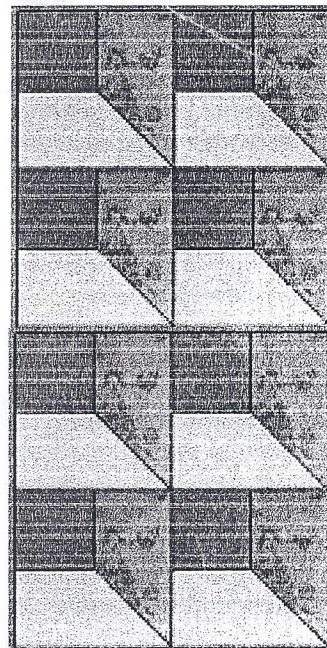
about those special projects you want to undertake to submit to the show!

The theme of the show will be ***"Quilts we Love... Old & New."*** This means not only can you put in new quilts you have just completed, but if you collect older quilts, you'll be able to display them.

We will be asking guild members to donate small quilts, (more info later) for a silent auction, the proceeds of which will help offset the cost of the show.

Members can bring items they wish to sell. A small per-

centage of the proceeds will go to the guild; the member bringing the craft items for sale will earn the majority of the sale! This is an excellent opportunity for those of you who wish to feature your handiwork to sell.





"The Quilt Lady"

Our new raffle quilt, "The Quilt Lady", will be on display in the raffle quilt section of the Westford Quilter's Gathering in November and will be raffled off on the last day of the show. We have nicknamed the woman in the quilt "Mrs. Mertz" and she is really shaping up. See elsewhere in this newsletter for more information on how she is shaping up!

While the response to our request for signing up for duties was strong, there were some jobs not "spoken for." Ours is a guild that works together and there are plenty of opportunities for everyone to participate.

The sign up sheet will be available again at the September meeting. If you have any questions about any of the brief job descriptions, please ask Linda Newberry.

The Board has spent considerable time planning for the 2000-01 year, and much of it has been planned with the quilt show in mind. During the year we will have various workshops that will help members hone their skills in a variety of areas to assist you in getting ready for the show.

Much more information about the show will be available in the next few months!

Streamlining "Show & Tell"

One of the best parts of our monthly meeting is the show & tell segment. However, sometimes we tend to spend a bit too much time on it, especially when we have workshops, etc. planned. This year we will leave

the show & tell items in a display area. This way the members can take a closer look at the end of the meeting and use that opportunity to ask the quilt maker questions about technique, etc.

Tips for Quilters

HOW MUCH FABRIC SHOULD I BUY?

General rule of thumb: If it's a fabric you love and feel could be a main print or border of a bed quilt, buy 3-4 Yards. This will give you enough in length for borders of a queen or king sized quilt and some extra across the width for piecing or applique. If you think it will make a perfect secondary print or a blender fabric, buy 1-2 yards. If it would be a great accent, buy 1/2-1 yard. If you're doing paper piecing, fat quarters work great. *OR* buy as much as you can afford!!

Directions to Louise Wilson and "The Quilt Lady"

Louise is hosting a working night at her house to work on the Thimbles and Friends 2001 raffle quilt. Anyone who wants to work on the quilt is welcome.

63 Karen Road
Hanover, MA 02339
781-826-8523

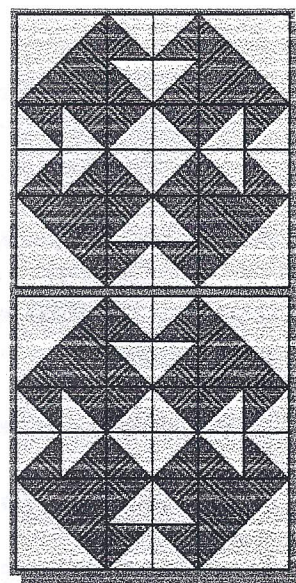
Rte 3 South to Exit 13 Hanover/Rte 53-bear right off the exit ramp. You will pass

the Hanover Mall, follow this road (rte 53) for approximately 4 miles (stay on the right), you will see a Shaw's on your right. At the second set of lights AFTER SHAW'S (Citizen's Bank will be on your right). Take a right onto Broadway.

*Follow Broadway (bearing right at the fork) for approximately 1 mile. Karen

Road is the second left-we are the fifth house on the right (gray/taupe, white shutters, set back).

If coming via Rte 139, follow Rte 139 to Rte 53. Take a right onto 53, at the set of lights at Broadway, take a right and follow the directions from * above.



Looking for someone who can do your quilting:

Lillian Bridges
Route 2 Box 2421
Alton, MO 6560
(417)778-6372

NEWSLETTER INFO

Do you have info you think the guild members would be interested in? Do you know of someone who does excellent quilting for hire? Have you read a particularly good quilting book lately? Share it in the newsletter! We will have two more issues this year: one in early January and one in April. Please feel free to give Paula Whalen the information or send it to her via e-mail at fidget94@aol.com, at least 3 weeks in advance. Also, please feel free to offer any feed back on the newsletter format. Did I leave anything out? Is there something you think I should add?

MEETING SCHEDULE:

September 30, 2000 - Welcome 2000/2001 - Charity Quilt Presentation - Drawing for Raffle Quilt Summer Show and Tell, including Mystery Quilt - Progress Report on "The Quilt Lady"

October 28, 2000 - Machine Applique Workshop - Claudia Cummings

November 25, 2000 - Announcement of Challenge - Paper piecing workshop - Carolyn Anderson & Linda Newberry

December - No meeting - MERRY CHRISTMAS

January 27, 2001 - Post-holidays party and gift exchange - Challenge Fabric due and dispersed

February 24, 2001 - Show & tell - "I Love" Each member will bring a quilting/sewing gadget or technique they like and share with the guild.

March 31, 2001 - T & F Quilting Retreat (details TBA)!!!

April 28, 2001 - Challenge quilts due - Stencil workshop - Michele Hoover

May 26, 2001 - Bring your own project to work on

June 30, 2001 - Workshop - TBA

