



# Thimbles & Friends Quilt Guild Newsletter

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## We would love to hear from you.

All guild members are invited to submit articles for this newsletter. Share, an interesting article, picture cartoon etc. Just write a line or two to introduce it and provide us with the web address. If you like it, we would too. If there is no newsletter any month, we will save your article for a future publication

- Taryen, Wendy & Deborah,

## Meeting Dates

Meeting times are 10:00 AM – 2 PM.

January 8 <sup>th</sup>	Happy New Year Charity Quilts
January 29 <sup>th</sup>	Available for snow date for charity quilts
February 10-13 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Retreat</b> Hotel 1620 Plymouth Harbor
March 5 <sup>th</sup>	TBD
April 2 <sup>nd</sup>	TBD
May 7 <sup>th</sup>	TBD



## 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 Chair*

I hope everyone had a blessed and healthy Christmas and Holiday!

Now we begin to gear up for “our” holiday (retreat!) I hope everyone has sent their final payment to Barbara White. The total is \$83.00, includes the two congregate meals, sewing room and eating room, all fees and taxes. And you have until December 31 to enjoy the Thimbles and Friends discount for the sleeping rooms. All the rooms have refrigerators and there is a microwave in the Bistro area that is available for our use. We can still bring goodies to share and can order out (or in) and eat in the Bistro area at tables. The Bistro will not be open.

I am certain the Fun committee has some wonderful events planned for us. If you have any questions about the retreat, please do not hesitate to ask me!

I am still selling the Jonathan Thorn (Suzie) fabric in my “Upstairs Quilt Shop” empty apartment. Cost is \$1.50 per yard. Come on up and get some – a great way to test out a pattern you are thinking about trying, or a unique backing for your finished quilts. To date I have sold over \$500.00 to be sent back to Jonathan who has been so very generous to us in the past. If we have any left at retreat time, I will try to bring some with me to the retreat. I prefer that you come here to my house to get it, so I don’t have to be schlepping it!

Our donation to the food bank is overwhelming. This guild continues to amaze me with their generosity and very caring nature.

I am not able to be at the first January meeting, but I look forward to the second January meeting. Looking forward to our retreat!!

- *Wendy Moore*

## *Treasures Corner*

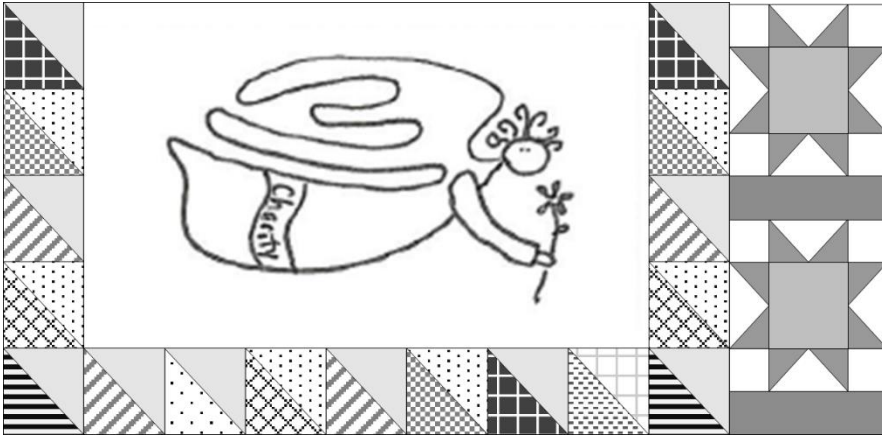
. Through the generosity of the guild members, I sent a check for \$600.00 to the Abington Food Pantry, St. Vincent DePaul Society. They can go to the Boston Food Bank and purchase 7 times as much.

- *Barbara White*



## January 8<sup>th</sup> Programming

### Charity quilt. Workshop



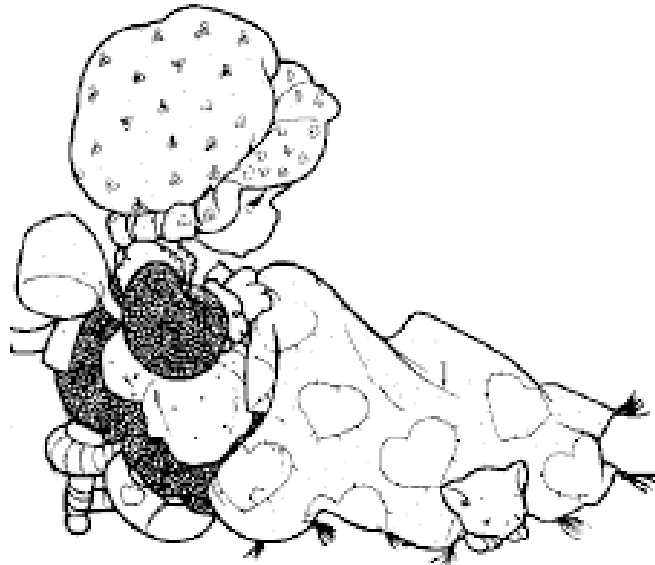
Don't forget Wendy's quilt shop. There is free fabric & fabric for \$1.50 per yard., If you need backs see Wendy.

. If you are at a loss for what to make, Shirley will have kits and patterns available, for anyone that would like one. If we have a snowstorm that day, the workshop will be on January 29th.

We are preparing for the Retreat festivities, and we will get information to you in January Looking forward to the retreat and sewing for a few days.

Hope you all had a Merry Christmas and looking forward to a Happy New Year!

- Sheryl Briggs



## Membership / Hospitality

Many of you may not be aware that part of what I do is to send out sympathy cards to members who have had a loved one pass away. I also forward information to members about wakes and funerals.

The other thing that I do is send out get well cards to members who are ill or have had surgery.

Please email me to let me know if you know of a member who is in need of a card.

My email address is [pbarry1022@comcast.net](mailto:pbarry1022@comcast.net).

Thank you.

- Phyllis Barry





## **QUILT SHOW CORNER**

These are some of the 12.5" blocks I have received for our winter themed raffle quilt. The input from the last meeting was to go blue/white with the addition of Wendy's \$1.50 blue fabric rather than the red/green/white/blue that went with the snowman flannel I had purchased for the back.

If we have enough blocks, we could have one blue and one red/green. If our blocks are turned in at the January meetings, we could collectively decide on the block layout as we did at the last in-person retreat. We were not asking anyone to give up sewing time at the retreat to work on blocks.

It sounds like there is a lot of interest and great ideas for the next raffle quilt!

- *Diane and Claudia*



## **2022 Retreat**

**Hello quilters! Please carefully read the following:**

I have negotiated with the [Hotel 1620](#) and the new General Manager to be able to set the cost for us to attend the retreat. Remember this cost is for the two meals (breakfast on Sunday and lunch on Saturday - congregate) and the rental of the two rooms (sewing room and eating room) plus all fees and taxes.

\* The cost will be \$83.00 If you have paid your \$50.00 deposit, then you need only to send the \$33.00 to Barbara White, our treasurer with the notation on the check. If you have not sent in the \$50.00 - then just send the \$83.00. The full amount is due no later than the January 8th meeting.

\* Due to lack of employees, the Bistro will NOT be open. You will receive a listing of all nearby restaurants before the retreat. Each room has a refrigerator and there is a microwave available in the bistro area with full use of the tables.

\* If you have not reserved your sleeping room yet, do so as soon as possible as the block of rooms and the discount are only held until December 30, 2021. Rooms \$139.63 per night.

\* If you have food allergies (not preferences) please notify me as soon as possible.

If you are among the few who wish to attend but who have not notified me yet - please do so as soon as possible - our FUN Committee needs a final count (as well as the Hotel!)

So far we have 30 people attending!

Please also note: There are many, many bolts of fabric at the Upstairs Quilt Shop aka- my upstairs empty apartment. This yardage is selling for \$1.50 a yard. You may use this fabric in any manner you wish. The money goes directly back to Jonathan Thorn who has been so very generous in the past with donating fabric. Please call, text, or email me for a time to come and peruse the beautiful fabric.

- *Wendy M*

## **Fidget Quilts**

Also known as a [sensory blanket](#).

"Restless hands", this is often seen in Alzheimer's. These quilts offer concentration, reinforce memory, and help with emotions. Over the years in my job we would give our patients who were restless, anxious and just could not settle some face cloths to fold, papers to stack. It would have been wonderful to have a fidget blanket for them. For more information on the fidget quilt click on the link.

- Taryen



The American Quilt Stories ends January 17<sup>th</sup>



New England  
Quilt Museum

Check out NEQM  
calendar for upcoming  
events







*Upstairs Quilt Shop*



# Threads

The National Quilt Museum Magazine



From all of us at the National Quilt Museum, we wish you a happy and healthy holiday season. As the pandemic continues into its third year, we appreciate both the moral and financial support that our friends from around America and the world have provided to our museum. We continue to strive for excellence in everything that we do from exhibitions to educational programming to community events. You help to make it all possible, and we hope that you will choose to support us again through this year's Matching Funds Challenge.

As we ask for your support, we are also thinking of our friends and neighbors to the south and east, whose lives have been deeply impacted by the recent tornadoes. Many of you have asked how you can provide assistance. Currently, the best way to help is contribute funds toward the relief effort. For more information, please visit <https://secure.kentucky.gov/formservices/Finance/WKYRelief>.

Again, we hope over the coming days and weeks you have time to visit, celebrate or reflect. We wish you all the best and a happy new year.

— Matt Collinsworth, CEO

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL OUR THIMBLE AND FRIENDS FAMILY & MAY YOUR NEW YEAR BE FILLED  
WITH MANY SMILES



Happy New Year!



