

# THIMBLES & FRIENDS QUILTING GUILD

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## It's time to SWAP again!

Our annual holiday party will be December 4. We celebrate the holiday season by having each guild member bring a food item to share in a pot luck. Items may be breakfast or lunch related, hot or cold. As always, paper ware and drinks will be provided. In past years, people have asked for recipes for many of the wonderful goodies we have shared, so you might want to bring copies of your recipe.

December is always a show & tell month. Bring those items you've been working on so we can see what you've been up to!

Also, we will again have a Yankee Swap. If you wish to participate, please bring a quilt-related item of approx. \$20 value, and gift wrapped. The Yankee Swap is always entertaining...don't miss the December meeting!

## **January Meeting a Charity Sew-A-Thon**

Our January meeting will be a sew-a-thon, working on quilts for our charity recipient this year. We will have the library meeting room from 10-4 that day. Bring your lunch or maybe we will make a run to Subway. Jo Fruzetti has volunteered to coordinate our charity project this year. We'll have details available at our December meeting, or you can contact Jo directly to find out what type of quilt you might want to get started on. Also, Claudette Fitzsimmons of Quilter's Delight has offered us some "retired" fabric from her inventory to use for our charity quilts. Linda Newberry is in the process of arranging for pick up of this donation so that it can be available at the December meeting, giving people enough time to plan how they might use it at the January sew-a-thon. The Guild will again provide batting for the charity quilts. In the surveys we did last year, guild members indicated they wanted more guild time to sew together. Here is your chance! Don't miss out on the fun!!!!

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## **QUILT SHOW UPDATE**

The Board would like to thank Wendy Moore, Louise Wilson, and May Lai for their exhaustive report and recommendations for our next quilt show. The Board meeting that was scheduled for November to discuss the report had to be changed due to the weather, but the Board will be discussing the report in the near future. The Board may ask the Guild to take a few minutes before the beginning of our January Charity Workshop to discuss some items that need to be decided soon. In the meantime, keep in mind the type of role you might like to play for our next show, and projects you can work on over the next few months that can go into the show!

## **Mother Nature Necessitates Changes in our Programming**

In an informal survey taken during the snow-chain calling to cancel the November meeting, members indicated that they would prefer to have the November thread workshop rescheduled for the spring rather than during our December 4 holiday party. We will make arrangements to reschedule this workshop for one of the spring meetings and it will be announced at both a future guild meeting and in the next newsletter.

Newsletter Info: Do you have info you would like to share with the Guild, put it in the newsletter. Send to Paula Whalen at [Pjwhalen145@yahoo.com](mailto:Pjwhalen145@yahoo.com). Please feel free to offer any feed back on the newsletter.

Respectfully, Paula J. Whalen, newsletter editor.



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR OUR NEXT RETREAT..... February 11 - 13th

Reservations can now at the Radisson in Plymouth Harbor for the Thimbles and Friends Retreat in February. Call (508) 747-4900 and ask for the Thimble & Friends block, \$80/night, and request the first floor corridor off the conference room (or swimming pool side). We have this rate starting on Thursday evening as many guild members indicated last year that they would like to spend some time on Friday either sewing or traveling down to the Cape shopping. We have the meeting room from 9 AM Friday morning until Sunday afternoon. We will be investigating having someone come during the retreat to give chair massages and manicures/pedicures (guild members will pay for these services if they wish to participate). Several guild members have mentioned that they have foot spas they could bring as well.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** To help defray the cost of the retreat, guild members are being asked to pay \$20.00 towards the 2 meals provided during the weekend (Saturday luncheon and Sunday breakfast). This will be paid in advance (you can pay at the December meeting) and is a package (you can't buy one meal without the other).

### ROUND ROBIN UPDATE

Due to the cancellation of the November meeting due to the whims of Mother Nature, the Round Robin exchange will just be moved back one month. The exchanges were supposed to end with the April meeting, now it will just extend to the May meeting so we will still have an opportunity for each person to end up with the same number of rows.

Sheryl Briggs reports that most participants are very pleased with the Round Robin experience so far, but there have been a couple of things come up that she wishes to share. Some of the Round Robins have blocks in a row that are not exactly 6 inches square. If you receive a project that does not have accurate measurements, it is up to you to make sure that you make your row to fit what you have received. In other words, if the person before you used a fat quarter seam, you should make your row match it so the finished size is the same. If they used a scant quarter inch seam, you should do the same.

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## Officers for 2004 - 2005

Co-Chairs	Secretary
Carolyn Anderson	Linda Newberry
Nancy Moynihan	
Co-Treasurers	Members-at-large
Sandy Brawders	Claudia Cummings
Joyce Hochstrasser	Joanne Fruzzetti
Co-Program Coordinators	Newsletter Editor
Diane Piechowski	Paula Whalen
Wendy Moore	

### Treasurer's report as of 11/19/04:

Bank bal as of 9/1/2004 \$3,935.61

#### Income:

Fat Quarter Raffles	73.00
Guild Pins	20.00
Dues	75.00

#### Expenses:

Fat Quarters	-24.47
NEQM donation	-50.00
Abington Library (annual gift)	-100.00

Bank Balance as of 11/19/04 \$3,929.14

#### Please note:

#### Incoming funds not included above:

Raffle money received at Lowell	\$126.00
Raffle money rec'd at Gathering	347.00
Raffle bank - with raffle quilt	40.00

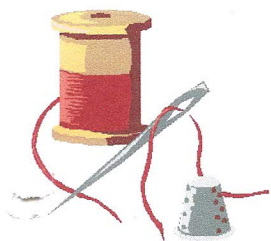
#### Expenses waiting to be paid:

Newsletter	\$25.80
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Respectfully submitted,  
Joyce Hochstrasser

### Round Robin Cont.

One guild member reported receiving a Round Robin that smelled heavily of cigarettes. Sheryl suggests you put a couple of dryer sheets in the box and close the lid, leaving it for a couple of days. This will remove the odor.



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Please mark you calendars!

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| December 4     | Holiday Party                                                                                          |
| January 8      | Marathon Day—Charity workshop                                                                          |
| February 11-13 | Radisson Retreat (check in can begin on Thursday evening. Sewing room available 9 AM on Friday, 2/11.) |
| March 5        | Marathon Day—Workshop on Mini Quilts for show                                                          |
| April 2        | Teach/workshop - rescheduled thread workshop??                                                         |
| May 7          | Annual Dues due, board election, plan for quilt show                                                   |