


Thimbles and Friends Quilt Guild

"News & Notes"

Welcome to the New Millennium!

January 2000

 The Executive Board asked that this mailing go out to inform members who may have missed the last meeting about the January meeting and to let everyone know about upcoming events. There has been much discussion about a monthly newsletter, which can be a time consuming undertaking. We haven't decided yet if this will be a monthly venture (anyone want to volunteer?!); perhaps we can talk about it at an upcoming Guild meeting.


The member questionnaires have been very useful in helping us determine the direction our meetings should go. Some of the plans we've made were taken directly from your suggestions. If you have other ideas for the future, please don't hesitate to share them during the business portions of our meetings. Thimbles & Friends *is* what we make of it.

JANUARY 29 MEETING PLANS

It's a new millennium (or is it? The debate rages on). Whatever the case, let's party! Please bring some refreshment to share (and recipes as well!). If you have leftover holiday paperware, bring it along. Beverages and cups will be provided. We will have a gift exchange. If you want to receive a gift, bring one for the exchange. The gift should be quilting-related and no more than \$20.00.

In addition to the gift exchange, we'll do a block grab. Members are asked to bring five 8 inch squares of fabric (each square should be a different fabric). The squares should be 100% cotton and prewashed. Please put your squares in a brown paper bag so we can't see them. We'll put them all together and then you'll grab a bag and get new squares to add to your stash!

We'll have other announcements for the remainder of our year and "Show & Tell." Bring in your items so we can see what you've been up to!

 **REMINDER: GUILD MEETINGS**
ARE 10:15 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
(unless otherwise specified)

RAFFLE REPORT

Our raffle quilt top raised over \$60.00 at the Gathering in Westford. Plans are currently underway to investigate other opportunities for selling tickets (*please note:* any ideas/suggestions are welcome! Please share during the business portion of our meetings.)

We will be taking polaroid photos of the quilt top that members can take, along with tickets, to sell to friends and relatives. There will be prizes given (1st & 2nd place) for the most tickets sold!!! (pssst, I've seen the first place prize...a heart-shaped Longaberger basket containing sewing notions...it's terrific!!)

Joyce Hochstrasser, Shirley MacLeod, and Sandy Brawders have consented to serve as the quilting committee for the 1999 raffle quilt. Thank you, ladies!

Looking ahead.....

And speaking of our raffle quilt...we are already thinking of what to do for next year so that we'll have plenty of time to work on it. A preliminary pattern has been chosen and a letter has been sent to the designer to ask her permission to use the design. It's a

wonderful design of a woman quilting and contains many opportunities for group involvement.

WE HAD SO MUCH FUN!!! ☺

The first Thimbles & Friends day-long workshop was held on November 27th. Most of us opted for instructor Louise Toler's paper-pieced method of building a house. Louise was her usual wonderful self and we had a blast. Please bring your completed houses (you've got them all done....right???) for the "Show & Tell" in January!

Special thanks to Paula Whalen for organizing the ordering and delivery of our lunch!

☎ Included with this mailing you will find the membership list for the year. If I've made any errors, please let me know and I'll take care of it.

—Thanks,
Linda Newberry, Secretary

REMAINING MEETING SCHEDULE

In addition to our regular agenda items (fat quarter raffle, magazine exchange, show & tell), following are the plans for our remaining meetings:

February 26, 2000

Demonstration on block by block quilting construction by Guild member Karen Bozek. The request for this demo came after Karen shared one of her projects during "show & tell."

March 25, 2000

Wondering how to embellish those terrific houses Louise showed us how to do? Do you have a project that could use a bit of something different? Want to see/learn some silk ribbon embroidery techniques? The demo will include a video on some basic stitches. A

few of our Guild members who do silk ribbon will be able to provide "live" demos as well. A supply list of basic supplies will be available by the February meeting in case you want to give it a try!

April 29, 2000

Calling all UFO's! No, not the kind containing little green men. UFO's are "unfinished objects." Bring your UFO's along to the meeting and spend time working on them.

May 27, 2000

Hand Appliqué with Debbie Zeida. The most requested item on the questionnaires was for instruction on hand appliqué. We've booked Debbie for the May meeting. More information and a supply list will be provided later.

June 24, 2000

Basting Cooperative – many of you indicated on your info forms that you hate to baste. That's usually because you have to do it alone and the only place you have to spread out your quilt is on the floor. During our June meeting we'll put our collective hands to basting...if you have a project you need basted, bring it in. We'll all help each other and get the work done faster and easier. Make certain you bring your top, batting and backing, plus pins, safety pins, tape (if you prefer to tape the back down), etc. Basting is probably the least fun thing about quilting---but by doing it together, it won't be so bad!

Summer Challenge – we want to have a challenge for people to work on over the summer and are looking for a couple of volunteers who would like to put one together for the Guild. If you have questions...let's hear them during our business meeting.

And since it's our last meeting of the year, why not bring along some goodies to share...we can snack while we baste!