



THIMBLES & FRIENDS QUILTING GUILD

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Charity Quilts to Hospice

On Thursday, October 5, Mary Wainfor and Kathy Paiva delivered our charity quilts to Hospice in Taunton. They were, in Kathy's words, "Thrilled with the quilts" and the newspaper took pictures. The quilts were spread out on a table and the staff there looked, touched and "oooohed" and "aaaahhed" over them. Kathy said, "I think they expected something like afghans. When they

looked at certain ones they mentioned a child's name that they thought would like that quilt. It was really touching, because you know that child has a terminal illness. It was sad, but also good to know that we can bring a little joy and comfort to someone in that situation." Kathy added, "The staff there seem so dedicated. I felt really good leaving the quilts there with them."

Dear Members of Thimbles and Friends,

I am delighted beyond words that I won the raffle quilt! I spent this cold, drizzly Columbus Day weekend on the sofa wrapped in my quilt reading and drinking tea—a dream come true.

As one who has tried but just doesn't have the talent*, I appreciate the work you all did on the quilt. It will be used gently because I hope to pass it on to the next generation of my family. Thank you again for giving someone like me the opportunity to own a quilt.

Sincerely,

Chris Hamilton

P.S. Ask Linda about my fish quilt

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A Letter from Hospice Care

Dear Thimbles & Friends Quilt Group:

On behalf of Hospice Care of Greater Taunton, I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to each of you for the lovely selection of hand-made quilts recently presented to our organization. The quilts are just beautiful—you are truly talented individuals! Each of these lovely quilts will be given to a hospice patient as you requested throughout the upcoming holiday season on behalf of your talented group and in memory of quilts designed as a tribute to your loved ones.

Historically, a quilt was made by a group of people. The process of quilt making was a time for community, socializing and sharing opinions and emotions. Quilts were made for special occasions, and just as quilts were given to celebrate birth of a newborn, they were also made to memorialize a loved one.

Quilts, like hospice care, wrap us in love and remind us that life is a precious gift. Your quilts will wrap our hospice patients in love and ultimately become a lasting gift to families as a keepsake of their loved ones. Thank you again for your generosity and your kindness.

Sincerely,

Linda M. Silva

Coordinator of Volunteer Services



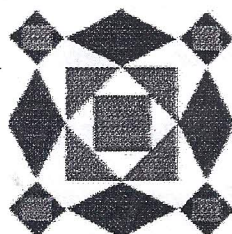


CHARITY QUILTS FOR 2001

Tips

When buying fabric, pick small scale prints, plaids, and checks to go with the floral and novelty prints you have in your stash.

Buy different styles as well as colors. Try viewing fabric through a reducing glass, and see it in a new way.



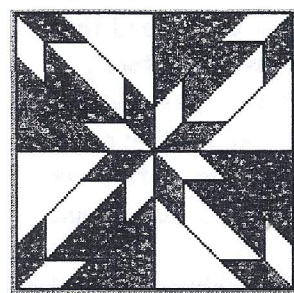
We're happy to announce that a recipient has been selected for this year's crop of charity quilts. We will be donating our work this year to the Abington Police Department. They will vacuum seal the quilts and put them in the trunks of their cruisers to have on hand in case of emergency. Once again, quilts can be made for any age range or gender and from crib to twin size. We hope to coordinate a presentation of the quilts to the Abington

Police Department. They will vacuum seal the quilts and put them in the trunks of their cruisers to have on hand in case of emergency. Once again, quilts can be made for any age range or gender and from crib to twin size. We hope to coordinate a presentation of the quilts to the Police Department at our quilt show next October. We challenge each guild member to make at least one charity quilt during this year for this purpose and we will

collect them at our meeting in September.

Please label each quilt as follows:

Presented by Thimbles and Friends Quilt Guild, Abington, MA, September 2000, Made by (your name).



Members Favorite Websites

QUILT SHOW 2001

We are progressing with plans for the Quilt Show October 13 & 14.

The theme of the show is "Quilts we Love, Old and New." The deadline for vendor reservations is approaching and we will see if we have enough vendors committed to cover the costs of the rental of the facilities, which will be a determining factor in whether or not we proceed with our plans. We've had a good response so far, but still have a few spaces available. If you have a favorite quilt store you might inquire with them whether or not they are interested in vending at our show. Linda New-

berry is the vendor coordinator and she will be happy to send them an invitation to vend.

During the business portion of our February meeting we will be discussing the quilt show in depth, sharing some of the plans we have made and soliciting ideas, etc. We will also review the various job areas and what each entails and how we will go about coordinating everything. This is an excellent opportunity to ask any questions you have, brainstorm ideas, etc.

Nancy Monihan - www.connectingthreads.com

Diane Piechowski - www.thebestkeptsecret.com

Linda Newberry - www.quiltworks.com

Joyce Hochstrasser - www.grandmasatticquilting.com

Paula Whalen - www.quilterscache.com

Thanks girls for sharing with us

**MORE IMPORTANT REASONS
TO BUY FABRIC:**

- I'm participating in a contest — the one who dies with the most fabric wins.
- It keeps without refrigeration, you don't have to cook to enjoy it, you never have to feed it, change it, wipe it's nose or walk it.

\$\$ MONEY REPORT \$\$

Treasure's Report
On
September 2000 Raffle Quilt

Gross Receipts	\$ 1277.00
Less Expenses:	
Fabric	\$ 136.03
Admin. Costs	109.87
(Tickets, copies, etc.)	
Prize-Basket	<u>75.00</u> <u>320.90</u>
Net Receipts/Net Profit	\$ 956.10
Summary of Sales:	
Westford Gathering	\$ 61.00
Crosstown Quilt Show	217.00
Lowell Quilt Show	200.00
May Lai	88.00
Linda Newberry	186.00
All other member sales	<u>525.00</u>
	1277.00

(Average—20 tickets sold
per member)

Congratulations to Linda Newberry—winner of
the Basket for selling the most tickets.

Respectfully submitted by:
Kathy Paiva, Treasurer

Raffle Quilt for "2002"

In getting a head start for next year, our March meeting will be a working meeting where members will be asked to make a 4 1/2 inch (finished size, unfinished 5 inches) squares to go into a sampler quilt that will be our raffle for next year. We want to work on this early so that we can plan to have it quilted by the time for the Westford Show in November.

We have chosen a color scheme of beiges, navy blues and deep red. The guild will buy the beiges and members will be asked to contribute the blue and red. We will have samples at the January meeting to show the type of colors we are looking for. Each member will be asked to make at least 3 blocks for this project...by working together we can make the work go faster and no few people will be stuck doing everything!

The blocks can be hand or ma-

chine pieced and any design you choose. We'll have some ideas to share at the March meeting, including paper pieced patterns, if you're having trouble deciding on a block.

Precision will be essential...it's vital to make certain that your blocks are **EXACTLY** 5 inches square in order to make a 4 1/2 inch finished size.

January Meeting

We will again have a "Yankee Swap" at the January 27th meeting. If you wish to participate please bring your gift wrapped item, which is quilt related and should be a \$20.00 limit. We will also have a potluck lunch, so bring your goodies to share.

THIMBLE & FRIENDS SHIRTS ARE NOW AVAILABLE

The Executive Board for the Guild thought it would be fun to have shirts with a Thimbles & Friends logo of a pieced heart and the Guild name. Claudia Cummings has graciously agreed to embroider denim shirts for us at cost. Thanks, Claudia! We don't want to take advantage of this generous offer, so we're asking that those of you who want to order a shirt please limit your order to one. The shirts are high quality and moderately priced...we will have specific information on them, including price and sizes, at the January meeting. For those who are afraid to order through a catalog, you may provide your own shirt. At the February meeting we'll have an order sheet ready. Anyone wanting to order a shirt should have CASH payment at that time. We are asking you to pay cash as this will speed the process of getting the shirts ordered and produced. If you have any questions, please bring them to the January meeting!

MEETING SCHEDULE:

January 27, 2001 - Post-holidays party and gift exchange - Bring a quilt related gift (\$20 max.) for a Yankee Swap and something yummy to share. - Announcement of Challenge Quilt

February 24, 2001 - Show & tell - " I Love" Bring something for show & tell you particularly like....a technique, a quilting tool, a new pattern, etc. - Discussion of Quilt Show plans - Challenge fabric due and distributed

March 31, 2001 - Group working on Raffle Quilt for 2001

April 28, 2001 - Stencil workshop - Michele Hoover

May 26, 2001 - Trap unto workshop with Elizabeth Lyness

June 30, 2001 - Auction (start compiling those unfinished projects, old books and magazines, etc. Challenge due.

NEWSLETTER INFO

Quilt squares
taken from:
[http://www.
quilterscache.
com](http://www.quilterscache.com)

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 one more issue this year in April. Please feel free to give Paula Whalen the information or send it to her via e-mail at pjwhalen@bellatlantic.net, 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?