



Thimbles & Friends Quilt Guild Newsletter

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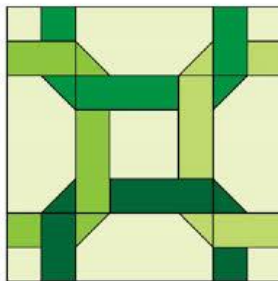
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<http://www.thimblesandfriendsquiltguild.org>

Newsletter Note: Just click on the picture of any quilt to see the Web page it came from. Or BLUE word.

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.

March 5 th	TBD
April 2 nd	TBD
May 7 th	TBD



From the Chair

What an inspiring, fun and exciting with firefighters!) Retreat. It was so good to see the faces of everyone and enjoy time sewing together. I especially enjoyed walking around the room and seeing what projects my quilt friends had brought.

I have good news - I have signed the contract for next year's retreat. It will be February 9-12, 2023. And the room rate for the sleeping rooms will remain the same. With luck the Bistro will be open next year.

We do need a fun committee for next year - please be thinking about it. It's a great way to get to know our fellow quilters better.

I look forward to our next meeting, March 4th and to the show and tell of finished projects or WIP's (works in progress)

- Wendy Moore

From the Raffle committee

. Ladies, you did a fabulous job of meeting the challenge of making blocks for our raffle quilt, as you can tell from all the photos Taryen took at our retreat. We have enough blocks for two quilts, and more! What a huge sampling of styles, patterns, and talent!

Thank you all! I'm not as organized as Shirley or Joyce, or I'd have made a list of everyone who made blocks as they got turned in....so make sure I have your name for our drawing!

With fabric from Wendy Moore's attic shop, I have the winter blues quilt ready to go to the long arm that Barbara White knows. Now on to the challenge of the red and green one.

Thank you again!

- Diane and Claudia



From the Secretary

Thank you to Pat and Linda for the blocks for the quilt show!

So far we have 101 blocks so keep up the good work. I will bring more of the white fabric to the next meeting. Keep up the good work because at the last show we made almost \$200!

Piece.

- Sue-Ellen

March 5th Programming

We are looking for three volunteers for the Retreat next year... Dates will be: February 9, 10, 11 & 12, 2023 at the 1620 Hotel. We do have a suggestion for the theme for next year if you need help.

Joyce, Sheryl, Shirley & Sue Warchal will be doing the retreat in 2024 – as it will be 25 years and we have some ideas.

The March 5th meeting will be SHOW & TELL. No need to bring your machines. Bring all the quilts you did at the retreat. Shirley will have some samples of charity quilts for baby & isolettes. She also will have a few kits available. They need quilts for men. I know we do a lot of kids. So go thru your stash. I saw a “Trip Around the World” quilt that Eleanor Burns just did using plaids & solids. It looks amazing. You can find it on YouTube

Thank you to everyone that attended the Retreat. I think we all had a great time. I have spoken to the Hat Lady since the retreat, and she thought we were a great bunch of ladies. She really enjoyed the time she spent with us.

Also, I wanted to thank Sue Warchal for being the hostess at the Retreat, she did a GREAT job. She is the BEST in my book.

- Sheryl

Ugly Quilt Fabric? - What To Do With It!

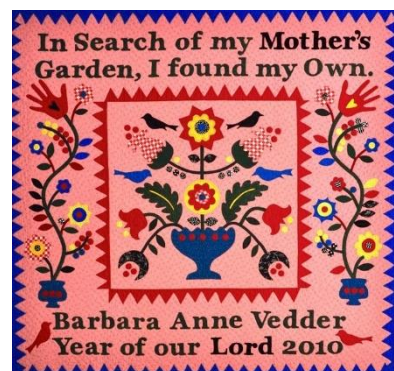
Have you ever gotten home with some new fabric only to see that it matches NOTHING in your house? Have you been gifted some fabric that you would never have purchased?



Check out NEQM calendar for upcoming events

BARB VEDDER: MY LIFE IN QUILTS

On View January 28 through April 9, 2022





A few people are already hooked on these books, but I just started using the patterns since acquiring yardage from Wendy's "2nd Floor Quilt Shop". I highly recommend, if you need ideas for quick quilts that take 3 yards of fabric to make a quilt top, check out Donna Robertson's books at Fabric Cafe. She has "Pretty Darn Quick" and "Easy Peasy" books. Simple to follow and they come out beautiful!

I made four 3yard quilt tops while at the retreat. There are lots of pattern choices available as well as instructions on how to make different size quilts and those are included with each pattern.

- Joyce

Joyce, I am glad you are making the 3 yard quilts, as I am sure you remember, we have been making 3 yard "kits" since Jonathan started giving us the fabric. With this current load of fabric, Joanne Cummings has helped to make about 10 more of the 3 yard kits. Sheryl, Sue-Ellen, Sarah and I all have books if anyone wishes to borrow them.

Don't worry, there is still plenty of fabric if you want to make your own kits from the upstairs quilt shop! Also lots of yardage for backing.

I am so glad we have such creative members.

- Wendy M

I have 3 of the 3 yard quilt books. If anyone is looking for a certain pattern, please let me know.

As far as the retreat and pictures all I can say is WOW!!! I had so much fun and being together with all my "sisters" was just Awesome!

- Sue-Ellen



I found an interesting YouTube video from Just Get It Done quilts, Karen Brown. Her topic is: "Leaking Irons: 8 ways to prevent water from leaking from your steam iron"

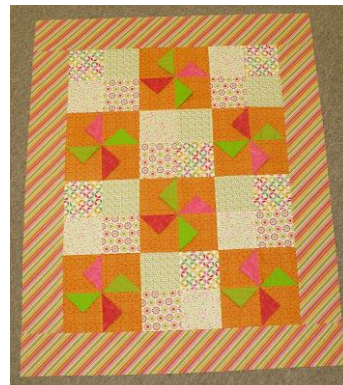


I've been ironing for years but learned a few tips I didn't know. Thought I would share. Check it out on YouTube.

- Joyce

[Borders 101: A flat quilt is a happy quilt](#)

Click to learn the correct [border](#) technique



The many wonderful benefits of Distilled White Vinegar!



Growing up, a gallon of distilled white vinegar was always a staple in my mother's sewing studio. She taught me that there are so many uses for this inexpensive, versatile and effective product. I have found it is a good item to have on hand. Here are just some of the many uses:

Set color in fabric: Use vinegar to keep bright/dark colored fabric from running. It also makes the colors stay brighter. For pre-cut pieces, soak them in white vinegar in a basin or sink (I add a color catcher) for around an hour. Rinse several times in cool water, and let dry on a rack. This is where the old indoor clothes drying rack comes in very handy. Press with a hot iron before using. If you have yardage, you can add white vinegar into the soak cycle of your washing machine (w/ color catcher). Again, rinse well. If there is still some dye

color in the rinse water, repeat above. Only spin dry on delicate - dryer setting on delicate also. Remove when still slightly damp and iron. (This works very well and is less caustic than chemical treatments that can harm your septic system - been there/done that.)

Setting the color in new clothing: Soak new colored clothes in 1 c vinegar and water to cover for about 30 minutes before laundering them. (I use this all the time and it has kept my bright colors bright and my black clothing from becoming a dingy dark grey.)

Scissor Cleaning: If your scissor blades get sticky or gummy, wipe the blades down with a cloth dipped in full-strength white vinegar, and then dry it off with a rag or dish towel. Do not soak in vinegar, only use it to wipe the surface.

Iron Cleaning: Sometimes hard water minerals or water treatment chemicals can build up within the water chamber. If this happens and your steam chambers are clogged, add a 1/4 c vinegar to a 1/2 c of water. Fill the iron reservoir with this mixture and turn the iron to its highest steam setting. When fully hot, iron with full steam, on an old towel or thick cloth. Do this until all the water mixture is used. Once the iron is cool, fill and empty the reservoir with clean water a few times to rinse all residue away. If your iron only needs exterior cleaning, wipe the soleplate of your iron with a cloth dipped in full-strength white vinegar, and then dry it off with a rag or dish towel.

Stop static cling. Add ½ c. of white distilled vinegar to your wash cycle. The acid reduces static and keeps dryer lint from sticking to your clothes.

Mildew Smell: Get rid of that mildew smell from clothes. If you forget about a load of laundry in the washer overnight., or have damp items in a gym/yoga bag, don't worry. Just wash with (1/2 c to 1 c depending on the size of the load) white vinegar added to your laundry soap. Rinse well.

Clothing Stains: To remove light underarm stains or deodorant stains, rub gently with vinegar with a clean cloth. Let it sit for a little while. Use it again if necessary. Vinegar also works well for removing stains like mustard, ketchup, tomato sauce, and grass. Spray a little white vinegar onto the stain before laundering. Soaking whites in vinegar will help bring back their whiteness. It also works as a fabric conditioner so towels come out fluffy without chemical softener.

Wine Stains: Use vinegar to remove wine stains. The sooner you treat the stain, the better. Use a sponge of white vinegar directly onto the area until the stain disappears. Make sure not to put something to blot the stain from going into the other side of the item if it is clothing. Wash as usual.

Remove Wax or Crayon Marks: If you get melted candle wax on your wood furniture or floors, just gently wipe it away with a cloth soaked in a solution of equal parts white vinegar and water. If your kids get crayon marks on the walls or floor, dip a toothbrush in white vinegar and gently scrub. The vinegar breaks down the wax, making for an inexpensive, nontoxic way to clean up after children.

Dishwasher Residue: Pour a small amount of white vinegar into the rinse-aid dispenser of your dishwasher. It will help keep your glasses and cutlery free of smears and streaks.



VINEGAR DON'Ts

Never add vinegar to chlorine bleach; it will create noxious chlorine gas, a potentially deadly compound.

Never use it on an electronic screen such as a [computer](#), [smartphone](#), [tablet](#), [TV](#), or computerized sewing/embroidery machine screens.

Do not use vinegar on marble or other stone surfaces. The acid in vinegar (and lemon and wine) can permanently damage these surfaces.

Do not use on waxed or antique varnished furniture or hardwood flooring, as it can take away the finish.

Do not use to remove egg stains. The acidity of the vinegar will only stiffen the egg (much like adding vinegar to the water to poach eggs), making it more difficult to remove.

Do not use to clean rubber gaskets or pictures including the inside of your fridge, dryer, or other appliances. The acid in vinegar makes the rubber degrade over time.

- *Wendy Moore*