



Thimbles & Friends Quilt Guild Newsletter

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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.

Newsletter Submissions

All guild members are encouraged to submit articles for this newsletter. Share an interesting article, picture cartoon, own story etc. Add your thoughts and please provide the source or web address. If you like it, we will, too! If the newsletter is published that month, we will save your article for a future publication.

- Taryen, Wendy F., Deborah

Meeting Dates

Here is the meeting information for our remaining guild year.
Meeting times are 10:15 AM – 2 PM.

Nov 5th	Fidget Quilt Demo-Taryen
Dec 3rd	HOLIDAY PARTY
Jan 7th	Charity Cutting Workshop
Jan 28th	X ruler Demo
Feb 9-12	RETREAT
March 4th	WIP workshop
April 1st	Speaker
May 6th	Tea Party



From the Chair

I am always amazed at how the women of this guild work so well together. This was a beautiful quilt show with incredible quilts, every pew was different with the personality and expertise of each quilt artist. One of our newest members was very impressed that the whole group of us became worker bees and the whole show came together like magic.

We are still formulating our costs and profit from the show, and it will be given by Barbara W. at our December meeting. Also, the amounts that we donated to the Ukrainian UNICEF.

There was talk during the show of possibly having our show every year. Think about this prospect and we will discuss it at our December meeting. And we still have the flannel top for a raffle quilt if necessary. This was supposed to be the backing of the blue quilt. Diane Piechowski did a beautiful job piecing it.

I have so much to be thankful for with our awesome guild!

- Wendy M.

Wendy also has a roll of unopened high loft poly batting that was donated to the guild, up for grabs. It is 72"x90".

Programming

I'd like to thank everyone for donating to the raffle baskets. Looks like they were a hit. A BIG thank you to Sue Warchal for all the work she did putting them together & transporting them to the show. We made on last count \$388 on the tickets. Awesome job everyone!!!

I also want to send a BIG thank you to Claudia Cummings for arranging the church, moving tables, chairs etc and then making sure that we put everything back the way we found it.

And lastly thank you to the church ladies that provided a delicious lunch for us again. Great job ladies

- Sheryl B.





2022 Thimbles Quilt Show

Wow! What a fabulous quilt show! They say it takes a village and this Guild certainly is a wonderful one! Thank you from the quilt committee for everyone's help and enthusiasm. The baskets for the raffle were fantastic, thank you to everyone for contributing to them. Thank you for all of you who made squares for the buck a block table. Of over 200 squares we only had 27 left!

The raffle quilts were beautiful and again a group effort. Congratulations to Erin's son for winning the Christmas one!

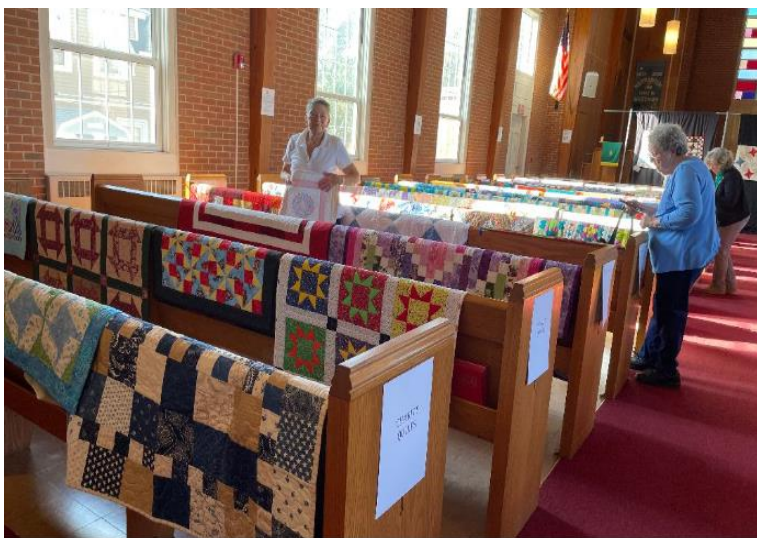
The boutique and the yard sale table were unbelievable! All the items especially all of the fabric were great.

I have spoken to many of the quilters who came, and they all had wonderful things to say about the show and especially about the friendliness of all of the Guild members.

Again, thank you. We can't wait for the next one!

- Sue- Ellen, Wendy Foley, Barbara White, Wendy Moore and Sue Warchel

****Deb White found a Toyota key on the bottom of a bag, that she believes came from the Boutique room. It has a carabiner and a sewing maching tag attached..****



Upcoming Quilt Shows

Concord Piecemakers Quilt Guild

2022 Quilt Show



2022 Raffle Quilt

Guild members have been busy since our 2019 show. View our quilts and wearables, shop the Vendors including our CPM shop for books, magazines, fabric and yarn, plus the Members' Boutique for gifts. See quilting demonstrations, buy nickel squares and our famous cookie tins.

Friday, November 4, 9AM-6PM

Saturday, November 5, 9AM-4PM

Admission \$10.00 (12 and older) – Masks per current guidelines

St. Matthew's United Methodist Church

435 Central St. Acton, MA

www.concordpiecemakers.org

Cape Cod Quilters New Beginnings Quilt Show – S. Yarmouth, MA



Nov 12-Nov 13 @ 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

November 12 & 13, 2022 Saturday: 9am-4pm, Sunday: 12pm-3pm Over 100

Quilts and Fibers, Challenging the Boundaries – Boston, MA



Nov 16-Jan 13 @ 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

November 16 to January 13, 2023 Gallery Hours: Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, 10 am – 2 pm. call to confirm Reception Friday, December 2, 7-8:30 PM

What To Do With An Ugly Quilt

On occasion, we are commissioned to complete a project to specifications that are, well, against our artistic sensibilities. Possibly you have swapped UFOs, and stayed awake a few nights wondering, how on earth will you make this work? Likely you have inherited an unfinished heirloom quilt, and when you attempt to complete it, you find wonky blocks and missing yardage. In other words, is there any way to save an ugly quilt?

Before you stuff that hot mess in the back of a closet for another quilter to discover and despair over in coming generations, try these 6 quick fixes to turn a hopeless quilt into a happy masterpiece:

Up The Art

1) Finish your ugly quilt with an extra large [border](#). Like 10"-12" large.

It's a psychological trick. Whenever we see things "framed," we feel they are art. Make sure there is lots of contrast and little decoration in the large [border](#) and it will transform your questionable quilt into a work of art.

2) Randomly spray baste blocks onto a [backing](#).

You can [applique](#) them in place, or skip that and just quilt over everything. Now your scary quilt blocks are modern installations! This is especially effective when blocks are truncated running off the edge of the quilt.

Add Visual Interest

3) Make it a [Crazy Patch](#) quilt.

Cover every seam with decorative stitches in different thread colors. You can even get carried away with buttons and yo-yos. Go for it!

4) 9-Patch the whole [quilt top](#).

You heard me. Cut up the finished top into 9 even squares. Recombine them with [sashing](#) and embrace the mystery of what you have salvaged.

Repurpose

5) Create a Set

When things are grouped together, they look like a collection. Instead of making one ugly quilt, turn it into a table runner and place mats. Or a set of pillow shams. How about appliance covers? Now that ugly quilt has a happy place of pride as a curated set.

6) Charm It

As a last resort, cut the thing into 5" squares and make something new. Use the newly minted "random [piecing](#)" as the focus fabric in a two color pattern. You'll still be able to admire the vintage fabrics and (ahem) workmanship, alive and well in something new, beautiful and still useful.

