



# Thimbles & Friends Quilt Guild Newsletter

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## Guild Website

<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.

Sep 17th	Our 1 <sup>st</sup> meeting
Oct 1st	
Oct 22nd	QUILT SHOW
Nov 5th	
Dec 3rd	HOLIDAY PARTY
Jan 7th	
Jan 28th	
Feb 9-12	RETREAT details below
March 4th	
April 1st	
May 6th	





**Title From the Chairman**

**Reminder!!!! Meeting is September 17 as the Library has a conflict on the 10th.**

Welcome back everyone! We have a full lineup for the September meeting. We will be hearing what the **Quilt Show Committee** has in store for us from setup to registration of quilts, to boutique. And the **Program Committee** has some interesting workshops planned. As a side note - you can always request a workshop you would like to have by relaying the information to Sheryl Briggs or Joyce Hoschstrasser.

We would like to know what you may have been working on this summer, we will have a *show and tell*. I have been in a sling from shoulder surgery and will be for a longer time then I have patience, but I do have several charity quilts as I can sew on binding.

There will be bills to pay - our annual membership for the Quilt Museum is due- it's a wonderful way to support our craft.

I look forward to seeing everyone again.

- Wendy Moore

**From Membership and Hospitality**

**MEMBERSHIP UPDATE**

- Our guild currently has 30 members. We have a new member, Deborah White.
- **WELCOME Deborah!** I'm sorry to say that two members have resigned: Maureen Savoie and Jane Smith. If you are one of the three members that has not yet sent in your dues, please either mail a check for \$35 to Barbara White, 45 Carleton St., Whitman, MA 02382 or bring it with you to the first meeting on September 17<sup>th</sup>.
- Phyllis Barry



**RAFFLE TICKETS**

I still have plenty of raffle tickets available for members to sell. I will bring them to the meeting on September 17<sup>th</sup>. Please bring the stubs for any that you have already sold. The money collected should go to either **Barbara White** or **Julia Blanchard**.

- Phyllis Barry

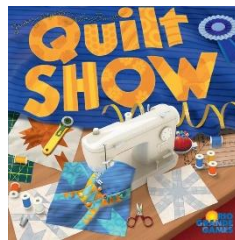


## **Programing**

First..... Joanne Fruzzetti has moved to Assisted Living. Her new address is 160 Grove St Unit 108, Braintree MA 02184. We told her that we are sending her to "Grannie Collage". She officially moved in on August 1st and has made the transition. She is loving it. She gets three meals a day served to her, they clean her apartment every day and empty her trash. She is winning playing BINGO (That's her favorite along with the concerts twice a week). She is busy from morning to evening. We need to make an appointment to see her now. Best time to call her is between 6 - 8 PM. She will be attending the meeting only if it doesn't interfere with BINGO. She's funny. Feel free to send her a card or a note, she doesn't get much mail.

Programming..... We are working on programing, so we will have more information to come. Sue Warchal has something special for September and the October meeting will be all Quilt Show. Sorry we don't have more information at this time. We have been working all summer emptying out Jo's house. His home is going on the Market the second week in September. We have missed the Summer with all the work we have been doing. See you at the September meeting.

- Sheryl Briggs



## **2022 Thimbles Quilt Show**



"Calling all Thimbles & Friends quilters! Have you finished your quilts for our upcoming show? The quilt show entry form for our 2022 show is in an attachment sent with this newsletter. Please complete and bring to the September guild meeting. The process is a bit different for this show as I am collecting only the paper or emailed copies of the entry forms at the September guild meeting. Then I will collect the actual quilts on set-up day. The other piece that you need to know is that Barbara Graceffa will be collecting emailed descriptions of your quilts so that she can complete the show signage. Please email the descriptions to her.

Email for Barbara G. [secretary\\_of\\_the\\_interior@yahoo.com](mailto:secretary_of_the_interior@yahoo.com)

When you drop off the quilt on set-up day, you will sign your entry form. Then, when you pick-up your quilts on quilt show day after the show has closed, you will be asked to sign the bottom of the sheet to confirm that your quilts have been returned to you. We are filling all the church pews with your beautiful quilts so finish your quilts, add a label on the back of your quilts and complete the entry form. I can't wait to see all the lovely quilts on set-up day! Please contact me if you have any questions. Joyce Hochstrasser, cell 508-345-7193 or email [thequiltedclock@comcast.net](mailto:thequiltedclock@comcast.net). **Thanks!"**

**Summary: Forms are due by September guild meeting. The descriptions are to be emailed to Barbara Graceffa by October.**

- Joyce





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We hope everyone has had a great summer. It certainly has been a hot and sunny one!

The quilt show is less than two months away. We hope you all have had time to do some quilting and making items to sell at the Show.

We will be passing around a sign-up list at the September meeting for the Show.

Remember this is our Show so we need everyone to help.

Sue-Ellen, Wendy F, Barbara W., Wendy M, and Sue Warchel

In addition to boutique items for quilt show, we will have a dedicated 'yard sale' table where you can donate your gently used sewing/ quilting notions. For example, rulers, threads, measuring tape, thimbles, pin cushions, etc. Weather permitting, this table will be setup outside of building at entrance.

- Susan M



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## **RETREAT**

So Exciting ....

Our retreat dates are as follows with Thursday 2/9 is an optional day. Friday 2/10, Saturday 2/11 and ending on Sunday 2/12/2023



**Cost** 80.00 includes our sewing room, food (one lunch and a pick of one other option to be voted on). And fees.

The lunch is a congregate lunch. We will **all** eat together.

**Deposit** of 50.00 is due at our October 1<sup>st</sup> meeting, The remainder will be due at our December 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting.

Room rates are **approximately** 140.00 including tax. Everyone will need to make their own room reservation. A **code** will be available at the October meeting: to get the Thimbles and Friends specials rate.

Wendy M will have a sign-up sheet when you give your October the deposit. This is for providing whom you are rooming with. If anyone -or having a single room. This is need for safety info. for the hotel.





## **What have we been up to**

### **Summer 2022**

It started off with a memorable trip to Universal Studio's and Disney with my daughter and the grandchildren, what a wonderful time we had. It was amazing!

Then the wait game for our move, and waiting has been a challenge.

Most of the time I was able to keep myself busy and occupied by either sewing, packing and I even refinished my old Singer sewing machine cabinet while discovering I absolutely loved doing. So, I had to paint anything I could get my hands on. Amazing what old stuff looks like with fresh paint. Getting ideas for MY SEWING ROOM, but mostly dreaming about it.

The harder days I can count on one hand, but that's when you really get to know yourself better and how to be grateful for what you already have.

Our tiny home in Whitman looks like a packaging site, boxes in every corner marked which room it will occupy. Trips to Salvation Army for unwanted items, The Bag in the driveway filled with unwanted, non-repurpose items. Close neighbors sharing how they will miss us, hiring a mover and painter. A great treat was having Stephen get his train set from 1966 down from the attic and running.

As of today 8/30, we have 25 more days and another box or two to pack.

- Janice



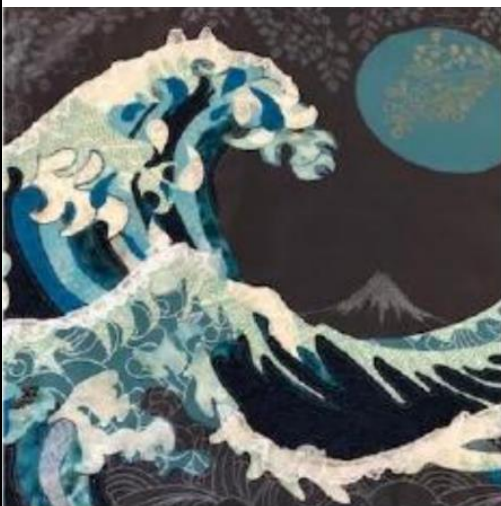
### **Exciting Plans**

Barbara Graceffa will present more than 20 art quilts at a solo exhibit during the month of September at the Milton Public Library, located at 476 Canton Avenue. **She invites you to an artist's reception on Wednesday evening, September 14 from 6-8 pm.**

#### **Decorator and Quilt Artist Barbara Graceffa**

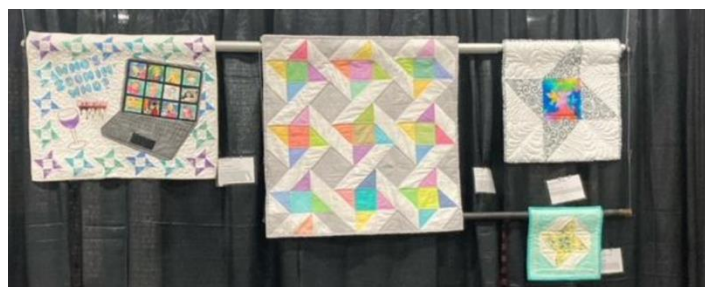
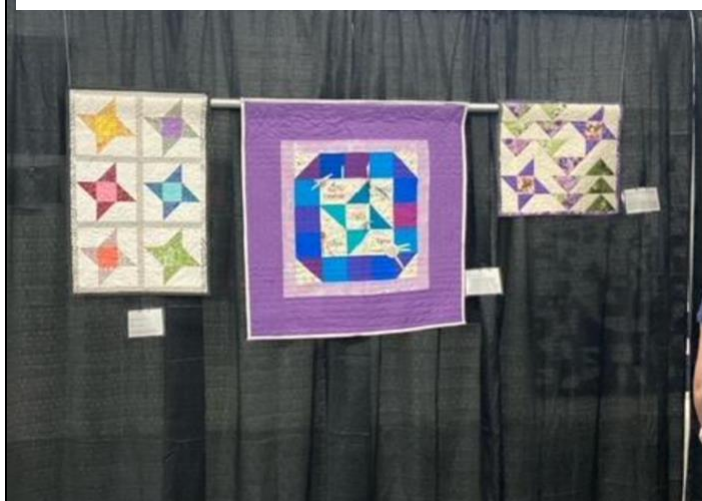
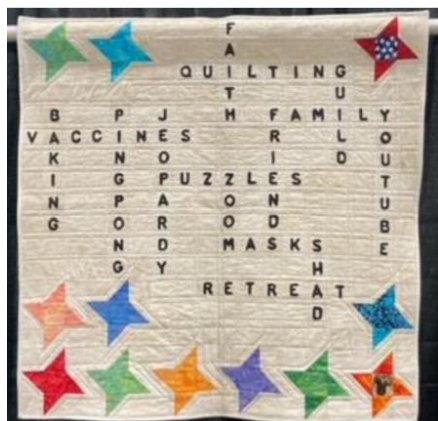
Be inspired by Secretary of the Interior Barbara Graceffa, a member of the New England Quilt Museum's Teachers Group, as she shares her expertise and showcases her innovative and artistic quilts to demonstrate her lecture's lessons. Practicing the art of quilting for more than 40 years, she is an award-winning quilter and teacher and is preparing for her third solo exhibit in September 2022. Most presentations can be done in person or via Zoom.

SEE THE ATTACHMENT SENT WITH THIS NEWSLETTER EMAIL FOR MORE INFORMATION AND FANTACTIC PICTURES OF THE QUILTS



## QUILTFEST New England 2022

Our guilds Quilts hanging in the show.  
Thank you, Kim and all who help.





### **July 1, 1854 Patent Office Rules in Favor of Elias Howe**

[On this day in 1854](#), the battle ended over who owned the patent for the first sewing machine. A federal commission ruled that the patent held by Elias Howe of Cambridge was valid and ordered all other sewing machine makers to pay him royalties. The tide had turned in the long "sewing machine war," and in the fortunes of Elias Howe. As the sales of sewing machines exploded, he went from poverty to wealth. Ironically, however, it is Isaac Singer, one of the men on the losing side of the case, who is most closely associated with the invention of the sewing machine. It was Singer, working in a Boston shop, who made improvements to Howe's design that resulted in a commercially viable machine. In the summer of 1846 Elias Howe packed up a model of his new invention and traveled from Cambridge to Washington, D.C. On September 10<sup>th</sup>, he was granted a patent for the first two-thread lock-stitch sewing machine.

