

# THIMBL & FRIENDS QUILTING GUILD



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## Dear Friends,

Well, here we come dashing madly into our third year as Thimbles and Friends Quilt Guild. We use the term "dashing madly" because, I don't know about you, but that's what it feels like to us! With our first (? annual) quilt show looming large in front of us in October we know those sewing machines out there are burning rubber to get things completed. Our fingers have become human pincushions and panic is about to take hold as we realize that the show is only eight weeks away! aaaaahhhhhh!!!!!!

But..... let us put the show aside for a moment, take a breath and reflect on the past year as we go forward. Nancy and I are pleased that we will be back with you as your chairs for the meetings. We are looking forward to a productive as well as a fun-filled year of new techniques, new challenges and new friends. I am always amazed at what we can accomplish when we work together. Our raffle quilts have been beautiful and well received with this year being no exception. We will be at "The Gathering" again this year selling raffle tickets so we'll be looking for volunteers soon. We are looking forward to the presentation of our charity quilts to the Abington Police Department this year and are actively planning next years charity donation. Last years Challenge was completed by more than half the guild members and our workshops are well attended, a fact that sometimes amazes the instructors. Attendance at meetings has been excellent which says to us that they are enjoyable as well as informative.

The board is in the process of putting together this coming years final program schedule. The surveys done at the end of the last year have proven very useful in that planning. We are always looking for new things to keep you interested as well as those old standbys that are just plain fun. In fact just last week Linda Newberry and I were at the Bayberry Quilt Show.....did I say Quilt Show.....Oh my God.... there's only eight weeks left.....moment over.....aaaaaaahhhhhhhhh!!!!!!

Carolyn Anderson

Nancy Moynihan

## Checklist for the September meeting:

1. Charity quilts
2. Challenge quilts
3. Mini-quilts for the auction ( 24 in. sq. MAX.)
4. Tag sale/boutique items or a list of items for the organizers
5. Extra plastic/paper bags for the boutique
6. \$25. Annual membership dues
7. "What I did on my summer vacation" show & tell items

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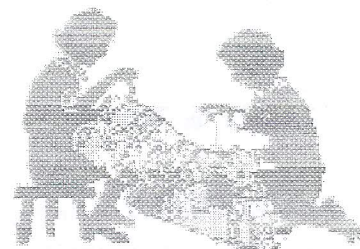
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### Officers for 2001-2002 and 2002-2003

Co -Chairs	Newsletter Editor
Carolyn Anderson	Paula Whalen
Nancy Moynihan	
	Secretary
Co-Treasurers	Linda Newberry
Sandy Brawders	
Joyce Hochstrasser	Members-at-large
	Karen Bozek
Co-Program Coordinators	Claudia Cummings
Pat Kriensky	
Diane Piechowski	

### MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL REMINDER

Our annual membership dues will be collected at the September and October meetings. Membership this year will again be \$25.00. We currently have a waiting list of people who are interested in membership for the coming year.

We hope that all current members will want to rejoin, but if for some reason you can't join us again this year, please let us know.

### A SPECIAL WORD OF THANKS

Although we wouldn't necessarily think of them as "retiring personalities," Kathy Paiva and Mary Wainfor are retiring from their role as our treasurers after 2 years of wonderful and exhaustive service. Joyce Hochstrasser and Sandy Brawders will be taking over those chores in the coming few months. We want to say a special thank you to Kathy and Mary who have guided us through the financial ins and outs of our fledgling years as a Guild and taken with great cheerfulness our kidding over their careful guardianship of our money!

We love ya, Ladies!!!

### "CARRY & TOTE"

We are URGENTLY looking for youth groups interested in providing community service who can help us "carry & tote" on Friday evening during set up and late on Sunday afternoon during take down. If you know of a scout troop, church group, etc. that we could contact for this purpose, please let Linda Newberry know (781-447-8512)

### Meeting Schedule for 2001-02

Our first meeting of the year will be on Saturday, September 8. This also the beginning of soccer season at the Abington High School so there will be a lot of people in the area that morning. However, the Board has decided to maintain our regular meeting time of 10:15-12:30.

Please check back page for additional meeting dates. Please note that, except for the September date, these are the FIRST Saturday of the month.

Plans are underway for our programming for the coming year. The questionnaires you filled out will be helpful to the Board in deciding what activities we will sponsor. In addition, if you have any ideas or suggestions, please let us know! Included in the plans for this year is a trunk show, our annual gift exchange, and we will again adopt a charity to receive quilts.



## QUILT ENTRY INFO

If you are interested in entering a quilt in the upcoming October 2001 Thimbles and Friends Quilt Show, the deadline is rapidly approaching. Please have your Quilt Entry form and quilt photo along with a one-line description of your entry that will appear in the show book to me no later than **August 25, 2001** so that I can compile this information for quilt signage and the show book. Please also include a longer (several lines) description that will be on the sign attached to the quilt at the show. This way, the show book editors don't have to edit your text for the show book. If you are still working on a quilt that you would like to enter and you cannot provide a photo at this time, please be specific on the dimensions of the quilt so that we can be sure to allow enough room to display it properly. Also, please be sure to include a 5" sleeve on the back of your quilt for hanging on the quilt racks. If you do not want to hang your quilt (due to age, condition, etc. of the quilt) we will also be having a bed quilt display with periodic quilt turning throughout the show. Please be sure to note your display preference on the quilt entry form. If you have several quilts you'd like to enter, number them in order of preference. We will try to hand all quilts, but may have to limit it if we have too many. (Wouldn't that be great if we had too many quilts!!!) Any quilts you wish to enter will need to be delivered to me on or before the October 6th Guild meeting. If you cannot attend the October meeting, please contact me during the week of October 1st to make delivery arrangements. I look forward to seeing all your beautiful quilts!

Joyce Hochstrasser, 40 Walnut Street, Whitman, MA 02382, Telephone 781-447-1331,

E-mail: [thequiltedclock@mediaone.net](mailto:thequiltedclock@mediaone.net)

## More Quilt Show Info

If you are in charge of an area where you have started a signup sheet for people to work your area, please bring that sheet to the September meeting. We are going to create a master signup sheet that will be used during the show for people to check and see where they are supposed to be and when.

Guild members working the show, or family members providing labor for the show will not be expected to pay admission to the show, **HOWEVER** if you are interested in being eligible for any of the door prizes, you must pay the admission fee.

The admission fee is \$5.00 for adults, children under 12 free. There will be a PA system that will announce when groups of the mini-quilts are going to be auctioned, when raffles will be held, etc.

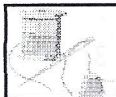
This will provide attendees plenty of time to get in their last minute bids, etc. Viewers of the show will also vote on the challenge quilts. Categories will be listed at the challenge quilt display.

The Quilt Lady will be raffled at 2:45 on Sunday, October 14. The sewing machine will be raffled at 3:15, also on Sunday.

The Charity Quilt presentation will take place on Saturday.

We will have a system of walkie talkies in use at the show to facilitate communication between the site coordinator and the various booths. We cannot get in to start setting up the show until 6 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 12. We should be there promptly at 6 p.m. and the first priority will be hanging the show in the cafeteria and getting the vendors set up.





### More Quilt Show Info Cont.

The Vignettes will be set up as soon as the show is in place (Friday evening/early Saturday morning) and the guild booths will be set up either late Friday evening or early Saturday morning). HOWEVER, we need all members at the school on Friday evening to assist with set up, etc.

On Saturday morning, we will be able to get into the school at 7 am. This will hopefully allow us plenty of time to finish putting the final touches on the vignettes and on the Guild-run areas such as the boutique/tag sale, raffle table, etc.

If you forget what kind of physical equipment you volunteered to provide for the show, check with Linda Newberry. Also, if you are in charge of a table you might want to think about bringing any old quilt or table cloth of some kind to put over the table. By covering the table you will be able to store things out of sight underneath it. We'd like all areas of the show to look as neat, tidy and appealing to our visitors as possible! Anything extra you might want to bring that you think it will be enticing would be great (potted flowering plants, etc.

### THIMBLES & FRIENDS QUILT GUILD

August 7, 2001  
Treasurer's Report

Current Checkbook balance: \$3,483.54

### A few highlights:

Quilt Lady - Net Proceeds to date \$297.07  
Sewing Mch- Net Proceeds to date 42.00

Quilt Show Net Income to date 881.12  
Show Book Net Income to date 389.43

(Printing costs will be deducted from show book net income)

### QUILTING TIP

#### SQUARING UP A BLOCK WITH FREEZER PAPER

If you have blocks that are slightly irregular in shape, here's a way to press them so they will be square. Cut a square of freezer paper the size of the unfinished block is supposed to be. Press it onto the ironing board cover.

Pin one of the sewn blocks to the ironing board cover, exactly matching its edges with the corners and edges of the freezer paper. Steam the block, letting it fully dry before unpinning it.

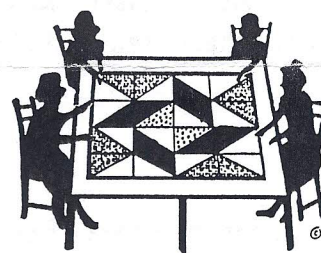
## A Quilters' Gathering

November 8-11, 2001

\* Sheraton Nashua - Nashua, New Hampshire  
NH Exit 1 off Rt 3

### Workshop Instructors

Bonnie Browning  
Karen Kay Buckley  
Klaudeen Hansen  
Lynn Kough  
Yvonne Porcella  
Sherry Reis  
Gerald Roy  
Mary Sorenson  
Helen Squire  
Karen K. Stone  
Lorraine Torrence  
Katherine Stubbs-Ward



### 2001 QUILT CONTEST

Entry Deadline September 15, 2001

Theme: "ALL THAT INSPIRES US"

2001 INVITATIONAL EXHIBIT: "FENWAY & BEYOND"

A collection of work by Rosemary Bawn including her Fenway Park series

Exhibits, Vendors Mall, Special Events  
Open to the Public

Thursday, Friday & Saturday 10-7 and Sunday 10-3  
Admission: One-Day \$6.00 - Multiple-Day \$10.00

For Workshop Program and Contest Entry Forms  
send large SASE (.78 postage) to:

Eastcoast Quilters Alliance, PO Box 711, Westford, MA 01886

### \* IMPORTANT NEWS

A Quilters Gathering is at a new location in 2001

This year A Quilters Gathering will be held at the Sheraton Hotel in Nashua, New Hampshire where Gathering attendees and visitors will enjoy more parking, more guestrooms, more classrooms, and two vendor malls. And all on one level. The Sheraton Nashua, on Tara Blvd, is right off Rt 3 at NH Exit 1, the Spit Brook Rd exit.