



# 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 invited to submit articles for this newsletter. Please write your own articles and e-mail them to both of us no later than the 20th of the month to allow us time to process each article before distribution by the 25th. If there is no newsletter any particular month, we will save your article for a future publication.

- Taryen, Wendy Foley & Beverly

## Meeting Dates

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

Oct 4th	How to use a Binding Ruler
Nov 1st	Sue McDonald class/ Card making
Dec 6th	Holiday Party
Jan 3rd	
Jan 31st	Charity Workshop
Feb 12th-15th	Retreat
March 7th	
April 4th	
May 2	Tea Party



## **From the Chairman**

In just a few short weeks many of us will be greeted by costumed children shouting “Trick or Treat” at our front doors hoping to convince us that without a treat, a trick of some sort will follow. In the happy tradition of “avoiding” a trick, we dutifully drop treats into the plastic pumpkins and heavy bags carried by children already thinking about how much candy they can eat before their mothers squirrel it away.

While we all love treats, I am going to suggest that we quilters really prefer the tricks. Think about it! How often are we in a group of other quilters when one of us says to no one in particular but for all to hear that we just can’t figure out how to do apply a binding, cut a corner, or fold a piece of fabric. And, almost like magic, someone in the group says, “Oh, wait! I’ve got a trick I can show you.” What happens next? The hum of the sewing machines stop, scissors are put down, and fabric is put aside as everyone in the room stops what they are doing to hear what our colleague is going to say. Before we know it, this new trick becomes a treat, something unexpected and wonderful.

So, here’s to a season of new tricks for all of us! May these tricks, in fact, be the treats that help us all to continue to grow in our craft and admiration for what others can teach us. Happy Halloween!

- Doris

## **From Membership/ Hospitality**

### **MEMBERSHIP**

We currently have 40 members which is our limit. If you know of anyone who would like to join our guild, please have them contact Phyllis Barry via email: [pbarry1022@comcast.net](mailto:pbarry1022@comcast.net) and I will put them on the waiting list.

### **INCLEMENT WEATHER PHONE TREE**

In the event we have bad weather forecasted that will affect an upcoming scheduled meeting, I will be emailing an updated phone tree to use in case of a storm that would necessitate cancelling that meeting. The library would also be closed. The members highlighted in green are requested to contact those listed below your name either by phone or email. Please take note of the members that you are assigned to contact or who will be contacting you. Hopefully we won’t need to use it!

### **HOSPITALITY**

Please send me an email (or text me at 617-833-9176) if you or you know of another member who is ill, planning surgery or has had a family member pass away. I will send out a card from the Guild and notify other members of any information you pass on to me.

- Phyllis

## **Charity**

Upstairs Quilt Shop open Dates

Oct. 4 Saturday. 2-4PM

Oct. 8 Wednesday 10:30-12:00

Oct. 13 Monday - Columbus Day. 4-6PM

Oct. 16 Thursday 10-12

If you cannot make any of these times. I will open at other times if pre-arranged, just coordinate with me.

- Wendy M

## **Fun Committee**

Do you have a lanyard with plastic sleeve that held your name tag from last retreat?

Please bring to next meeting and give to Sue M, Janice or Mary Ann.

- Sue McDonald

## **Guild Challenge 2025-2026**



We want to share this for anyone who wasn't able to attend the September meeting.

The 2025–2026 **Guild Challenge** is to make a quilted potholder in any size or shape. One side must be quilted, if you are an over achiever you can quilt both. To ensure it's heatproof, please use three layers of cotton batting or Insul-Bright (or a similar heat-resistant batting). In April or May, we'll have a blind exchange so members can swap their creations with each other. We can't wait to see all the wonderful designs!

- Sheila & Taryen

## **Sharing**

**Robert Kaufman App**



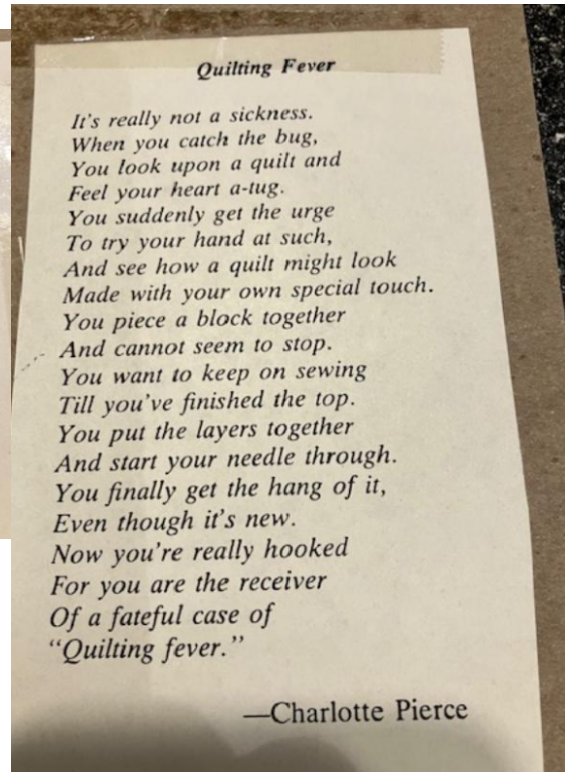
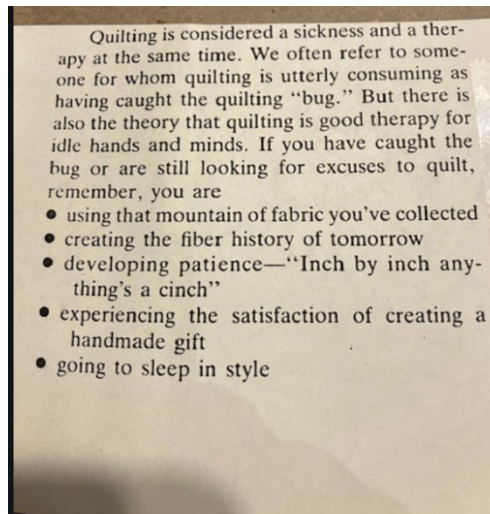
Search under Quilter's Little Helper for a free app on your cell phone. It contains a quilting calculator for backing, batting, binding, borders, yardage and more. It is very user friendly and has all the math at your fingertips.

- Bev

## Information the old-fashioned way!

One of my husband's friends dropped off some random quilting papers that she thought I might enjoy. In the pack I found these two gems. Use them in the newsletter if you like, or not!

- Joyce Hochstrasser



## [Jinny Beyer Quilting Calculator for Diagonally pieced backing](#)

Here's a neat, fabric-efficient technique to use when making a quilt backing that is 1 ½ times wider (or less) than your backing fabric. A great efficient way to back your quilt.

Here are a few examples of approximate yardage needed for various size quilts. These are all based on 42" fabric.

Quilt width	Quilt length	Fabric in inches	Fabric yards
50	65	75"	2.1 yards
55	70	93"	2.6 yards
60	75	118"	3.3 yards
46	66	85"	2.3 yards
50	70	90"	2.5 yards

Click on the link to the right for the worksheet. The worksheet is linked [HERE](#).