



Thimbles & Friends Quilt Guild Newsletter

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Newsletter Note: Click on the
picture of any quilt or the blue
hyperlinks to see the Web page
sources.

Guild Website

<http://www.thimblesandfriendsquiltguild.org>

We would love to hear from you!

All guild members are encouraged to submit articles for this newsletter. Share an interesting article, picture cartoon, etc. Add your thoughts and please provide the source or web address. If you like it, we will, too! If the newsletter is not published that month, we will save your article for a future publication.

- Taryen, Wendy & Deborah

Meeting Dates

Meeting times are 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

April 2 nd	Paper piecing
May 7 th	Swap meet/picnic



From the Chair

My heart is breaking for the people of Ukraine. We all want to do something. I am proud that the raffle quilt committee has decided that one of our raffle quilts will be raffled and the money will be donated to either the Ukrainian Red Cross or Poland Red Cross or Doctors without Borders. These groups will use the money wisely and specifically for the war torn country. We are indeed a very charitable and benevolent guild!

It is beginning to look like Springtime is around the corner. I always want to begin a new project when the trees begin to leaf out, my crocus begins to sprout and the birds are singing. I traveled recently to one of my favorite quilt shops and found some enticing new patterns. I am eager to begin these fun new projects.

Our facilities manager - Pat McCollem has been able to set the meeting dates for next year, in conjunction with the librarian. Our program committee is working hard to have great programs for us. Our show committee is furiously planning for our show in October. The Fun committee for the retreat has already made plans.

Spring is here - New plans and hopefully no more pandemics!

- Wendy Moore



From the Raffle Quilt Committee

Wanted to take the time to give everybody an update on the show quilt. Thanks to Barbara White, both quilts have been taken to the long arm quilter. The blue quilt has been quilted and the red and green one is in process. Our goal is to complete them to be ready for viewing at our next meeting. Looking forward to turning them over to the members who will handle ticket sales and advertising. The remaining blocks are being made into table runners for the show. We are looking forward to a good turnout so we can make a guild selection of the actual quilt for the show. We are currently looking for somebody who will volunteer to make one or both labels. Our gratitude goes to everyone who made blocks, we couldn't have done this without you. Happy to be part of an amazing group of gifted and generous women.

- Diane and Claudia

From the Secretary

I still have more of the white fabric for the buck a block squares. I will bring it to the April meeting. Keep up the good work of making them!

- Sue Ellen

From the Programming Coordinators:

April 7th

We are going to give this one a shot again. I had planned to demo the Jewel paper piecing back in October. So I will bring samples. I will also bring my rulers for the Jewel, Hexagon & diamond and show you how to make the pieces with the batting. You will need to bring a basic sewing kit (hand sewing needle, clips, pins, scissors, thread). I would also suggest that you bring fabric & pieces of quilt batting. Six inch squares should work for what we will be doing. I'm sure everyone has scraps.

May 7th

We are thinking of a "Swap meet/Picnic" similar to what we did last year. So go through your sewing rooms and pack up the things that you want to swap. If weather permitting and the Abington Library allows, we can have it outside. If not, bring a box of goodies to swap and a brown bag lunch and we will set up tables to swap all those treasures. We will be looking for suggestions & ideas for next year's programming. If anyone is willing to do a demo or a workshop, we can pencil you in.

Retreat 2023

Retreat 2023 – We need volunteers. We have some ideas and would like to work with you putting things together over the summer.

- *Sheryl Briggs, Joyce Hockstrasser, Susan Warchal*

Thank you to Taryen Shannon and Wendy Foley for graciously volunteering to be the coordinators for the Retreat 2023 Fun Committee!! Let's all extend heartfelt thanks to the group that made this year's retreat so special!! It is going to be a hard act to follow, but we look forward to next year's fun!!

Membership and Hospitality

Membership Dues are Due!

May 7th is our last meeting of the year. Just a reminder that the dues for the new guild meeting year beginning September 2022 are payable by May 31, 2022. I hope you will all renew your memberships. This past year just flew by and was a lot of fun. I'm looking forward to next year and the quilt show in October.



Please make your **\$35.00** check payable to: **Thimbles and Friends Quilt Guild**

You could submit it to me at the May meeting or mail it to me at:
796 South Ave., Whitman, MA 02382

Thank you and Happy Quilting!

- *Phyllis Barry*



- Добрий день /dobryjden'. That's Ukrainian for, "Hello Ukrainians." Click the link below and check out the Crafty Quilter's website to learn about ways that **quilters** can help to support the efforts in Ukraine and download a free block pattern.

[FREE Quilters Stand For Ukraine Pattern Fundraiser for Ukraine's Children - Pat Sloan's Blog](#)

- Please remember to bring your surveys for the 2023 Retreat to the April 7th meeting!
- The date of our quilt show has been confirmed as October 22, 2022. Thanks to our volunteers who are busy making plans and arrangements!

2023 Meeting Dates

The Guild meeting dates have been confirmed for 2023 at The Abington Public Library. Meetings are scheduled from 10:00 AM to 2:00PM on the following dates:

September 17, 2022
October 1, 2022
November 5, 2022
December 3, 2022
January 7, 2023

January 28, 2023
No February meeting-Let's "Retreat!"
March 4, 2023
April 1, 2023
May 6, 2023

Retreat 2022

Here are some great pictures from the retreat, submitted by dynamo Sue Warchal!



National Quilt Collection



The National Quilt Collection, housed at the Smithsonian National Museum of American History began in the 1890s. The collection includes more than 500 quilts and quilt-related items, mainly of American origin, with examples from many states, including Alaska and Hawaii. The collection illustrates needlework techniques, materials, fabric designs and processes, styles and patterns used for quilt-making in the past 250 years and also documents the work of specific quilt-makers and commemorates events in American history.²

Esther Wheat's quilt

This quilt is part of the collection-Esther Wheat made this quilted indigo-blue wool bed cover for her dowry chest in the 1790s. Esther, a twin, was born in 1774 in Conway, Massachusetts.

(Editor's note-This quilt is exquisite!)

Learn more [about the quilt collection](#) and step behind the scenes with a [video tour](#).

² Retrieved electronically 03/12/2022 from [National Quilt Collection | National Museum of American History \(si.edu\)](#)

Helpful Hints

Joann Fabric in Plymouth is closing and there is currently a 40% sale.



Try using a Mr. Clean Magic Eraser to clean your scissors. It really is magic!!

My Favorite Quilts

Volunteering to be a newsletter editor has afforded me the opportunity to share with you two of my favorite passions-historical quilts and the technique of needle-turned appliqué. My passion has driven me to research and study both topics in great detail and in doing so, I discovered the beautiful quilt below left, made by Mary Barton, a 20th century quilt historian and quilt maker. The quilt was designed and pieced by Mary to show the immigration of her ancestors from Europe and their migration trail westward to Iowa.¹ I love cowboys and westerns, too, and the second quilt was more recently designed by Pearl P. Pereira called “Happy Trails,” and it is currently under construction in my sewing basket!!

- Deborah Hylander



¹ Quilter's Newsletter Magazine, no. 141 (April 1982): 29. Retrieved electronically March 1, 2022 from [Mary Barton \(quilts.shalloffame.net\)](http://MaryBartonquilts.shalloffame.net).

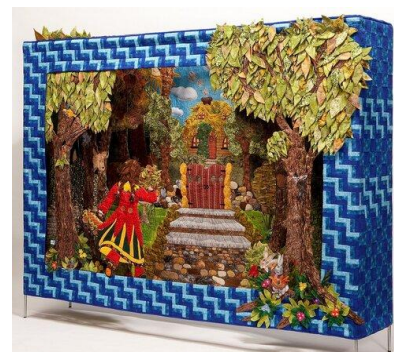


New England Quilt Museum Upcoming Exhibitions 2022

ON VIEW APRIL 13 – JULY 16, 2022

String Theory: Quilts of Strips, Stripes & Strings

Tradition to Innovation: Three-Dimensional Works by Dominique Ehrmann. (Please check for updates regarding the opening of this exhibition from Canada, as there may experience a slight delay with its delivery and installation.)



Upcoming Events!

Merrimack Valley Quilt Guild

An invitation from Lolly Wigall:

"We at Merrimack Valley Quilt Guild would like to invite everyone to our In-Person UFO Auction. It is at Northern Essex Community College in the Hartleb Technology Lab. The address is 100 Elliot Street in Haverhill. The Conference Room 103B is the exact location. Attached is a flyer. There are lots of items to choose from! The date is Thursday, April 21, 2022. Please feel free to advertise and let your members know! We would love to see you there."



Chelmsford Quilters' Guild



The Chelmsford Quilters' Guild will host its 2022 quilt show on Saturday, May 6th and Sunday, May 7th featuring:

- Over 100 quilts by their members
- Small Quilts Auction
- Themed Raffle Baskets
- Quilting Demonstration
- Vendors: Bits 'n Pieces Quilt shop.

