



Thimbles & Friends Quilt Guild Newsletter

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Greetings from Hanson

Good morning ladies,

Our 2017 retreat has come and gone and once again it did not disappoint! With a blizzard about to hammer down, some of us loaded the car the day before and arrived at the hotel in the morning hours ahead of the storm. Even Donna, who recently relocated to Florida, could not stay away. We enjoyed good food, games, sewing, laughs and chocolate, but most of all, each other. Thanks sew much to everyone who organized this awesome weekend. We truly appreciate everything you did to make this a memorable retreat.

- Jill

From the Chair

Hi Sister Quilters,

How about that Retreat? I loved seeing what everyone was working on and getting the chance to visit! Wow, your projects were awesome, and I got lots of ideas from them.

I made quite a nuisance of myself to several people. You see, I somehow forgot one bag I'd packed full of projects and supplies! I didn't have my design wall or skirt hangers for it, the giant binder clips I always leave by the layering table, my safety pins, the binding for the charity quilt I had intended to finish, or the batting for a quilt I wanted to layer. I also didn't have my fat quarter or chocolate swaps, a piecing project I'd planned, thread for a quilting project, sewing machine oil, or a cleaning tool. So I begged and borrowed safety pins, giant clips, sewing machine oil, and a pipe cleaner. Oh and chocolate! A trip to JoAnn's yielded me batting, more safety pins (I now own at least 10,000), and thread for my quilting project. The strange part is that I had plenty to do for four days even without the stuff I forgot, thanks to everyone's generosity and the fact that I had over-packed the rest of my bags! So this will be a retreat to remember for me, the one where lots of you came to my rescue just by being your unselfish quilting selves!

- Jeanne

Freecycle Table

COME ONE....COME ALL!!!!!!!

TO THE FREECYCLE TABLE
FREE FOR ALL!

At the next meeting please bring anything or everything to drop off and share with others. There are no restrictions at all.

Thank you to all who participated so generously at our Freecycle Table at the retreat in February.

Your Sister in Sewing,

- Gina Stone



Sharing is Caring

If you've taken a class or visited a new quilt shop, please consider sharing it with the guild. Send your submissions to Jill and Julia and we will post it in the Newsletter.

Retreat News

I hope you all enjoyed the retreat. I still can't believe that another year has come and gone! It was a delightful time and it went by too quickly.

We have made the reservations for next year and the dates for 2018 are Thursday (for those of you want to come early) Feb. 8, Friday Feb. 9, Saturday Feb. 10, and ending on Sunday Feb. 11. We will have more information regarding the rooms and meals sometime in the fall. There is a slight increase in rooms for next year; the rate will be \$112.00 per night. It is still a bargain for such a wonderful time.

- Joanne Donovan





Out and About

Rhododendron Needlers' Quilt

Show "Traditions and Treasures"

March 18-19 2017

Blue Hills Regional Technical
School

800 Randolph Street, Canton, MA

The Second Congregational Church

of Cohasset will hold its 23rd annual
Quilt and Textile Art Show March
4th from 1 to 4pm. \$15 for adults
and \$8 for children under 16
includes dessert and beverage.



Quilt Show 2017

My eyes were popping at retreat. What gorgeous things are being produced! I hope several of the projects I saw are being readied for the quilt show. I am convinced this will be one of the guild's best shows with a stunning array of styles and creativity on display. We had a very brief FYI show meeting on Saturday afternoon. Here are the highlights:

- a. Pat Delaney has stepped forward to assist Mai with the coordination of activities and personnel from setup to take down. Our goal is to use people efficiently and in consideration of their scheduling needs. We also want to keep careful track of member hours. There's a fabric raffle at stake!
- b. A subcommittee will meet in March to discuss floor plan layout and space assignment and scheduling. Thanks to Tracey Phillips for her floor plan for the vendors. We have 4 vendors, three of whom are requesting double spaces! Our vendor market will hold at vast array of quilting goodies for our visitors.
- c. Our April 1st guild meeting will be dedicated to Quilt Show Planning. I've requested that all chairs prepare a report outlining:
 1. What they have done so far
 2. What needs to be done
 3. What resources and personnel they will need
- d. Jeanne reported that the revised Quilt Registration Form is available on our website. She reminded us that members must submit **for each quilt/object** for the show:
 1. **1 picture**
 2. **2 registration forms**
- e. **Quilt registration forms will be due August 1. Please mail to Jeanne.**
- f. The push is on to display the raffle quilt and sell raffle tickets. Barb White will be asking members to volunteer to oversee the quilt's display and various venues in April. We all need to be thinking about that.
- g. The Quilt Show Chairs have been working diligently since our last formal meeting in November. We are grateful to all of them for their efforts. We are fast approaching the time when as individual guild members we can step forward to assist them to the finish line. Your time and effort will be the key to a successful quilt show and make a significant contribution to the future activities of the guild. Think about the wonderful retreat we just had and the upcoming Shop Hop. Those are our rewards!

Happy quilting!

- Quilt Show Co-Chairs,
Chris Thierfelder and Linda Robbins

Have Something to Say?

Send newsletter submissions to
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Content is due no later than the 20th of each month.



Guild Website:
<http://www.thimblesandfriends.org/>

Newsletter Note: Just click on the picture of any quilt to see the Web page it came from.



Shop Hop

Our Shop Hop is coming up on March 25th. I hope you are all excited. We had such a great time last year, I can't wait!

If you haven't paid yet, send your check for \$30 to Joanne Donovan or give to her at the next meeting. Non-members can join us for \$30 plus \$8 for the bag. We presently have seven seats available, so please let me know ASAP and get the money to Joanne. First come, first serve.

The bus will leave at 8AM from the Park and Ride across from Home Depot in Rockland. Please be there and on the bus by 7:45AM so we can make sure we have everyone. We expect to be back by approximately 6PM. Since we have fewer attendees this time, it should be easier to stay on schedule. Don't worry; we'll have plenty of time at the shops.

I suggest you bring a sandwich, some snacks and drinks for the bus ride. The shops do have food, but some of the stops were in between meals when we arrived last year. It will also give you more shopping time!

Please call or email me if you have any questions.

- Nancy Moynihan

Meeting Dates

Here are the meeting and event dates for the remainder of our guild year. Meeting times are 10:15 am – 2 pm.

March 4	Ruler/Cutter Safety & Special Ruler Demo: Sheryl Briggs
March 25	Schoolhouse Shop Hop – Nancy Moynihan & Tracey Phillips
April 1	Quilt Show Planning – Chris Thierfelder & Linda Robbins
May 6	May Tea Party – Linda Austin & Janice O'Gara



