



# Thimbles & Friends Quilt Guild Newsletter

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## Greetings from Bridgewater

Hello ladies,

Wow, only two meetings left to the Guild year. Where did the time go? And yikes, I need to quilt my charity quilt!

When I see the group together, I'm filled with affection for each one of you. Being in this guild has meant a lot to me. I have learned a lot, been inspired, received advice, and had a lot of laughs. It's not just about quilting for me; I value and treasure the relationships I've built with the members. We've shared joys and sorrows together, weathered hardships, celebrated births, worked and played and learned new things.

Feeling the love today...

- Julia

## From the Chair

At our September meeting the guild members voted and approved revised by-laws and now we need to complete guild policies. As mentioned before the Executive Board has been drafting policies to address basic guild business such as membership fees, committee responsibilities, etc. with much of the policy content taken from the former by-laws. As previously completed in the by-law approval process, the draft policies will be shared with guild members for feedback, revision, and approval.

After many revisions the draft policies are ready and will be mailed to guild members for review and feedback before the April meeting. Since the Executive Board has completed the initial draft, volunteers are needed for a policy work group to finish the process. The policy work group will need to add the feedback suggestions into the draft policy and resend to members for review and any additional comments. Once the revisions are completed, the policies can be brought for a majority vote at one of the guild meetings. Please consider volunteering for the policy work group at the April meeting.

Speaking of volunteering, all Executive Board positions need to be filled for the 2018-2019 year. A sign-up sheet will be passed at the April meeting for candidates and voting will take place at the May 2018 meeting. The positions are for Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary/Clerk, Treasurer, and Treasurer's Assistant.

Take care and may we not have any more snow.

- Tracey

## **FreeCycle News**

The Freecycle Table will be open for business at our next meeting in April. Look towards warmer weather and do a little Spring cleaning in your sewing room! Recirculate what you no longer need or want and maybe it will please someone else's eye or be perfect for their next project. Thank you to all who contribute.

REUSE, RECYCLE, REINVENT.

- Gina Stone



## **April Meeting**

For the April meeting we will doing a demo with the AccuQuilt cutters so sewing machines are not necessary.

- Joyce, Nancy, and Erin

## **Meeting Dates**

Here are the meeting and event dates for our upcoming guild year. Meeting times are 10:15 AM – 2 PM.

April 7	Scraps and Accuquilt – Joyce, Nancy, Erin
May 5	Annual Tea Party – Sue Warchal



## **UFO Challenge**

For those participating in the UFO Challenge for 2017-2018, Project #4 was due in March (March meeting was cancelled), Project #5 is due at the April meeting, and the grand finale, Project #6, will be due in May. So please bring your finished March and April projects to the upcoming April meeting. Happy Quilting!

- Joyce

## **Newsletter Submissions**

All guild members are invited to submit articles for this newsletter. We request that you write your own articles and e-mail them to both of us no later than the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month to allow us time to review, edit if necessary, and format each article before distribution by the 25<sup>th</sup>.

- Jill and Julia



## **Out and About**

### • **Quilters Connection Biennial Auction**

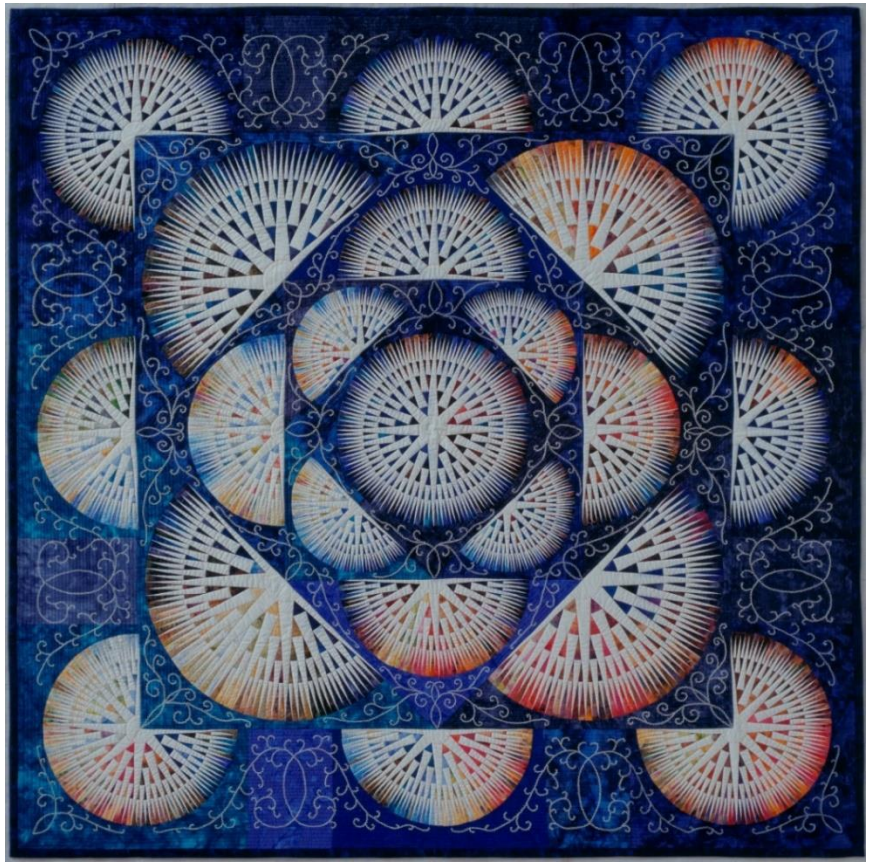
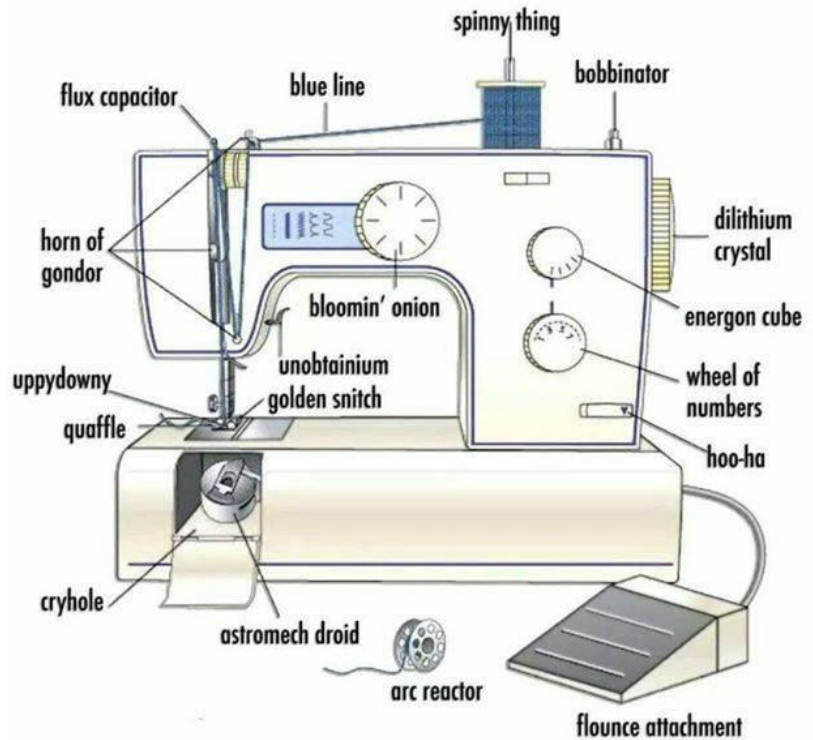
April 23, 2018 Doors open 6:00 PM  
Bentley University  
LaCava Conference Center  
175 Forest St., Waltham, MA  
<http://www.quiltersconnection.org/>

### • **Vermont Quilt Festival**

June 22-24, 2018  
<https://vqf.org/>

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In case there is anyone new to sewing out there, here's a helpful diagram.



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- **Essex County Needlecraft Guild**  
Wednesday, May 2, 2018, 10 – 5  
Hellenic Center of Ipswich  
117 County Road, Ipswich, MA  
<http://essexcountyneedlecraft.com>

### **Guild Website:**

<http://www.thimblesandfriends.org>

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

### **Charity Quilt Information**

If you are making Preemie quilts, they should measure 24" x 24". Isolette covers should measure 24" x 36" and must be backed with dark fabric to keep the light out.

As a reminder, all charity quilts should have a label indicating they are from *Thimbles and Friends Quilt Guild, Abington, MA.*

- Joanne F. and Joyce H.

### **NEQM Upcoming Exhibitions:**

4/25 - 7/8 – The Quilted Canvas II.  
Featuring Molly Upton, Susan Hoffman, Beth and Jeffrey Gutcheon

7/11 - 9/23 – H2Oh!. Studio Art Quilt Associates

5/1 -7/15 – Beyond the Border Wall.  
The Migrant Quilt Project

7/18 - 9/30 – Material Girls Quilt Guild.  
Winner, NEQM Summer Celebration 2017

For more information, see the NEQM website: <http://nequiltmuseum.org>

The New England Quilt Museum  
18 Shattuck Street, Lowell, MA

### **Hours:**

Jan - April: Tues.- Sat., 10am - 4pm

May - Dec: Tues.- Sun., 10am - 4pm

### **NEQM Update**

Have you been to the New England Quilt Museum lately? Thimbles & Friends is a Supporting Guild for the NEQM. As such, we receive several complimentary admission tickets each year. Please see Linda Austin for tickets.

The current show is called *Quilts Japan: The 13th Quilt Nihon Exhibition from Tokyo*. This exhibition of 36 award winning quilts premiered at the Tokyo Metropolitan Art Museum before traveling internationally. The NEQM is the only stop in the Northeast. It features some of the most original and extraordinary works from the largest international quilt contest in Japan and one of the most prestigious in the world. You will marvel at the complexity and beauty of these masterworks. This exhibition runs through April 21st. The NEQM is also featuring *The Hand Quilted Works of Gladi Porsche* through April 29th.



Good Luck. by Ayumi Asano of Kanagawa, Japan