



Thimbles & Friends Quilt Guild Newsletter

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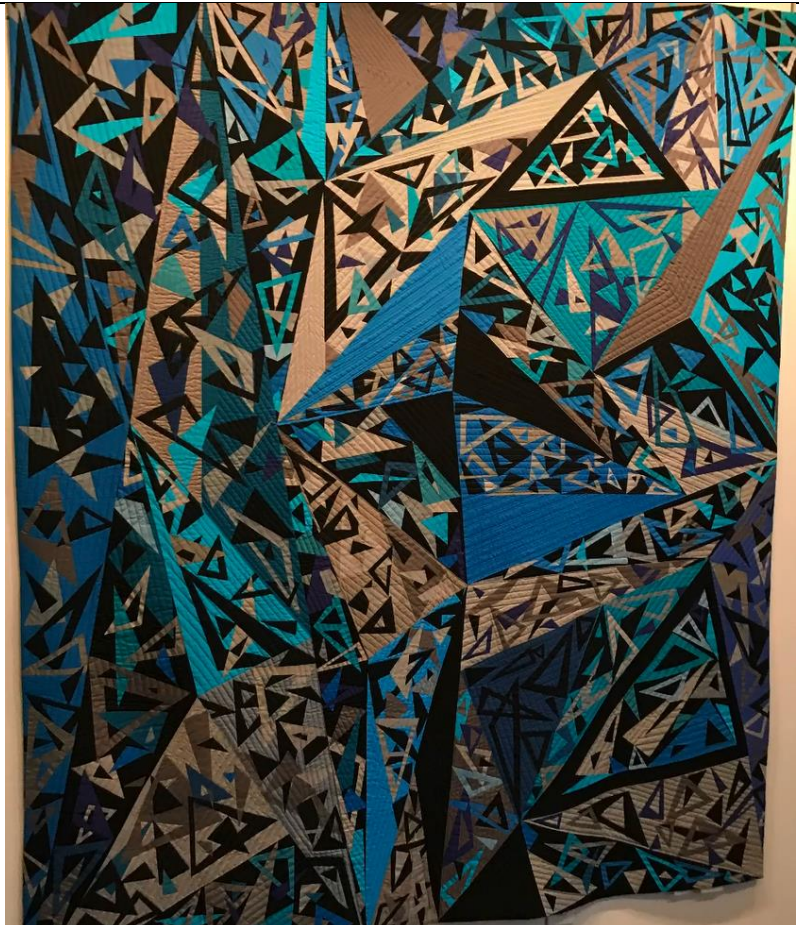
Greetings from Hanson

Hello ladies,

Although you can't tell by looking out the window, spring is here and summer is right around the corner. Spring cleaning for me will include an attempt at making more room in my sewing space (yeah, right) and finishing up old projects. Of course, all those new ideas that constantly lurk about in my head elbow their way to the forefront (see the NEQM quilt below for what the quilting lobe of my brain feels like), so it's a no win situation! What's a girl to do? Keep calm and quilt on!

Have a beautiful, safe quilt filled summer everyone. Don't forget to share your quilt related journeys, as Pat O'Leary has. I've included some of Pat's images from her recent trip to the Lowell Quilt Museum.

- Jill



Meeting Dates 2018 - 2019

Our last meeting date for this guild year is May 5 when we will have our annual tea party hosted by Sue Warchal. (More info below.)

Below are the dates for guild year 2018-2019. Meeting times are 10:15 am – 2 pm.

Sept. 15	Jan. 26
Oct. 6	February--Retreat
Nov. 3	March 2
Dec. 1	April 6
Jan. 5	May 4

UFO Challenge

May 2018 will be our final month for the 2017-2018 UFO Challenge! If you have participated and finished your UFOs as per your September list, congratulations! Please be sure to bring your completed Project #6 to the May meeting. After the show and tell of the UFOs, we will pull a name from the entries collected and someone will be the lucky winner of a prize!

Thanks for participating! See you in May!

- Joyce

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.

- Jill and Julia

FreeCycle News

This is our last chance before our three month Summer break to bring in all your old stuff for the Freecycle Table. I will resume the table at our September meeting, so keep a bag for your unwanted items somewhere in your sewing area for collections over the Summer. Remember, all you have to do is drop the bag off at the table and I will take care of the unpacking, organizing, and displaying of the items. It has been a great success this year. Old thread?...Some members use it for basting quilts and zigzagging new fabric before washing. Thick fabric not suitable for quilting?... Another member brings it to a group that makes it into reusable shopping bags that are sold at a local market for \$1.00 with the proceeds going to charity. Members bring in quite a lot of stuff and....take home quite a lot.

What a great way to reuse, recycle, and take care of Mother Earth by not adding more to our already bulging trash landfills. Good job ladies!!!!

- Gina



Pat's Winning Quilt

I'm delighted to share with my friends that my quilt, "A Visit to Nana's Attic," won an honorable mention at Paducah this week. (See quilt and detail on the right.) There are more than eight hundred quilts there this year, one of the biggest shows ever.

The border design is done with the appliqué method I taught at this year's retreat. It was especially exciting as this is the second year in a row I was awarded a prized Paducah ribbon.

- Pat D.

Out and About

- **Vermont Quilt Festival**

June 22-24, 2018

<https://vqf.org/>

- **Essex County Needlecraft Guild**

Wednesday, May 2, 2018, 10 – 5

Hellenic Center of Ipswich

117 County Road, Ipswich, MA

<http://essexcountyneedlecraft.com>

- **Keepsake Quilting** in NH under new ownership

[KeepsakeQuiltingNews](#)



Programming

The Program Coordinators are looking for ideas for any programs you might be interested in having during the 2018-2019 year. We will be sending a sign-up sheet around at the May meeting asking for suggestions.

We will also be asking for volunteers to run a program during the year. So get together with someone and come up with something you might wish to share with the group or just something fun to do.

If you are unable to make the May meeting and want to get in on the fun, please e-mail either Joyce or Nancy and let us know your suggestions, etc.

See you in May (hopefully it will feel like May).

- Joyce and Nancy
Co-Program Directors

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



T&F May Tea Party 2018

Dear Friends,

Thanks for all your kind get well wishes. I am so blessed each day.

The May meeting has always been a favorite for me, so in keeping with tradition (and not so tradition), I have taken a liberty or two promising a respite from a tough cold winter. (If it snows I will stash rum for hot toddies ☺).

- #1. MENU.....Just bring your favorite tea cup or mug...That is it! You do not need to bring a food item.
- #2. MUG RUG SWAP ...granted – the tea is in 2 weeks, but it is only a 6 by 6 inch Quilted Square with some bright fun colors, so we can bring some sunshine to this spring. The only challenge is to include only one, two or three words why you love quilting as your label (along with your name).
- #3. AGENDA
 - Unless you want to help set up, please do not arrive until 10:30.
 - Welcome / May and summer birthdays
 - Mug Rug Swap Tea Time (beverages)
 - Show and Tell
 - Buffet
 - Quilting tips and surprises... “Ask *This Ole Quilter*”
 - Dessert
 - Business Meeting including the 2018-19 Board election
 - Wrap up ... Door Prize Raffle

For my menu, I am anticipating that all will be coming to our Thimbles and Friends May meeting, however if you are unable to attend, please email me or call by April 30th.

Again, thank you all,

Looking forward to our visit....

- Susan swarchal@verizon.net or 781-831-8528

MORE NEQM QUILTS BELOW.....

Photos courtesy of Pat O’Leary.













