



Thimbles & Friends Quilt Guild Newsletter

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New Quilt Shop

Susan Conant sent me information about a new shop in Hull called Fabritique. Located on 527A Nantasket Avenue, the shop specializes in fabric from faraway lands, including hand painted and sun-dried African cottons. The owner, Marian Bressel, graciously donated a piece of oriental fabric for our fabric raffle. Check their FB page or e-mail at fabritique@att.net.

Greetings from Hanson

Hello everyone and welcome back to T&F! I hope everyone had a great summer and got some sewing time in between the yardwork and cookouts. I started a project hoping to have it ready for the quilt show, but it rapidly grew out of control! Guess we all have one of those at one time or another. Sew many quilts, sew little time, and sew it goes.

Welcome to our new members; we are delighted to have you join our friendly, vibrant guild and look forward to meeting you! We have a great year planned and are happy to have you become part of Thimbles and Friends.

- *Jill*

From the Chair

Hello Thimbles and Friends Members!

We are almost ready to begin our new year together. I am honored to be your new chair, and please welcome Tracey Phillips as your new vice chair. We hope to help make this year special. For starters, we have our quilt show coming up October 10th and 11th. I know how hard you worked on your quilts because I received all your entry forms! I'll be collecting the actual quilts at the September 12th meeting. Be sure they are in a large, clear plastic bag with a label and a hanging sleeve. (Challenge quilts and small wall hangings don't need sleeves.)

Besides the show, we will be having many other experiences together this year. Highlights include a possible bus trip to The Gathering in early November, a table runner workshop in mid November, our gala holiday party in December, a piping workshop in January, our fabulous retreat in mid February, and our lovely end of the year party in May. I love being a member of a guild that knows how to party!

I hope your summer was wonderful in many ways -- delightful weather, interesting vacations, delicious cookouts, and uninterrupted periods of quilting! I'm eager to show you how my elder daughter's wedding quilt is coming!

See you soon -- Jeanne

New Faces

Please welcome our newest members:

Karen Howard
Anne Marchetta
Pamela Kinsman
Marian Goode

We look forward to getting to know you all at our Sept. 12 meeting.

To our current members ...

The next person in line on our waiting list is very eager to join. If you have already paid dues for the guild year starting in September but know you will not be able to participate in the guild or wish to drop out, please let me know as soon as possible.

Thank You
Gina Stone
Membership and Hospitality

Out and About

Need a road trip? Check out these upcoming events.

- [Charlton Sewing Center](#) for an exhibit of Pat Delaney's quilts during the month of August
- Central and western Massachusetts shop hop October 16, 17 & 18. For details: <http://mass-shophop.com>
- [Silver City Quilt Guild Show](#)
September 19 & 20
Friedman Middle School
500 Norton Avenue
Taunton, MA

Guild Website:

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

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

Meeting Dates

Here are the meeting and event dates for our upcoming year. Meeting times are 10:15 AM – 2 PM. Looks like we have a busy season scheduled! (Be sure to check back often for updates.)

Sept. 12	Quilt Show Prep – Joyce Hochstrasser and Sue Warchal
Oct. 3	TBD
Oct. 10 – 11	Quilt Show: "The Wonders of Nature"
Nov. 7	Possible Bus Trip to the Gathering
Nov. 14	Table Runner using Border Fabric: Sheryl Briggs and Janice O'Gara
Dec. 5	Holiday Party – Mary Davis
Jan. 9	Faux Piped Binding Workshop – Chris Thierfelder
Feb. 6	Prep for Retreat – Joanne Donovan and Pat Delaney
Feb. 12-14	Retreat in Plymouth!! – Joyce Hochstrasser, Janice O'Gara, Sue-Ellen Hewitt
March 5	TBD
April 2	TBD
May 7	End of the year party – Louise Wilson

Freecycle Table

The Freecycle Table will be open for business during our September meeting. I will not be at the September meeting, but Barbara White will set up and arrange the table. Shirley MacLeod will pack up the remaining items at the end of the meeting and make arrangements to get them to me. Thank you for supporting this initiative!

Gina

Quilt Show Boutique

For anyone making items for the boutique, please be sure each item is individually tagged with your member number and the selling price. Tags should be easy to remove, no sticky tags please. Please price your items with whole dollars and/or quarters (no pennies, nickels, or dimes). If you do not have an assigned number, please contact or see me at the September meeting. Items must be handmade; no yard sale items will be accepted.

Shirley

Charity Quilts

Another guild year is beginning and it is time to consider what you would like to donate to our annual charity, South Shore Hospital Hospice and Homecare Division. This charity provides services to 1500 people at any one time on the South Shore, from newborn babies to elders. South Shore Hospice and Homecare will gladly accept and appreciate any size quilt that we wish to make and donate to their patients at any time during the year. We love this charity not only for the work that they do but also because it is open ended for us as members, no size restrictions and no deadlines. Quilts are accepted at the guild meetings from September to May for batch delivery to our charity's office located in Rockland. For the 2014-2015 guild year, 31 members donated a total of 106 items (quilts, crocheted/knitted blankets, baby sweaters, and hats) thanks to all of you!

Need help making a quilt? As the Charity Quilt team, we are here to help you! We encourage you to speak to us if you need help or if you want to buddy with someone to complete your charity quilt. Batting is provided by the guild, so please email, call or tell us the size that you need. Just a reminder, always put a label on the back of the quilt that says "Donated by Thimbles and Friends Quilt Guild".

Also, we want to have a few quilts for charity display at the quilt show, so any quilts collected at the September and October guild meetings may be used for the charity display.

Happy quilting!

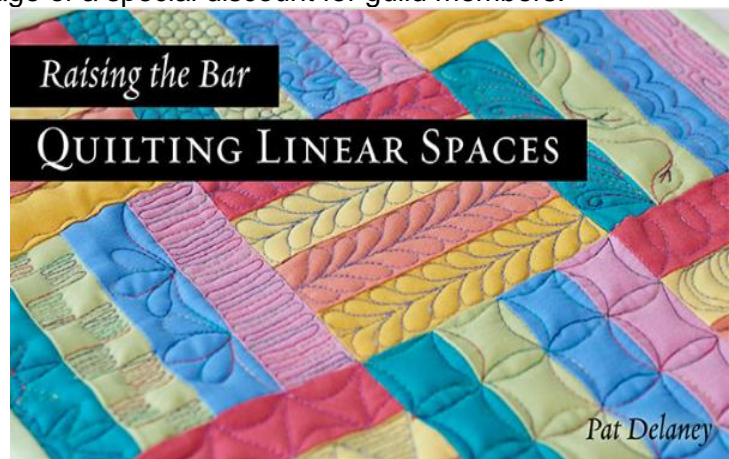
Joyce Hochstrasser
Joanne Fruzzetti
(and Shirley MacLeod, our delivery assistant)

On the Road Again



Pat Delaney has had a very busy summer. In addition to classes in her studio, displaying a number of her stunning quilts at the [Charlton Sewing Center](#) for the month of August, and attending shows in Vermont, Tennessee, and New Hampshire, Pat traveled to Denver to film her first Craftsy video, "Raising the Bar", in which she teaches her techniques for quilting in rectangular areas and linear spaces on a home machine. So if you want to take the fear out of machine quilting once you lower those feed dogs, check out her new video. Yes, you too can create something beautiful!

Click on the picture below to learn about her video and take advantage of a special discount for guild members.



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