



Thimbles & Friends Quilt Guild Newsletter

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New Faces

We welcome three new members this year to Thimble and Friends Guild, namely Phyllis Barry of Whitman, a former member and friend of Shirley McCloud and Joyce Hochstrasser. When I spoke to Phyllis she was very excited to be rejoining our guild and connecting with old friends (see her article below).

Cheryl D'Antonio is the next lady on the list, hardworking and a friend of Pat Delaney and Joanne

Greetings from Vermont

Introducing the 23rd Annual Bennington Quiltfest

September 17 – 18, 2016 Sat: 9-5, Sun: 9-4

Mount Anthony Union Middle School

747 East Road

Bennington, Vermont

2016 Featured Quilter: **Pat Delaney**



Come to Vermont to see our resident star quilter, Pat Delaney, honored as featured quilter at the Bennington, Vermont Quiltfest. We are so proud of her many accomplishments, which are enumerated on the Quiltfest Website. As many of us as can get up to Bennington to show our support are invited to go to Vermont in lieu of the September meeting. (More on that in the Chair's notes, below).

Lectures on both days will be at 1:00 pm. Saturday: "Under the Bed Clothes" and on Sunday: "Red." Way to go Pat!

As Jill said, "It is the good and proper thing to support one of our own and let her and the Bennington show know that we are proud she is a member of T&F and we individually and as a group acknowledge her accomplishments and artistry."

- Julia

Donovan. Lastly, Katherine Soderbom, of Bridgewater, whose sister is Margaet Pawlowski. All are avid quilters who look forward to learning and enjoying our guild and making new friends.

All were very happy and excited to be asked to join our guild and I hope everyone will make them welcome by meeting and greeting them at our meeting on October 1.

Thank You,

Josephine Abbott – Membership and Hospitality

Introducing a New (again) Member!

I've been quilting for about 20 years and have sewed since the 9th grade. I'm a former member of Thimbles and Friends. I quit about 6 years ago because I was working full time and caring for my elderly mother and wasn't always able to find time or energy to quilt. I joined a Friday night quilt group at Heart in Hands soon after they opened for the quilting companionship. Since Heart In Hands closed, I have been getting together with a couple of friends but am glad to be able to join a small quilt guild again and look forward to seeing some of the members I already know and make new friends with those I don't.

- Phyllis Barry



From the Chair

“Come for the quilting: stay for the murder,” Jimmy Kimmel said with a laugh as he mocked a quilting murder mystery. I have not read any of that genre of fiction, but I understand its appeal. Mild mannered quilting ladies need drama in our lives too, even if we only read about it!

I hope I provided some drama in your lives when I cancelled the September meeting to an immediate backlash. I take full responsibility for the decision. I found out our esteemed member Pat Delaney was being featured at the Bennington Quilt Fest on the same day as our first meeting of the year. I wanted to go, and I'd heard from many others in the guild who wanted to go. Plus it would be a way for the guild to recognize Pat for her stellar quilting. I informed Board Members of the possible cancellation, and all those who responded agreed. I proceeded to inform the membership, heard back straightaway from some who couldn't go to the quilt show and wanted to use our room at the Abington Library to sew. I immediately re-reserved the room to accommodate them.

All this action was a bit dramatic, but not as sinister as a quilting murder mystery! And now we each have a choice. **Anyone who wants can travel to Bennington, see Pat's quilts and other quilts, and shop the vendors, or sew from around 10:00 a.m. into the afternoon at the library.** Work on your own project or participate in a wonderful opportunity suggested by Linda Robbins – help put together this year's raffle quilt! For that you will need your sewing machine and neutral thread.

Whatever you decide to do on September 17, have fun! I hope the choice and how it came about satisfies your need for drama for at least a little while!

See you October 1 when Shirley McLeod and Gina Stone will teach us techniques for dealing with our multitudinous fabric scraps. Instructions for what to bring will be forthcoming.

Fondly,
Jeanne

[Freecycle Table](#)

The Freecycle Table will be open for business at the October meeting. You may bring anything you like to put on the table for others to take away. But.....the emphasis is on SCRAPs that you do not want any more or simply do not like. Shirley and Gina will be conducting an extremely interesting and informative October workshop on scraps and how to organize them, hence the focus on scraps. Gina Stone is back to being the organizer of the Freecycle Table, with help from the Trio Sisters (Barbara, Sue-Ellen, and Sally).

- Gina Stone

[Out and About](#)

Need a road trip? Check out these upcoming events:

- [Marathon Quilters 20th Anniversary Quilt Show](#), Saturday, September 17 & Sunday, September 18 (10:00 am – 4:00 pm both days) at Hopkinton Center for the Arts, 98 Hayden Rowe Street (Route 85), Hopkinton, MA 01748
- The [Hopkinton Polyarts Festival](#) is also September 17 on the Hopkinton Town Common. Plan a fun day!
- [Cocheco Quilters Guild 35th Annual Quilt Show](#) October 15 – 16 Rochester, NH
- Plymouth County [Cranberry Quilters](#) biennial quilt show will be held on Saturday, October 22, 2016 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The theme for this year is "Stitch It Forward". The quilt show will be held at the West Elementary School at 70 Plympton Road in Plymouth; cost is \$8.



[Quilt Show 2017](#)

Your Quilt Show Committee has been meeting monthly since May and we've made some significant decisions guided by our vision to conduct one of the best quilt shows in the area and by our stated goals:

Increase guild membership participation

Streamline show processes e.g. set-up, take-down, record keeping, website information

Increase the guild's profile in the community

As chair I will be contributing to the newsletter monthly and reporting at guild meetings so membership is kept informed about the developments and so the committee can receive your input, comments, and suggestions. Although we will not be meeting as a total guild until October, I want to inform you of our progress to date. Please remember that Quilt Show Committee meetings are open to the entire guild membership. Your voice and ideas cannot be recorded unless you attend. Our meetings are scheduled for the 3rd Thursday of each month at 6:30pm at 392 South Street, Halifax, MA.

The Abington Senior Center will be the site for Quilt Show 2017. The committee investigated several sites and weighed pros and cons re: available space and its suitability for our multiple purposes, centrality of location, cost, and support services. The ASC will give the site to us in return for financial and/or in kind donations to the food pantry. As a guild we will make a financial donation to the Center which will be determined by the Board. Admission to the show will be \$7.00 with \$2 going to the food pantry. Guild members individually may make a financial or in kind donation. As you can see this arrangement is a win-win for both organizations.

While the financials are favorable, the layout is even more



October Workshop

The October programming will be Shirley MacLeod and Gina Stone conducting an informative, interesting and hands on workshop on "Sew Many Scraps, What To Do." All you need to bring is your listening caps, some scraps (a little or a lot), a cutting board and rotary cutter. We will cover how to organize scraps, what to put them in, the most useful and efficient ways to cut them up and will show examples of the aforementioned. We will also show clever and beautiful quilts we have made with scraps to get you inspired. We will get you started on everything you need to know to organize those scrappy scraps and use them all up.

Charity Quilts

For the 2015-2016 guild year we took in a total of 100 handmade quilts, afghans, knitted blankets, mittens and hats for donation to the Homecare and Hospice Division of South Shore Hospital! This is an amazing amount of donations given the size of our guild! Our charity representative is always so grateful to receive our handmade items

so. For those of you unacquainted with the Center it is bright, airy, and clean, centrally located, and has ample parking. It offers two very large rooms for vendors and quilt display, a large kitchen, a break room for quilt show staff, a locked room for storing staff personal items, large restrooms with multiple stalls, and the services of a janitor. This means we will be able to increase the number of vendors and our membership will have the opportunity to display at least two to three of their gorgeous quilts.

The bigger venue with the potential of higher attendance means there will be many opportunities for guild members to participate in a variety of ways during the show. There has been a great deal of discussion around how we can enable guild members to participate during the show in a way that honors their life obligations and schedules. Our discussions have led to the idea that each member plan to spend 6 hours over the time of the show (Friday through Sunday) at the show. They may serve all six hours at once or in minimum two hour segments. They may vary the activities in which they participate. Each member will receive an entry ticket for each 2 hours served that will be placed into a raffle for a fabric gift. Of course, the more hours you work the more raffle tickets you earn. Each member will be responsible for finding another member to cover any shift they are unable to fulfill.

The committee has selected 3 quilt show themes as finalists for membership consideration. They are:

Quilts Color Our World

A Festival of Color

Celebrations!

We will select the theme at the October guild meeting.

Lastly, we have several committee chair positions open. Most urgently we need volunteers for the solicitation of Show Book ads and the selling of Quilt Raffle Tickets. These are central to the financial success of the show. Of course a group of members could volunteer for these activities; it does not have to be one person. Duties spread amongst a group can make a substantial responsibility much more manageable. I plan to distribute a complete list of available positions and of filled positions at the October meeting.

As many of you know a SEW DAY will be held at the Abington Library on September 17 for those not traveling to Pat Delaney's exhibit in Bennington, Vermont. During that Sew Day Linda Robbins will coordinate the assembly of the Quilt Show '17 raffle quilt. Those wishing to volunteer for this activity will be welcomed generously.

during the year for distribution to patients in the south shore area. We will continue donating to this charity for the coming year as it allows the most flexibility for our members to make any size quilt they wish, whenever scheduling permits. Completed items will continue to be collected at monthly guild meetings for periodic delivery to the charity. Please know that your thoughtfulness is bringing comfort to those in need and it is very much appreciated! Thank you so much for the work that all of you do in supporting this charity. Special thanks to Shirley MacLeod for assisting with delivery of the quilts!

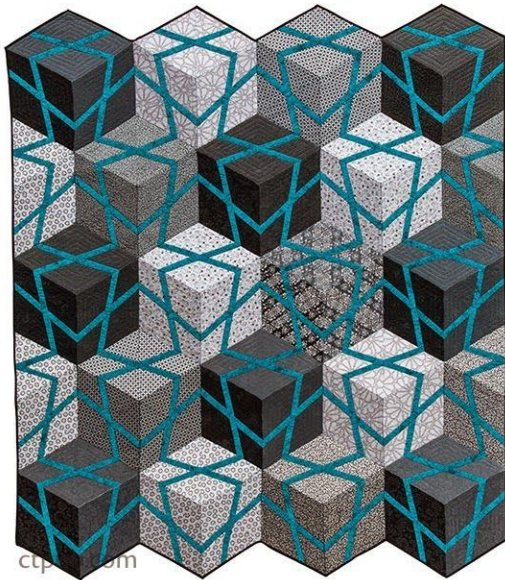
Charity Coordinators,

Joyce Hochstrasser and Joanne Fruzzetti

Guild Website:

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

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



The committee is enthusiastic about progress so far and looks forward to including many more members as our plans develop.

Chris Thierfelder and Linda Robbins

Quilt Show Co-Chairs

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!

Sept. 17	Free Sew day at the Library (no business meeting) OR Honoring Pat Delaney in Bennington, VT – Your choice!
Oct. 1	"Sew Many Scraps, What To Do." – Shirley MacLeod and Gina Stone
Nov. 5	TBD
Dec. 3	Holiday Party – Joyce H. and Julia Blanchard
Jan. 28	Color Workshop – Pat Delaney and Jeanne Aurelio
Feb. 4	Getting Ready for the Retreat – Joanne Donovan and Anne Marchetta
Feb. 10-12	Retreat at Hotel 1620 at Plymouth Harbor – Fun Committee: Mary Davis, Sue Warchal, Pat McCollum
March 4	Virtual Sewing Room Tour - Rose Perry and (1 needed)
April 1	Schoolhouse Shop Hop - Karen Howard and (co-chair needed)
May 6	May tea party – Josephine Abbott and Cathy Hodges

Have Something to Say?

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