



Thimbles & Friends Quilt Guild Newsletter

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Greetings from Hanson

Wow—What a great meeting to start off our year! It was wonderful to see everyone after a summer that passed way too quickly. Our “Getting to Know You” program was fun and “First Quilts Last Quilts” was a terrific way to share the progress we made on our individual quilting journeys...from tied calicos in the 1970s to intricate works of art in the present day, with all our trials and errors along the way. I can't wait to see what's next!



Jill

From the Chair

Dear Ladies,

For so many people I know, Fall is their favorite time of year. That goes for me too. Just this week I took that quilt that has been folded down at the end of my bed all summer, and pulled it up to provide the warmth needed during these chilly nights. What a great feeling! So too is it time to pull out those quilt projects that had been put down at the ends of our To Do lists in favor of all the Summertime activities in which we found ourselves involved. I actually did more quilting this Summer than in past years, due to a revitalization of the group with whom I quilt. A change of time, new friends, and presto, we are quilting weekly instead of the irregular schedule we used to keep. While our monthly meetings are enjoyable and inspiring, I urge everyone to find a weekly group with whom to sew. It keeps the juices flowing between guild meetings. If you can't find a group, start one. I'm sure there are ladies in our guild that would be glad to join together to keep the “bee” tradition alive. Happy Fall and Happy Quilting.

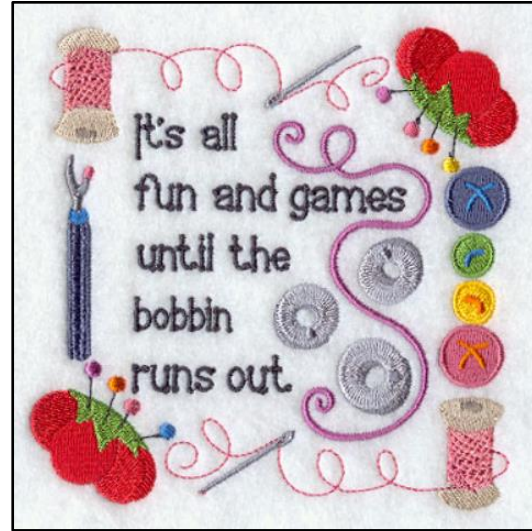
– Rose

Membership

Welcome new members!

Two new members, Linda Chuckran and Margaret Pawlowski, attended our first meeting of the year. We look forward to meeting Janet LaCombe and Brenda Castile at our October meeting. Our membership is now at capacity. We are very fortunate to have such a great group of quilting ladies! Looking forward to a fun filled year!

-Louise



October Program - Spinning Wheel Block

This is a pattern free quilt making concept from a Craftsy class taught by Joe Cunningham. The idea is to make a quilt using a process not a pattern. You make the same changes to each square, instead of following a traditional pattern.

In addition to your sewing machine and usual supplies, you need three fabrics that contrast agreeably with one another or go wild and use any scraps you have. To save time, I suggest bringing large 12" squares to start instead of cutting each square as you go along. You might have enough squares finished by the end of our time to make a baby quilt or a lap quilt. The choice is yours.

We will each spin the wheel 3 times and make each of those changes to every block. Square up each block to whatever size you decide. We can add any changes you suggest to the wheel. It might make it more fun and interesting!

Some of the choices are:

- Add a piece of bias tape, in any direction or design.
- Add 1 or 2 triangles to the square.
- Insert two pieces of fabric.
- Add a strip to one side.

PS: I will also have lunch bags with the choices in them so we don't waste time waiting to use the spinning wheel.

- Pat McCollem



[Mad About Quilts](#)

We have heard some great things from several of our members about [Mad About Quilts](#) in Mansfield. This is a full service quilt shop that takes it a step further. Mad About Quilts offers a Longarm Rental Program that provides a training class in how to operate a longarm and lets you rent time to finish your own quilts using their machine. For more information, click the Longarm Rentals link on their site.



[Have Something to Say?](#)

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[Meeting Dates](#)

Here are the meeting and event dates for our upcoming year. Sounds like a whole lot of fun!

Oct. 4	Spinning Wheel Block – Pat McCollem
Nov. 1	Speaker: Claire Gregoire – Rose Perry
Nov. 8	Bus trip to the Gathering – Joyce and Joanne
Dec. 6	Christmas/Holiday Party – need volunteers
Jan. 3	Boutique Items workshop – Joyce, Sue, and Louise
Jan. 31	TBD
Feb. 13-15	Retreat in Plymouth!! – Jo Abbott, Gina, Shirley, and Nancy
March 7	Faux Piped Binding workshop – Chris Thierfelder
April 4	Adele Scott Workshop – Tracy Phillips
May 2	End of the year party – Joanne Donovan



First Quilt.....



...Last Quilt



Diana McClun, author of Quilts!
Quilts!! Quilts!!! made her first quilt at
the age of seven. We all start
somewhere!

Click [here](#) for a closer look at Lilac
Rose, Diana's latest masterpiece.

She's a Winner!

Congratulations to Pat Clemons for winning Vendors Choice
and Viewers Choice ribbons at the Herring Run Quilt Show
this past weekend. Here is Pat with her amazing hand
applied Halloween Baltimore album just before she
completed it this past year.



Recipe Corner – Chicken, Kale and White Bean Stew

Ingredients: (amounts approximate)

Olive oil

½ or 1 medium onion, chopped

3 cloves garlic, minced

8 ounces sliced fresh mushrooms

1 pound boneless, skinless chicken breasts, cut into pieces (*used
3 breasts*)

1 bunch kale (about ¾ pound), cut from stem and cut into
ribbons (*or buy a bag of prewashed precut kale*)

1 15-ounce can petite diced tomatoes (I usually drain these)

1 can spicy rotel tomatoes

1 or 2 cans cannellini (white kidney) beans, rinsed and drained

Salt and pepper to taste

Instructions

Heat oil on medium heat in large skillet. Sauté onions, garlic and
mushrooms for 3-4 minutes. Add chicken and cook for 3-4
minutes, until no longer pink on outside. Add kale in two or more
batches and cook until wilted. Pour tomatoes into skillet, then add
beans. Stir, and simmer for 10-15 minutes.

This is a good cold weather dish.

–Jill Lillie

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