



# Thimbles & Friends Quilt Guild Newsletter

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## Greetings from Bridgewater

Anyone making Christmas or Hanukah gifts right now? It seems everyone in my family wants a quilt. I can't take the pressure! Between college searching for my youngest, working full time, elderly parents, and trying to have a little fun, there is not much time left over for sewing. This weekend I've set aside time to work on my holiday projects. I'm really looking forward to getting a bunch of work done so I can relax a little and enjoy the autumn. Those colors sure are inspiring, aren't they?

I'm also really looking forward to the Gathering; this year will be my first time. I've heard so much about it and I'm excited about going up with you gals on the bus. See you soon!

- Julia

## From the Chair

Dear Ladies,

I had a wonderful time at October's meeting. It was great to be back again after missing September's meeting. The workshop took me out of my comfort zone; and I really enjoyed the "first quilt/last quilt" feature.

I'm writing these notes early, as I will be on the Atlantic Ocean when the newsletter deadline hits. My husband and I are going to London for a week, and then embarking on a Transatlantic cruise. I've been searching online for quilt shops in London, and preparing a hand-piecing project for when we are on the ship. I try to buy fabric representative of the places we travel, and then on the next trip make a quilt block from that fabric. I am really behind on my blocks, but that's the way it is. Hopefully I can complete one while on this trip. Do you have a project that documents memories? I've seen wedding quilts with blocks signed by the guests, birthday quilts with pictures from over the years, and T-shirt quilts for young people (and some not so young!) These are just some examples. Use your imagination, and document your memories in your own unique style. Your descendants will thank you for it!

Happy Quilting, - Rose

## [November Gathering Bus Trip](#)

The bus trip to the Gathering is on Saturday, November 8. Meet at the Rockland Park and Ride, across from Home Depot. Departure time is 8:30 sharp so please plan on being a little early so you don't miss the bus!

The return trip from New Hampshire will be leaving after the show ends at 3:00. If you have NOT paid your \$30 for the trip, please contact Cathy Hodges.

A Quilter's Gathering [www.aquiltersgathering.com](http://www.aquiltersgathering.com) is at the [Radisson Manchester](#).

- Joyce and Joanne



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

## [Have Something to Say?](#)

Send newsletter submissions to Julia at [Julia.Blanchard@comcast.net](mailto:Julia.Blanchard@comcast.net) and Jill at [scruffsmom@comcast.net](mailto:scruffsmom@comcast.net)

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## [Meeting Dates](#)

Nov. 1	Speaker: Claire Gregoire – Rose Perry
Nov. 8	Bus trip to the Gathering – Joyce and Joanne
Dec. 6	Christmas/Holiday Party – Nancy and Julia
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

## [November 1, 2014 Speaker and Mini-Workshop](#)



Claire Gregoire is an historical interpreter at Old Sturbridge Village. Her specialty includes all aspects of historic textiles. She will present a talk with slides on the development of quilts and quilting in New England from the 18th and into the 19th century. She will bring examples of her own work in historic reproduction quilts

In addition, she will demonstrate hexagonal patchwork (English paper piecing), which was the first form of piecing that came here from England and became popular in the 19th century when manufactured printed fabrics proliferated and were no longer a block printed luxury. She will supply us with directions, templates, and some pieces to try with a demonstration.

**Please bring thread and needles, scissors and your favorite thimble.**





## Charity Quilts

Hi Ladies:

I just wanted to send a sincere thank you to all of you who donated charity quilts, blankets, etc. so far this guild year. We are off to a great start with 39 items donated to our charity, South Shore Hospital Homecare and Hospice Division! This charity is serving about 1500 people at any one time throughout the south shore area. I also received a written thank you note from Trina Dwyer, the rep. at the charity for the items that were delivered this past week. Many thanks to my mom and dad. Joanne & Al Fruzzetti for delivering the quilts while I am at work.

A special thanks to:

Jeanne Aurelio for 4 quilts  
Julia Blanchard for 1 quilt  
Janice O'Gara for 1 quilt  
Sheryl Briggs for 7 crocheted blankets and 3 burp bibs  
Joanne Fruzzetti for a quilt  
Shirley MacLeod for 3 crocheted blankets and 1 quilt  
Rose Perry's mom for 7 knitted hats  
Sally Thornton for 2 quilts  
Linda Robbins for 1 quilt  
Margaret Rooney for 1 quilt

For those that are new to the guild, we hope that everyone will make at least one quilt each year but don't stress if you need help or if you would prefer to work on a project with someone, by all means do so. You can make a quilt for a baby, child, teenager, or adult - any size - whatever you prefer. If you would rather piece a quilt, maybe someone else would quilt it or vice versa! If you need any help, call me. If you need batting for your charity quilt (the guild provides it), just let us (me or Jo Fruzzetti) know the size you need and we will get it to you.

Many thanks to everyone!

- Joyce



