



# Thimbles & Friends Quilt Guild Newsletter

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## Greetings from Hanson

Hello ladies,

We had such a great time on our bus trip to the Gathering in Manchester! Are we all inspired? I thought the machine quilting was particularly outstanding; it took my breath away and gave me some additional goals to think about for the new year. And wasn't it nice to spot a quilted sweatshirt here and there in the crowd? I like to think they have become a T&F signature; thank you again for the class, Louise.

Thanksgiving is a few days away. As a Mayflower descendant along with a touch of Native American, I will put the busy-ness aside and visit the Plymouth waterfront to give thanks and pay homage to my ancestors for their sacrifices and stewardship of our wonderful country.

Now it's back to reality...time to haul the turkey pan up from the cellar and plan holiday meals for family and friends. (Or maybe some of us will get lucky and be invited out!)

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving everyone.

- *Jill*



## **Pinterest**

I'm not sure how many of our members are using Pinterest, but I'm a huge fan! As quilting enthusiasts, we all pin fabrics and quilts, but have you ever thought of "pinning" your ideas? Pinterest as defined by their website is "a visual discovery tool that you can use to find ideas for all your projects and interests". I equate [Pinterest.com](http://Pinterest.com) to browsing your favorite magazine for ideas that interest you. Then, you clip the article to hang on a bulletin board, hence the name "Pinterest". Joining Pinterest is free, easy, fun, and very addictive! Once you join, you can follow other "Pinner" or invite them to follow you. There's a wealth of information on Pinterest in other categories as well but for quilters, it is the "go-to" place for free patterns, techniques, and inspiration!

- Joyce

## **Retreat Reservations**

It's not too early to start thinking about our retreat which is February 13 -15th, 2015, at the Radisson at Plymouth Harbor located at 180 Water St. in Plymouth. The Mayflower room is available for sewing from 7 AM Friday morning until Sunday 6 PM, so if you want an early start, you can book your room for three nights, beginning Thursday the 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Reservations must be made by January 12, 2015** to get the group rate of \$ 91.00 by calling 508-747-4900. Be sure to mention that you are with Thimbles and Friends Quilting.

- Paula

## **From the Chair**

Dear Ladies,

What a busy Fall it has been! So many quilt shows to see, not to mention apple picking, leaf raking, and general yard cleanup. Now, with the first snow that accumulated this morning, thoughts turn to winter and the holidays. Being away for most of October has left me flat-footed in the home-made gift department. I'll try my best to do what I can, and that's the best I can do. I'm of an age where I've learned to give myself a break...I don't kill myself trying to make things perfect for the holidays any more. As long as I can be with my family and have the freedom to worship as I will, I count myself blessed. (But I do miss the McQuaid family recipe sugar cookies I used to make! Thank goodness Mom still makes them!)

See you December 6 for our Holiday Party.

Happy Quilting, - Rose

## **Meeting Dates**

Dec. 6	Christmas/Holiday Party – Nancy Moynihan and Julia Blanchard
Jan. 3	Boutique Items workshop – Joyce Hochstrasser, Sue Warchal, and Louise Wilson
Jan. 31	TBD
Feb. 13-15	Retreat in Plymouth!! – Jo Abbott, Gina Stone, Shirley MacLeod, Nancy Moynihan and Erin Yunits
March 7	Faux Piped Binding workshop – Chris Thierfelder
April 4	Adele Scott Workshop – Tracy Phillips
May 2	End of the year party – Joanne Donovan

## **FreeCycle Table**

Thank you to all who donated to our freecycle table initiative. Also, thank you to those who browsed the table and found something of use to take away with them. The table will be set up and stocked with items at every meeting from donations outside entities make to our guild and from donations within our guild. Please check around your sewing area for fabric, notions, or other bric-a-brac not useful or wanted any longer, and put them on the free cycle table so another member can breathe new life into them. Clean up, clear out, pass along those UFO's you are tired of looking at or have no desire to finish. Recycle, reuse, repurpose - it is a wonderful thing for our environment.

- Gina

### **Did You Know...**

According to the latest Quilting in America survey, the average dedicated quilter is 64 years old, has been quilting for an average of 20.3 years and spent an average \$3,296 per year on quilting in 2014.

For this and other interesting facts related to the quilting industry, see [http://quilts.com/announcements/y2014/QIA\\_summary.pdf](http://quilts.com/announcements/y2014/QIA_summary.pdf)

Thanks to Tracey Phillips for this info.

### **Recipe Corner**

#### **Crockpot Macaroni and Cheese**

Spray crockpot with food release.

*Add to crockpot:*

- 2 c. Skim Milk or any kind of milk
- 12 oz. can evaporated milk
- 1 egg
- 1 tsp. salt and 1/4 tsp. pepper

Whisk until mixed together.

*Add:*

- 1 1/2 cups sharp cheddar cheese, shredded
  - 2 cups uncooked elbow pasta
- Stir

Cook on low 3-4 hours, no more.

Very easy to put together and very delicious!

- Gina

### **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)

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

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

### **Holiday Party**

We will celebrate the upcoming holidays with our Annual Holiday Party during our December meeting. There will be a pot luck buffet, games, and our always fun Yankee Swap. Presently we only have 22 members signed up, so please email me at [quiltedarrow@aol.com](mailto:quiltedarrow@aol.com) if you plan to attend and what food item you will bring. (FYI-store-bought items are always welcome as well as homemade). The Yankee Swap is optional. If you wish to participate, please bring a new, wrapped, \$20 quilt-related item. Hope to see you all there!

- Nancy

### **Featured Quilter of the Month**

This month we are introducing a new topic to our newsletter. Called Featured Quilter of the Month, it we will provide a brief quilting bio on one or two of our members; this is a great way to get to know more about the fabulous talented ladies of T&F. And since Wendy Moore made this wonderful suggestion, we will start with her!

Wendy Moore is a longtime resident of Bridgewater and has been quilting for 20 years. She had always sewn, but wanting to spend an evening out with her husband, Wendy enrolled in a quilting class at Bristol Plymouth Vocational School while her husband enrolled in woodworking. She had taken a template design and hand piecing class ten years earlier at Saftlers, but this quilting class took her in a different direction, as it introduced her to machine piecing and provided her with such quilting tips as buying good fabric at Heartbeat Quilts.

Wendy has three Berninas, two Featherweights, her grandmother's treadle machine and one Brother with plastic cams that change the decorative stitch. She enjoys hand piecing, but loves the speed of machine piecing and quilting along with machine applique. Her favorite fabric category is Christmas, especially by Hoffman, and she is particularly attracted to any Moda line. She is currently quilting all of her tops and has taken classes with Pat Delaney, Laura Lee Fritz, and Sharon Schambler; she also has taken online classes which she finds is a time saver.

Wendy's other interests include ocean kayaking, traveling, spending time with her family, especially her three children and six grandchildren; and training and playing with her two dogs, Rosie and Mack. She works for the Arthritis Foundation as the Northeast Regional Trainer for the Life Enhancement Series of Movement Activities and is looking forward to her 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in 2015.

## **Out and About**

Need a road trip? Mark your calendars for upcoming shows, events and visits to new quilt shops.

- February 19-21, 2015: BIG sale with deep discounts at the Holiday Inn in Nashua NH. 10-6 Thursday and Friday and 10-3 Saturday

Participating shops include Vintage and Vogue, The Christmas Shoppe, Nashua Sew and Vac, Fabritique, Great Pond, Quiltopia, The Purple Mouse, and Mainely Sewing.

- "In Celebration of Childhood: Doll & Crib Quilts" from the Pilgrim/Roy Collection is an exhibit at the [Upton Chandler House Museum](#), 10 West Main Street, Warner, NH. Nov. 1- Dec 7, Fridays and Saturdays 10-4, Sundays 1-4 Admission \$5.00
- [Dragonfly's Quilt Shop](#) is new and located at the Bellingham Marketplace - 799 S. Main Street #17B Bellingham, MA 02019



## **Quilts of Valor**

For those of you looking for a way to honor our veterans, look into the [Quilts of Valor](#) project for information about this wonderful way to provide comfort to our service members. Free patterns are available to download or print. Over 100,000 quilts have been awarded to date.

- Brenda

## **Another Ribbon!**

Congratulations to Pat Delaney for winning the Poetic Expression Judge's Award at the Gathering in Manchester. Her exquisite wallhanging, "Modern Reflections" is done in silks and not to be missed.



## **Membership**

Our membership is at capacity with 45 members.

If you know of a guild member who is ill or needs a little TLC, please let me know and I'll be happy to send a card from all of us - thank you!

- Louise