



Thimbles & Friends Quilt Guild Newsletter

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Greetings from Bridgewater

Okay it's Christmas Eve and I'm still binding, but at least it will be done in time. This season can get so hectic that I can easily forget what it's all about. Working full time is getting in the way of life! I'd rather be quilting! I have so many projects I want to do and so many techniques I want to learn, and patience has never been one of my virtues. Guess I'll just have to take one day at a time.

I hope you have a happy and healthy holiday season filled with family and love, and... quilts!

- *Julia*

From the Chair

Dear Ladies,

As the new year approaches, we as a guild have a lot to be thankful for and a lot to look forward to. A Show year is always exciting; there are so many opportunities for fun and for getting to know each other better. Volunteer for a committee, sell raffle tickets, have a "boutique" party at your home (to make boutique items, of course), just to name a few. Everyone has a particular talent she can contribute in some way. And of course, we are finishing up the quilts we want to enter.

While all this going on, we have our retreat fast approaching (oh boy!) and some great workshops planned for our meetings. Happy New Year everyone! See you in January.

- Rose



Spinach Squares

This is a great appetizer for holiday entertaining. Delicious and easy.

4 TBS butter

3 eggs

1 cup flour

1 cup milk

1 tsp salt

1 tsp baking powder

3/4 pound (more or less to taste)
shredded cheddar cheese

2 packages frozen chopped
spinach, thawed and drained

1 TBS dried onion flakes

Instructions:

- Preheat oven 350 degrees.
- Put butter in 9x13 baking dish and put in oven to melt, remove.
- In large bowl beat eggs, add flour, milk, salt, baking powder, and mix well.
- Add cheese, onion, spinach and mix well.
- Spoon evenly in pan.
- Bake 45 minutes and let cool.
- Cut in small squares; serve room temp. or warm.
- Freezes well.

– Gina



Meeting Dates

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

January Meeting

For the January meeting, we are hosting a quilt show boutique workshop. We would like to offer guild members the opportunity to create a few items to sell at the boutique during this year's quilt show. We expect to demo about 4 items at the January workshop and will bring instructions for each item at that time. However, you do have the option to work on your own boutique items at the workshop, if you like.

Depending on which item(s) you choose to make from our suggestions, you would need to bring a few but no more than a **half dozen coordinating fat quarters in addition to a sewing machine and basic sewing supplies (thread, scissors, rotary cutter, etc.)**. We'll keep the suggested items a surprise until the meeting. Also, each person who makes a boutique item will be given a vendor number for tracking their sales at the show. The guild receives a small percentage of all sales. Hope to see you at the workshop!

– Joyce





Jeanne with a few of her creations

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 and Jill at scruffsmom@comcast.net

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

Featured Quilter of the Month – Jeanne Aurilio

Jeanne Aurilio has been quilting for 28 years. Her mother had taught her how to sew as a child, but she didn't have much time to actually quilt. She read a lot of quilting books, and produced a few quilts in the first years, but she's been making up for it since she retired!

During Christmas holidays spent at her parents' home in California, Jeanne started looking at a Georgia Bonesteel book to pass the time. Realizing that she had an assortment of fabric at home that would be perfect, she talked her mom out of the book, and the Dresden Plate quilt she showed the guild meeting was the beginning of her obsession!

Jeanne started out machine piecing and hand quilting, the latter of which took too long. Now she loves both machine piecing and quilting, and also some machine appliqué.

She loves almost all types of (non-brown!) quilting fabric, including colorful Hawaiian fabric. She has made at least ten Hawaiian quilts, only three of which were traditional appliqué. She has a special source for Hawaiian fabric—her Hawaiian friend and next-door neighbor, Tricia.

Chief among Jeanne's quilting goals for 2015 is to make a wedding quilt for her daughter Brittany and son-in-law Ryan who were married this past year—a double wedding ring in their wedding colors, purple and coral, with machine embroidery of remembrances of their lives.

Jeanne has a super-duper Bernina 830 that can do everything (though she is still waiting for it to pour her a dirty martini)! The machine was a retirement gift to herself. Three years later, she's still doesn't use all it can do, but it's fun trying. She also uses a small older, more portable Bernina for the road that sews beautifully as well.

When she's not sewing, Jeanne loves to work out at the gym—5-7 hours a week, including strength training and spinning. She has made a great group of friends at the gym, which helps keep her going. She also loves to read novels, non-fiction, and quilting magazines and books.

Jeanne Aurilio has lived in Cohasset for 30 years. She was born in California, and has lived in Florida, Atlanta, Washington, D.C., Worms, Germany, and Boston.



Quilt Shop Review

A new quilt shop has opened in Lakeville that I wanted you all to know about. They call themselves [Homestead Quilting and Fabrics](#) and they're located at 54 Main Street Unit 20 in Lakeville. That's about a half mile from where the Lakeville intersection with 495 and Rt 105. Phone is (774) 419-3984. They are closed Sundays and Mondays and open 10:00 am to 6:00 pm Tuesday through Saturday.

So far they are predictably small, but nonetheless are showing some very nice batiks and contemporary fabrics as well as interesting patterns and books. They have all the basic notions you could need. The owner, Michelle, is very friendly and accommodating. Currently they are a Handiquilter dealer--the only one in this neck of the woods; very convenient for those of us on the South Shore.

Michelle has a schedule of diverse classes that will be offered this winter and is booking now for spring classes. I hope you'll stop in to see them and give your support to this fledgling small business.

Thanks, Chris Thierfelder

