



# Thimbles & Friends Quilt Guild Newsletter

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## Guild Website

<http://www.thimblesandfriendsquiltguild.org>

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



## Newsletter Submissions

All guild members are encouraged to submit articles for this newsletter. Share an interesting article, picture cartoon, etc. Add your thoughts and please provide the source or web address. If you like it, we will, too! If the newsletter is not published that month, we will save your article for a future publication.

- Taryen, Wendy F., Deborah

## Meeting Dates

Here is the meeting information for our remaining guild year. Meeting times are 10:15 AM – 2 PM.

May 7

Swap meet/picnic



### ***From the Chairman***

Our next meeting is our second annual trunk swap meet! Last year we were able to meet outdoors and present the Jonathan Thorn family and extended family with quilts we made from Suzie's fabric for them. It was a wonderful day spent with my quilting sisters and "doing good".

This year we will be spending it at the Abington Library on May 7 in the side parking lot. (if rain happens we will be in our regular room) Bring your unwanted quilting stuff in your car - open your trunk and let us peruse and choose something new to us. Last year we had not only fabric, patterns, magazines and quilt books, but also candy, and trashy romance novels! Bring whatever you wish - remember- if no one claims it, it will go home with you.

Bring a picnic lunch and a lawn chair and plan on socializing.

Also - this will be the last call for the fabric that I have left of Jonathan's. If he gives me more to sell on the family's behalf, I will let everyone know. Whatever fabric does not sell at our meeting, it will be donated to the Dress A Girl program.

We will be voting on a slate of officers for the ensuing year. We will likely need a Quilt Show Committee meeting this summer to iron out the details and give Wendy Foley and Sue Warchal all the support we can give them.

And last, we will be voting on which raffle quilt will be the one for our treasury and which will go for the relief of Ukraine. We will decide on which organization we will send the Ukraine money. Doctors without Borders, Poland Red Cross, and UNICEF are some suggestions that were given to me.

I wish you enough bobbin to complete your project.

Happy Spring everyone! God bless the people of Ukraine.

- Wendy M.

### ***From the Secretary***

I don't know about you, but I am getting excited about our quilt show! I am thrilled with all the squares you've made. They are all beautiful! I still have some of the background fabric left and I will bring it to the next meeting.

Piece,

*Sue-Ellen*



## **From Programming**

May meeting will be our trunk exchange. If we have good weather we will be parking at the library (I believe on the left side of the building) bring a chair, bring a bag lunch and bring all the goodies that you want to give away. If we have rain, we will be inside the building. We will set up tables just be sure to take home your leftovers. I can't believe that the Guild year is over already.

This summer work on your projects for the Boutique. The Boutique committee will be looking for all your scraps (squares, strips etc.)

- Sheryl

## **May T&F**

### **End of the Year**

### **Party 2022**

THEME:

Kindness + Sharing = Creative Quilting Friends!

Who are they????

Well US!!!!!!

We have much to celebrate and be thankful for this year...

1. We are having a car swap stroll like last year but at the library. (Rain bring a small swap box inside- but everything NOT swapped Goes HOME.)
2. Most creative vehicle will win a prize, just the trunk or back of truck....
3. Bring your own lunch.... picnic style, water and desert will be provided
4. Door Prizes and fun!!!

Who will have the most unique swap item???????

### **Ukraine blocks**

12.5" would be great or 6.5" if needed

Color yellow and special blue

My thought would be (and this idea can have discussion because more thought cells can produce better decisions) I would make banners from whatever blocks came in and then at the Quilt show we can have a silent auction. The money raised could go to the efforts for the Ukraine my hope it is for the children.

- Sue



## **Membership and Hospitality**

Membership Dues are Due!

May 7th is our last meeting of the year. Just a reminder that the dues for the new guild meeting year beginning September 2022 are payable by May 31, 2022.

Please make your \$35.00 check payable to: Thimbles and Friends Quilt Guild

You may submit your check to our Treasurer Barbara White or Co-Treasurer Julia Blanchard at the May meeting or mail it to Barbara White at:

45 Carleton St., Whitman, MA 02382

I hope you will all renew your membership. Also, if you know of anyone who would like to join, we do have openings in the guild. They are welcome to come to any meeting as a guest.

Thank you and Happy Quilting!

- *Phyllis*









# New England Quilt Museum

## Regional Quilt Guild Events

**Now - April 28**  
Hannah Dustin Quilters Guild  
Online Quilt Raffle  
Proceeds Benefit the NEQM  
[Purchase Tickets](#)

**April 23 - 24**  
Amoskeag Quilters Guild  
Tomorrow's Heirlooms: "Through the Generations"  
Memorial H.S. in Manchester, NH  
[Details](#)

**April 30 - May 1**  
Northern Star Quilters' Guild  
"A World of Quilts XLI"  
SUNY Purchase College in Purchase, NY  
[Details](#)

**May 6 - 7**  
Chelmsford Quilter's Guild Biennial Show  
Chelmsford - Lowell Elks Lodge  
Chelmsford, MA  
[Details](#)

**May 6 - 7**  
Quilters' Connection 2022 Quilt Show  
"Celebrating Quilting Artistry"  
St. James Armenian Church in Watertown, MA  
[Details](#)

**May 14, 10 - 2**  
Rising Star Spring Fair  
Jason Russell House lawn in Arlington, MA  
[Details](#)



## What Products To Sell At Your Guild Boutique

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### What Sold

Some items sold each one that we had donated to the Boutique. For example, some foot pedal bases made of wood and self-liner sold at \$8.00 each. We had some vinyl window project bags that were at least 14"x 16" which sold for \$15. Most had brightly colored fabric around the window and on the back.



Tote bags and purses sold well. I estimate that we had at least 30 of them of various sizes and quality. The less costly bags sold very well. The larger totes with supportive batting sold for only about \$10. However, we did sell all but 4 of the totes.

We had about a dozen tool mugs and every one of those sold for \$8.00. Pin cushions sold very well. We must have had 30 or more of various sizes and quality. Most sold for \$2.00.

Baskets made of clothesline were the surprise hit of the show. The maker had placed fabric on the bottom of the basket that made them bright and appealing. They sold for \$12 or more. Bowl cozies also sold well if the price was right.

Other items that sold well were hats (\$10-15), tooth fairy bags (\$3), and small art quilts (\$15-20). Kid's busy bags with colored pencils and stencils (\$10) sold out and we had a wonderful suggestion. A grandparent of a child in a wheelchair asked if we could put a hard surface on one side of the bag in the future. This would make them usable by a child in a wheelchair. We certainly will!



## **What Did Not Sell**

Items that didn't sell as well were potholders, bibs, table runners, and placements. We did have folks looking for the silicone overlay oven mitts, but those would be very expensive to produce and donate.

Small bags didn't sell well. It didn't seem to matter if they were small zipper bags, Japanese rice bags, or another model. We had to reduce the prices on all of them.

We tried a small travel sewing kit and a small travel iron cleaning kit, but neither sold.

## **Advice**

We found that we had to make sure that our members understood that these were donations. We were not going to return them at the end of the show. We also had to explain that this was NOT a secondhand shop, and we didn't want magazines, books, or used patterns.

We asked folks to please write their name on the item so we could call them if we didn't know what it was. They didn't. We had some awesome small corner-looking items that sold well for \$2. It wasn't until late in the day that we found out they were bookmarks. Same with some unusual types of potholders.

One thing that sells year after year is Roosters! Totes, bowls, baskets or pincushions – Roosters sell!

## **2023 Meeting Dates**

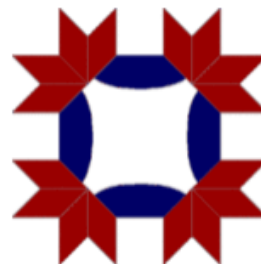
The Guild meeting dates have been confirmed for 2023 at The Abington Public Library. Meetings are scheduled from 10:00 AM to 2:00PM on the following dates:

September 17, 2022	January 28, 2023
October 1, 2022	February retreat
November 5, 2022	March 4, 2023
December 3, 2022	April 1, 2023
January 7, 2023	May 6, 2023

## **Upcoming Events**

Chelmsford Quilters Guild will host its 2022 quilt show on Saturday, May 6th and Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup> featuring:

- Over 100 quilts by their members
- Small Quilts Auction
- Themed Raffle Baskets
- Quilting Demonstration
- Vendors: Bits 'n Pieces Quilt shop.





### *Trip Around the World...from Deborah Hylander*

Right now, it's all things Ukrainian, so imagine my surprise when I came upon this beautiful quilt, "Ukrainian Dancer," in the April 1993, #88 issue of Lady's Circle Patchwork Quilts magazine. The quilt was made by Ukrainians Oleg and Iren Kirilenko prior to their visit to the USA in 1992, as part of an international quilt exchange. It's a small, small world...

