



Thimbles & Friends Quilt Guild Newsletter

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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, own story etc. Add your thoughts and please provide the source or web address. If you like it, we will, too! If the newsletter is published that month, we will save your article for future publication.

- Taryen, Wendy F., Deborah H.

Meeting Dates

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

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| Jan 6 | Wendy Foley-proper biomechanics for Sewing/quilting |
| Jan 27 | Charity Workshop – Shirley MacLeod |
| Feb 8-11 | Retreat hotel 1620 |
| March 2 | Trunk show w/ Janet Elia" My quilting Journey" |
| April 6 | Workshop With Jennifer Watchorn (4 hour Class) 2 color table runner |
| May 4 | Janice O'Gara-Rope bowls & Tea Party |



From the Chair

What a busy season...all bustling to get our last-minute things done. My hope is for everyone to have time to enjoy the season. Driving last night, all the lights were so beautiful they just lifted my spirit. It is a lot of work but such a wonderfully exciting time.

Our Christmas party was a total blast, thank you all who helped Joanne pull her great ideas together. My little family gathering of five will be doing the left, right story also.

Who plans on making any New Year's resolutions? This was on my mind yesterday and I really gave it some thought. This is what I came up with. Less media, I can get sucked into those short YouTube videos and waste good sewing time. Less junk food and more walking, mind you I didn't say chocolate. More friend time. Less worrying. More peace.

I wish my Thimbles and Friends a wondrous season and a Happy 2024.

- Janice



Love my hearts, perfect for my country decor.

Janice

Programming

Merry Christmas from the program Committee 🎄 🎄 !

We have a very busy month coming up! At the first meeting our own Wendy Foley will be talking about and demonstrating proper body mechanics and stretching for quilters. Especially for when we are at the retreats and sew for hours!

We will also have a free cycle on that day. Just remember that whatever you bring that doesn't go you are responsible to bring home if not it will be thrown away.

The second meeting at the end of the month will be a charity day. Shirley will be providing more information on that. Again, you can bring unwanted "stuff" that day for the free cycle table.

- *Wendy Moore, Sue-Ellen Hewitt and Shirley McLeod*

Charity workshop

January is fast approaching and that means charity workshop day! (weather permitting) This is info for new members and a reminder for seasoned members that our on-going charity is the Homecare Division of South Shore Hospital. They serve 28 towns in southeastern Massachusetts, approximately 1500 people at any given time. They greatly appreciate all the quilts that we donate. On workshop day, members are encouraged to work on quilts any way they see fit. This includes cutting, sewing, or pinning tops to get ready for quilting. You can bring fabric to share if you would like and help is available for anyone who needs it. The guild provides batting for charity quilts, and I will bring some with me. Charity quilts can be any size, any color. The nurses that distribute the quilts always find someone for each quilt. I hope to see everyone on workshop day, January 27!

- *Shirley MacLeod, Charity Co-Ordinator*



Retreat

Just a reminder from Wendy, the retreat balance of \$48 is due January 6th. If you don't pay by that date you won't be able to come to the retreat. Either bring your check to the meeting or mail it to Wendy Moore before that date.



47 more days!!!

Quilt Show Buck a Block

Merry Christmas 🎄 ! I hope you have all your quilted presents done. I will be bringing more of the tone on tone for the buck a block to the January meeting. Keep on working on them! Remember we sold almost 200 squares at the last show!!

See you in the new year!

- Sue-Ellen

Recycling

Hi Ladies,

At lunch yesterday, a visitor at our table mentioned a “textile” recycling bin at the Duval School in Whitman. I called the school this morning and they do have a bin. We can dispose of scraps and worn-out clothing there. The school is located on Regal St. which is off South Ave. There's a one-story brick building on the corner. Regal St is a short street, and you won't miss seeing the school. The bin is located to the left of the front of the building. Hope this helps anyone who wants to dispose of those scraps that just aren't big enough to use.

- *Pat McCollem*

Sewing Machines

Here are some interesting articles about different sewing machines and sewing notions.

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- *Submitted by Wendy Moore*

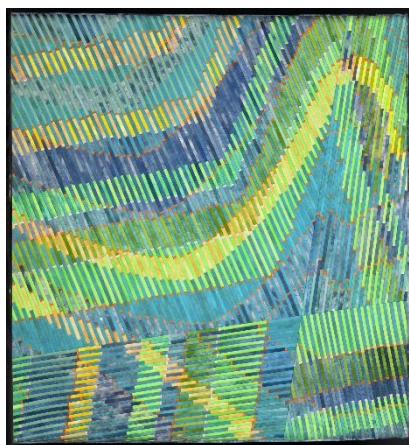




Exhibitions

The Quilted Canvas IV: Ruth McDowell, Jude Larzelere, Tafi Brown and Jo Diggs

On View January 16 through April 27, 2024



Improv and Abstraction in Antique Quilts

MARGE TUCKER, GUEST CURATOR

On View January 16 through April 27, 2024



INSCRIBED QUILTS FROM THE PERMANENT
COLLECTION

What's in a Name?

Opening January 16, 2024



Upcoming Quilt Shows

March 16, 2024 – March 17, 2024

Thimble Pleasures Quilt Show in Upton MA

Parking: Free parking is available on site. \$10 children under 18 are free

March 22, 2024 - March 23, 2024

Quinobequin Quilters Biennial Quilt Show in Needham MA Quinobequin

Quilters Biennial Quilt Show in Needham MA Needham Masonic Lodge 1101 Highland Ave Needham MA 02492, Needham, Massachusetts \$10

April 6, 2024 - April 7, 2024

Burlington Quilters Guild Quilt Show in Wilmington MA

Knights of Columbus 112 Middlesex Avenue, Wilmington, Massachusetts

Copied From: <https://quiltguilds.com/quilt-shows-in-massachusetts/>

Quilting Hub

I thought this might bring some inspiration for 2024.

Houston Quilts Other Judged Winners

Summary

The International Quilt Festival held its annual judged show last month in Houston, Texas. Winning quilts were chosen in seven specific categories. Over \$50,000 in cash prizes were awarded to all the winners. We highlight the winner in each category.

The Intentional Quilt Festival, recently held in Houston, Texas, had an inspirational display of quilts. There were over 1,000 quilts on display covering 32 exhibits. We have already mentioned the [major judged winners](#). But so many more quilts are on display in other judged categories, equally deserving of recognition. Let's check out some of the first-place winners in the various categories.



Abstract

It's hard to imagine such a beautiful quilt being labeled Swamp. This original design by Roberta Lagomarsini is actually the fifth in her series. It reflects the blend of a pond with the surrounding land.



Applique

Lyn Keough crafted this original design based loosely on a wreath her daughter presented to her when she moved into a new house. Plenty of embellishments and Sashiko thread were evident on this quilt.

Hand Crafted/ Hand Made

All the way from Japan, this quilt featured extensive embroidery and was made for the quilter's daughter.



Machine Quilting

A traditional Baltimore [Album quilt](#) was free motion quilted. The [border](#) was micro-quilted with seven thread colors. Metallic and holographic threads enhance the individual blocks.



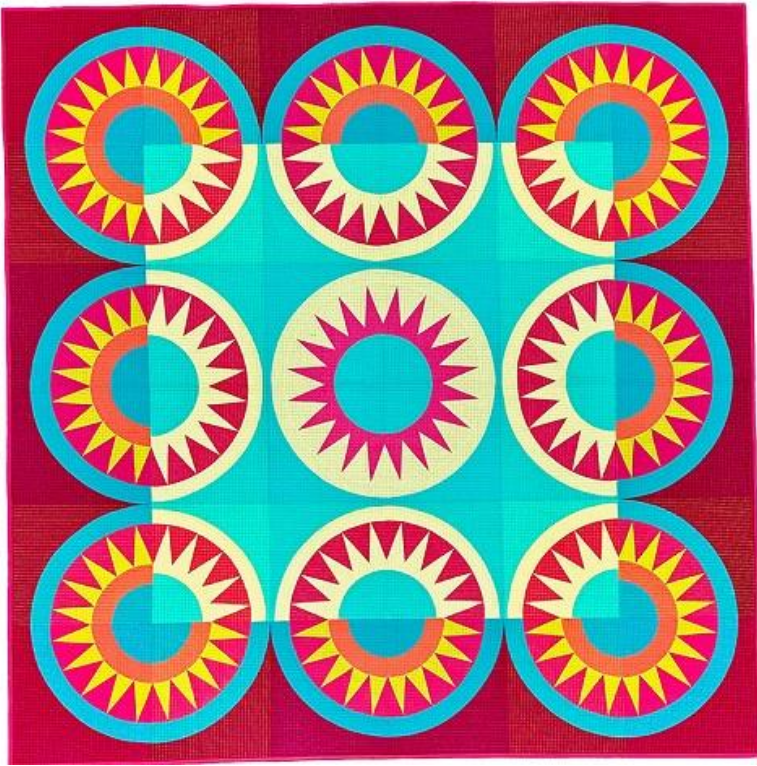
Pictorial - Large

Her grandmother's garden inspired this original design by Andrea Brokenshire. The quilt displays a Stargazer lily next to a Snowball bush. Look closely, as you might initially think this was a drawing and not a quilt with all the details offered by the quilter.

Pictorial- Small

This winner consists of the horse's head hand painted on the fabric, and then the horse and sky were thread painted.





Pieced

This quilt is an eye-catching New York Beauty [block](#). The colors pop off the quilt from this original design by Susan Braverman.

The quilts on display are always lovingly displayed, with lighting and text explaining the background of the quilts. Entries are already being accepted for the 2024 display held during the International Quilt Festival. The next festival will be held from October 31, 2024, through November 3, 2024, at the George R. Brown Convention Center in Houston, Texas. Do you have a quilt to enter? Get the details at <https://www.quilts.com/enter-your-quilt/>.