



Thimbles & Friends Quilt Guild Newsletter

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<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, 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.

Oct 7	Presenter Karen Pratt from QuiltLily
Nov 4	Presenter John E Norris "I can copy-Right?" Retreat deposit due at meeting.
Dec 2	HOLI DAY PARTY
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 Chairman

Start - Restart

The short time since our last meeting I've been in my studio a lot. Mostly un-cluttering, rearranging or rethinking works in progress. What makes me happy or not so much. Working on items that have years of abandonment has given a pure sense of purpose, although it is not always easy to pick up where you left off years ago. How to re-start again takes determination and some creativity and of course digging deep in memory of your fabric.

This is also very true with life's journeys. 35 years ago I was in a group of women from the church I attended in Middleboro. How we became the pink flamingos is a story another day. But that bond lasted among those women to this day, also within me.

As life put me on another path all contact was lost. Moving several times did not help along with other reasons. We go about our lives never knowing what our next steps will lead us, as one day in August I was face to face with my best friend lost. Tears of joy and sadness engulfed both while catching up with our lives. These ladies meet every Friday afternoon and have embraced me back as if I had never left.

Being in my studio these few weeks since that day in August has brought an abundance of stillness to my spirit, reflecting on the blessing of this fun and talented group of my sew sistahs with the coming year's activities and my renewed pink flamingos sisters.

Our studios are not just for creating quilts or works of fabrics, but also our way of quieting our minds and souls to reflect and find peace. They are our sanctuary.

- *Janice*

We will be doing only 1 Show and Tell for October meeting.

Please save the rest of your show and tell for the November meeting as we have a guest speaker this month. Karen Pratt of QuiltLily Designs will chat about her favorite notions, tips and gadgets.

Thank you.



Programming

October Program!

We will be enjoying a presentation by Karen Pratt from Quiltlily Designs.

Inspired since childhood to sew, Karen Pratt has been quilting since the mid 1990's and has been designing her own patterns for over 10 years as QuiltLily Designs. Karen takes pride in treating quilters to quilt designs with visual interest with clear and concise directions.

In addition to designing, Karen also travels across the northeast teaching, speaking, and hosting quilting retreats. The name QuiltLily Designs was created by merging her two passions: quilting and hybridized daylilies. Karen makes her home in the beautiful Berkshires of western Massachusetts.

QuiltLily Designs, original designs by Karen Pratt, offers both pieced quilt patterns as well as Redwork/stitchery patterns (artwork by Cindy Riggs-French).

Website: www.quiltlily.com

Facebook: www.facebook.com/pages/QuiltLily-Designs



Respectfully submitted Sue-Ellen Hewitt and Wendy Moore - Program Chairs

Retreat Registration

Retreat registration paperwork will be available at the October and November meetings. You must pay your \$50.00 deposit by the November meeting. Paperwork and checks to be turned into Wendy Moore Retreat coordinator. At the December meeting we will choose meals and then in January registrants will be notified of the amount due.

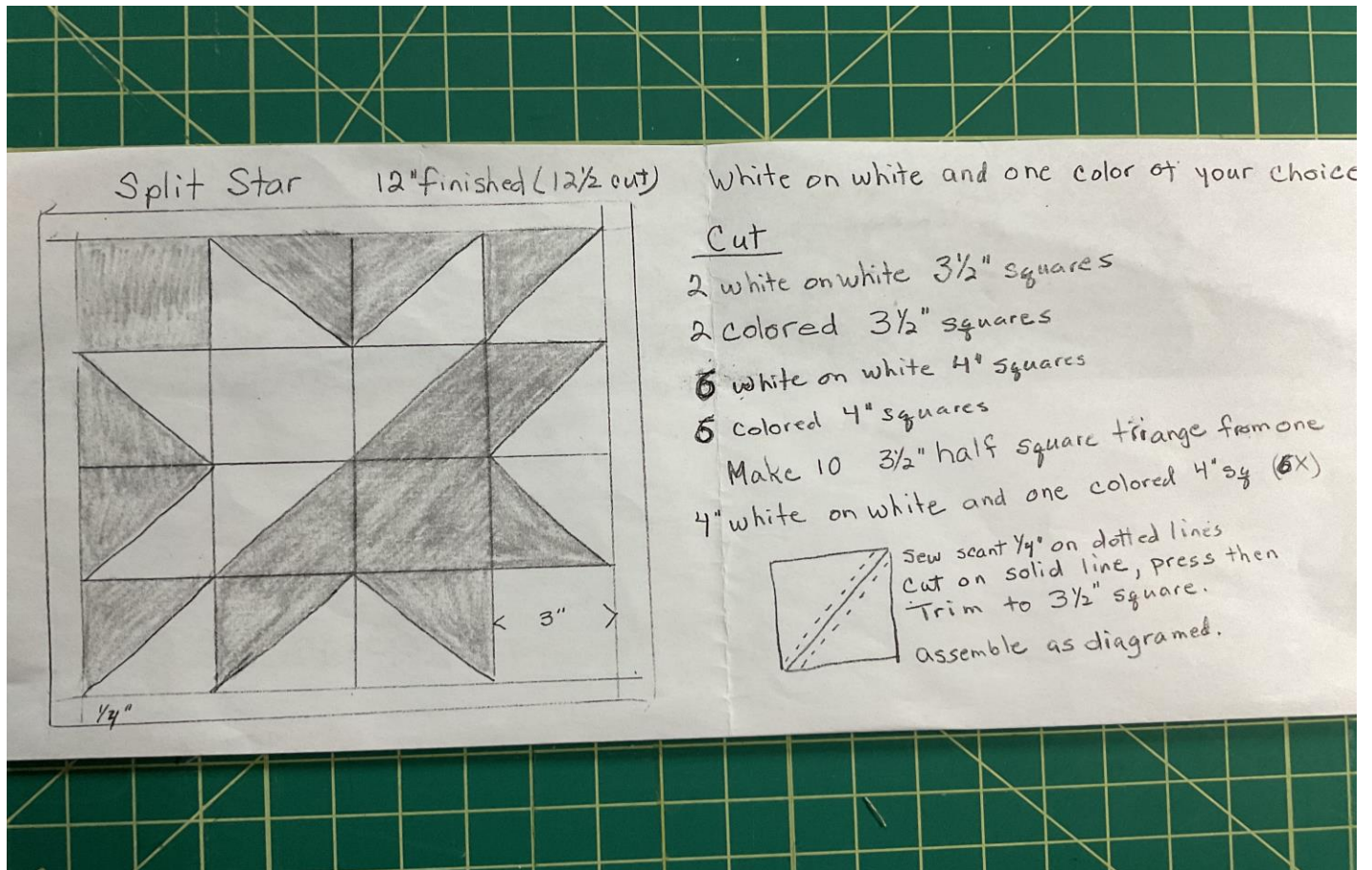
- Wendy M.



Quilt Show Buck a Block

Here is the pattern for the buck a block. I will bring the tone on tone to the October meeting. These are going to make beautiful fall quilts or table runners! I will answer any questions you may have at the next meeting.

- Sue-Ellen





Exhibitions

Designing Woman (and Men) of the Twentieth Century---Through October 14, 2023

The Animal Kingdom in Quilts and Textiles---September 12-
December 30, 2023



Personal Expression: The Legacy of Gwen
Marston—September 12-December 30, 2023

Upcoming Quilt Shows



October 7 Crazy Quilters of Cape Cod Show, 790 Main Street, Falmouth
Free admission

Hello Fellow Quilt Guilds,

The Crazy Quilters of Cape Cod will be holding their 2023 Quilt Show on Saturday, October 7, 10:00-3:00 PM at the Gus Cauty Community Center, 790 Main Street, Falmouth, MA. Admission is free.

There will be over 70 quilts on display, a raffle quilt, and a boutique table. We are also planning a QOV presentation at noon.

Fall is a great time to visit Cape Cod so we would appreciate it if you could share this information, and/or the attached flyer, with your membership. (Flyer is attached)

Thank you and happy quilting!

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Ginger Rabesa

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<http://crazyquiltersofcapecod.com>

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October 13-15 Ninigret Quilters, Westerly Armory, 41 Railroad ave, Westerly, RI
Admission \$5

October 14-15 Crosstown Quilters Guild, Abington Senior Center, 441 Summer St., Abington
Admission \$7

October 14-15 Rising Star Quilters Show, 730 Massachusetts Avenue, Arlington
Admission \$8

October 20-22 Belchertown United Church of Christ Quilt Show & Tag Sale,
18 Park Street, Belchertown
Admission \$5, Under 12 free

October 21-22 Cocheco Quilt Show, Choceco Village, 130 Wakefield St, Rochester, NH
Admission \$10

Benefits of Joining a Quilt Guild

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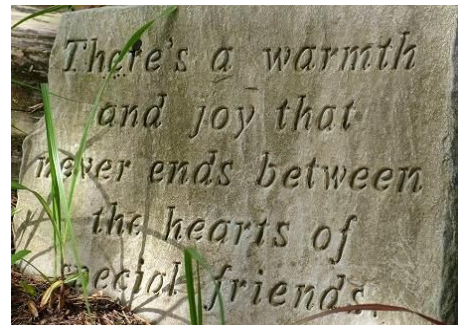
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Friends and Shopping Buddies

Quilting in its earliest tradition was a group experience, but over the years it has turned into a more solitary endeavor as our homes and families have spread out more and more. Joining a Quilt Guild can help to bring that fun community feel to your hobby and it will also help you find some like-minded people that can be fun to socialize with during shopping trips, retreats and other quilt-related endeavors.



Sharing Your Knowledge and Learning From Others

Have you been a quilter for many years and already made most of the mistakes? Or are you new to quilting and know you have a lot to learn? A Quilt Guild can be a great place for sharing and learning for all skill levels. If you are fortunate enough to join a group that is comprised of many different skill levels and ages, you really have found an ideal group. The new quilters bring an enthusiasm for learning to the group and remind the more "seasoned" quilters of how much fun the hobby truly is, and the more "seasoned" members bring knowledge that can be invaluable to the new members.



New Ideas, New Teachers, and New Tools

Quilt Guilds frequently invite teachers to present new techniques and show some of the latest tools. This can provide you the opportunity to see and touch some of the latest and greatest tools and view quilts in person that you normally would not see without attending a quilt show.

Color Help

Have you ever had difficulty coming up with a color combination for a quilt that you would like to make? Attending Guild meetings will expose you to more quilts and you can gain inspiration for new color combinations by taking pictures of quilts that you love during the Guild meetings. You can also bring some fabric with you and ask your quilting friends for suggestions of what they would add or subtract from the fabric selections you have made to create a stunning quilt.

Discounts

Yep, we all like a deal and many quilt shops will offer a Guild Discount. This can provide you with a little more spending money for some fun new notions or maybe that extra fat quarter you were considering. Remember when you go to new shops to ask if they offer a Guild discount.

Classes and Workshops at Reduced Prices

Guilds are a great resource for learning and with your membership often comes the ability to take classes and workshops for a smaller fee than you would traditionally pay if you attended the same class during a quilt show. Be sure to take as many classes as you can because you learn something new with each teacher and technique you try. Sometimes what you learn is that there are some really interesting people in your Guild that you had not had time to visit with that become good friends. Other times you learn how to better utilize the tools you have, or learn about tools that will make your quilting more fun. In any case, the time you spend with quilting friends is a great time to laugh, have fun, and enjoy just being together.

Free Table and Quilters Garage Sales

Another benefit to joining a Guild is the fabulous "Free Table" that many Guilds have. This can be a great place to pick up small items that another quilter no longer needs, or some fabric scraps that you can use to try out a new pattern, technique, or block. It is also a great place to donate items that you have decided you do not wish to finish, or that you purchased too much of, or bought twice – we have all done that!

Charity Projects

We have talked about all of the benefits of the Guild for ourselves, but our time spent with our Guild can also help others. Many Guilds have special service projects that they do to help out in the community. A few that are popular are Quilts of Valor for service members, making quilts for nursing homes, hospitals, or hospice units, making pillowcases for children that are in the hospital, and the list goes on and on. Our quilting hobby can be a blessing to lots of people, and when you join a Guild, you can work on projects together that can really benefit the community as well as being a great opportunity to meet and stitch with fellow quilters.

So, now that you have a list of good reasons to join a Guild, head to the search feature on QuiltingHub.com to find a list of Guilds in your area. Happy Stitching!

- Submitted by Wendy M.



Food for thought as we get ready to support local food banks, copied from a post:

So, I spoke to people getting food at a food bank and here are some things I learned from those in need:

1. Everyone donates Kraft Mac and Cheese in the box. They can rarely use it because it needs milk and butter which is hard to get from regular food banks.
2. Boxed milk is a treasure, as kids need it for cereal which they also get a lot of.
3. Everyone donates pasta sauce and spaghetti noodles.
4. They cannot eat all the awesome canned veggies and soup unless you put a can opener in too or buy pop tops.
5. Oil is a luxury but needed for Rice a-Roni which they also get a lot of.
6. Spices or salt and pepper would be a real Christmas gift.
7. Tea bags and coffee make them feel like you care.
8. Sugar and flour are treats.
9. They fawn over fresh produce donated by farmers and grocery stores.
10. Seeds are cool in Spring and Summer because growing can be easy for some.
11. They rarely get fresh meat.
12. Tuna and crackers make a good lunch.
13. Hamburger Helper goes nowhere without ground beef.
14. They get lots of peanut butter and jelly but usually not sandwich bread.
15. Butter or margarine is nice too.
16. Eggs are a real commodity.
17. Cake mix, and frosting makes it possible to make a child's birthday cake.
18. Dishwashing detergent is very expensive and is always appreciated.
19. Feminine hygiene products are a luxury and women will cry over that.
20. Everyone loves Stove Top Stuffing.

In all the years I have donated food at the Holidays, I bought what I thought they wanted, but have never asked. I am glad I did. If you are helping a Family this Christmas, maybe this can help you tailor it more. It does for me!

- Submitted by Wendy M.