



# Thimbles & Friends Quilt Guild Newsletter

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## **Board and Committee Members 2020– 2021**

**Chair:** Sheryl Briggs

**Co-Chair:** Wendy Moore

**Treasurer:** Claudia Cummings

**Co-Treasurer:** Barbara White

**Secretary:** Sue Ellen Hewitt

**Charity:** Shirley McLeod

**Facilities:** Pat McCollem

**Membership/Hospitality:**  
Phyllis Barry

**Newsletter Editors:**  
Julia Blanchard/Taryen  
Shannon/Wendy Foley

**Web & Social Media:** Sarah Norris

**Programming Coordinators:** Nancy  
Moynihan/Joyce Hochstrasser



## **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 invited to submit articles for this newsletter. Please write your own articles and e-mail them to both of us no later than the 20th of the month to allow us time to process each article before distribution by the 25th. If there is no newsletter any particular month, we will save your article for a future publication.

- *Julia, Taryen, & Wendy*

## **Meeting Dates**

Here is the meeting information for our remaining guild year. Meeting times are 10:00 AM – 2 PM.

May 1	Annual voting for officers
-	Tailgating party & Trunk show



## **From the Chairman**

I would like to say a BIG "Thank You" to every guild member. You have all rallied together this year in many different ways. You are all **AWSOME** in my book.

Thank you all for learning how to meet on a Zoom video. Thank you, Wendy, for all the work that you did in making sure that we were all on Zoom. That took more work than we all can imagine.

Thank you to the Retreat Committee. You ladies did a fantastic job and you have inspired me moving forward with Zoom meeting, retreats, etc. Thank you to the ladies that have been working on the newsletter and for Julia taking the time to train them,

I think that this year our Guild has become closer, and I have enjoyed the time I have spent on Zoom with all of you. I am looking forward to the day when we can all be together in person. Hopefully sooner than later.

Our next meeting will be on May 1st at the Senior Center in Bridgewater.. See you all there!

- Sheryl

## **May Meeting**

The May 1st meeting will be held at the Bridgewater Cole Yeaton Senior Center 10 Wally Krueger Way, Bridgewater.

At our meeting we will conduct our normal business with the annual voting for officers. In addition, we will have a tailgate party! Bring any items from your sewing room spring cleaning to trade or give to another guild member. Books, notions, fabric and sewing related doodads are welcome. These items will be in the trunk of your car and members will stroll among the many delights awaiting them.

In addition, Wendy Moore will bring the 1-yard quilt kits that were put together by Sarah Norris, Janice O'Gara, and Wendy. Along with the leftover fabric that has not been "claimed" by members from the amazing donation from Susan and Jonathan.

Any fabric left over will be donated to the Dress a Girl project. This project makes dresses for young girls in third world countries.

Remember to bring:

- All your unwanted items
- A chair for the meeting under the tent outside
- Lunch or a snack

Masks should be worn when going to another's car, as we are not all fully vaccinated yet. If you remain 6 feet apart then masks are optional.

We can use the parking lot and tent from early morning until 3 PM. Rain date is June 5th.



## **Board Member Elections**

The following people have volunteered for board positions for the 2021-2022 guild year. Elections will be held at the May meeting. Thank you to all volunteers!

**Chair:** Wendy Moore

**Vice Chair:** Janice O'Gara

**Treasurer:** Barbara White

**Assistant Treasurer:** Julia Blanchard

**Secretary:** Sue-Ellen Hewitt

**Newsletter:** Taryn Shannon, Wendy Foley, Deborah Hylander

**Charity:** Shirley MacLeod

**Facilities:** Pat McCollum

**Webmaster:** Sarah Norris

**Programs:** Joyce Hochstrasser, Sue Warchal, Sheryl Briggs

**Membership:** Phyllis Barry

**Principal officer:** Wendy Moore (for tax and non-profit purposes)



## **Wendy's Corner**

### **Update on the Thorn Family's Quilts**

The 5 donation quilts are all pieced and quilted—now they are off to the binders. All the quilts are amazing. I am so happy that I am in a guild with such giving, compassionate and talented quilters! Stay tuned for the big reveal and the presentation of the quilts to the family. We would like as many members as possible to be in attendance when we present the quilts.

### **Isolette Covers**

These covers for preemies need to be 24' x 36'. They must be totally light-blocking and should have a dark backing. Any pattern is fine; you could use 5-inch squares (charm packs) or any pattern that strikes your fancy! This is a good place to try out a block that you are not sure about. The block can be any size, then border it with coordinating fabric to meet the size of the isolette.



- Wendy Moore

## Membership Dues are Due!

Individual  
Membership  
Renewal



- Phyllis Barry

May is our last meeting of the year. Just a reminder that the dues for the new guild year beginning with September 2021 are payable by May 31, 2021. I hope you will all renew your memberships. I know I am looking forward to September and planning to do some serious quilting over the summer.

Please make your **\$35.00** check payable to:

**Thimbles and Friends Quilt Guild**

You could submit it at the May meeting or mail it to me at:

796 South Ave., Whitman, MA 02382

or

Claudia Cummings: 17 Bell Dr., E. Bridgewater, MA 02333.

I am hopeful that we will be able to meet in person by September. It has been fun meeting via Zoom with everyone this past year but in person is always better. ❤️ 😊



## Quick Pattern for a Donation Quilt: Baby Strip Quilt

### **Cutting Directions**

1 yard focus fabric, cut into 5 strips, 6 1/2 inches wide

1/2 yard coordinating fabric cut into 4 strips, 3 1/2 inches wide

1/2 yard coordinating fabric cut into 8 strips, 1 1/2 inches wide

### **Instructions**

Sew the 1 1/2 inch strips onto the 3 1/2 strips, then alternate with the 6 1/2 strips.

Add backing and batting and as usual, quilt as desired!

This is a great place to practice your quilting skills. Please add a label that identifies the quilt as coming from Thimbles and Friends Quilt Guild.

- Wendy



**Wendy Reed at the NEQM**

On view from March 3-May 22, 2021



New England  
Quilt Museum



Wendy Reed is now displaying 21 of her quilts at the NEQM. She began quilting at the age of nine! Check out her [web page](#) too.

Wendy describes herself as “a wife, mother, grandmother and quilter, who manages to quilt a little every day to keep my sanity.” Can you relate?

**Bits N' Pieces Tent Sale**

June 4th, 5th, and 6th 10 AM - 5 PM

[Bits N' Pieces Quilt Shoppe](#)

70 Bridge St,  
Pelham, NH 03076



Missing all those clearance sales? We are, and if you agree, you won't want to miss this one.

Our annual clearance sale June 4th, 5th, and 6th from 10am-5pm. We didn't hold it last year, so we got lots of stuff to sell.

Join us under the Big Tent for HUGE savings on fabrics, books, kits, notions, and more.

- Submitted by Wendy Foley

