



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 McCollum

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 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.

April 3	Election Discussion, Future programming, Why Quilts Matter
May 1	Outdoor Swap and picnic



From the Chairman

Thank you to everyone that stepped up to volunteer to work on quilts (for two children of the family who donated fabric) quilter that have donated fabric. It's nice to know that all of you come together when someone is in need. Thank you for all you do. I am excited to see what we come up with for quilts. If there is anyone that needs a pattern for a three yard quilt let me know as I have a couple of books.

We are looking for two volunteers for programming this coming year. Nancy & Joyce will be stepping down. We are still working on trying to meet outside. Everyday something changes. See you all soon.

- Sheryl

Wendy's Corner

Do you know who "**Dear Jane**" is?

She is known to quilters all over the world for 225 patterns from 1863.

- Wendy



Also a little note.

Emma's Quilt Cupboard is having a grand opening on April 24. If anyone would like to carpool I am going!

[Emma's Quilt Cupboard](#)



319 Central St

Franklin, Ma. 02038

Membership & Hospitality

With only two meetings left, we are fast approaching (you might even say “Zooming to”) the end of our guild year. 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. We are a fun and generous group!

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

796 South Ave., Whitman, MA 02382.

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.

Thank you.

- Phyllis Barry

Individual
Membership
Renewal



Quilting: An Irish Tradition fit for Pandemic Times

A global pandemic and 4000 miles distance does not keep Sarah Harris from quilting with her mom and grandmother. They FaceTime as they each work on the same pattern as a way to share the experience between Colorado and Ireland. Learn how the pandemic has brought people together with quilting as the hobby of choice and how the tradition of quilting is alive and well in Ireland in this [lovely article from BBC Travel](#).

The piece also explores the history of quilting in Ireland as waves of immigrants came to America in the nineteenth century. Quilts and quilt patterns became a way for families to connect and keep the flames of family love burning. The isolation and separation is echoed in this time of quarantine, where quilting (along with technology) again becomes a way to bring friends and family together and ease the loneliness and boredom of isolation. There's also a fascinating section on “Hen parties” where they **toss a cat!** Don't miss it



Election Information

We're coming to the end of the year so it's time to hold our annual elections. Please check the attached bylaws for a description of each position.

If you would like to serve in one of these roles, please contact Sheryl Briggs before the May meeting.

Thimbles and Friends Quilt Guild Board Positions

Please read each position's responsibility, outlined in our policies.

Principal Officer – Wendy M. holds this position – it is merely for the IRS and our nonprofit status. Any person desiring this position must furnish the IRS with their SS number and be responsible for all correspondence and filings with the IRS. Wendy is willing to stay on in this position.

Chairperson – Wendy M. will move up as noted in T&F Policies (currently Sheryl Briggs)

Vice Chair- Will hold position for two years – then move to Chair (currently Wendy Moore)

Treasurer – Holds for two years (currently Claudia Cummings)

Assistant Treasurer – Hold for two years then moves to Treasurer (currently Barbara White)

Secretary – One year – or forever! (currently Sue-Ellen Hewitt)

Newsletter Editors- One year – or forever! (currently Taryn Shannon, Wendy Foley, Julia Blanchard) recommend these positions serve for two years, with one member drop off with a new member joining, due to learning curve.

Charity Coordinator- One year – or forever! (currently Shirley MacLeod)

Membership/Hospitality- One year – or forever! (currently Phyllis Barry)

Facilities Coordinator- One year – or forever! (currently Pat McCollem)

Web Master- One year – although recommended for longer – also advises Board of any changes in the Web charges for domain. (currently Sarah Norris)

Members at Large – yearly change, No current members

Program Coordinators- yearly (currently Joyce Hochstrasser, Nancy Moynihan)



