



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 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.

Jan 9	Visual Sewing Studio Tour
Jan 30	Charity Workshop – Shirley MacLeod
Feb 11-14	Retreat? Retreat Fun, Committee: Taryen Shannon, Doris Furness, Wendy Foley, Sue Warchal
March 6	TBD
April 3	TBD (formerly Cheryl Martel Trunk Show)
May 1	Tea Party – Julia Blanchard (formerly Lori Pires/Hat Lecture)
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From the Chairman

Thank you to all the ladies that helped with our zoom party. I think everyone had a good time. The goodies were a nice surprise. If anyone has any ideas for a program for one of our meetings contact Joyce. She can use some ideas & help. I'm writing this just before Christmas, so I've been busy baking cookies, wrapping presents and making deliveries. Not so much into decorating this year, then to have a snowstorm and not get a snow day at work was a bit crazy. I'm still trying to adjust to working from home. Work has invaded my "Happy Space." After the Holidays I'm relocating my desk to my dining room to see if that makes life a bit easier.

I hope everyone is staying healthy. Looking forward to seeing everyone in January. We need to do something fun again this winter.

- Sheryl

Wendy's Corner

I have received an amazing donation for Thimbles and Friends. Maureen Savoie, a quilter from Whitman was trying to clean her sewing room and contacted me through our Facebook page. With seventy other women they had put together a sort of round robin for making masks. Consequently, I now have pre-cut, pre-packaged kits (with elastic!) for making pleated masks. There are five or ten in each package. There are also pre-cut fabric pieces without elastic, but Maureen included a huge bag of pre-cut elastic. In addition, there are bags of coordinated fabrics in yardage.

If you are interested in using these kits to make masks for donation or for sale, please let me or Sheryl know. Sheryl has a large box of the kits. Sheryl is in Rockland and I am in Bridgewater.

- Wendy



Upcoming Programming

January Programs

We have two meetings. One meeting will be charity workshop run by Shirley MacLeod. She is working out the logistics of how we can handle this virtually so more details to follow. The other January meeting will be a virtual studio tour with members sending their studio pictures to Wendy to show at the meeting. It is also fun to see how other people organize and work in their creative spaces.

Help Wanted!

We are always looking for members to demo a tip or trick. Please let us know if you have something that you would like to share or if you have interest in learning a particular skill so that we can plan for the spring. We are actively looking for teachers willing to a virtual lecture or demo in Winter/Spring 2021.

- Joyce

[History of the Sewing Machine: A Story Stitched in Scandal](#)



Click on the picture to go to an interesting blog posting about the history of the sewing machine. The story is fascinating and the pictures are wonderful!

[A Christmas Quilter](#)

By Pat Everson

T'was a few weeks before Christmas and in my head was a plan
To make all of my Christmas gifts by my own hand.
Away to my scrap box in a flash I did fly.

With patterns in my head and a twinkle in my eye.
I cut and I sewed as merry as an elf.
Making things for others and not for myself.
A quilted vest for a teen-aged niece.
Quilts for the grandparents with love sewn in each piece.
Quilted covers for aunts' tabletops,

Away I go with hardly a stop.
On scissors, on needles, on thimble and thread,
Oh, hurry I must, for Christmas day is ahead.
A quilted diaper bag for the baby so new.
I may even quilt Santa a coat before I'm through.
Quilted bedspreads for Mother and Sis.
I still have a few left on my list.
Cushions with quilted tops and potholders done.
It's now Christmas Eve and I have a gift for each one.
So I sprang to my Volkswagon and made quite a clatter.

The neighbors ran to the windows to see what was the matter.
From one house to the other, I leaped like a deer.

Leaving my presents and hopefully cheer.
With best wishes to each for a Christmas so bright.
A tired, happy quilter drove away in the night.

[At the New England Quilt Museum – Virtual Exhibits!](#)

Members of supporting guilds are allowed exclusive access to the NEQM virtual exhibits!

Exclusive Access for Supporting Guilds of the NEQM

Don't let your guild's program chair miss these 16 presentations by instructors now offering virtual workshops. As with our annual "Meet the Teachers" event, access is limited to Supporting Guilds of the New England Quilt Museum. Please register at the link below to receive your access code to view the video online.

[REGISTER](#)

MEET THE TEACHERS 2020



Including:



VIRTUAL QUILT GUILDS

RUNNING SUCCESSFUL GUILD MEETINGS ON ZOOM

Presented by *Julie Brown Neu* in partnership with
New England Quilt Museum

[WATCH](#)

Quilt Label Ideas You Can Use

Are you good about labeling your quilts? Do you need ideas on what to use as a label because that little white square of fabric just looks "wrong" as a label? Here are a few ideas from Quilting Contessa.



<https://www.quiltinghub.com/Articles/ArticleID/461>

2020: The Year that won't Stop Giving

2020 may have had us change how we held our meetings, but it sure had not changed all the fun this group has.



Enjoy your Holidays, looking forward to 2021 with Thimbles & Friends.