



# Thimbles & Friends Quilt Guild Newsletter

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## Basket Raffle

I am in contact with Ann's Fabrics. They have not made the basket yet. We will draw the name at the March meeting and the basket will be there.

- Wendy Moore

**Newsletter Note:** Just click on the picture of any quilt to see the Web page it came from.

## Greetings from Bridgewater

What an exciting retreat we had, huh? Could anyone ever forget Janice and Nancy with their stash? How about my hair!? I may never live that one down...

The retreats are always wonderful, and they provide a much-needed respite from a long winter, bringing fun and fellowship and definitely a change of pace. I really look forward to them and I am never disappointed. You ladies rock!

On top of that we get to spend three days making some real headway on our projects. It's so fun to see what everyone else is working on too; I always learn so much. What will they come up with for next year? The sky's the limit!

- Julia

P.S.: Please fill out a program survey (attached) if you haven't already done so. Completed surveys can be e-mailed, mailed, or hand delivered to Rose or any board member.

## From the Chair

Dear Ladies,

If one of the goals of our retreat is to have fun (and it is), then we certainly succeeded at it. From the décor, to the music, games, and prizes, to the "Babe" serenade, to the fantastic 60s costumes, we had a ball. Oh, and we got a lot of quilting done too! The retreat committee did an outstanding job. The timing of the snow was just about right to not delay our departure on Sunday, but it kept the vendor away on Saturday☺. I encourage anyone who hasn't had a chance to attend our retreat, to do so next year. The 2015 retreat committee already has started brainstorming.

I can't believe we have only three meetings left to this guild year. The programs (listed elsewhere in this newsletter) sound like a lot of fun, and I hope everyone has a chance to attend. If anyone has any ideas for programs, speakers, or teachers for next year, please let someone on the Board know. Or put them on your Program survey form and pass it in at the March 1 meeting. See you then. – Rose



### **March Meeting at the Movies**

We are going to enjoy the movie “Stitched” for our March meeting. It’s a little more than an hour long and documents the year-long process of preparing a quilt for the nation’s largest and most competitive quilt show in Houston. Many of you will be familiar with Caryl Bryer-Fallert’s work and maybe Hollis Chatelain. Also included is Randall Cook, an art quilter. I think you’ll love the movie and there promises to be enough popcorn for everyone! Bring your own beverage.

- Pat Delaney



### **Quilting Tips**

Cutting Corners College by Riley Blake Designs offers a page of [quilting tips](#) that offers precision piecing pointers. Great for the beginner and also a wonderful review for the experienced quilter! Included are tips on measuring, pinning, sewing, and pressing.

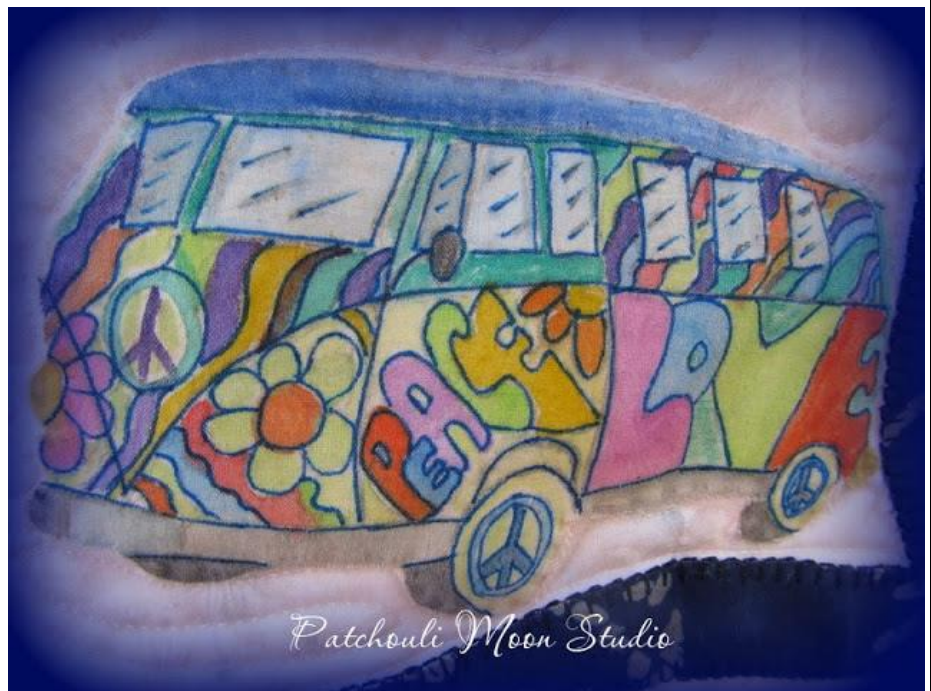
### **Retreat Wrap-up**

The video is on my Facebook page (Sheryl) and Donna Babcock’s page and we are trying to get it posted to the Thimbles & Friends page. Also there are also tons of photos out there so check it out.

The 2015 Retreat Committee is: Josephine Abbott, Nancy Moynihan, Erin Yunits, & Gina Stone. If you have any ideas or want to help let them know. We have schedule the Retreat for the same weekend, February 13, 14 & 15, 2015.

Thank you to the Retreat Committee. “Job well done!”

- Sheryl Briggs



### **Meeting Dates**

Here are the upcoming meeting dates for 2014:

March 1	Movie: Stitched – Joanne D. and Pat D.
April 5	Guest Speaker: Jessica Leger Trunk Show – Pat D., Linda R., & Paula W.
May 3	End of Year Tea Party – Jo Abbott & Susan Conant

## **Raffle Quilt**

It was decided to begin a raffle quilt at the retreat. The scrap quilt is composed of 2" squares of bright, assorted fabrics with black 2" squares at the end of each row. This is trimmed to a 8 3/8" triangle and a white 8 3/8" triangle is added to complete the block. We need at least 129 blocks so if everyone makes at least three blocks, it should be an easy feat! I'm asking each of us to cut two 2" WOF strips of bright fabrics and 1 of black and subcut to 2" squares and bring them to the March meeting. (Some of you have already finished your blocks and for that I thank you!) There you can trade with others and take home 30 brights and ten blacks and come back to the April meeting with at least three blocks. I will get directions onto the website. I will not be at the March meeting, but Joanne Donovan will have the blocks that are already assembled for you to see, some precut squares to take and the directions. Thanks and good luck!

- Pat Delaney

## **Have Something to Say?**

Send newsletter submissions to

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**Thimbles and Friends Quilt Guild  
Survey Questions for Programming**

1. What do you like about the guild programming?
  
2. What don't you like about the guild programming?
  
3. Of our nine meetings each year, how many of the following program ideas would you generally like to have?
  - a. Workshops (taught by members) \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Workshops (outside teachers) \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. Parties \_\_\_\_\_
  - d. Lectures \_\_\_\_\_
  - e. Trunk shows \_\_\_\_\_
  - f. Bus trips \_\_\_\_\_
  - g. Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_
  
4. When we have a bus trip (e.g. to the Gathering), do you want it to take the place of a meeting? Yes/No
  
5. What specific kinds of workshops/lectures/trunk shows/bus trips are you interested in?
  
6. Are you interested in doing a program for the guild? Yes/No      If yes, please provide your name and the type of program.  
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7. Any other comments?

Name (optional) \_\_\_\_\_