



Thimbles & Friends Quilt Guild Newsletter

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FreeCycle Table

I will have the Freecycle Table open for business at the March meeting. Please feel free to bring any items you no longer find useful.

- Gina

Greetings from Hanson

Hello ladies,

Have we recovered from our wonderful retreat weekend yet? A large round of applause to the retreat committee and everyone else who contributed to make this a fabulous time. A special thanks to those awesome ladies who sorted out the details with the hotel and ironed out the wrinkles for a seamless transition within the sewing spaces.

To our first time retreat attendees and our guests, we were delighted you joined us and we look forward to seeing all of you again.

Enjoy the fun retreat pictures I’ve included in this month’s newsletter.

- Jill

From the Chair

Well it appears that our Retreat was a success. Thank you ladies for all your cooperation with the hotel in moving from room to room...We certainly had enough space once we got into the Ball Room. The hotel has been booked for the Retreat next year – February 6, 7, 8, 9, 2020 - so mark your calendars now.

It was brought to our attention at the Retreat that there is some interest in renting a school bus and going on the Shop Hop in New Hampshire on March 23rd. Anyone interested in the Shop Hop, please let Nancy know at the meeting so that we can get a head count. I’m not sure on the cost yet. It will involve the entire day just to give you a time frame. I will not be at the March meeting; Nancy Moynihan will be in charge and it will be an “Open Sew” day. Have fun!

- Sheryl Briggs, Chairman

Raffle Quilt Update

The raffle quilt is sandwiched and in the process of being quilted! Thanks to all who helped!

- Claudia

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.

- Jill and Julia



Out and About

- March 7, 8, and 9 -- the 10th Annual Fabric Extravaganza. Thursday 10-6, Friday 10-6, Saturday 10-3. Holiday Inn, 9 Northeastern Blvd., Nashua, NH.
- School House Shop Hop March 22-23.

Guild Website

<http://www.thimblesandfriendsquiltguild.org>

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

NEQM Upcoming Exhibitions

Now through March 30:

“Just for the Fun of it” – Quilts from the Pilgrim/Roy Collection. Guest Curator, Gerald E. Roy.



Upcoming Meeting Details

For the *April meeting*, supplies needed: basic sewing supplies, sewing machine, and assorted scraps!

For the *May meeting*, we need volunteers to coordinate the Tea Party. Easy meeting to do as we usually circulate a sign-up sheet for food at the March and April meetings and then whoever volunteers to coordinate needs to obtain the box with the paper products, plates, plasticware, etc.

Challenge due May meeting - If you participated in the One Yard Challenge Swap “Fold it, Snip it, Rip it, Drop it, Pass it” at the September meeting, you should have 7 pieces of fabric (6 different fabrics) of white on black and black on white pieces that you acquired during the swap. The size of the pieces in your possession should be: 1 half yard (your original fabric), 1 fat quarter, 1 piece 11” x 18”, 1 piece 9” x 11”, 1 piece 5 1/2” x 9”, and 2 pieces 4 1/2” x 5 1/2”. (If you are missing any pieces, just add another piece of white on black or black on white from your stash. It got crazy during the swap!) With your assorted pieces of b/w & w/b, choose another color to add to the mix. Then, make a quilted item, wall hanging, etc! You do not need to use the exact sizes of the pieces. They can be cut to whatever size you like.

- Joyce



Retreat 2020 Dates

The Mayflower room at the Hotel 1620 in Plymouth will be ready for our retreat on Thursday February 6th to Sunday February 9th 2020. Our room rate will be the same at \$112.00 per night.

- Janice



Meeting Dates

Here are the meeting and event dates for our remaining guild year. Meeting times are 10:15 AM – 2 PM.

March 2	Open Sew
April 6	“What the Scrap.” Scrap workshop: Learn easy ways to make great scrap quilts!
May 4	May Tea Party, Challenge Quilts due, “Why Quilts Matter.”





Quilt Cruise Fun

It started as a joke. I saw an enticement ad on Facebook for a Stitchin Heaven Girlfriends quilting cruise and I commented – any takers? Suddenly, Sue-Ellen Hewitt and I were making plans for this adventure on Royal Caribbean Harmony of the Seas ship. It wasn't a joke anymore! The ship would travel for seven days from Fort Lauderdale in Florida to Labadee Haiti, Falmouth Jamaica, then on to Cozumel Mexico. We eagerly met over several months and planned our excursions and watched many YouTube videos on this massive ship. Eighteen decks and a little over 7000 people – this ship was massive and impressive! A ten-story water slide, an ice-skating rink, a zip line, a working carousel, five pools, 20 restaurants, amazing shows, fifty-two trees, three arborists to care for the trees, and a sports car were strategically placed on the inside open decks – Central Park, the Boardwalk and the Mall.

Three full days of quilting on new Bernina machines with precut quilt kits in the conference center awaited us and 73 other quilters. We were assigned a machine that was ours to use for the seven-day cruise. We could sew 24-7! Three different teachers, one for each of the quilts, rotated through each of the three quilting rooms. Teachers Sandra Coffey, Joan Ford and Heidi Pridemore had tips and tricks to assist us in at least beginning the quilts. The patterns varied in complexity from a simple batik quilt to a more complex paper pieced beauty. The medium difficulty quilt was a nine patch. Sue-Ellen and I will show our completed quilts (tops anyways!) at a Guild meeting.

Be sure to ask Sue-Ellen about her encounter with the White Witch of Rosehall and voodoo in Jamaica! And YES! We would do it again!

- Wendy

