



# Thimbles & Friends Quilt Guild Newsletter

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## **Guild Website**

<http://www.thimblesandfriendsquiltguild.org>

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

## **Greetings from Hanson**

Well, was that an awesome retreat or what? Thank you Sharon, Shirley, Wendy and everyone else who worked so hard to make this a fabulous time. Thanks to Michelle from [Homestead Quilting and Fabrics](#) who once again packed up crates of goodies available for purchase. With one small exception, I can't say I finished any of the projects I brought (so, what else is new?), but for me, a special part of the retreat has always been wandering around chatting with everyone. This is always a wonderful opportunity to share techniques and ideas, meet our newer members and guests, and get to know each other a little better. I can't wait for next year!

Since Phyllis and Claudia will be running an English Paper Piecing workshop during our March meeting, this month's quilting eye candy features EPP graphics for inspiration. If you have any EPP quilts you'd like to share, please bring them for Show and Tell.

- Jill



## **From the Chair**

I'd like to say thank you to everyone who came to the Retreat. It was nice to get away and just sew all day, and enjoy everyone's company. The Fun Committee did a GREAT JOB! Thanks for all the treats that you provided. We do have a Fun Committee for next year's retreat. I also want to say "Thank You" for making my Dad welcome. He really enjoyed all the "hugs" from you girls; it made his day. Thanks again.

I am hooked on the "3 yard quilt patterns". If you google them on Pinterest you can get a free one, usually once a day. I did purchase a book and I have found that the cutting instructions on occasion are incorrect in the amount of strips. So just be aware if anyone is using these patterns.

- Sheryl

## **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 20<sup>th</sup> of the month to allow us time to process each article before distribution by the 25<sup>th</sup>. If there is no newsletter any particular month, we will save your article for a future publication.

Jill and Julia



## **FreeCycle Table**

The Freecycle Table will be open for business during the March meeting. We will not have the table open during the April and May meetings per member vote.

- Gina

## **New England Quilt Museum**

**Salvaged: The Stitched Narratives of Jennifer Regan**

January 7- April 4, 2020

**Stories of West Africa: Hollis Chatelain**

February 18 – April 25, 2020

## **English Paper Piecing Workshop**

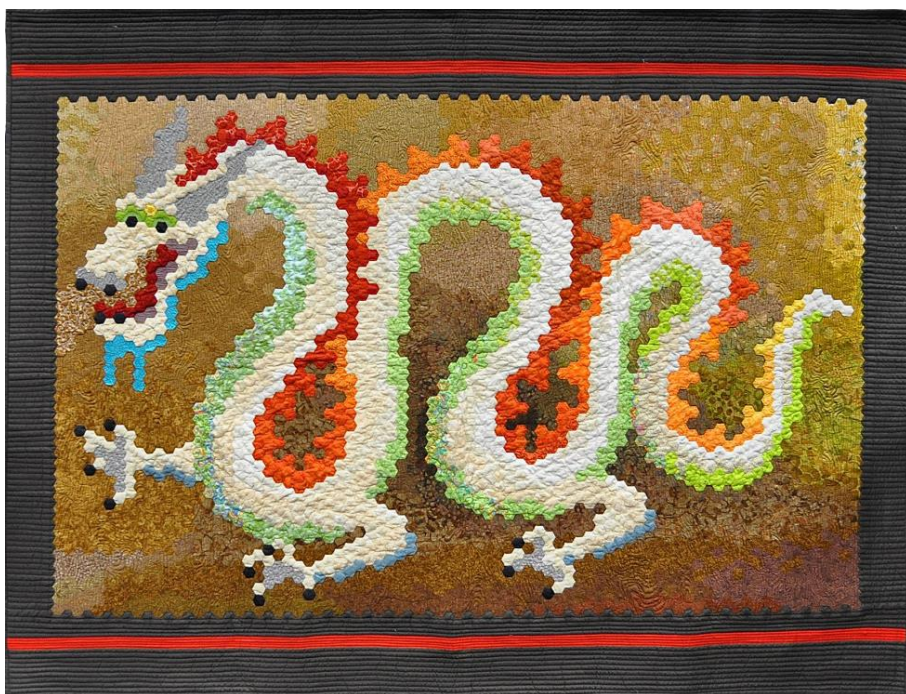
Our March 7th meeting will be a workshop on English paper piecing. This is a hand sewing project.

### **Supply List:**

- 2 Fat quarters that complement each other
- Fabric scissors
- White or tan thread for basting and stitching the hexies together
- Hand sewing needles
- Thimble
- Needle threader if you choose
- Straight pins

We will provide the card stock templates, freezer paper and some fabric for you to choose from if you wish. Plan to bring your lunch or snacks in case we run over.

- Phyllis and Claudia



## **Meeting Dates**

Here is the meeting information for our remaining guild year. Meeting times are 10:15 AM – 2 PM.

March 7	Phyllis/Claudia – English Paper Piecing
April 4	Guest Speaker/Trunk Show – Cheryl Martel from QuiltWorx
May 16	Sue-Ellen/Kathy – Tea Party and Guest Speaker Lori Pires, the Hat Chatter





### **April Guest Speaker**

Our guest speaker for the April 4 meeting will be Cheryl Martel of [Quiltworx](#).

Cheryl, who is a married mother of two sons and grandmother of five, began her quilting journey over 34 years ago, before the time of rotary cutters, quilt rulers and cutting mats. At that time, everything was traced from a copied design, cut with scissors and mostly hand pieced.

Cheryl worked part time at So Fro Fabrics and a few years later took a class at The Fabric Place in Warwick, RI, where she was introduced to new quilting tools. After that, she was hooked and hasn't looked back since.

Her tastes have changed over the years and she now tries to challenge herself to work on unusual or more difficult quilts. In 2012 Cheryl took a class at the shop she frequented and made a Bali Wedding Star quilt by Judy Niemeyer. She jumped in head first and, rather than do the original size quilt at 80" x 80", decided to make it big enough to fit her oversized queen bed. The result was a 104" x 104" quilt and with that, Cheryl was hooked and continued to take classes.

At a Quiltworx retreat in 2013, Cheryl met Judy Niemeyer and decided to become a certified Quiltworx instructor. She was accepted into the program and has been certified for over a year. Cheryl loves teaching and getting others as passionate about quilting as she is!







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