



Thimbles & Friends Quilt Guild Newsletter

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FreeCycle Table

The Freecycle Table will be open for business at the next meeting. I will also have a Freecycle table at the retreat.

Organizing and packing for the retreat is a great way to clean out and declutter!

- Gina

Greetings from Bridgewater

Hello wonderful ladies,

Who is looking forward to the retreat! YAY! Be sure to throw a small shovel and scraper in your car, since it usually SNOWS that weekend. I haven’t thought about what projects to bring, but I have enough UFOs that I don’t need to worry about it. I just love the venue we have in Plymouth for our getaway; it’s just perfect and the price is certainly right. The sewing room is huge!

If you have issues with your back, neck, or shoulders (or all three), you could consider bringing your own chair to the retreat. The banquet chairs are not very ergonomic for several days of sewing. I always bring mine and found it well worth the effort.

I’m looking forward to seeing you all there!

- Julia

From the Chair

Thank you, ladies, for all the pink & red squares that you gave to me. All the goodies are completed and ready for the retreat. Again, thanks for the donations.

Joyce & Nancy have all the information for the retreat, but I do want to bring to your attention about Alcohol. NO alcohol is allowed in the ballroom/sewing room. Staff members will remove it from you. I would recommend that you keep any alcohol in your rooms or in the Pub. The Insurance that we have for the Guild does not cover for Liquor Liability and any liability issues from liquor will fall back on any member who brings it into the sewing areas. I’m looking forward to the Retreat get-a-way!

Also, I found a new sewing tutorial, with Men on YouTube called “sew yeah quilting. The web site is: sewyeahquilting.com; check it out!

- Sheryl Briggs, Chairman



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

Hey quilting buddies, **ROAD TRIP!**

A few of us (about six) are planning to go to the 10th Annual Fabric Extravaganza! It happens every year and they have 10 vendors with fabric and items for low prices. Free admission and goodies and door prizes.

March 7, 8, and 9. Thursday 10-6, Friday 10-6, Saturday 10-3. Holiday Inn, 9 Northeastern Blv., Nashua, NH.

We are going in several cars and could use a caravan if anyone else would like to come with us. We're leaving Thursday at 8:30 a.m. Call Wendy or Claudia, or Sue-Ellen if you are interested.

Quilt Show

The quilt show will be here before we know it! The raffle quilt is coming along nicely and we're sure it will be beautiful.

We need members to help in the following areas: intake of the quilts, set up and take down of the quilts, the boutique, tickets for the raffle, admission, white glove ladies, advertising, and signs.

The most important thing so put on your thinking caps! We need a theme name for the show!

Please all remember this is "our" show, so we need everyone to do their part to make it successful.

Please see one of us and let us know where and when you can help.

Piecefully quilting,

- Claudia and Sue-Ellen

Meeting Dates

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

Jan. 26	Skill Builders. See below for more info.
Feb. 8 - 10	RETREAT! Details to follow
March 2	"What the Scrap." Scrap workshop with actual sewing time for all to learn easy ways to make great scrap quilts!
April 6	Possible trip to NEQM, details to follow.
May 4	May Tea Party, Challenge Quilts due, "Why Quilts Matter."



[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, presents quilts from the Pilgrim/Roy Collection that have never been shown before!



[Retreat Vendor](#)

I spoke with Michele at Homestead Quilt Shop in Lakeville and she would love to vend at our retreat in February.

Due to her limited store coverage on Saturday, she would like to come on Saturday but have shopping start before lunch at around 11 a.m. She needs to be packed up and back to her store by 2 p.m. to relieve the employee working that day.

- Joyce

[Jan. 26th Meeting](#)

Our program for Jan. 26th will be Skill Builders. Based on requests by our members we will do three demos, stitching a ¼ inch seam, cutting fabric accurately, and paper piecing our T&F badge. I will also give a very short demo on the Accuquilt cutter.

No supplies will be needed except for paper and pen, other than some for the newer members who would like to get started on their badges. After the demo I will try to get you started as I think there are only a few of you. Supplies needed are sewing machines, fabrics, the pattern you were given, 6x6 square ruler, postcard or manila folder cut to postcard size, Add-a-quarter ruler if you have one, straight pins, thread to match, and small rotary cutter and mat.

If anyone is still having trouble with the quarter inch seam after trying the demo methods, I will be glad to help you out at the retreat when you have your machine and all of your presser feet. Unfortunately, there will not be time for you to practice this skill at the actual meeting.

- Nancy Moynihan and Joyce Hochstrasser



[Retreat News](#)

Soon, we will be attending our annual quilt guild retreat at the Hotel 1620 in Plymouth the weekend of Thursday, February 7th to Sunday, February 10th! It is always fun to sew, chat, and share ideas with our fellow quilt members.

Our theme this year will be “Hearts and Valentines” to commemorate our 20th year as a quilt guild. The following activities are voluntary but can add to the fun:



Tip of the month

Maintain your machine

Remember to periodically clear any lint and oil the bobbin case of your machine. A well-maintained machine is one that will provide years and years of trouble-free sewing. One easy way to regularly take care of this routine maintenance is to clean and oil after you have emptied five bobbins (keep empty bobbins together so you know). For professional maintenance, most manufacturers recommend a regular cleaning once a year. Choose one month a year and regularly take your machine in for a "spa" day during that month each year.

- *From MyBlueprint.com*



- Please feel free to wear **pink or red** clothing while at the retreat.
- Normally, we do a few **swaps** throughout the weekend, but for this year, we decided to host one big swap. If you would like to participate in the "Valentine Swap," please put all of the following items into an unmarked small brown paper bag to swap with a fellow quilter at the retreat:
 - ✓ A signed Valentine card
 - ✓ Something with hearts
 - ✓ A red or pink fat quarter of fabric
 - ✓ Something sweet like candy or everyone's favorite, chocolate!
 - ✓ A notion
 - ✓ A favorite recipe
 - ✓ A pattern or favorite block
 - ✓ An item that sparkles
- If you wish to play the game "**Left, Center, Right**," we play with fat quarters. You will need one fat quarter for each game played. If you win, all the fat quarters played with be yours. Please bring a couple of **pink or red** fat quarters if you would like to play.
- Don't forget, we will have a **massage therapist** available at some point during the weekend so please bring cash for her if you wish to have a massage (more details to follow).

If you have questions, please see, call or e-mail us.

- *Joyce and Nancy*



RETREAT CHECKLIST

2019

Sewing Items

Sewing machine, in good working order
(clean beforehand)
Don't forget the foot pedal & power cord
Caddy for easy portability
Appropriate attachments
Basic sewing kit (needles, thread, seam ripper)
Extension sewing table
Ott lite
Surge protector
Extension Cord
Seat cushion or back pillow or swivel chair
Design wall
Rotary cutter, new blade
Rotary mat
Appropriate ruler(s)
PVC table leg extensions for cutting tables
Fabric scissors/paper scissors
Micro pens
Small notebook & pen
Fabric
Pattern/templates/directions
Supply list
(Ironing board supplied by hotel)
Iron, if you prefer to use yours from home,
Otherwise we use the ones from the room

Hand Quilting Supplies

Quilting hoop
¼ inch tape or other marking items
Thimble
Needle threader
Beeswax
Pins (straight or safety, depending on project)

Cash, check or debit/credit card:

For quilt vendor purchases
Or for local shopping in Plymouth

CASH ONLY:

For Massage Therapist

Items for Special Events

Name lanyard or quilt guild badge
Valentine swap – 1 big swap!
-valentine card
-something with hearts
-red or pink fat quarter
- something sweet/candy/chocolate
- notion
- favorite recipe
- pattern or favorite block
- item that sparkles
Put all in brown lunch bag

For Left, Center, Right Game:

- bring a red or pink fat quarter/per game

Personal Items

Band-Aids
Neosporin
Pain reliever
Favorite coffee mug
Hand cream
Prescription medicines
Spare eyeglasses
Elastic waist band pants or other comfy clothes!
Underwear (yes, someone forgot their undies!)

Other

Cell Phone and charger
Bathing Suit (they have a pool)

Food

Wine, chocolate, water bottle...
*No alcohol allowed in workroom, sorry!
Any snacks you would like to share

AND ANYTHING ELSE YOU THINK YOU MAY
NEED – like more chocolate!!!