



Thimbles & Friends Quilt Guild Newsletter

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On the Web

The Quilting Hub has short but very interesting articles that are of interest to quilters! Check it out:

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

- Wendy

Greetings from Bridgewater

I belong to several sewing and quilting groups on Facebook and see some fantastic pieces that inspire me. Recently I came across this fascinating table runner (see below). The block is called the Twisted Log Cabin--I think they look like poinsettias. It's all paper-pieced and looks like a whole lot of work but I just love the design and the movement. I might try this if I can find the right pattern! (I'll be sure to do a very small project though.) Have you ever done it?

I hope you enjoy these twisted and curvy log cabin quilts!

- Julia



Twisted Log Cabin by Anna Politis

From the Chair

Our January 25th meeting will be a charity workshop. If you don't want to bring your sewing machines, bring fabric to cut or bring your tops and backing to sandwich. We do have table to pin quilts. If you need pattern ideas; I believe that Shirley has some patterns available.

I have a pattern for a 3-yard quilt if anyone is interested. One yard each, three colors, light, medium & dark. I will make sure that I bring a few copies to the meeting. Also, if any of you folks like to knit or crochet, there is a need for lightweight men's hats. I had a client in my office this week that has cancer and he needed a lightweight hat to keep his head warm in the house. I never gave that a thought. So, I had Joanne make me a hat and gave it to him this week. You would have thought I had given him a million dollars. He was so happy that it fit and that it was nice and soft. That made my day! So there is a need for soft hats for men.

- Sheryl

[Guild Website](#)

<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.

- *Jill and Julia*



[FreeCycle Table](#)

The Freecycle Table will be open for business at the next meeting in January. We will also have a table set up at the retreat in Plymouth dedicated to Freecycle.

- *Gina*

[Retreat News](#)

As of this writing we have 33 attendees and 17 reserved rooms for our yearly retreat at Hotel 1620 in Plymouth! As a reminder we have Homestead Quilts from Lakeville coming as our vendor on Saturday afternoon. If you have something in mind for her to bring please let me know (instead of lots of people calling her). Michelle will bring kits, books, yardage and some notions such as thread, rotary blades and needles. If you want specific colors of thread or fabric let me know. In addition, we have the masseuse coming on Saturday. You will pay her directly and Phyllis has the sign-up sheet.

If you have a dietary restriction (not preference) please let me know ASAP. We have three people with a gluten allergy and one with an MSG allergy. If you have an allergy the chef will try to accommodate you, but I must know now. Also, the Bistro will be open for breakfast and dinner - not for lunch.

If you are a commuter park in the rear of the hotel and use the elevator to get to the Mayflower room.

Remember your name tag please.

9 AM is the enter time on Thursday. Complimentary coffee will be available in the lobby.

Looking to forward to a great time again this year!

- *Wendy*

[Charity Quilt Workshop](#)

Our January 25th meeting will be a charity quilt workshop. Members are encouraged to make quilts of any size and color. Bring your sewing machines and any supplies you will need to make or complete a quilt. You will be able to cut fabric, sew, or pin quilts. If you don't have anything to work on, I will have quilt kits available. I will also bring the roll of quilt batting which is provided by the guild for charity quilts. This is a good chance to socialize with our new members. Plan to bring your lunch or snacks and stay for the day.

- *Shirley MacLeod*
Charity Quilt Coordinator

[Meeting Dates](#)

Here is the meeting information for our guild year. Meeting times are 10:15 AM – 2 PM. We will also bring back "Block of the Month" this year!

Jan 25	Shirley MacLeod – Charity Workshop
Feb 7-9	RETREAT! Hotel 1620 – Plymouth, MA
March 7	Phyllis/Claudia– English Paper Piecing
April 4	Guest Speaker/Trunk Show – Cheryl Martel from Quilt Works



New England Quilt Museum

**Opening Reception for Salvaged:
The Stitched Narratives of Jennifer
Regan**

Saturday, February 1, 2020 - 1 pm
Snow date scheduled for Sat, Feb 8
at 1 pm.

**Guest Speaker, Heather Gring from
The Burchfield Penney Arts Center**

Saturday, March 21 at 2 pm

The NEQM welcomes Heather Gring,
Curator and Archivist at the
Burchfield Penney Arts Center in
Buffalo, New York for an in-depth
look at Salvaged: The Stitched
Narratives of Jennifer Regan.



May 16

Sue-Ellen/Kathy – Tea Party and Guest Speaker Lori
Pires, the Hat Chatter



Retreat Fun

Our annual guild retreat at the Hotel 1620 in Plymouth will be
Thursday, February 6th to Sunday, February 9th. Our theme this
year will be "A Warm & Cozy Winter". The following activities are
voluntary but add to the fun.

Instead of several small swaps throughout the weekend, we will be
doing one big swap. If you would like to participate in the "winter
swap", please put the following items into an unmarked brown bag to
swap with a fellow quilter at the retreat:

- a signed friendship or thinking of you card
- something with snowflakes
- a blue, white, or winter themed fat quarter
- something sweet (candy, chocolate, etc.)
- a small notion
- a cookie recipe
- something warm & cozy

If you wish to play the game "Left, Center, Right," you will need one
fat quarter for each game that you play. If you win, all the fat quarters
played will be yours. Please bring blue or white fat quarters if you
would like to play.

- Shirley

UFO Challenge

As we get ready for our retreat, I thought I'd share some ideas for our UFO challenge.

I picked Jo's unfinished top, and adding different borders and machine appliqué, turned it into four charity quilts. If you weren't at that meeting you could do the same for any UFO you may never get around to finishing otherwise.

- Diane

