



Thimbles & Friends Quilt Guild Newsletter

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Greetings from Bridgewater

Hello ladies,

After another period of loss in my life, I’ve had a renewed interest in my sewing! I’ve finished a couple of projects that I’ve been working on, and it’s so great to see them finally come to fruition. After I finish a couple more, I can actually start new projects! This makes me feel good, but I’m learning not to beat myself up about not having the energy, physical or mental, to sew.

We have different seasons in life, and there are no “shoulds” when it comes to hobbies. I’m just glad the dry season is over, and I can look forward to my favorite part: designing the quilt and picking out fabrics. :-)

Happy Spring!

- Julia

P.S: Thank you to all of you for the thoughtful cards and visits. It meant the world to me.

From the Chair

It’s hard to believe that April is almost here. We missed getting together in March because of the snow.

I just came home from the Shop Hop in New Hampshire. Turns out Sunday is the best day to shop, no crowds!

I’ve been planning remodeling by sewing room—it is not an easy task. We acquire too much stuff, including fabric. I must say that I am overwhelmed.

I took a time out to quilt a few quilts that I found ready to be quilted in my stash. Turns out, I’m out of practice. I need ideas on designs to quilt on my quilts. I also found several tops that I have ready to go. I had no idea.

See you in April,

- Sheryl Briggs, Chairman

Program for our April 6 Meeting

We will be doing an Easy Scrappy No-Stress Log Cabin Quilt Block. This is not your usual log cabin pattern, but a non-traditional version that is fun to do.

We will be talking about scrap organization etc. You won’t want to miss it!

FreeCycle Table

Time for Spring cleaning!!! Clear out and simplify your sewing area. The April meeting is all about what to do with scraps so bring all your unwanted scraps to the Freecycle table and pick up some new and exciting ones to play with. The Freecycle table will be open for business at the next meeting. Drop off anything!

Discover something new to you!

- *Gina*



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

Hands All Around 17th Quilt Show April 6-7, 2019

Saturday, April 6 and Sunday, April 7, 2019 the Hands All Around Quilt Show will be returning to the UMASS Amherst Campus Center.

We are asking anyone who has made a scrap quilt to bring it to the meeting for show and tell!

Supplies needed for class:

- Scrap strips of varying widths: 1.5 inches to 3.5 inches, and lengths of up to 14 inches long. The blocks will be 12 inches square.
- Squares or rectangles no smaller than 2.5 inches on any side and no bigger than 4 inches.
- Sewing machine with power cord, foot pedal, and extension cord, thread, scissors, rotary cutter, ¼ inch presser foot if you have one, cutting board, and square ruler (12½ inch if you have one).
- Make sure your fabrics are varied colors, prints, solids, tone on tone, and values.

Looking forward to seeing you all!

- *Nancy Moynihan and Joyce Hochstrasser*
Co-Chair Program Directors

Meeting Dates

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

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.”



May Meeting Details

For the *May meeting*, we need volunteers to coordinate the Tea Party. It's an 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

www.handsacrossthevalley.org

MQX Quilt Festival – April 10-13

The Center of NH/DoubleTree Hotel
700 Elm Street, Manchester, NH
Thursday, 10am-6pm
Friday, 10am-6pm
Saturday, 10am-5pm
Admission: \$12 good for all show days! www.mqxshow.com

Guild Website

<http://www.thimblesandfriendsquiltguild.org>

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

Quilt Show Update

The raffle quilt is quilted and has been passed on to Claudia for the binding and it's beautiful!

We will be ordering the raffle tickets next week. If we don't have them for the April meeting, we will definitely have them for the May tea. Sue-Ellen will bring in a sample quilt square to see if everyone is interested in making them to sell at the show. Also, she will bring in bags of scraps to show anyone who is willing to part with some of their own to sell at the show how they should be bagged.

- Claudia and Sue-Ellen

NEQM Upcoming Exhibitions

Big Impressions
Mini Art Quilts by Nancy Messier



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 5½" x 9", and 2 pieces 4½" x 5½." (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



"That will quilt out" does not always apply

Ever work on a project and then just get tired of it? Years ago, I hand-pieced a scrappy Irish Chain in postage stamp-sized pieces using plastic templates. I finished the top, pinned it together, and tossed it into a bin to sit until I felt inspired to quilt it. Given the upcoming scrap workshop scheduled for April and thoughts of Marie

April 4 at 12:30 pm

Brown Bag Thursday at NEQM

Janice Jones Presents

"Pushing Quilts to Art"



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*

Kondo's tips on "Tidying up" in my mind, I felt it was time I should tackle this project. This quilt does bring me joy and it should have a better place in my home rather than in a bin on a shelf, unloved.

An hour or so into quilting this quilt, I heard a sound like a needle in plastic. I checked the machine and checked under the quilt, thinking that maybe I picked up a piece of plastic from my sewing table. I couldn't find anything that matched the sound I was hearing and when I restarted quilting, it was gone.

The next day, I had another quilting session with this quilt and had no issues until after about an hour in again, I heard the plastic sound and this time realized what it was. Oh, no! I had inadvertently left a plastic template (or possibly two) inside the quilt top! As I am too far into the quilting to take it all out, it was stay as is.

Moral of the story: everything does NOT quilt out. And another lesson learned: use paper templates as those will eventually breakdown when washed whereas plastic will not.

- *Joyce*

