



Thimbles & Friends Quilt Guild Newsletter

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2015 Retreat Committee

The 2015 Retreat Committee is: Josephine Abbott, Nancy Moynihan, Erin Yunits, & Gina Stone. If you have any ideas or want to help let them know.

We have scheduled the Retreat for the same weekend, February 13, 14 & 15, 2015.

Sheryl

Greetings from Hanson

Oh my goodness, it is March and still cold! Will spring ever arrive? Soon enough I am sure we will be adding pulling weeds and planting flowers to our ever present list of things to do. I don't know about you, but as I run through my chores, I still think about our fabulous retreat and extend my personal thank you to our dedicated retreat committee. Maybe some of the projects we all worked on that weekend are finished—if so, it would be great to see them next month at Show and Tell.

Our guild year is flying by; we only have two more fun filled meetings left before summer, so be sure to attend!

- *Jill*

From the Chair

Dear Ladies,

Happy Spring!

The E Board met last Saturday to go over the results of the Guild Program survey. Attached with the newsletter is a copy of the results to the survey so everyone can see all of the great feedback and ideas that were received. Thank you all.

We've got a great roadmap for programming going forward. I love belonging to this guild, and it is because of all of you! See you in April.

- *Rose*


Membership Reminder

In order to maintain your membership in Thimbles & Friends, our by-laws state that members must attend a minimum of three (3) guild meetings per membership year (September – May). If anyone has just attended one meeting since September, 2013 – it will be necessary to attend both the April and May meetings in order to maintain your membership.

If you know of a member who needs a little extra TLC - please let me know – I will be happy to send a note from all of us!

– Louise

Raffle Quilt

We are still collecting blocks for a raffle quilt. Many members made blocks at the retreat and we are more than half way there already! The block consists of 2" squares of bright colors and a white or off-white triangle. 

The full directions are on the website. We need 40 more blocks and you can give them to Joanne Donovan or Rose at the April meeting. I'd like to set up a time to assemble the top and then we'll need a few volunteers to quilt and manage the ticket sales. Please ponder to see if this could be you!

– Pat Delaney

Auction and Tea Party

Our May meeting will consist of the annual auction and tea party. Please start looking through your stash for all those goodies you would like to donate as all proceeds go to the Guild. If you cannot come to the May meeting, and would like to donate, bring your items to the April meeting and I shall take charge of them. If you can't make that meeting, call me at 508-588-1204 and I will try to pick items up.

We will be bringing a sign-up sheet for the pot luck lunch also. So get your favorite recipe out.

Thank you

– Josephine and Donna





Have Something to Say?

Send newsletter submissions to

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Guild Website:

<http://www.thimblesandfriends.org/>



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

Did You Know...

More than 3000 of the world's most spectacular quilts representing more than 30 countries and four centuries of quilting by hand and machine are housed in the International Quilt Study Center and Museum (IQSCM) at the University of Nebraska?

According to the June 2009 issue of American Patchwork and Quilting, IQSCM was founded in 1997 when native Nebraskans Ardis and Robert James donated their collection of nearly 1,000 quilts to the university, which makes it the largest publicly held quilt collection in the world. At the state-of-the-art green facility, each quilt is treated as a work of art and carefully documented and preserved by staff, trained volunteers and students from the University of Nebraska's Textiles, Clothing and Design, and Quilt Studies programs. Rotating exhibits at the 37,000 square foot building showcase only 45-55 quilts at a time in three galleries, allowing each quilt visual room for optimum effect.

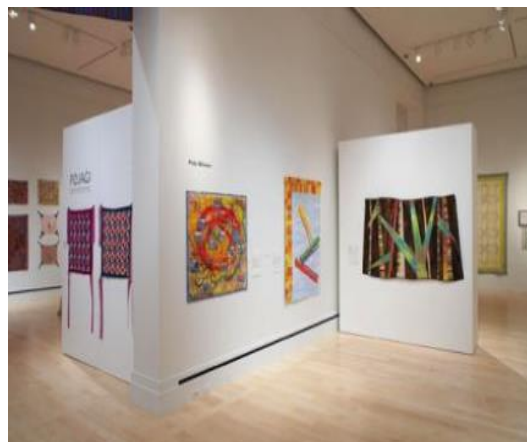
For a virtual tour of the museum, go to

<http://www.allpeoplequilt.com/magazines-more/american-patchwork-quilting/international-quilt-study-center-museum-tour>

So if you have no summer vacation plans, how about a road trip to Nebraska? (You could shop hop along the way!) For more information about the museum, visit

<http://www.quiltstudy.org/>.

- Jill Lillie



Recipe Corner

This recipe is from the Broadway United Methodist Church in Paducah, Kentucky - served at a church supper when Pat Delaney and I attended the festivities there years ago! I recently made it for our Retreat and several of you asked for the recipe – Great for a crowd!

German Chocolate Cake

1 German Chocolate Cake Mix

1 can Eagle Brand Milk

1 jar Butterscotch Caramel Ice Cream Topping

3 Heath Bars (Crushed)

1 8 oz container Cool Whip

Mix and bake cake according to the directions on the box for 9 x 13 pan. While cake is baking, mix Eagle Brand Milk and ice cream topping. Punch holes in top of HOT cake and pour topping mixture over cake. It looks like it's too much topping but pour it all on – the cake will soak it up.

Let cool. Cover cooled cake with Cool Whip and top with crushed Heath Bar pieces. Keep refrigerated.

– Louise Wilson

Meeting Dates

Here are the upcoming meeting dates for 2014:

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| April 5 | Guest Speaker: Jessica Leger Trunk Show – Pat D., Linda R., & Paula W. |
| May 3 | End of Year Tea Party – Jo Abbott & Susan Conant |

Volunteers Needed

- April meeting is the last chance to volunteer for the E Board. Elections are in May.
- Sign up in April and May for running one of our programs for the 2014-2015 year. The recent survey resulted in lots of great ideas for programs.
- We still need one or two people to handle the raffle quilt ticket sales.

