



Thimbles & Friends Quilt Guild Newsletter

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<http://www.thimblesandfriendsquiltguild.org>

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

Newsletter Submissions

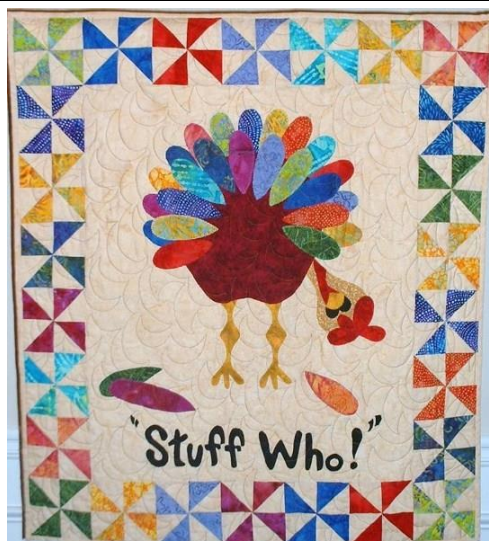
All guild members are invited to submit articles for this newsletter. Please write your own articles and e-mail them to both of us no later than the 20th of the month to allow us time to process each article before distribution by the 25th. If there is no newsletter any particular month, we will save your article for a future publication.

- Julia, Taryen & Wendy

Meeting Dates

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

Dec 5	Holiday Party – Joyce Hochstrasser
Jan 9	Open Sew?
Jan 30	Charity Workshop – Shirley MacLeod
Feb 11-14	Retreat? Retreat Fun, Committee: Taryen Shannon, Doris Furness, Wendy Foley, Sue Warchal
March 6	TBD
April 3	TBD (formerly Cheryl Martel Trunk Show)
May 1	Tea Party – Julia Blanchard (formerly Lori Pires/Hat Lecture)
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From the Chairman

I can't believe that it is Thanksgiving already and we are planning our Guild Holiday Party. Time is just flying by. I can't wait to see how our virtual party goes. This is a whole new way of living.

Most of you know by now that Joanne Fruzzetti had a stroke. She gave us a bit of a scare. She is now home from the hospital and is recovering well. She has had no side effects that we are aware of, so we have a lot to be Thankful for this year. There is not much that will slow her down! She did share some homemade face masks with the nurses that took care of her. They were thankful for all the masks and the ribbons to hang them around their neck. They can't use them in the hospital, but they can in the supermarket. She is a special lady and always thinking of someone else in need.

- Sheryl

Wendy's Corner

Birthday wishes is an organization that provides Birthday Parties for Children in need. This is one of the charities we voted to give to this season. Here is a little information on this organization.

We Urgently Need Your Help to Build Up Our Birthday-in-a-Box Inventory!



We are serving all of our birthday boys and girls through our Birthday-in-a-Box Program until we can return to in-person parties. Boxes are going out almost as fast as they are coming in!

We are delivering between 300-400 boxes a month and we urgently need to build up our inventory and fast!

Building a Birthday-in-a-Box is a quick and easy service project for individuals, families, groups or corporate teams. [Contact us](#) for instructions on how to get started or [fund a Birthday-in-a-Box with your donation.](#)

CONTACT US FOR DETAILS

- Wendy



Upcoming Programming

The week before the guild meeting:

- We will be picking up any finished placemats, napkins, and facemarks beginning the weekend of Thanksgiving throughout the week leading up to the December guild meeting and at the same time, we will be delivering a “holiday surprise” to each guild member!
- The guild will be making \$50 donations to Toys for Tots, The Food Bank, and Birthday Wishes. If you would like to donate, please send a check to Claudia Cummings and note where you would like your funds allocated. Then, after Claudia has received the donations, she will write a check to each charity for the total collected.

At the December Meeting:

We will be having a virtual holiday gathering! Feel free to have a holiday treat during our meeting, share the recipe, and dress festive with your crazy holiday sweater if you like. Get ready to share holiday stories and quilting tips. Remember to send your show & tell pictures to Wendy a few days before the meeting so she can show us your quilts via Zoom the day of the party! This will be fun meeting and a little different for sure!

January Programs

We have two meetings. One meeting will be charity workshop run by Shirley MacLeod. She is working out the logistics of how we can handle this virtually so more details to follow. The other January meeting will be a virtual studio tour with members sending their studio pictures to Wendy to show at the meeting. It is also fun to see how other people organize and work in their creative spaces.

Help Wanted!

We are always looking for members to demo a tip or trick. Please let us know if you have something that you would like to share or if you have interest in learning a particular skill so that we can plan for the spring. We are actively looking for teachers willing to a virtual lecture or demo in Winter/Spring 2021.

- Joyce

December 5 Zoom Meeting



Uncertain times call for our creative spirits to celebrate each other with gratitude and joy. A unique party, but your heart we are hoping will be warmed.

November Preparations

1. Make 2 placemats with cloth napkin, or mug rugs and a face mask to be given to a senior center since so many will be alone.
2. We will pick up during Thanksgiving weekend.
3. Holiday cookie or bread recipe and anticipate making it for the party—you will eat it, but you will share the recipe. Share same day as pick up of placemats.
4. The person with the most unique way of gathering all the recipes for future use will win a prize.
5. Pull out your crazy holiday sweater and wear for a prize at the party.
6. Remember a crazy holiday prep story to share; it's about laughter!
7. Quilting tip share so we can compile list for our group. The most unique will win a prize!

Designing a Sewing Center

[This article](#) from the New Mexico State University gives some great info for designing your sewing studio. Since we are featuring our sewing spaces in January, take a look and get some great ideas!

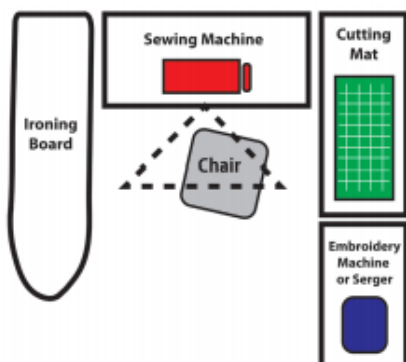


Figure 2. A well-designed sewing area.



The Little Old Quilter

There was an old quilter
who lived in a shoe.
She had so much fabric
She didn't know what to do.
She stored it here
She stored it there
Fabric, Fabric
Stored everywhere
She sewed all day
She sewed all night
Her space was a mess
It was such a fright
Her stash never diminished
Instead it grew and grew
Sadly, that's the last we heard
From the old quilter who lived in a shoe.
By
Hollye West
Happy quilting!!!



At the National Quilt Museum – Digital Exhibits!

The [National Quilt Museum](#) in Paducah, KY is hosting online exhibits now that everything is locked down again. Take a walk through on a cold winter's day with a nice cup of cocoa! This is just one of the many rotating collections on display:

Inspired by Endangered Species: Animals and Plants in Fabric Perspectives



Elegant Sunbird by Nancy Evans

Zoooming Along!

Here are some pics that Taryen snapped of our Zoom meetings. We'll never forget this year!!

October



November

