



Thimbles & Friends Quilt Guild Newsletter

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Greetings from Hanson

Hello ladies,

As a lover of all things early Americana, I truly enjoyed Susan Riley’s fun and informative trunk show on the feedsack. Our foremothers found a way to create beauty as well as functionality from utilitarian, mundane fabric. In addition to her talk and fabric display, I like to think it’s a way to honor these brave hardy women and keep their memory alive.

If you missed the last meeting, I’ve included some photos from Susan’s talk in this issue of the newsletter.

- Jill



From the Chair

I can’t believe it’s almost December! Our retreat is just around the corner. I am looking for donations for a retreat surprise-- I am looking for 10” squares of cotton fabric. They must be red, pink, red and white, pink and white or pink and red. If you have anything in your stash that you can donate to me, I will be making something special for the retreat. (It’s NOT for me.) Please bring them to the December meeting. Thank you.

- Sheryl Briggs, Chairman

FreeCycle Table

The Freecycle Table will be open for business during the December meeting. Please feel free to drop off any items no longer of interest or use to you and perhaps pick up something inspiring.

- 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

- Connections Quilt Festival
Westford Regency Hotel
Westford Mass. 11/25-27
Thursday-Saturday
connectionsquiltfestival.com



Retreat Reminder

Money for our February retreat will be collected at our December meeting. The cost is \$75.00 per person, which includes two meals, the wide open, well lighted sewing room and the beautiful meal room. Make the check out to Thimbles and Friends and give the check to either Janice or Claudia. If you are not going to make the December meeting please mail the check to Janice the 1st week in December. This is a great time away to enjoy our fabric and friends.

- Janice



[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 Dec. 31

The Fabric Collage Quilts of Susan Carlson (see below). WOW



[Meeting Dates](#)

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

Dec. 1	Holiday Party, “Why Quilts Matter,” details to follow.
Jan. 5	Charity Quilt sewing Day; we will offer ideas for easy quilts if anyone needs help deciding what to do.
Jan. 26	Skill Builders. Looking for volunteers who are accomplished in a technique etc. that they would like to share with the group.
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.”



[Raffle Quilt](#)

For our 20th anniversary Raffle quilt, we’re planning a 20 block quilt in fall colors to reflect the October season of our show. If all members will bring one or two BATIK fat quarters to our December meeting, I will prep and cut the fabric so we can spend a few minutes at the retreat to sew the blocks. A variety of fall colors and values will work together. A portion of the donations raised will go to the hosting church to help replace their steeple.

- Diane

