



Thimbles & Friends Quilt Guild Newsletter

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Handy Tip of the Month

If you keep a master checklist of items to bring for a sewing weekend, you won't be tearing your hair out when you realize you left your extra bobbins or sewing machine cord at home. There is a handy list available on this site:

<http://sewcalgal.blogspot.com/2009/08/checklist-of-items-to-bring-to-retreat.html>

Greetings from Hanson

Hi Everyone,

Wow, the holidays will be here before we know it. There's sew much to do and sew little time. I know I never get everything done on my list, but as I plan my holiday activities, I will pause for a moment and be thankful for the blessings in my life...my family, my friends and, yes I will admit...another Red Sox pennant! Happy Thanksgiving and safe holiday travel to all!

Stay well and happy sewing.

- Jill



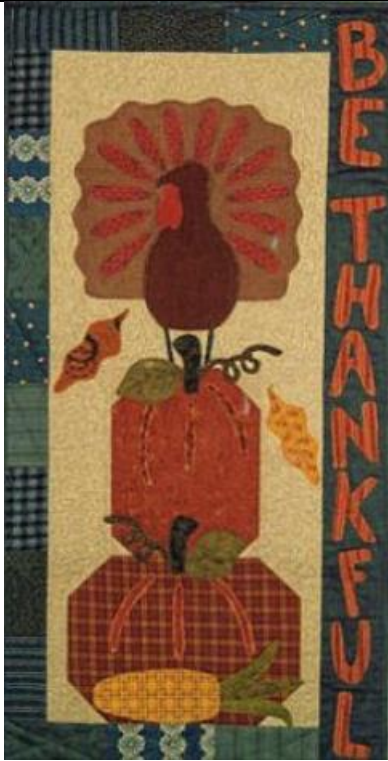
From the Chair

Dear Ladies,

Wasn't the Jelly Roll Race at the November meeting a hoot? Gina and Jeanne did a great job, from the clear instructions, to the motivational music, to the jelly-themed prizes. I think Joyce will be getting a lot jelly roll quilts for charity out of this meeting; I know that's where mine is going.

We have so much to look forward to over the next month or so: Holidays for thanks, for giving and receiving, and for celebrating new beginnings. At the guild, we have our party in December, followed by two workshops in the New Year, and then our retreat! Amid all the busy-ness, baking, shopping, and decorating, take a few moments for yourself. Wrap up in a well-loved quilt with a cup of hot chocolate (or your favorite alternate beverage), close your eyes and think of five things for which you are grateful. A little perspective is a good thing this time of year. One thing on my grateful list is, knowing all of you wonderful women who are Thimbles and Friends.

- Rose



Savings

Andy Bates, the new owner of Ann's Fabrics in Canton, has offered guild members 15% off everything in the store with the exception of kits, sewing machines and repairs. Just be sure to present your guild membership card at time of purchase.

<http://www.annsfabrics.com/>

Have Something to Say?

Send newsletter submissions to

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Guild Website:

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

Christmas Party

It's that time again... December 7th will be our annual Christmas/Holiday Party. Since no one signed up to chair this meeting, everyone needs to chip in and do her part. We will need all hands on deck to clean up the mess. Bring a wrapped, quilt-related gift that is \$20 in value for the swap. Everyone should have signed up to bring food. If you're not sure what you signed up for, contact Paula Whalen, who has the list. If you have NOT yet signed up to bring food, you can check with Paula to see what we are missing or you can "surprise" us. If anyone has any ideas for a game, let Rose or me know.

--Sheryl

Recipe Corner

Pat McCollem found this yummy looking recipe in a cooking magazine.

Warm Bacon Cheese Spread

1 round, one lb loaf, of sourdough bread or one with a similar texture
8 oz. cream cheese, softened
1 1/2 cups of sour cream
8 oz. shredded cheddar cheese
1 1/2 tsp. Worcestershire sauce
1/4 pound bacon, cooked and crumbled
1/4 cup chopped green onions
assorted crackers

Cut top off loaf and carefully hollow out the bottom, leaving a 1" shell. Set bread aside and use for crumbs. In a mixing bowl, beat cream cheese. Add sour cream, cheddar cheese and Worcestershire sauce and stir until combined. Stir in bacon and green onions. Spoon into bread shell. You can replace bread top or not. Your choice. Wrap in heavy duty foil or a double layer of foil. Bake in a 325 degree oven for one hour or until heated through. Serve with crackers.

[Our Quilting History](#)

Two of our newer members, Pat Clemons and Pat O'Leary, visited the Bennington Vermont museum in September and got to see the Civil War era Jane Stickle quilt up close and personal. Jane's brother was a tailor who provided her with his remnants, out of which she created 169 4.5-inch blocks (not counting 52 triangle border blocks and 4 kite-shaped corner blocks).





Fortunately, Jane signed her quilt, which was passed down through the family. During the depression years, a relative in St. Louis Missouri found the quilt and knowing Jane was from Vermont, sent it to the Bennington Museum.



[Help Wanted](#)

Wanted: Program coordinators for the following meetings. Please contact anyone on the Board if you are interested.

-  April 4, 2014 – We would like to have an outside speaker come in, now that we can afford one! We need one or two coordinators to solicit ideas from the members and work with the Board to get someone wonderful!

-  May 3, 2014 – End of Year Party – Tea Party? Ice Cream Sundae Party? Chocolate Party? Fat Quarter Party? It will be up to you! One or two members needed.

[Meeting Dates](#)

Here are the meeting and event dates for this year.

Dec. 7	Christmas/Holiday Party – need volunteers
Jan.4	Table Runner workshop - Louise
Feb. 1	Rotary Cutter Mat Tote – Rose and Josephine
Feb. 14 - 16	Retreat in Plymouth!! – Wendy, Pat M., Joanne F., Joyce, and Donna
March 1	Joanne D. and Pat D.
April 4	Outside Speaker – Need coordinator
May 3	End of the year party – need volunteers



