



Thimbles & Friends Quilt Guild Newsletter

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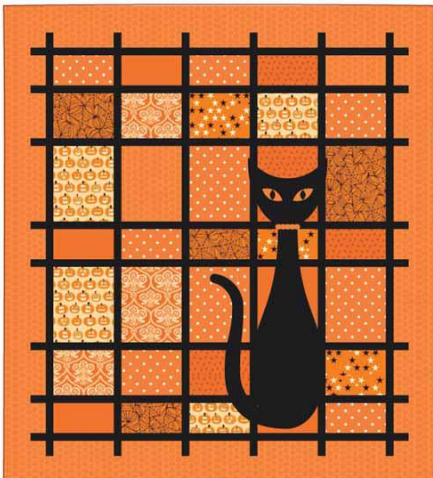
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Greetings from Bridgewater

Hello ladies,

Wasn't that Jelly Roll rug fun? I haven't finished mine yet, but I've been working on it. What with all these UFO's I've been avoiding, this cute project has been like a breath of fresh air, and it is SO COOL. I went against my common practice and got the strips from Jo-Ann's because I figured – Hey, I'm going to WALK on it. I don't need \$13 fabric! I chose bright blues and greens and hope to have it done by the November meeting.

I was glad to see new people volunteering. It's a great way to see how things are done and get to know the group better. We even had a new person volunteer for our Website before the first meeting! Have a great Halloween!

- Julia

From the Chair

Thank you, Nancy and Joyce for the Jelly Roll Rug workshop. Good job! I was happy to see everyone give it try. Bring your finished rugs, placemat, etc. for show & tell in November. Since we will be having a speaker for the November meeting, we will NOT have the Free Cycle Table available; it will return in December. We will have a short meeting, show & tell, and then allow our speaker the most time possible. December will be our Holiday Party; we have a committee (Joanne Fruzzetti, Pat McCollem, Muriel Toronto, and Doris Furness. They will be looking for you to sign up to bring your favorite dish. We will be donating to Toys for Tots and the Homeless Children in Boston. See you in November.

- Sheryl Briggs, Chairman

November Reminders

So that we may fully enjoy our speaker, Susan Riley, there will be a quick business meeting, no Freecycle table this meeting, and a limited show and tell (please limit to one item each). Please remember to bring your charity items. We are such a loving and giving group!

- Wendy Moore

[FreeCycle Table](#)

No Freecycle table this month; see you in December!

- Gina

[Newsletter Submissions](#)

All guild members are invited to submit articles for this newsletter. We request that you write your own articles and e-mail them to both of us no later than the 20th of each month to allow us time to review, edit if necessary, and format each article before distribution by the 25th.

- Jill and Julia



[Out and About](#)

- Connections Quilt Festival
Westford Regency Hotel
Westford Mass. 11/25-27
Thursday-Saturday
connectionsquiltfestival.com
- Pinwheels and Friends – For the Love of Quilting, November 15-17, Springfield, MA
pinwheelsandfriends.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.

[Meeting Dates](#)

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

Note: Our October meeting has been changed to the 13th as some of our members will be away for the Columbus Day weekend.

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| Nov. 3 | Trunk Show by Sue Riley on Feed-sack Quilts. This is a great show per the quilters who have seen it! |
| 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." |



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[NEQM Upcoming Exhibitions](#)

Now through Dec. 31

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



[November Meeting](#)

CHICKEN LINEN LECTURE at the November guild meeting:

Susan Riley, a textile lover, will share her vast collection of the humble feed sack: fabric, the bags themselves & items created from them. Feed sacks were used not just during the Great Depression, but well before & years afterwards. Take a journey with Susan & follow this story of ingenuity & clever marketing. There is a romance to this idea that women could create something beautiful from something so mundane.

- Sue

[Hint of the Month](#)

An orange stick is the perfect stiletto! It has a sharp tip for guiding fabric as you are sewing, and the beveled edge is great for preparing applique shapes with freezer paper. It's a light-weight wood, so if you accidentally sew over it, it won't jam your machine and break your needle. And best of all, it's cheap! Get one in any health and beauty department.



- From [42Quilts.com](#)

[Birthday Wishes](#)

In October we voted to donate half our holiday party gifts to Toys for Tots, and half to Birthday Wishes. Here are some birthday present ideas from the [Birthday Wishes website](#):

“Bringing Birthday Parties to Homeless Children” suggestions are as follows:

Kids (1 year to 11 years): Brand new gifts with batteries if required, Legos, dolls, action figures, sports equipment, science activities,

- **Most needed:** 1 & 2-year-old learning toys. NO stuffed animals, violent toys, electronics, video games or clothing.

Teen Gifts (12 to 17): Brand new gifts with batteries if required, lotion sets, sports equipment, water bottles, accessories. NO electronics, video games or clothing.

- **Most needed:** hygiene & beauty supplies.

Board Games & Puzzles: Most needed are playing cards.

Arts & Crafts: Play Dough, paper crafts, Tape Crafts, Activity &



coloring Books. Most needed: Markers & small craft kits.

Party Supplies: Birthday wrapping papers, balloons, disposable cake pans, cake mix, frosting, juice boxes/water, party hats, plastic table clothes, birthday banners, streamers. Cannot accept cake knives, pinatas, candy, birthday cards.