



Thimbles & Friends Quilt Guild Newsletter

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November Gathering Bus Trip

The bus trip to the Gathering is on Saturday, November 2nd. Meet at the Rockland Park and Ride, across from Home Depot. Departure time is 8:30 sharp so please plan on being a little early so you don't miss the bus!

The return trip from New Hampshire will be leaving at 3:30 sharp. If you have NOT paid your \$30 for the trip, please contact Shirley MacLeod.

Greetings from Bridgewater

Well ladies, I am totally in awe over the fine work produced by our guild. The expertise and imagination shown at our recent quilt show was truly impressive. I really need to step up my game if I'm to keep up! It really is inspiring to me to see what can be accomplished with a few scraps of fabric and some thread.

I'm looking forward to the Jelly Roll Race at our next meeting. I've never done one before and it sounds fun!

- Julia

From the Chair

Whew! We made it! Our quilt show was a rousing success, and most importantly we had fun doing it! Our October meeting included a recap and assessment of each aspect of the Show. Please return your assessment forms to Tracey so that your suggestions are included in the notes for the next Show committee.

Hasn't the Fall weather been awesome? The tree colors have been so stunning on these sunny days. On a recent trip to Rhode Island fabric shops, I saw more bolts of orange fabric than I have ever seen before. Orange isn't just for Fall quilts. If you haven't used orange fabric in a quilt (like me!), give it a go and see what happens. This goes for any color that you shy away from. It might just brighten up your day during those long winter months to come.

May I again put in a plug for the donated fabric I have in my garage? I still have six bins full. Lots of flannel – it would make a very cozy charity quilt. I will bring one or two bins with me to every meeting until it is all gone. YOU WILL take fabric ☺.

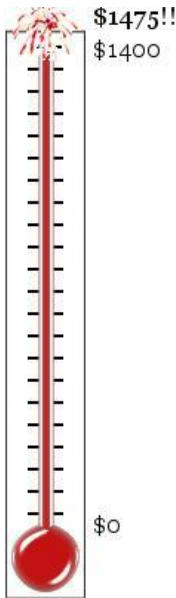
See you in November.

- Rose

P.S. If anyone objects to pictures of their quilts being posted on Facebook or on our website, please let me and Sheryl Briggs know.

Raffle Quilt Recap

We had a strong finish with our Raffle Quilt ticket sales. We even exceeded our goal! Thanks to everyone who sold and bought tickets! Martine Taylor from South Shore Habitat for Humanity drew the winning ticket, which just happened to belong to our own Pat McColem. Congratulations Pat!



New Members

A big welcome to our five new members for 2013!

- Sally Thornton
- Pat O'Leary
- Pat Clemmons
- Mary Davis
- Kim Eddy

Quilt Show Recap

A huge thank you goes out to our 2013 co-chairs for the quilt show, Tracey Phillips and Janice O'Gara, as well as everyone else on the committee. The show netted a very respectable profit. In addition to the show, the raffle quilt netted \$1475 of which half went to the charity "South Shore Habitat for Humanity." Please send your suggestions and comments on the show to Tracey. If you would like to co-chair our next show (in 2 years), please let us know at the next meeting.

Winners of the raffle quilt ticket sales contest were: 1st place May Lai, 2nd place Tracey Phillips, 3rd place Josephine Abbott. Each received a thank-you gift. And thank you to all who sold tickets. We had 80% of the members sell tickets this year.

Note: In your travels, if anyone can find black flat queen size sheets, please pick them up. These are needed for our next quilt show.

November Meeting

On November 9th, Gina and I are going to host a Jelly Roll Race! There will be prizes! You will want to win, so here's what you can do to get ready.

A Jelly Roll is made up of 40 - 2 ½ inch strips of fabric. You can buy one or make your own from your stash. Before you come to the meeting, you should sew them together as you would sew binding strips; that is, making diagonal seams corner to corner. Eyeball it, no need for precision (Shirley!). If you've used assembly-line sewing, cut them apart (you'll have a 1600 inch fabric strip), and you are all done with the pre-meeting work.

At the meeting, you'll need your machine (and the various power cords to make it run!), fabric scissors, plenty of neutral or coordinating thread, and several pre-wound bobbins.

That's it! Gina and I will instruct you further at the race, time it, and award the prizes! It ought to be a hoot!

See you in November!

- Jeanne

Charity Quilt Suggestion

Here is an Easy Flannel Rag Quilt pattern, just right for a charity quilt.

Go to

http://quilting.about.com/od/quiltpatterns/projects/ss/rag_quilt.htm



Have Something to Say?

Send newsletter submissions to

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



Help Wanted

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

-  December 7, 2013 Holiday Party – We need one or two coordinators to plan the food and the fun. (Everyone will pitch in with food!)
-  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 our upcoming year.

Nov. 2	Bus Trip – The Gathering – Joyce and Shirley
Nov. 9	Jelly Roll Race! – Jeanne and Gina
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



