



# Thimbles & Friends Quilt Guild Newsletter

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## *Greetings from Hanson*

Hello ladies,

Welcome Fall!  Cooler weather is finally here (to stay, I hope!), the Sox are looking at the post-season, and it's time to think about getting those quilts made for winter use.

With the arrival of September, we had a wonderful start to our new guild year. Over tasty refreshments and show and tell, we caught up with each other after our summer hiatus and welcomed new members. A fun, new challenge began our program for the year, which will certainly keep our sewing machines humming~! See you in October!

- Jill

## *From the Chair*

Thank you Ladies for all your hard work in September. It was nice to see everyone at the meeting. I've been preparing all my 2 ½" binding for the Rug Workshop in October. We will do our best to keep the business to a minimum so that we have the MOST time available for the workshop. I hope you all give it a try. Looks like it's going to be fun. Also Pat McCollem showed us an Origami bag at the meeting. I went home watched the tutorial and made two. It was so very easy. If you are looking for a workshop on this bag speak to Joyce or Nancy and I will volunteer to teach the workshop. I would like to thank Sarah for all the hard work she is still doing on the WebSite & Facebook. Good Job! See you in October.

- Sheryl Briggs, Chairman



## [FreeCycle Table](#)

The Freecycle Table will be open for business during the October meeting. I currently have quite a lot of Freecycle in my garage that was donated by a former member and graciously picked up by Joyce H. Thank you Joyce! It is too much to bring in all at once so I decided on bringing in one or two categories at a time. Last month I brought in all the Polartec and fleece. This month I will bring in another genre. Please email me at [gstone029@yahoo.com](mailto:gstone029@yahoo.com) if you have any requests for what items you need or would be interested in. As always, bring in whatever you are not using anymore and leave it on the table. Somebody else may be interested in it!

- 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 20<sup>th</sup> of each month to allow us time to review, edit if necessary, and format each article before distribution by the 25th.

- Jill and Julia



## [Program Volunteers](#)

Hello fellow guild members! As your programming coordinators, we have ideas and activities that we will be bringing to the 2018-2019 guild meetings but in order to do so, we need volunteers to make it happen. We are looking for a few people to take charge of the December meeting which is typically a pot luck brunch/lunch, sprinkled with some holiday activities. If you would like to assist, please let us know. Thanks!

- Joyce Hochstrasser and Nancy Moynihan  
Program Coordinators

## [Shop Hop](#)

**Humble Beginnings Adventure 2018**  
**SAVE THE DATES!**  
**OCTOBER 12 - OCTOBER 14, 2018**

HOMESTEAD QUILTING AND FABRIC ~ LAKEVILLE, MA  
EMMA'S QUILT CUPBOARD ~ FRANKLIN, MA  
DRAGONFLY'S QUILT SHOP ~ BELLINGHAM, MA  
APPLETREE FABRICS ~ AUBURN, MA  
SEW-TOGETHER QUILT SHOP ~ TEWKSBURY, MA  
THE VICTORIAN CUPBOARD SEWING STUDIO ~ SALEM, NH

**HUMBLEBEGINNINGSADVENTURE.COM**  
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## **Out and About**

- **Herring Run Show**  
Sept. 29-30 at Norwell Middle School  
[www.herringrunquiltguild.com](http://www.herringrunquiltguild.com)
- **Crosstown Show**  
Oct. 20-21 at the Abington Senior Center  
[www.crosstownquilters.org/](http://www.crosstownquilters.org/)
- **Fabricadabra!  
Cranberry Quilters**  
Oct. 20 at Carver Middle School  
[www.pccq.org](http://www.pccq.org)

## **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**

7/11 – 9/23 – H<sub>2</sub>O! Vital, Powerful, Sacred Water (see right)

For New England Quilt Museum exhibition information, more information, see the NEQM website:  
<http://nequiltmuseum.org>.  
18 Shattuck Street, Lowell, MA

<https://www.craftsy.com/quilting/patterns/quilt-journal-cover/192848>



<https://www.craftsy.com/quilting/article/diy-journal-cover/>



## **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 13<sup>th</sup> as some of our members will be away for the Columbus Day weekend.

Oct. 13	Jelly Roll Rug Class, "Why Quilts Matter" depending on time.
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."

## **Hint of the Month**

Because everything for me is a learning project, my favorite quilt hint is to keep a quilt journal. By writing things down as you go along, you have a record of your projects, what worked (and what didn't!), and the start and completion date of each project. You can record who the quilt was made for, how much fabric you used, how much the fabric and quilt supplies cost at the time, and include a photo of your quilt. When I do an embroidery project, I note what design I used, what I used for threads and colors, stabilizer weight and type, problems with design density, what fonts stitch out better than others, and any adjustments I should make the next time.

You can purchase a commercially available quilting journal or use an inexpensive composition book. I prefer a book with graph paper so I can sketch block designs and quilt layout ideas.

To the left are links for instructions on how to make your own quilt journal cover.

- Jill



## **October Project**

At the October meeting, we will be making a Jelly Roll Rug. So that we have more time to sew the pieces and the rug together, we recommend that you prep the fabric and batting before the meeting.

You will need to bring a sewing machine that does both straight and zig zag stitch, basic sewing supplies, thread, small binder clips, a jelly roll or equivalent in 2.5" strips, and batting that has been cut into 2.5" strips that will equal the overall length of your jelly roll. If you like, you can purchase batting in the form of a jelly roll ahead of time and bring it to the meeting.

To prep the batting, zig zag sew or use batting seam tape to attach all the batting strips end to end. If you have purchased the batting jelly roll, you do not need to do anything at this time. It has been prepped for you. To prep the fabric strips, machine sew all the fabric strips together using a diagonal seam to reduce bulk and iron the seams open. If you have prepared correctly, you should have one long piece of batting 2.5" wide and one long strip of fabric 2.5" wide. You will be ready to sew when you come to the meeting.

If you are looking for precut jelly roll batting, try Amazon.com, Quilting warehouse.com, AQS, and Nancy's Notions. Wendy may have an extra roll or two for purchase.

If making a whole rug seems too overwhelming, you can prep a smaller amount of batting and strips and make a placemats or small sample. If you have any questions, please contact Nancy or Joyce.