



Thimbles & Friends Quilt Guild Newsletter

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<http://www.thimblesandfriendsquiltguild.org>

Newsletter Note: Just click on the picture of any quilt to see the Web page it came from.

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.

- Julia & Taryen

Meeting Dates

Here is the meeting information for our remaining guild year. Meeting times are 10:15 AM – 2 PM.

Oct 3	Ruler Bag – "Pocket Full of Rulers" – Wendy Moore
Nov 7	"No More Tears" Paper Piecing – Kathy Connors
Dec 5	Holiday Party – Joyce Hochstrasser
Jan 9	Open Sew?
Jan 30	Charity Workshop – Shirley MacLeod
Feb 11-14	Retreat? Retreat Fun, Committee: Taryen Shannon, Wendy Foley, Sue Warchal
March 6	TBD
April 3	TBD (formerly Cheryl Martel Trunk Show)
May 1	Tea Party – Julia Blanchard (formerly Lori Pires/Hat Lecture)
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From the Chairman

Thank you for taking the time to meet for a Zoom meeting. I know it can be difficult hearing and paying attention to everyone talking. It takes time to fix all the kinks, but it will eventually work much better, so please hang in there. I think this might be the new normal moving forward. Also, I know most of us don't like looking at ourselves, but look at it this way—what you see, is what the rest of us are seeing. So with that said, think about “Zoom etiquette,” don't wear your PJ's, put a brush through your hair, don't eat or drink in front of the camera, don't blow your nose in front of the camera and silence your phones if possible. I know that we cannot silence our home phones (although you can mute yourself on the Zoom page). Try to avoid interruptions. (I apologize in advance for my Dad interrupting; he has a form of dementia and when people are in his home, he wants their full attention—we are working on that for the future.)

If you are having trouble getting on Zoom, contact Wendy prior to our next meeting and she can run a test for you. If you don't have a computer to get onto Zoom, maybe you can ask another member if you can go to their home for the meeting. For instance, Joanne Fruzzetti doesn't have a computer, so I take my computer to her and we share, just a thought.

At the Zoom meeting Sue-Ellen mentioned her latest shopping trip to Auburn MA. I went right after the meeting and it was well worth the trip. Tons of Jelly Rolls, Layer Cakes, etc. All the fabric was \$2.99 per yard and it was Quilt Shop quality. I had FUN!!!! See your smiling faces soon!

- Sheryl



Wendy's Corner

Imagine you have the most incredible sewing room. It is filled from floor to ceiling with all the amazing fabrics that you ever dreamed of owning—every color, hue, shade, and pattern ever made. Wow! Any quilt that you have aspired to construct is achievable.

And suddenly, all that fabric is gone...except for six yards. How can you possibly make the beautiful quilt that you have envisioned? Everything you have known about quilt-making is turned upside down. Where can you go from here? It's sad. It's frustrating. It's depressing.

But wait! You can improvise. Look again at the color wheel and all your patterns and invent a new pattern. Success is yours because you are willing to look at quilting in a new light.

This is how I feel about COVID19. Everyone I know has had to improvise their routines and patterns of life. We have all had to try new things, and new ways to do everything.

Although Zoom is a new medium for most people it remains the best tool we have right now to stay connected. Our upcoming meetings will be a little different from our September meeting. As the host of Zoom, I will mute everyone during the meeting. People will either send a chat with questions or raise their hand to be recognized. Don't worry—everyone will have a chance to have their say. I also recommend that you use earphones or earbuds to clearly hear what is going on during the meeting.

Members can sign on up to 15 minutes prior to the meeting and chit-chat with each other. Once the meeting starts, I will highlight the speaker so you will know who is speaking. If you are worried about being able to join, e-mail me and we can set up a test or practice before the meeting.

And lastly, I am teaching the Pocket Full of Rulers Bag pattern. If you are interested in making this bag, please e-mail me and I will send you the cutting instructions. I will teach it through Zoom.

Let's be flexible!

- Wendy

Pocket Full of Rulers

If you plan on joining this workshop, please contact Wendy Moore by e-mail, phone, or text. She will then send you information on cutting your fabrics. This versatile bag can be made with yardage or a jelly roll.

Other fabric needed:

- 1 ²/₃ of fabric is needed for the lining
- 2 yards of craft fuse
- 3/4 yard for binding
- 1/3 yard batting
- 4 yards of webbing

This one bag will carry all your rulers (well, most!) and an 18X24 inch cutting board.

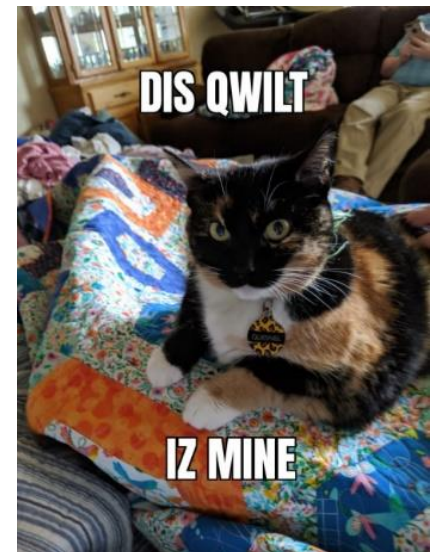
This workshop will be taught on Zoom. You will not see other participants, only the workshop leader. You will be able to ask questions and I will be able to see your project and help you with any issues you may be experiencing. As this is a new format for Thimbles and Friends, I ask for some latitude! I know there will be mistakes and I also know we will get better with practice. Please join me in this new format for our wonderful group of crafters.

- Wendy



Don't just love fall quilts? This one's a beauty. Don't forget to bring your quilts to your computer for show and tell so we can all enjoy them You are such an inspiration!

See you on October 3!



[The Story of the Utah Quilt Walk of 1864](#)

It was the winter of 1864-5 and the snow was high in the mountains of Utah. Settlers in the small village of Fairview were starving. The snow was so deep that even the animals couldn't find food, so any possible game had moved to the lower elevations. There was simply nothing to eat.

The men of the town decided that they had to go in search of food. A party struck out for a town 115 miles to the north, but the way for the wagons and oxen was blocked by the deep snow and they were unable to clear it. Sadly, they turned around and returned to Fairview.

The second party decided to cross the pass to the west to the closer town of Parowan. The wagons and oxen were unable to cross this pass as well due to the deep snow. To save their families, the men resolved to complete the journey on foot. They didn't get far. The snow was simply too deep.

They decided to pray. They took a quilt from the wagon and spread it over the snow and knelt to pray. One man realized that his knees were not sinking into the snow! So, they took the remaining quilts and blankets from the wagon and putting one in front of the other, they were able walk on the quilts across the pass.

Bringing back the sacks of flour wasn't easy, but the quilts served them well and they made it back to the waiting oxen and wagons. It took 14 days, but they became the heroes of their town!

The town is now called Panguitch and they hold an annual Quilt Walk to celebrate this event. The Quilt Walk is now held in summer, of course. The event has been cancelled for 2020, but I hope you can join in 2021. (Photos are from the Panguitch town web page.)

- From [Quiltinghub.com](https://www.panguitch.com/)



Photo from [The Quilt that Walked to Colorado](#)



