



# Thimbles & Friends Quilt Guild Newsletter

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## Greetings from Hanson

Hi everyone,

After a summer of fussing over the bees in my yard and the Monarch butterflies and caterpillars that graced my first ever milkweed, fall (and apple season) is finally here and with that, our first guild meeting of the year. I want to extend a warm welcome to our new guild members...we are happy to have you with us! We invite your questions, suggestions, and participation and look forward to a fun inspiring new year.

As I mentioned at the meeting, I am overwhelmed at the number of charity items some of our members continually “whip out” and donate for those in need. My goal this year is to add to the pitiful amount that I do, so I hung my furry little friend over my sewing machine to firmly remind me (as only he can) that I have lots of fabric to use up and don't have to complicate things as I tend to do!

- Jill



## [Guild Website](#)

<http://www.thimblesandfriendsquiltguild.org>

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



## [Charity Quilts](#)

Our guild's on-going charity project is the Home Care Division of South Shore Hospital. Members are encouraged to donate quilts in any size or color of their choice. The Home Care Division services everyone from preemies to the elderly and is very happy to accept all quilts, afghans, fleece blankets, and baby items.

Any quilts that are turned in at the September & October meetings will be put on display at the quilt show and delivered after the show.

- Shirley

## [Quilt Show Boutique](#)

For the boutique we will be selling handmade items, books, magazines, patterns, and fabric (scraps, precuts, fat quarters, and yardage). No yard sale items, please. If anyone has items to donate and are unable to deliver them on set-up day, I will take them at the October meeting and store them until the quilt show.

- Shirley



## [From the Chair](#)

We are off to a good start--we had almost all our members in attendance. I would like to welcome the new members that came to our September meeting. Please don't be offended, but I cannot remember names for the life of me, but I'm working on it, so be sure to wear your name tags. I look forward to getting to know each of you. Please don't be afraid to ask me any questions about the meeting or our guild. I think that it's important to keep everyone informed. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at the quilt show, so finish up your quilts prior to the next meeting. Start setting money aside for our retreat; you won't want to miss all the fun we have on that weekend. Wendy will have more information on the retreat at the October meeting.

- Sheryl



## [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 20<sup>th</sup> of the month to allow us time to process each article before distribution by the 25<sup>th</sup>. If there is no newsletter any particular month, we will save your article for a future publication.

- Jill and Julia

## **20/20 UFO Challenge**

The guild challenge for 2019-2020 is two-fold!

Look through your UFOs....projects from classes, orphan blocks, projects you bought materials for (but never got around to), tops that need finishing, colors that make you wonder "what was I thinking?" and bring TWO to the October meeting.

The first should be something you REALLY want to finish. We'll photograph you and the project for before and after results.

The second should be something you know you'll never get around to. Bring the pattern, materials, the work in progress, and let it go! We'll help you get rid of the guilt!

So all you have to do for the October meeting is bring in your UFOs!

- Diane

## **From the Quilt Show Registrar**

Quilt registration forms were due at the September meeting so if you have not submitted your form, please do so by September 30th. Each member will have a 13' church pew to display her submitted quilts. Please bring your quilts to set-up day on Friday, Noon to 5 p.m. or make arrangements if you cannot be there that day. Quilts will need to be picked up after the show on Saturday.

If you have any questions, please contact me either by email at the [quiltedclock@comcast.net](mailto:quiltedclock@comcast.net) or by phone 781-447-1331.

- Joyce

## **FreeCycle Table**

The Freecycle Table will be open for business during our October meeting. Feel free to drop off or pick up as needed.

- Gina

## **Meeting Dates**

Here is the meeting information for our guild year. Meeting times are 10:15 AM – 2 PM. We will also bring back "Block of the Month" this year!

Oct 5	Diane Piechowski – UFO challenge
Oct 18	Show setup Whitman United Methodist Church 12-5
Oct 19	Quilt Show – United Methodist Church
Nov 2	Sharon Ozog – Armchair Caddy demo/workshop
Dec 7	Wendy Moore & Erin Units – Holiday party and Why Quilts Matter DVD episode
Jan 4	Sheryl Briggs demo – How to Clean Your Scissors
Jan 25	Shirley MacLeod – Charity workshop
Feb 7-9	RETREAT! Hotel 1620 – Plymouth, MA
March 7	Phyllis Barry/Claudia Cummings – English Paper Piecing
April 4	Guest Speaker/Trunk Show – Cheryl Martel
May 16	Sue-Ellen Hewitt – Tea Party and Guest Speaker Lori Pires, the Hat Chatter



## *Out and About at the NEQM*

I attended the NEQM Meet the Teachers event as the representative of Thimbles and Friends. So much fun! It was like speed dating, with 20 teachers having three minutes to entice the guilds to hire them. Some amazing teachers with lots to teach about everything from art quilts to beginners and everything in between. They even had two women who took the approach of being “nurses” who helped revive your UFO’s. Fun people. I will be giving that folder to our program people.

As members of the NEQM we have two free passes for members to attend the museum. I urge you to make a day of it!

Events upcoming at the museum:

- Aug. 20-Dec. 1: Social Justice Sewing Academy – Youth Sewing
  - Sept 11-Dec. 29: Traditional and Original - Sue Garmen and Suspended - Priscilla Sage
  - Dec. 3- Feb. 13: Colorful - Pat Delaney
  - Jan. 7- April 4: Salvaged - The Stitched Narratives of Jennifer Regan (on loan from Buffalo State College)
  - Feb. 15- April 25: Stories of West Africa - Hollis Chatelaine
- Wendy



## *Quilt Show Update*

We are getting closer to our quilt show! We can’t believe it is less than a month away.

We hope everyone is working on boutique items, selling raffle tickets, making friendship squares and pulling fabric from your stash to bag and sell.

Quilt show set up and quilt drop off will be Friday October 18th between noon and 5pm at the Church. We need all available help. Remember this is your show. It helps defray the costs of our retreat and expenses throughout the year.

Please make sure all quilts are marked with name attached to each quilt.

Each quilt should be in a STURDY BAG, each bag clearly marked with your name and the name of the quilt.

If you can’t make the Friday drop off, make arrangements with someone. Quilts will not be accepted on Saturday.

Quilt pick up will not take place until the close of the show after they have been returned to their bags.

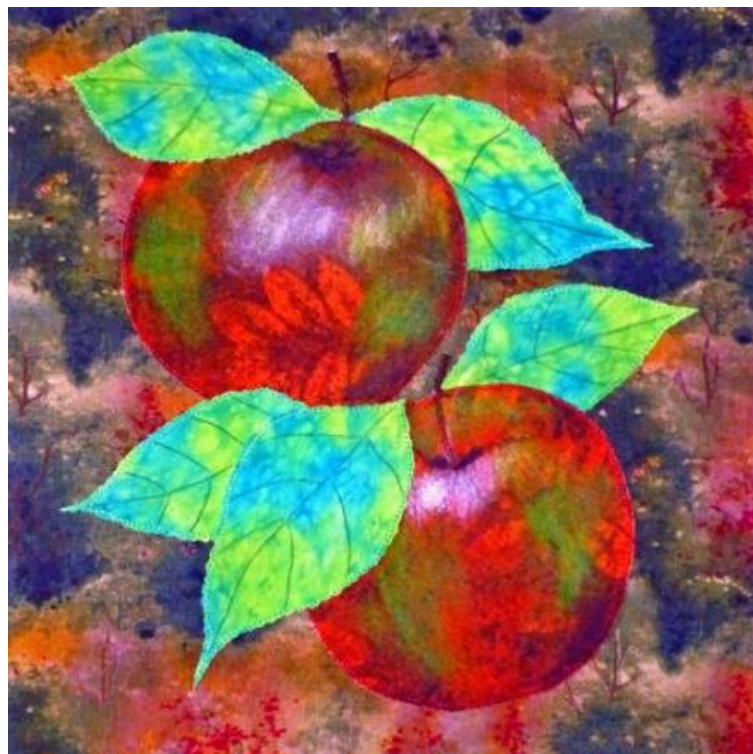
Signup sheets for show duties will be at our October meeting.

Remember this is our quilt show; everyone is expected to be there on the day of the show unless you are out of town.

Any questions, call or email Claudia Cummings, Sue-Ellen Hewitt or Joyce Hochstrasser. (Quilt Show Registrar)

Quilt Show co-chairs

- Sue-Ellen and Claudia



## [Retreat 2020](#)

Good Quilters – It is already time to dream about Retreat 2020! In addition, we also need to make some decisions as a group. The retreat is February 6, 7, 8 and 9, 2020 at the Hotel 1620 at 180 Water Street in Plymouth. Retreaters may attend some or all the days. You can stay overnight or choose to commute. Each attendee staying over or commuting will be required to pay between \$75-\$85. This price depends on the number of attendees and our choice of the meal options. We will vote as a group at the October meeting for the choice of meals. This price covers the cost of two communal meals (lunch buffet on Saturday and Sunday brunch) and the cost to rent the food room, sewing room and administration costs. I was able to secure the same rate for the sleeping rooms (\$125.10 including taxes share!) This rate has not changed since 2015. People outside the membership of Thimbles and Friends are welcome to attend – up to the cap of 35 people. A non-refundable deposit of \$50.00 will be collected in December, **Note: this is non-refundable.** If you find another person to attend in your place, you can get your deposit from them.

Hotel 1620 offers 24-hour front desk, complimentary WIFI, pool, fitness center, restaurant serving breakfast and dinner each day (no lunch) and refrigerators in each room. Keurig coffee makers and hair dryers are in each room. Hotel 1620 is within easy walking distance to shopping and restaurants.

More information and an information sheet will be distributed at the October meeting.

- Wendy



# 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Quilt Show

**Oct. 19, 2019**



**10am – 3pm**

## Thimbles and Friends Quilt Guild

**Whitman United Methodist Church**

**503 South Ave. Whitman, Ma. 02382**

*\$7.00 Admission*

### **Raffle Quilt**

**\$1 per ticket/ 6 for \$5**

**Boutique- Lots of great items for sale. Come get your holiday shopping done early!**

**Lunch available for purchase**



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