



# Thimbles & Friends Quilt Guild Newsletter

Special Edition 2020

*In the quilt of life FRIENDS are the stitches that hold it together.  
Take care, wash your hand & face. We will be together soon*

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Paper Piece Quilt finished by Sheryl  
Briggs



## Membership Dues

Membership dues are usually paid at the May meeting for the next year. Sadly we will be unable to meet in May, because of the shutdown. Dues are now not required to be paid until August 30th. Hopefully this will give everyone a few months to recover from the current situation. Please make your check out to: Thimbles & Friends Quilt Guild in the amount of \$35.00 and mail it to Claudia Cummings, 17 Bell Dr., E. Bridgewater, MA 02333. Meanwhile, stay safe and healthy. See you in September! Phyllis Barry, Membership/Hospitality

## From the Chair

Life has been a bit different & difficult over the past few months with the COVID-19. If you are like me, and happen to be one of the fortunate ones, you are now working from home and your office has invaded your "Happy Place". They say it takes 30 days to change a habit and it has been over 30 days since we have been working from home and I must stay, I'm getting used to it and might not want to go back to the office. I'm sure that all of you have been using your resources in your sewing rooms to make COVID-19 masks. I certainly have. So far we (meaning myself, Joyce, Shirley, & Joanne) have donated over 1000 masks and we still have fabric. Imagine that! I hope that this newsletter inspires you. I hope you are all well and being safe and staying home. I know that this is very stressful for some folks. All I can say, is just hang in there.

I did set up a "Chat" room. It's called "SLACK" some of you are on it, others are not. Because you may not know how to get on or you may not have a computer. It's just a way for us to keep in touch with each other. If you did NOT get an email to sign into "SLACK" let me know and I will forward you another email. Send the request to me at: [sheryl\\_briggs@yahoo.com](mailto:sheryl_briggs@yahoo.com). Looking forward to seeing everyone in September. I miss that we didn't get to see the "Hat Lady". Hopefully we can get her to come see us soon.

- Sheryl, Chairman

## Voting for the next year

Since we did not meet in April or May, we didn't complete our Voting for Board Members. We will do that on the first meeting



### Meeting Dates

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

Sept 5	
Oct 3	
Nov 7	
Dec 5	Holiday Party
Jan 9	
Jan 30	
February 11-14	Retreat
March 6	
April 3	
May 1	

### Guild Website

<http://www.thimblesandfriendsquiltguild.org>

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

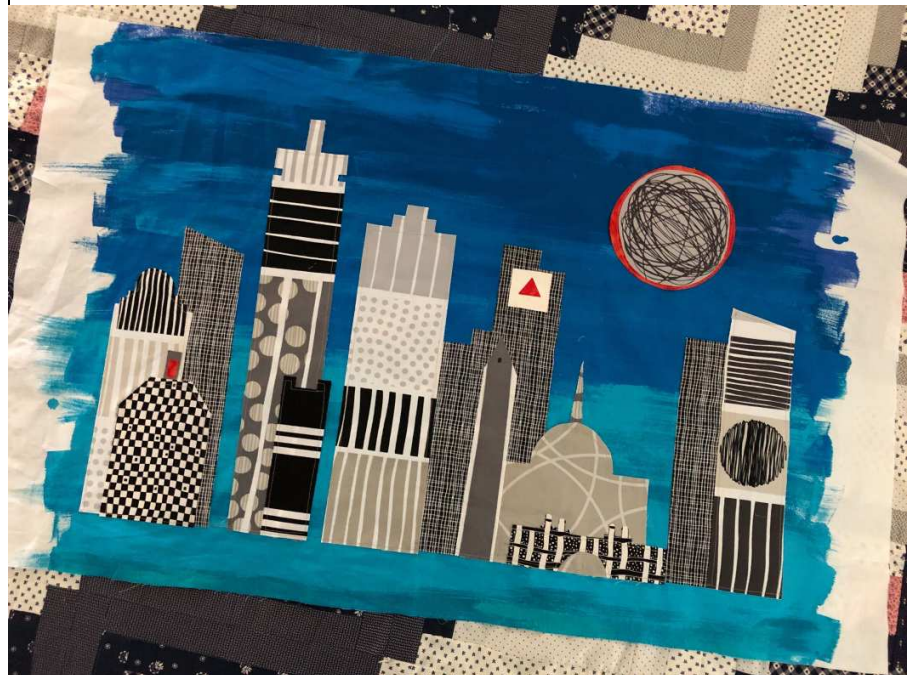
### Newsletter Submissions

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 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.

Julia & Tayren

### FreeCycle Table

The Freecycle Table will be open for business during the March meeting.



I write an interior decorating column for the Quincy Sun. Instead of an advice column last week, I wrote a 600 word reflection piece called "Masks, Muses, and Milestones" with the muses being my fabric stash from which I've made 12 quilts

Barb Graceffa



We will not have the table open during the April and May meetings per member vote.

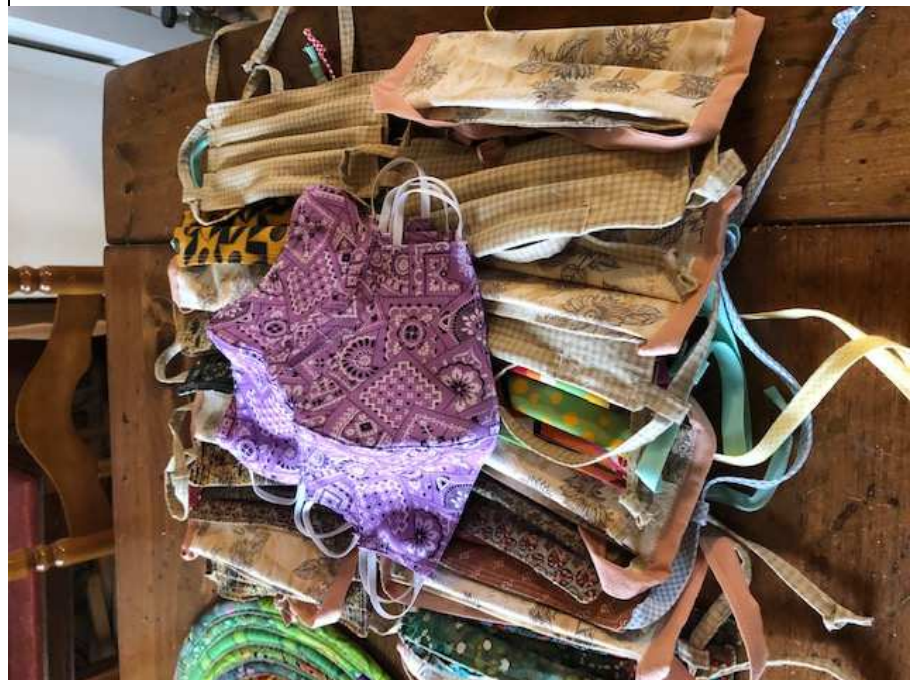
- Gina



One picture to start! My neighbors plastic crows with masks and 6 feet apart.



In my spare time, I have been making masks for family, friends, neighbors, and medical personnel with my feline assistant, Pete, (who does not believe in social distancing) and "together but apart" with my two sisters and my mom. I have been using my fabric stash and it hasn't made a dent! "We can sew it!" Joyce



I have been working on UFOs For the past months...but not the one I SAID I was go8 g to. Work on. It turns out I found quite a few from the 90's and made myself work on those, including stencils painting from a class with Jackie Paton ( Still have one to do!) and a diamond log cabin from an Australian magazine. After those, I had. Enough paper piecing!

Shirley Henriksen from Blaine's sewing sent out a 15 step mystery in three fabrics that I took on, and as par for mysteries, I would have changed the values when I saw it completed. I'm not found of the technique where you sew on squares to a rectangle to make flying geese, but I just made three doll quilts for my granddaughters out of SOME of the trimmings!

As time went on I began trolling quilt websites and did some damage to my credit cards...and started making baby quilts!...finding more UFOs....using precuts...cutting out some additional projects so I'm ready for whenever we have our next retreat...wAtching quilt videos one-tube....oh, and did I mention making masks? And masks? And more! Well, here's some of my show and tell .....Diane







*This is Joyce's kitty helping make masks and working from home.*

***School house Shop Hop has been extended  
July 7 – August 22, 2020***

***They have decided to extend the length of The Schoolhouse Shop Hop. Their goal is to mitigate overcrowding in the shops and give customers ample time & opportunity to participate. Be sure to check with each shop for their business hours as they have changed from what is printed in the Booklet. Registration for the Schoolhouse Shop Hop will continue through August 22, 202. Information can be found at: [www.schoolhouseshophop.com](http://www.schoolhouseshophop.com) Or on their Facebook page. The Schoolhouse Shop Hop.***





## NEVER HAVE I EVER Sewing Edition

Give yourself a point for every item on this list that you've done.

1. Ripped out the same seam. Twice.
2. Taught someone else to sew.
3. Given up on a project that was too difficult.
4. Bought fabric without a specific purpose.
5. Sewed something as a gift.
6. Returned to the fabric store for something I forgot the first time.
7. Surprised myself with my sewing prowess.
8. Altered a sewing pattern on my own.
9. Been asked to make alterations or repairs for someone else.
10. Sewed a dress or garment for a special occasion.
11. Taken a vacation detour specifically to visit a fabric or trim store.
12. Sewn a sleeve inside out or onto the wrong side.
13. Broken a needle twice on the same sewing project.
14. Run out of thread before finishing a project.
15. Found a thread hanging long after finishing a project.
16. Left a scorch mark from the iron.
17. Forgotten to pre-wash my fabric.
18. Gone more than a year without getting my machine serviced or cleaned.
19. Sewn through my finger, clothing, or something I shouldn't have sewn through.
20. (Tried to) sew a zigzag stitch with a straight stitch foot on.

Surprise! The more points you have, the more experienced a sewist you are! How many points did you get?

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## Block of the month.....

Hi ladies,

Hope you are all well and hanging in there! I have four more 12" blocks for you to work on just in case you are bored! LOL! I have sent all of the blocks to Sarah and Wendy so they can put them on our Website and our Facebook page since we are still Social Distancing, I just sent them a few minutes ago so please give them some time to get them transferred.

Some notes I want to add:

Please don't sew any of the blocks together with another one unless I direct you to! I will show you how in my next email. I just want everyone to get an idea of how this is going to look!

The Flying Geese blocks (I have noted the names of each of these blocks to avoid any confusion) Please see my lovely drawings, there are three separate sets, two sets are 4 geese and the other is 8 geese, sewn vertically. You can see them on the pattern that I included that I failed to add the fourth goose to the smaller ones! Sorry!

I can see now that I included an incorrect block in the pattern, so just do the ones that I have sent out and the new ones. Please excuse my drawing and writing as I am neither an artist nor a calligrapher! Not even close on either!!!!

If you have any questions, email or call me! I know it must be confusing or maybe it's just me. It would be a lot easier just being able to tell you in person! I will send you the remaining info in the next few weeks!

Thanks for your patience, Nancy





**From the co-chair.....**

Guild Members What an amazing, confusing, interesting eight weeks we have had! For the time being, Thimbles and Friends Officers will stay in their current positions. Dues may be paid to Claudia Cummings.

So happy that my little hummingbirds have no idea that there is a virus here - they are happily eating at the feeders and choosing and making their little nests. A female hummer can have three broods from now until the end of September. Fascinating little birds, they can smell the nectar in the feeders up to one mile away!

I now know how to make 3 types of masks and two types of scrub caps, donated to Children's Hospital Nurses. My quilting is suffering, but this is something I can do to help the cause.

The weather is beautiful! I have been working on gardening and long awaited projects around the house. Also Zoom meetings for work. I have also been going on virtual tours of museums all over the world - I suggest this fun activity.

Do you think you would be interested in attending a Zoom get together? We could find an agreeable time and day to "see" each other. If so please email me and I would be happy to set it up. My five brothers and two sisters are meeting this way every other week - its crazy cause we all talk at the same time, often with different subjects! It is a wonderful way to get to talk with my siblings who live all over the country from Seattle to Minnesota to Arizona, Florida and Massachusetts.

Please stay healthy everyone and remember to notify Phyllis Barry of any health issues, sickness and happy



stuff too.

Wendy Moore Vice Chair