

Guild Happenings Explained

SHOW AND TELL

Show and tell is a voluntary activity that occurs at regular monthly meetings. Members bring in their completed quilt projects for a big round of "ooh's and aah's" that occur while the project is shown to everyone at the meeting. A time is set aside at most meetings for this event.

FAT QUARTER RAFFLE

A fat quarter is a piece of fabric that is 18 x 22 inches. The president of guild will announce a fat quarter theme or color for the next meeting. Bring a fat quarter (or more than one) to the next monthly meeting, check your piece of fabric in with the hostess and you will be eligible to play a game that results in the winning of a stack of fat quarters.

DOOR PRIZES

The guild will furnish a door prize at each meeting. You can have a chance to win the prize by purchasing a numbered ticket from the hostess. The money from this event goes into our guild treasury. Raffle tickets cost .50 cents each.

SATURDAY WORKSHOPS

Workshops are announced throughout the year. Members pay \$15 non-refundable class fee for the workshop plus any costs incurred in the project making, such as buying a special ruler or buying the pattern. It is a first come, first to sign up list. Class sizes usually are 15 students unless designated differently by the guest teacher.

ONLINE INFORMATION

We are online at <http://www.friendsandneedles.org> and on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/friendsandneedlequiltguildhoulton>; each venue will post information, photographs and documents about the Guild events and news. Password and username is necessary to enter the Members webpage on the Website Friends and Needle Quilt Guild. Please contact the Website Chairperson for this information.

ANNUAL DUES

Dues are due in September at the first meeting. The dues are \$20.00 (check can be made out to Friends and Needles) with \$15.00 paid to Maine Pine Tree Quilt Guild and \$5.00 to Friends and Needle Quilt Guild.

SECRET SISTER

This program is a way to surprise your fellow quilt guild member with cards or trinkets during the year. In June the members pick their secret sisters names from a hat and then honor their secret sister throughout the year with small remembrances. In June is the big reveal of the Secret Sister at a Guild banquet. Some fun ideas are to send cards filled with Halloween candy, surprise her with a packet of seeds in Spring, send cards to commemorate holidays or secret sister celebrations, etc.

ROUND ROBIN ROW QUILT

Participating members will create a row for a Round Robin Row Quilt for a fellow participating guild member each month starting in October. There will be seven opportunities for your quilt to have a row added until the reveal in June. For those who are participating, please bring back the round robin box to be passed to the next participant at each Guild meeting. Rows can be any height but no wider than 54 inches. Each participant in the Round Robin must be committed to finishing their round on time and to have it ready to hand off at each Guild meeting. The golden rule of Round Robins quilts: Work on another person's project as you want her to work on yours. ENJOY ENJOY ENJOY – Have Fun! RELAX – If you feel stuck, call another group member for help and inspiration. Also if you are on Pinterest.com, search round robin row quilts to find inspiration. Google it as well! ENJOY!

QUILT CHALLENGE

Each year we showcase a quilt challenge at our quilt show. Our Guild is celebrating the 30th anniversary of our Quilt show and Guild. This year's challenge is to create a quilt, wall hanging or quilted item that is 30 something such as 30 blocks, 30 colors, using thirties fabrics, a block name with thirty in it – let your imagination run. Reveal of the challenge will be at the Quilt Show in August.

QUILT GUILD UFO RETREAT

Each year in January our Guild travels to a designated place for a weekend retreat to sit and sew to our hearts content for a nominal fee. We can have up to 32 people at the Retreat. Sign up early as the retreat fills up fast. Please check with our Retreat Chairperson if you are interested in attending.