



# Tewksbury Piecemakers Newsletter

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**MEETING December 9, 2025**

**@ Tewksbury Senior Center, 175 Chandler St., Tewksbury,  
MA 01876**

**DOORS OPEN AT 6:30 PM**

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## **FOOD PANTRY**

**With the SNAP program in limbo due to the government shut down, many families are affected. Please donate whatever you can. The food pantry has been really hard pressed to keep families fed.**

**Bisquick is good, you can make many things with that. Look and think of things that have or can be used in different ways. Flour, sugar, oil, seasonings, powered milk are just a few examples of "dry" items. Soup, condensed milk, soup mixes are a few more ideas.**

**If you prefer to give cash or a gift card to a food store, wonderful. Give it to me and I will pass it along. The senior center has a drop box in their kitchen and at front entrance if you prefer to drop off on any week day.**

## **DECEMBER GUILD MEETING**

We will be hosting an old-fashioned cookie swap. Bring a minimum of a dozen homemade cookies and take home a dozen of your fellow Quilters cookies. We will provide the take home containers. Holiday music and Hot Chocolate will also be available. Come dressed in your holiday clothes and share in the Holiday Spirit. A surprise guest judge will come and taste test all the cookies and award prizes for the most unique flavor, Best decorated and overall best taste. Please provide the recipe to share. You can email the recipe ahead so multi copies can be provided. ([Prd9686@comcast.net](mailto:Prd9686@comcast.net)) Please mark any cookies with nuts. Thank you for joining in on the holiday gathering.

## **NOVEMBERS RECAP**

A very interesting look at where you started and how much you have accomplished.

I am going to post pictures but, since I took so many and want to show them all, I will do it over the next couple of mailings. I will try to keep it in some order.

Here are 12 so far. Carol Calistro, Norma Biggins, Linda Reid, Christina Zook and Cathy Harvey.













### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY IN DECEMBER**

**12<sup>th</sup>, Marion Clark; 17<sup>th</sup>, Jo- Ann Lightfoot; 18<sup>th</sup>, Marie Morrow; 20<sup>th</sup>, Deb Rauseo;  
26<sup>th</sup>, Carol Calistro; 29<sup>th</sup>, Pat LeBourdais.  
A very Happy Birthday to all of you!**

### **CHARITY for DECEMBER**

The Thursday Girls have created stockings for the Soldiers Home. We are asking our members to donate new items to fill the stocking. Suggestions include playing cards, granola bars, word searches, Microwave popcorn, Candy. Puzzle books, Current magazines.  
We will collect at December meeting.



Happy Holiday: Susan, Pat and Kathy and the rest of us ladies

### **QUILTS for the NICU at Lawrence General.**

We're still collecting 30"x36" baby quilts. Please bring them to any meeting and I will deliver them to the hospital.

Thanks, Deb Rauseo

## **ONGOING PROJECT FOR CHARITY**

**Pattern is on last page.**

I am adding another project for you to do at home. This one is for preemie babies. Instructions are on the pattern. They need to be made in pairs.

The 100% cotton flannel scent hearts are given to NICU parents to wear next to their skin, absorbing their scents. The hearts are taken to the NICU and placed next to the infant where they can be soothed by their parent's scent and aid in bonding, even when parents cannot be at the bedside. They are provided in sets of two to allow the hearts to be switched out as needed.

I started tracing out the heart first onto the flannel and then sew it. Then I cut it out and turn. Seems to be smoother edges that way. And I use my walking foot.

Hearts can be turned into Deb Rauseo for washing and arranging dispersion of hearts.

## **TIME TO PLEASE STEPUP**

### **December will be our last meeting until March 10, 2026**

Because we have no officers to lead our Guild we must rely on each other to participate and come up with suggestions for each month's meeting!

All ideas and suggestions are welcome. There are a lot of us willing to help!

Consider running for President or Vice President. The offices can be co-chaired if you would like to consider that.

Carol

## **Quilt CHALLENGE**

Karen Ivas sent a great pattern for a quilt. I am taking Karen's advice and I will send it out in the January newsletter (maybe sooner) and make it a challenge for March's meeting. Hint: 2 charm packs and 1.25 yds of background fabric.

## **SPRING QUILT RETREAT**

Where: Franciscan Center, Kennebunk, Maine

When: Monday, April 20th thru Thursday, April 23rd.

Price: To be determined. I will send out a message when I receive the pricing from the Center

If you have any questions I can be reached by email, [mrenn@comcast.net](mailto:mrenn@comcast.net) or by phone, 9787,337,0760

## **NOTICE**

**It is time to pay your dues.**

**\$30.00 and I will be collecting it at the next meeting.**

**Checks should be made out to Tewksbury Piecemakers.**

**Checks may also be mailed to: Tewksbury Piecemakers, PO Box 617, Tewksbury, MA 01876**

**Please let me know if you do not plan on renewing.**

**Remember, if you are or will be 85 soon you do not pay dues.**

**Cheryle**



# Scent Heart Template

Scent hearts should be from 100% cotton flannel fabric, pre-washed in unscented detergent.

1. Use the template below to cut 4 hearts out of the same pattern flannel.
2. Place the right sides of 2 hearts together, and sew around the edge  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch seam, leaving a 1.5 inch opening on the lower side of the heart.
3. Repeat step 2 to sew together the second heart.
4. Turn the hearts right side out and gently iron flat. Sew the openings closed. \*\*
5. Each pair of two finished hearts will be individually bagged as a set.

*\*\* I topstitch because I don't want to hand stitch closed.*

