



HERRING RUN QUILTERS' GUILD

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Dear Herring Run Quilters,

I love summer. The warm weather, the beach, gardens, bare feet, grandchildren on merry-go-rounds, trips away...but I miss quilting. Actually with five new friend's babies born this summer, I had many projects to create but, for the most part, I try to be outside and, as a result, away from the quilt space I love. I used to feel guilty about not finding more time in the good weather to quilt, but I have come to realize that the summer break is a good thing. If any of you are familiar with the children's book, *Frederick* by Leo Lionni you'll know about the importance of "collecting" creative materials for the long winter. While his fellow field mice gather foodstuff (wheat, corn, nuts) Frederick takes in colors, sensory materials (i.e. sunrays) and words for the winter days. When all the food supplies are gone, Frederick is able to keep his friend's spirits alive with the various supplies he has collected. My wish for all of you is that, as you move through the summer days, you look for colors and images that can be transported into beautiful quilts you can create in the fall and winter.

I am excited about the upcoming year. We have a wonderful board with many new ideas and a quilt show to prepare for. Our raffle quilt is one of the loveliest I have ever seen, a true tribute to those who worked hard to create it. Enjoy the remaining summer days and come back on September 8th with your summer "supplies" firmly in hand!

Best wishes to all from,

Penny