

# Hammersmith Quilters Guild Newsletter



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October 2018

**\*\*\*For This Meeting\*\*\***

## **October 3, 2018**

**Program:** Presentation by Janice & David Jones (see below in Program Committee area)

Note: This is a change from the originally-published schedule.

Guest fee for this meeting is \$10.00

**Show 'n' Tell:** No

**Fat Quarter:** Purple

**Refreshments:** Betty Carr, Gretchen Berkowitch, Maureen Maher, Lorraine DiMilla, Rosie Graham, Carole Prodanas, Adrienne Nolan, Ann Ambrose, Nita Penfold, and Donna Cormier (water)

**Creative Quiltworks:** Hexagon Fabric Tray

## **President's Message: Martha Mazeika**

[Editor's note: At the June guild meeting, Martha mentioned that we are temporarily suspending the use of the "free stuff" table at meetings where folks can bring unwanted fabric, tools, etc. Too many items have been left on the table at the end of the night, making it necessary for someone to dispose of those things before the center is locked up for the night. Most times this has been Margie Berkowitch, and this is not fair to Margie or anyone else who has to clean up the unwanted stuff. If members are interested in restarting the "free stuff" table, we will revisit this issue in the fall.]

Greetings HQG Members!!!!

October will be a very busy month for us. We have our monthly meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and then our Quilt Show on the 20<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>. I am very excited to see that we will have about 120 quilt projects hung at our show. In addition, we have the boutique, raffle baskets, Quilts of Valor display, Creative Quilt Works display, raffle quilt tickets for sale and much more planned. Thank you in advance for everything you all are doing to make the show a success!

In addition, I know some of our members exhibit their quilts at the Topsfield Fair (September 28-October 8). Good thing September is National Sewing Month as I am sure many of you are finishing projects! For more information on National Sewing Month, there is a website:

<http://www.nationalsewingmonth.org/>

Thank you to the Program Committee for planning and facilitating the Meet & Greet at our last meeting. Our guild has grown with new members. I ask all to mentor the new members on how we conduct our meetings, answer questions they might have, and welcome them to your table. Continue to meet and greet at each meeting!

Happy stitching and organizing in the home stretch to our show!

Always here to listen, talk, discuss, and answer questions.

*Martha*

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Reminder of schedule for monthly meetings:

6:30pm

Hall opens

7:00pm-7:30pm Business meeting and Raffles

7:45pm-8:45pm Speaker/Other Program/Show 'n' Tell (when applicable)

8:45pm-9:00pm Good byes and Clean up

Please clean your tables, throw away trash, and pick up your snack containers at the end of the meeting.

#### **Treasurer's Report: Carmen Arnone**

The working balance as of September 11 is \$12,341.48. This reflects all funds taken in thus far as well as all bills having been paid.

Guild members who are expecting to be reimbursed are requested to put receipts in an envelope, which I can provide if necessary. Please write your name on the envelope, amount due and indicate the category your expenses are related to.

For example: Molly Member

Hospitality supplies

\$ 13.76

\*\*\*receipts placed in the envelope

Every effort is made to reimburse you at the meeting if possible. If not, you will be mailed a check ASAP. Thanks for your cooperation.

Remember: no receipt, no reimbursement! If you are not sure if your purchase qualifies for reimbursement, please check with Martha. The Executive Board recently began firming up a budget for each area of guild activities; please try to stay within your budget. If an unusual purchase is needed (for example, when we recently needed to replenish our supply of guild tote bags that we give to new members), please check first with Martha or one of the other members of the Board.

#### **Membership: Sally Nimblett**

Wow! I guess we all missed each other and the guild over the summer- 76 people signed in for the September meeting! We had three guests but one, Matty Graciano of Medford, decided to join us at the meeting! Welcome, Matty!

Just a reminder to everyone: be sure to sign in each month as you come in, or circle back to the front desk after you have dropped off your "stuff". We like to keep attendance records because it helps us to know which programs/months are the most popular, and it give us an idea of how many handouts to prepare for meetings.

#### **Refreshment Committee: Barbara Martinson & Kathy Connors**

The following people will be bringing snacks for the October meeting: Betty Carr, Gretchen Berkowitch, Maureen Maher, Lorraine DiMilla, Rosie Graham, Carole Prodanas, Adrienne Nolan, Ann Ambrose, Nita Penfold, and Donna Cormier (water).

**Everyone:** please see Barbara or find her sign-up sheet at the Snack table to **sign up to bring a snack** for an upcoming meeting. We welcome any snacks: baked good and other sweets, crackers & cheese, veggies, and fruit! With about 100 members and 8 regularly-scheduled meetings a year when we need snacks (this is not counting the Potluck in December or the Ice Cream Social in June), we should have 8-10 people signed up for snacks each month.

A member comment on the recent survey said we need more snacks at meetings. This will happen only if everyone signs up to bring snacks for at least one meeting. As of the September meeting, only 45 members have signed up, and several of those have signed up for more than one month! Help do your part and sign up to bring some baked goods, cheese and crackers, veggies, whatever to a monthly meeting.

**Program Committee: Joyce Rodenhiser, Janice Moore & Dottie Macomber**

**Through a slight mix-up, the previously-published schedule had us preparing for the quilt show in October. Instead, we will be having the following program at our October meeting:**

The Art of Janice and David Jones will be presented on to our guild on October 3<sup>rd</sup>. This husband and wife team create artwork both collaboratively and independently. David (President of the Arts Institute Group of the Merrimack Valley) does contemporary paintings in oils in his "precisionist, dreamscape style", which has earned him awards both in the U.S. and internationally; he began painting full time in 2011. Janice often studies David's paintings to see the abstract shape that will become the driving idea for an art quilt. Her quilts have won awards and have been featured in magazines and shown in the U.S. and abroad. Janice learned to sew from her mother, who in turn learned to sew from her aunt, a Mill Girl in Lewiston, Maine.

If anyone has friends and acquaintances coming to this meeting as guests, please let them know that the guest fee for this meeting is \$10.

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Looking ahead, we have a speaker coming in April, Betsy Habich, who will be talking about thread painting. She will also be offering a workshop for us on the Saturday after our April guild meeting (Sat. April 6<sup>th</sup>). Joyce received this communication from Betsy recently:

In case it is of interest to Hammersmith members, I will be teaching at the Connections Quilt Festival, which will be held October 25-27, 2018 in Westford.

I'll be teaching a one-day thread-painting class on Saturday, October 27.

On Thursday, October 25, I will be teaching how to make the pattern to make a pieced art quilt from your own picture of a pet, landscape, or flower. This is a design-only class! No sewing machine needed!

The next day, Friday, October 26, I will show how to make a pictorial quilt using a piecing pattern, either the pattern students developed in class on Thursday, or one of my patterns (cat, daylily, or water landscape).

All the best,  
Betsy Habich

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Looking ahead again, **at our November 7<sup>th</sup> meeting, Dottie will start taking signups for the March 22-24, 2019 getaway at the Ramada Inn and Conference Center in Saco, Maine!** To hold your place, a \$50 nonrefundable deposit will be due, with the balance due by the January 2019 meeting. For

2019, dinners Friday and Saturday night will still be included and the overall price is the same as it was this year. Prices will be going up in 2020 (how much, I don't know yet) so if we return to the same location, we may be able to make the meal plan optional that year. For this time, prices are:

Per person, double occupancy: \$140 for two nights, \$170 for three nights

Per person, single occupancy: \$200 for two nights, \$270 for three nights

Check your calendars and plan ahead now! All the slots (48) filled up last year, so plan on signing up starting in November.

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We would like to remind people to please refrain from talking during the business portion of our meeting and during speakers' presentations. Some of our members have hearing difficulties already, and chatter from others makes it even more difficult to hear. **Be considerate and do your socializing before & after the meeting and during the break.**

And again, we have been made aware of the difficulty some people are having at our meetings when others wear strong fragrances. Those with allergies and asthma are negatively affected by such scents and cannot enjoy the meetings. **PLEASE refrain from wearing fragrances** (perfumes, scented lotion, etc.) to our meetings so all can enjoy themselves without having difficulty breathing. Thank you!

#### **Charity Donations Committee: Gretchen Berkowitch, Sally Nimblett & Louise Nazzaro**

1. Please remember to make and bring in your **winter**-themed pillowcases. We will need them by the November meeting. This counts as your donation pillowcase for the year! We try to stuff 100 pillowcases per year.
2. The donation committee will be collecting money for gift items to be bought to put in the kids' pillowcases. So far, we have only collected \$225. Our goal is \$500, which would equate to \$5/member. This is less than what you would be spending if you were to buy the items yourself. Please give your \$5 donation to Sally as you check in at the October meeting; she, Louise and Gretchen will do the shopping for the items.
3. We are especially in need of lap size quilts for tweens and teens. We have lots of baby quilts but not enough for the older children. Our goal is to include a quilt with every stuffed pillowcase we donate this year. The stuffed pillowcases and quilts will be given to children through the Department of Children and Families (formerly known as DSS).
4. A date for stuffing the pillowcases will be announced soon. The target date is the Saturday after Thanksgiving, November 24, but this will depend on whether or not we can have the church hall at Blessed Sacrament that day.

#### **Creative Quiltworks Committee: Kristin Callahan, Ellen Moore & Lynda Galvin**

The CQW project for October is a Hexagon Fabric Tray. The link to the tutorial is on the website under the Newsletter tab.

There will be ribbons for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Everyone is eligible to vote for their favorite, so be sure to check out the completed projects and vote for your favorite.

Please pick up directions for each project from Ellen, Lynda or Kristin. The directions for the current and most recent projects are also available on the website under the Newsletter tab. Directions for older projects can be found on the Archives page.

The winners of the viewers' choice voting for September's Wedgies challenge were: 1<sup>st</sup> place, Kristin Callahan for her purse; 2<sup>nd</sup> place, Margarita Blyumkina for her quilt; and 3<sup>rd</sup> place, Margie Berkowitch for her blue Dresden plate.



**2018 Quilt Show Committee: Martha Mazeika & Linda Reppucci, co-chairs**

### **Quilt Show Committee**

The **Quilt Show Committee will be meeting on Thursday, September 27<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-7:00 pm** at the Saugus Public Library, upstairs in the Brooks room. If you are a committee chair and cannot make it to the meeting, please send an update for your area to Linda or Martha.

### **Raffle Quilt**

Raffle tickets and photos of the quilt are available at the October meeting. There is **a prize** of a kit for a great fall wallhanging for the person selling the most tickets, and there are smaller wall hanging kits for the members selling the second-, third-, and fourth-most tickets! Turn in your ticket stubs and money (cash or check made out to HQG) to Dottie in order to be eligible for a prize for the most tickets sold.

By the September guild meeting, only 53 members have turned in their raffle tickets money and stubs, for a total of \$752. We need to sell many more tickets to help raise the money that keeps our guild going for the next two years. Pick up more tickets and sell, Sell, SELL!!

Right now, **the leaders in ticket sales are still Carmen Arnone and Dottie Macomber**, whose totals were boosted by the sales at the museum; between the sales at the museum and their own personal ticket sales, they are credited with selling (or buying themselves) 9 books of tickets each! The leaders may change as a result of tickets sold at Saugus' Founders Day event. However, at present many folks are in second place with 4 books sold each; sell another book or two or three and be in the running for a prize!

## Volunteering

Because the revenues generated by the quilt show benefit everyone in the guild, we ask everyone to **volunteer for at least 2 hours** either during the show, during set-up on Friday October 19, or during take-down after the show on Sunday October 21. Holly Petersen is the volunteer coordinator. Please sign up for your shift with Holly; she can let you know where and when we need help. In addition to doing your part for the guild, volunteering gets you **free admission** to our show! (Otherwise, admission is \$6.00.)

If you are volunteering at the show, **please wear your guild name badge**. The committee used to provide name badges for volunteers but is no longer doing that. Wearing your name badge identifies you to our visitors as a person who can answer questions or provide information.

## Raffle Baskets

Please read the messages below from Adrienne Nolan; she is the member who has volunteered to get the baskets ready for the show.

- 1) If you have not turned in your raffle basket, please do so at the October guild meeting. Be sure your items are **in a basket or other decorative container** and not just loose. Adrienne does not have any spare baskets for your items.
- 2) Be sure to **include an itemized list** of the contents of your basket so Adrienne does not have to take your basket apart to see what's in it. If you can't type up the list, submit it in handwriting and Adrienne will type it up. The lists will be attached to the baskets so patrons at the show know exactly what is in the baskets when they are deciding which baskets they would like to win.
- 3) Adrienne is still accepting **\$5 donations toward the purchase of a VISA gift card**, which will constitute the contents of a raffle basket that will appeal to all guests at our show, not just quilters.
- 4) She is also still accepting **Fat Quarters**; she already has MANY but if she gets more, she will make up a second basket of FQs, giving people double the chance to win FQs!

## Boutique

**If you plan to sell your handmade items in the show's boutique, please let Bev McGrath know now so she can assign a number to you** for your tags and to put on your inventory sheets. Bev has forms for the boutique, including guidelines/instructions and an inventory sheet. The forms are also available on our website under "Quilt Show" for you to print out yourself. Bring two copies of your inventory sheet with you when you bring in your boutique items on Friday, October 19, on quilt show set-up day. When an item sells, you get 80% of the selling price and the guild gets 20%.

## Cafe'

Julie Legere and Paula Grenier are asking members to make some **baked goods** for the show's cafe' and wrap them in quantities that can sell for 50¢. For example, one super-sized cookie, two medium-sized cookies, or four small ones; one large brownie or two small ones; etc. You may put them in plastic wrap if it is secure or in ziplock sandwich bags or ziplock snack bags. Please indicate if there are nuts in your baked goods, and label your cookies or squares if it is not readily apparent what they are! If you label each package, please use stick-on labels or tape- NO staples!! **You can bring them to the cafe' on Friday October 19th** if you are bringing a quilt or boutique items or if you are working set-up. If you are not going to be at the Senior Center on Friday the 19th, bring them when you come to volunteer on Saturday or Sunday, October 20 and 21; the earlier we get the treats, however, the better chance we have to sell them and make more money for the guild. Thank you!

## Secretary Report: Dottie Macomber

Printed reports containing the full minutes of all previous meetings for the current guild year, both general membership and executive board, will be available for your perusal at monthly guild meetings. Minutes of the Executive Board meetings will also be posted on the website under the Newsletter tab.

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As the Secretary, I am in charge of the **Sunshine and Shadow** "committee". If you know of any member who has suffered a serious illness or accident or has had a death in the family, please let me know so I can send them a card on behalf of the guild: 781-932-3602 or [mcandmac@comcast.net](mailto:mcandmac@comcast.net)

## Member News: Dottie Macomber

As always, if anyone submits quilts to shows or fairs, or if you have any other quilty accomplishments to report, please send the information (with photos if possible) to me, Dottie Macomber, at [mcandmac@comcast.net](mailto:mcandmac@comcast.net) or 9 Fletcher Rd, Woburn, MA 01801. Let us celebrate your quilty news with you!

I know that many of our members enter the Topsfield Fair. If you get a photo of your quilt or other handcrafted item in the fair, please send it to me and I will put your photos on the website; I will also put them in the newsletter as space permits.

**Congratulations** to Martha Mazeika, who won a blue ribbon for her wool applique at the Hardwick Community Fair!



## News Around the Guilds and at the New England Quilt Museum

**The Nimble Thimblers Quilt Guild**, a Wakefield area group of 50 members, announces its annual fundraising **AUCTION**, set to take place on **Tuesday evening, October 30, 2018 at the Crystal Community Club, 77 Preston Street, Wakefield, MA 01880. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.** Admission is free and there is plenty of parking and no stairs.

This year, we offer an impressive array of items for sale – quantities of **fabric, sewing supplies, finished and unfinished QUILTS, plus handcrafted gift items and more.** There will be a live auction, a silent auction, raffles (drop your raffle tickets into Halloween trick-or-treat containers or “Boo-buckets”!) and a “Grab ‘n Go” area of pre-priced items. **Live auction begins promptly at 7 p.m.** Sewers and non-sewers alike will find treasures galore. This year, we are having fewer items in the live auction so as to have a faster evening so many fabrics will be “Grab ‘n GO”. Cash or check only, no charges and please bring a bag to carry home all your treasures!

Karen M King  
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The museum library accepts donations of quilting magazines that are no older than 10 years as well as quilting books (not general sewing or crafting books) that are no older than 20 years. Thank you for thinking of the museum when you are cleaning out your book and magazine stash and for adhering to these donation guidelines. Please be sure that any magazines you donate do not have pages torn out.

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Be sure to **check our website under the Bulletin Board tab**; there are many quilt shows, both local and regional, this fall. As I learn of them, I will post them on our website.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dottie Macomber, Secretary