

Hammersmith Quilters Guild Newsletter



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April 2019

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

April 3, 2019

Program: Presentation by Betsy Habich: Thread Painting

Guest fee for this meeting is \$10

Show 'n' Tell: No

Fat Quarter: Brights

Refreshments: Gail Dwyer, Sue Bidollo, Mary Fitzpatrick, Margarita Blyumkina, Kathy Boardman, Lucille McCarthy, Millie Becker, Judy Massakowski, Donna Cormier (water), Elaine Cobucci, Sally Nimblett, & Mary Whitaker

Creative Quiltworks: The 11th and 12th blocks for a 12-block “fidget quilt” or mat (see below)

President's Message: Martha Mazeika

Greetings!!

With the third Saturday of March being National Quilting Day, I also want to think about what is on the calendar for April. We have our own Guild meeting on the 3rd with a thread painting work shop on the 6th. The following week, April 10-13 is the MQX Quilt Festival & Conference in Manchester, New Hampshire. There are classes and the quilt show to attend.

MQX Quilt Festival & Conference

<https://www.mqxshow.com/MQX/East/Home/index.cfm>

Looking ahead to summer road trips, August 17-18 is Textile Weekend at Old Sturbridge Village.

The Executive Board is going to meet at the end of March. An email will be sent once the date, time, and location are set. Members are welcome to attend. In addition, if there are any discussions or issues you wish to present to the board, please forward them to us.

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

See you all on April 3rd!!

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

Vice-President's Report: Gail Dwyer

We have candidates for each executive board position for 2019-2021. Elections will be held during the May guild meeting. The candidates are as follows:

President: Martha Mazeika
Vice President (two candidates- you will vote for one): Rosie Graham and Linda Reppucci
Secretary: Dottie Macomber
Treasurer: Carmen Arnone
Program Chair: Gail Dwyer
Member-at-Large: Sally Nimblett

If anyone else wishes to be on the ballot, **let Gail know by the April meeting** so the ballots can include your name and so we can announce your candidacy to the membership at the April meeting.

You may also do a write-in for any position, but before you do so, be sure to check with that person and see if they would accept the position if elected!

In addition to these elected positions, we have the following volunteers for these committees:

Snacks: Barbara Martinson & Kathy Connors
Creative Quilt Works: Kristin Callahan & Ellen Moore
Charity Donations: Gretchen Berkowitch, Louise Nazzaro & Sally Nimblett
Fat Quarter Drawing: Barbara Talanian & Linda Talanian
Name Badge Drawing: Janet Dalis
3-for-\$1 Raffle: Bev McGrath
Hospitality (to help orient new members at their first meeting): Merle Gordon

If anyone would be willing to help out in any of the above-mentioned volunteer positions or would like to be on a "substitute list" to sub for any of the raffle or drawing volunteers or the hostesses if they are absent from a meeting, please let Gail know so we can have a list of folks who are willing to help out. We appreciate your help and participation!

Treasurer's Report: Carmen Arnone

As of the March 6th meeting, the bank balance was \$23,366. About \$9,000 of this will be paid to the hotel later this month for the getaway weekend.

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 to which your expenses are related.

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, a check will be mailed to you ASAP. Thanks for your cooperation.

Remember: no receipt, no reimbursement! Before making an unusual or unusually-large purchase, or 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.

Membership: Sally Nimblett

In March, 62 members signed in. There were no new members or guests.

I have patterns for pillowcases and name badges with me at every meeting; if you need one, see me (Sally)!

And please notify me if you have a change in address, phone number or email address. We want to keep our information current so we can communicate with each of you.

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 gives us an idea of how many handouts to prepare for meetings.

Refreshment Committee: Barbara Martinson & Kathy Connors

The following members have signed up to bring snacks to the April meeting: Gail Dwyer, Sue Bidollo, Mary Fitzpatrick, Margarita Blyumkina, Kathy Boardman, Lucille McCarthy, Millie Becker, Judy Massakowski, Donna Cormier (water), Elaine Cobucci, Sally Nimblett, & Mary Whitaker.

The sign-up sheet is always on the snack table so folks can sign up for upcoming meetings.

Please, please, please be sure to clean up the snack table at the end of the meeting and take any unused food and your containers home with you. The refreshment table needs to be CLEAN before we leave, and it is not the job of the snack committee to decide what items should be tossed. In March, not only was some food left behind, but there was also a good china plate! We can't chase after people at the end of the meeting and we don't want to take stuff home with us, so please help us out and circle back for your containers and leftover food. Much appreciated!

Program Committee: Joyce Rodenhiser, Janice Moore & Dottie Macomber

Our speaker this month, Betsy Habich, will speak to us about Thread Painting. She will be presenting a workshop on thread painting on the following Saturday, April 6th. The workshop will be held at the Senior Center from 9:30-3:30, probably in the same room where we had the café at our quilt show. If you are going to the workshop, please arrive by 9:15 at the latest to set up your machine so the workshop can begin on time. (The Senior Center will be open by 8:30 a.m.) For lunch, you can either bring your own or we will send out for subs, etc.

Currently we have only 6 people signed up; we can have up to 20. **Please**, if you are interested, let Joyce know and mail her your payment of \$30. She will get a materials list to you. There will also be a \$10 materials charge payable to Betsy at the workshop.

Looking ahead to June: We received a donation of five more beautiful handmade wooden bowls from our late member Ruth Ruggeri's husband Peter. We will hold a silent auction for these 5 bowls in June, as we did in January for the four bowls he gave us previously.



We'd like to give members a chance to donate other items for this silent auction. We will still have our typical auction in January for fabric, patterns, notions, UFOs, etc. but this is a chance to clean out some of your larger items now instead of having to wait until January. This past January we actually had someone donate an embroidery machine! If you have a LARGER quilting item that you would like to donate to the June auction, please contact me at 781-932-3602 or mcandmac@comcast.net We will take 6-10 items in addition to the five wooden bowls.

Future Getaway Weekends

As Martha mentioned at the February and March meetings, we will be going to the same venue, the Ramada Inn and Conference Center in Saco, Maine, for the 2020 getaway weekend, March 19-22, 2020. If anyone is interested in researching other suitable venues, the specifications needed for a successful and inclusive getaway weekend are listed below. Because we need to book well in advance, please present any findings to the Program Committee by the October 2019 meeting; this would be for the 2021 getaway. If we hear of no other venues, or if those presented do not meet the specs provided, we will plan on going to the Saco Ramada Inn for 2021 as well.

- Reasonable driving distance from Saugus (no more than about 1 ½ hours one way)
- Reasonable guest room rate (for 2020 our guest rooms in Saco will be \$65 per night before taxes)
- Reasonable conference room rate (for 2020 the conference room at Saco will be \$750 for the weekend)
- Handicapped accessible conference room, and accessible guest room with roll-in shower
- Conference/sewing room with no less than 3,120 square feet (This is the size of the conference room in Saco; we also have use of the lobby in the conference center building, which gives us about 600 additional square feet for laying out quilts, setting up contests, providing space for a masseuse, etc.)
- At least 4 linear feet of table space per participant
- At least one ironing station per 12 participants
- Separate cutting tables in sewing room
- No charge per plug in sewing room
- Adequate plug capacity for each person to plug in a machine and a supplemental light or small personal iron (at no extra charge)
- Use of sewing room before check-in on first day and beyond check-out on last day
- Use of sewing room late into evening and early in morning for night owls and early birds
- Restaurant on site or nearby, or catered on-site meals
- Microwave available in guest rooms or in common area for those who prefer to make own meals
- Mini refrigerators in guest rooms for those with medications (or food and beverages!!) that require refrigeration
- Quilt shops in the area or on the way

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

Our next pillowcase drive is for Quilts of Valor. Please make pillowcases from patriotic red, white and blue fabrics. These pillowcases are used to put the quilts in when presenting them to the veterans. This tradition started when Quilts of Valor were presented to wounded veterans in combat areas; the quilts were put over them as they were sent to military hospitals and their belongings were put in the pillowcases. Now, even when quilts are presented to retired service members, they are given with a presentation pillowcase.

Keep your donated quilts coming! Please try to donate a quilt every year. It does not have to be elaborate. You can always use a fabric panel and add borders to it. Simple all-over quilting is fine.

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

The CQW project for February is to make Blocks 11 & 12 for a 12-block fidget quilt or mat. The directions are below. (These directions as well as directions for previous months' blocks are on the website under the Newsletter tab.)

Creative Quilt Works- due April 3, 2019- Bring your blocks in for voting!
Fidget Mat Challenge Quilt Month 6

Last of the squares! Next month you will get assembly instructions.
Finished mat will measure approximately 18 x 24 inches.

Block 11- Dangles and/or Prairie Points

Stabilize fabric with a low loft fusible fleece:

Cut fleece into 6-inch squares.

Cut fabric for background into 6-inch squares.

Fuse together.

Can you find fringe or pom-pom trim? What about beads? Make your own dangles?

Or ... if you would like, make some prairie points in different sizes and run them around the outside of your square

Make more than one.

Block 12- Filled Square

Stabilize fabric with a low loft fusible fleece:

Cut fleece into 6-inch squares.

Cut fabric for background into 6-inch squares.

Fuse together.

Cut a piece of sheer fabric larger than the background and tack it on three sides on the inside of the background by at least ½ inch (this is so the fill doesn't get sewn over in the block assembly). Fill with poly pellets, beads or trinkets that can be moved around.

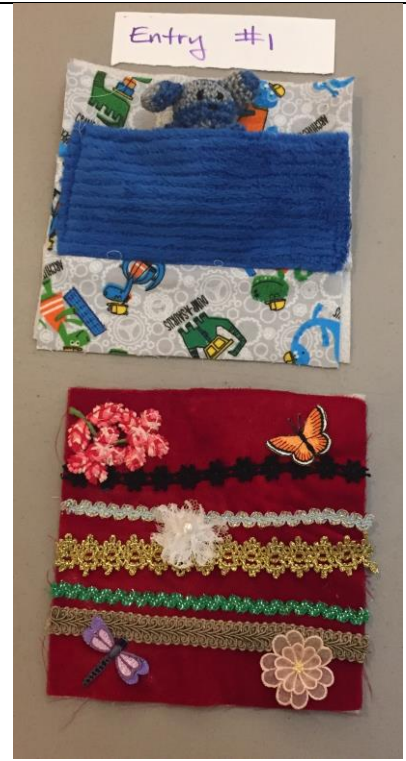
Make a few of these too!

Month 5 Winners for Touch and Pocket:

1st place: Ellen Moore (entry 3)

2nd place: Joyce Rodenhiser (entry 2)

3rd place: Linda Reppucci (entry 1)



We plan to donate our fidget mats to a local nursing home or memory care center. If you have a suggestion of such a place that could use fidget mats, please let Kristin know.

Please pick up directions for each month from Ellen or Kristin. The directions for the current and most recent projects are also available on the website under the Newsletter tab. Directions for older CQW projects can be found on the Archives page, so even if you did not join this activity at the start, you can find inspiration for fidget blocks here at any time!

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.

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

Proposed Amendment to the Bylaws

As required by our Bylaws, any proposed amendments must be presented to the membership in the April newsletter and at the April guild meeting, a month before voting takes place at our May meeting. The Executive Board and the Bylaws Committee are proposing the following addition to our Bylaws:

Add the following section:

Section 5.8 No member may hold more than one position on the Executive Board at the same time. An Executive Board member may be the chairperson or member of a standing committee (see also Section 6.2).

The Executive Board recommends an **Ought to Pass** on this amendment. The purpose of this amendment would be to prevent someone from holding more than one position on the Executive Board during the same term in office; for example, someone could not serve as both the President and the Program Chair at the same time. This would preserve an odd number of people with voting rights on the Board, as the President votes only in the case of a tie. It would also help to get more members involved in the running of the guild, which would not be the case if fewer people held more positions.

Discussion of and voting on this amendment, as well as on a new slate of officers for July 2019 – June 2021, will take place at the May 1st guild meeting.

Member News: Dottie Macomber

Congratulations to Janice Meade! Out of seven submissions, her quilt was chosen to represent us at the New England Quilt Museum this summer!



Admission to the museum is free during this Summer Celebration of New England quilts from August 7th through September 8th. The quilts in this exhibition are not judged but there is voting for Viewers' Choice; the winning quilt's guild gets to have their quilts up in the classroom gallery for a month during the following year! So, go to the museum this summer and vote for your favorite (which will be Janice's quilt, of course!)

Congratulations, also, to Janet Dalis for having her Splendid Sampler quilt accepted into the AQS Spring Quilt Week show in Paducah, Kentucky, April 24-27!!



Cynthia Fordham is making a quilt using the Sugar Bowl pattern. She needs a few more squares of fabrics showing candy, donuts, or other sweet treats. If you have such fabric and can spare a 14" square of it, Cynthia would be most appreciative. Please bring it to the next meeting, or to the getaway if you are going.

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

News Around the Guilds and at the New England Quilt Museum, and Other Events

It's that time of year!

Many guilds have quilt shows in the spring and summer. See our website under the Bulletin Board page for show listings.

If you hear of any shows that are not listed on our website, please let me know so I can add them to the site.

NEW ENGLAND QUILT MUSEUM, 18 Shattuck Street, Lowell, MA

Open now for winter hours, Tuesday through Saturday, 10:00-4:00

I have one more museum pass, good for free admission for 2 people. This pass is good until early next year. The first person to contact me (mcandmac@comcast.net or 781-932-3602) gets the pass.

Through March 30, in the main gallery, you can see "Just for the Fun of It: Quilts from the Pilgrim/Roy Collection".

Through April 27th in the classroom gallery, the museum presents "Guns: Loaded Conversations", an exhibition from members of SAQA, the Studio Art Quilt Associates.

The third exhibit is "Big Impressions: Mini Art Quilts by Nancy Messier".

For more information about these exhibitions and events, see the museum's website at www.nequiltmuseum.org

Respectfully submitted,
Dottie Macomber, Secretary