

Hammersmith Quilters Guild Newsletter



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March 2019

For This Meeting

March 6, 2019

Program: -Trunk Show, sisters and guild members Judy Massakowski & Linda Reppucci

-Voting for the quilt that will represent our guild at the NEQM "Best of the Guilds" exhibit!

-Sign up for April thread painting workshop and give Joyce a deposit (see below)

Show 'n' Tell: Yes, time permitting

Fat Quarter: White-on-white

Refreshments: Anne Smith, Dana Giunta, Lyrel Gillette, Gail Dwyer, Bev McGrath, Joyce Rodenhiser, Anne Boris, Donna Cormier (water), Connie Fitzgerald, Margie Berkowitch, Kathy Connors, Matty Graciano

Creative Quiltworks: The 9th and 10th blocks for a 12-block "fidget quilt" or mat (see directions below)

President's Message: Martha Mazeika

Greetings!!

This is a month dedicated to stitching!!!! We start the month with a guild meeting and towards the end of the month is the weekend getaway. Also, the third Saturday of March (March 16th) is National Quilting Day!!!! A great month to spend with friends stitching.

We continue to feature HQG members at the March meeting with a trunk show by sisters Judy Massakowski and Linda Reppucci. We will also vote for the member quilt to represent our guild at the NEQM's "Best of the Guilds" exhibit in the summer!! We all do beautiful work. I look forward to seeing the quilts we get to choose from!

Always here to listen, talk, discuss, and answer questions.
See you all on March 6th!!

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

See me if you are interested in any of the officer or other volunteer positions for the next two years. We could also use people who will step in and help out by sitting at the tables for the monthly drawings if any of the folks who regularly do those drawings cannot attend a meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Carmen Arnone

As of January 31, the bank balance was \$23,515.06.

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, 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.

Membership: Sally Nimblett

Welcome to our three newest members, who joined at the February meeting: Coreen "Queenie" Comeau, Pat Sargent and Susan Stowe!

In February, 65 members signed in. We also had one guest.

Please pick up your 2018-19 guild membership card if you have not already done so.

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 March meeting: Anne Smith, Dana Giunta, Lyrel Gillette, Gail Dwyer, Bev McGrath, Joyce Rodenhiser, Anne Boris, Donna Cormier (water), Connie Fitzgerald, Margie Berkowitch, Kathy Connors, and Matty Graciano

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

Program Committee: Joyce Rodenhiser, Janice Moore & Dottie Macomber

March will find us all enjoying a Trunk Show by Judy Massakowski and Linda Reppucci. Linda and Judy are sisters who have been in our Guild for a while and have completed lots of interesting projects! Trunk shows are always inspirational and we look forward to seeing theirs.

Following this, time permitting, we will have Show 'n' Tell - more great inspiration!

Looking forward to **April**, we will have Betsy Habich show us how to do Thread Painting. She will be speaking at our meeting on Wednesday, April 3rd and on the following Saturday, April 6th, she will return to do a workshop on the same topic, Thread Painting. The workshop will be held at the Saugus Senior Center in either the "Boutique" room or in the "Cafe" room depending how much interest there is. This is a six-hour **workshop** and we will complete a leaf during that time. We can send out for lunch or you may bring your own.

I will take the first 20 who sign up. The cost of the workshop is \$30; at the March meeting you may give me a nonrefundable deposit of \$10 to hold your space, with the rest due by March 31st. You may give me the entire amount at the March meeting or you may mail the balance to my house at 3 Cronin Road, Saugus, MA 01906 by the end of March. If twenty people not enough have signed up at the March meeting, we will try to fill the slots at the April meeting.

-Joyce

Once again, from August 7-September 8, the New England Quilt Museum will feature the "Summer Celebration of New England Quilts: The Best of the Region's Quilt Guilds". This exhibit features a gallery exhibition of exceptional quilts made by the Museum's Supporting Guilds. Each Supporting Guild may submit one quilt, selected by their membership, to be included in this special exhibition. Entries must exemplify excellence in design, construction, and finishing. The quilts will not be judged, but a Viewers' Choice Award will be presented. The winning guild will be invited to display its members' quilts in the Classroom Gallery of the museum in 2020.

Because we are a supporting guild, we may enter a quilt in this summer's exhibition. The rules are as follows:

- Entries must consist of two layers of fabric with a middle layer of batting. They must display quilting by machine and/or hand. Tied quilts are not permitted. No kits please.
- NEQM will not accept entries made prior to 2015.
- Due to limitations in the Museum's gallery space, quilts should be no larger than 80" wide and 88" long, but no smaller than 24" x 24".
- All quilts must have a 4" hanging sleeve sewn to the upper back.
- All quilts must have a label on the back with the title, guild name, quiltmaker's name, address and phone number.
- A completed entry form and two photo images are required. (More about this later to the maker of the chosen quilt for our guild.)

At our March meeting, we will vote on a quilt to represent our guild. If you have a quilt that you think exemplifies the qualities required and that fits the size parameters listed above, please bring it to the March meeting. Each member may bring one quilt, and we will each vote for the quilt that we want to

represent our guild. If you bring a quilt for consideration, please sign in on the special sheet when you check in with Sally and pick up a number to clip to your quilt. This number will be used for voting.

Everyone: when you check in, pick up a ballot slip so you can vote for the quilt that you want to represent our guild!!

March Getaway!

The March getaway weekend is fast approaching! Have you decided what you will work on during the weekend? I need to get the pieces cut for a couple projects so I can just sit and sew while I'm there!

Don't forget to let Kristin Callahan know if you want to participate in the **mystery quilt** project. This will be a **baby-sized quilt**, 39" x 47 1/2". Kristin will give us the fabric requirements and initial cutting instructions before the getaway weekend but you must sign up with Kristin in order to receive the instructions. This is to ensure that we have enough copies for everyone who wants to participate but so we don't waste paper and ink making too many unneeded copies.

Remember, this is an optional activity, and you can certainly work on other projects instead of, or in addition to, the mystery quilt; this is an activity that is being offered for those who might need or want another project. Besides, mystery quilts are fun!

- Dottie

Future Getaway Weekends

As Martha mentioned at the February meeting, we will be going to the same venue, the Ramada Inn and Conference Center in Saco, Maine, for the 2020 getaway weekend in March of that year. However, a few folks have expressed a desire to try other locations. Take it from those of us who have done it: it's not that easy to find a location with the features we need and want at a reasonable price and at a reasonable distance from the Saugus area! However, because we are open to change (at least *some* of us are! 😊), as promised we are including the specifications needed for a successful and inclusive getaway weekend, and if any of you are so inclined, **please feel free to research other venues. If you find one that meets these specs, present your findings to the Program Committee.** Because we need to book well in advance, please present any findings 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 1/2 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

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, and chatter from others makes it even more difficult to hear. **Be considerate of the speakers and your fellow guild members and do your socializing before & after the meeting and during the break.**

And another reminder: **PLEASE refrain from wearing strong 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

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 9 & 10 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 March 6, 2019
Fidget Mat Challenge Quilt Month 5

Block 9- Special touch: fur or sequins, corduroy?? Use your imagination!

Stabilize fabric with a low loft fusible fleece.
Cut fleece into 6-inch squares.
Cut fabric for background into 6-inch squares.
Fuse together.
Add your embellishments or, if you used a tactile textile like corduroy, you're done!
Make more than one.

Block 10- Pocket

Stabilize fabric with a low loft fusible fleece.
Cut fleece into 6-inch squares.

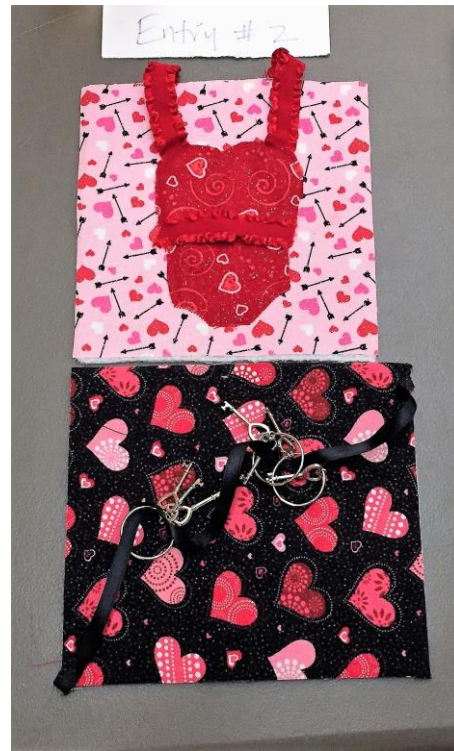
Cut fabric for background into 6-inch squares.

Fuse together.

Make a pocket and hang an object from a cord to put into the pocket; again, use your imagination.

Make a few of these too!

Month 4 Winners for Elastic and Rings:



1st place, Ellen Moore, Entry #2 (heart fabrics)

2nd place, Linda Reppucci, Entry #3 (flowers and strawberries)

3rd place, Joyce Rodenhiser, Entry #1 (yellow fabrics)

This is a seven-month project. For each of six months, we will make 2 blocks for a fidget mat. On the seventh month, we will get the instructions to complete our mats. If you make several blocks each month, at the end of the project you can make several mats. We plan to donate them 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 Callahan know.

While your fidget quilt will not be completed until after the seventh month, bring your two blocks in each month; we will vote on our favorites in the same way that we have been voting on other Creative Quiltworks projects. There will be ribbons for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. Everyone is eligible to vote for their favorite, so be sure to check out the projects at each monthly meeting and vote for your favorite.

Please pick up directions for each project 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

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 or 9 Fletcher Rd, Woburn, MA 01801. Let us celebrate your quilty news with you!

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

THE ORIGINAL 10th Annual FABRIC EXTRAVAGANZA

March 7-9, 2019

Thurs. & Fri. 10:00-6:00, Sat. 10:00-3:00

Holiday Inn, Exit 4, 9 Northeastern Blvd., Nashua, NH

FREE Admission - Fabric, kits, notions, patterns- you name it!

Join us for another bigger & better bargain-filled event! Visit some of your favorite vendors:

- The Christmas Shoppe
- Nashua Sew & Vac
- Fabritique
- Purple Moose Designs (their last event here as they will be moving to Colorado!)
- Little Pup Designs
- Pinwheels
- Quilting Treasures
- Sue Pelland Designs
- Four Pines Quilting

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

Three new exhibits are now at the museum:

Through April 27th in the main gallery, the museum presents "Guns: Loaded Conversations", an exhibition from members of SAQA, the Studio Art Quilt Associates. There are also two talks related to this exhibition, one on Thursday, March 7th, at 12:30 and the other on Saturday, March 17th, at 1:00.

Through March 30, in the classroom gallery, you can see "Just for the Fun of It: Quilts from the Pilgrim/Roy Collection". These are never-before-shown quilts from the collection.

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