

# Hammersmith Quilters Guild Newsletter



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May 2019

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

## May 1, 2019

**Program:** Member Demos (see below), Elections, and Annual Business Meeting

**Show 'n' Tell:** No

**Fat Quarter:** Swirls

**Refreshments:** Ellen Moore, Marcia Karalis, Sheila Darcy, Maureen Matthews, Linda Anthony, Elaine Cobucci, Lori Sue McNeely, Donna Cormier (water), Cindy Nile, Merle Gordon

**Creative Quiltworks:** Bring your finished Fidget Mat

## President's Message: Martha Mazeika

Greetings!!

May is our business meeting. We have voting on the next set of board members, a by-laws review, and presentations by members. It will be a learning filled, meeting!

### Technique Survey results

Thank you to the 51 members who filled out the Programming/Technique Survey. Joyce in her role of Program Chair attended a showcase of presenters at the New England Quilt Museum. She created a list of techniques that we could highlight at meetings. The top six responses were:

- How to quilt any size quilt on your home machine
- Paper Piecing (with no paper left at the end)
- Precise scrappy quilts
- All scrapped out
- String Quilts
- Jelly rolls into flying geese

The next program chair can use these results as possible themes for programming over the next few years. There were a few techniques that members were unclear with what it is. One of those techniques is "Map making with scraps". This technique is making aerial maps with scraps. Interesting idea! If you have some ideas on the unfamiliar topics, maybe they can be incorporated into small workshops. The techniques not familiar to all:

- Material support beyond batting
- Digital Cutting mosaics
- Map making with scraps

### Summer Sit & Sews

We will have 2 summer Sit & Sews on Wednesday, July 10 and Wednesday, August 14<sup>th</sup>. These will be \$5.00 each meeting to attend.

Thank you for taking the time to vote, review the by-law change, and participate in the member-led presentations at the May meeting.

Always here to listen, talk, discuss, and answer questions.  
See you all on May 1<sup>st</sup>!!

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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 our May guild meeting. The candidates are as follows:

President: Martha Mazeika

Vice President (two candidates- you will vote for one): Rosie Graham or Linda Reppucci

Secretary: Dottie Macomber

Treasurer: Carmen Arnone

Program Chair: Gail Dwyer

Member-at-Large: Sally Nimblett

The following candidates have chosen to submit a Candidate Statement:

**Carmen Arnone:** I have been enjoying serving HQG as treasurer since July 2017. I've decided to run for a second 2-year term because I feel that the current Executive Board functions very well with a conscious objective of being transparent and making decisions that will serve the guild membership. I see myself as being suited for this office because I am well organized, responsible and enthusiastic about accounting for all funds generated by guild members with the objective of setting realistic budget guidelines with the Executive board so members' dues provide maximum benefits.

**Gail Dwyer:** Hi, my name is Gail Dwyer and I have been a member of Hammersmith for over 20 years. I am about to complete two years as Vice-president and am now hoping to be voted in as program chairperson. After all these years of membership and experiencing how the guild works best, I feel I have a good handle on what we all will enjoy in the coming years. Vote for me! Thank you.

**Dottie Macomber:** I have been a member of the guild for almost 25 years, since November 1994, and have served in all capacities on the Executive Board: President, Vice-President, Program Chair, Member-at-Large, Treasurer, and now Secretary. I am running for another term as your Secretary because I feel I have the organization and the writing skills to accomplish the tasks that our secretary has to do: to complete the newsletter in a timely fashion; to keep records of meeting minutes and letters written on behalf of the guild; and, most importantly, to communicate clearly and in a timely manner with members so that everyone has the information they need to participate fully in the activities of the guild. I feel that I have demonstrated my communication and writing skills these past two years, and I ask for your vote again so I can continue in this capacity for the next two years.

**Martha Mazeika:** Serving these past two years as the president has been a rewarding and learning experience. I have learned more about all the members of HQG, learned how to work collaboratively and to include everyone, and work with the other members of the executive board to have transparency with the members of the guild. If elected for another term, I want to continue to learn more about all the members. In addition, I want to continue to lead the executive board to continue to be transparent, make sure we are adding value to being a member of HQG, and making financial decisions that keep the guild in a good place financially at the end of the two-year term.

**Sally Nimblett:** Hi, I'm Sally Nimblett. I have been member-at-large for 2 years and have enjoyed getting to know our guild members. I have been a member of Hammersmith for 20 years. I have been on the program committee, have worked on weekend getaways, and have done refreshments and the fat quarter drawing. I'm proud to be a member of this guild.

**Linda Reppucci:** Hi, my name is Linda Reppucci and I am running for Vice President. I have been a member for several years. I am running because I am interested in our guild and making sure it runs well and includes the interests of all the members. I feel I have the ability to be a leader yet will listen to all ideas. Thank you for your consideration.

In addition to the six 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 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 6<sup>th</sup> meeting, the bank balance was \$14,235.26; note that this is quite a bit lower than last month because of the payment made to the hotel 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 April, 70 members signed in. We also had two guests.

I will be collecting **dues for the 2019-2020 guild year** at both the May and June meetings. Regular dues are \$30, and for seniors 70 and over, dues are \$25. Please pay at one of these meetings so I don't have to spend time during the summer chasing you down! You may pay with cash or with a check made out to HQG.

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

And please notify me if you have a change in address, phone number or email address. We want to keep our contact 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 May meeting: Ellen Moore, Marcia Karalis, Sheila Darcy, Maureen Matthews, Linda Anthony, Elaine Cobucci, Lori Sue McNeely, Donna Cormier (water), Cindy Nile, and Merle Gordon.

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!

**Thank you all for responding to the above entreaty from the April newsletter.** The china plate was returned to its owner, but we really don't want to have to take these things home with us after each meeting, so please continue to clean up the snack table by taking any leftover food as well as your containers and plates.

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

May will find us enjoying Member-to-Member lessons! Gail Dwyer will present a talk on how to get your quilts exhibited in hospitals, banks, libraries, etc. John Balliro is going to share his paper piecing discoveries with us while Margie Berkowitch will have lots of quilting tips for us. Nita Penfold's talk will be about using fabric in alternative ways. We will have a great variety of quilting information as we spend 15 minutes at each person's station. We are really looking forward to this...we have so much talent in our guild.

A heartfelt thank you to those of you who participated in our recent workshop. Betsy Habich is a wonderful teacher and all those who attended made a gorgeous leaf on a striped background.

In October we want to try something new. We'd like to have the workshop on the afternoon of the presentation by the speaker. So, it will look like this: at 1:00 PM (on October 2nd) we will gather for the workshop and work all afternoon. We will break for supper and then be back at the Senior Center for the meeting at 7:00 PM as we always do. We want to tell you now so that you can take the afternoon

off work if you have to; we want to see if more people can attend the workshop this way! Michelle Banton will present Dresden Neighborhood. If you haven't seen her work, you are in for a real treat! We will have twenty spots and I will begin taking \$10 non-refundable deposits in May. This workshop will be \$30.

Thank you for your wonderful, continued support of Hammersmith Quilters Guild!

Respectfully submitted,  
Joyce

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Thread Painting Workshop



On Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, seven HQG members and two members of the Quilters Connection guild took the thread painting class with Betsy Habich, our speaker from the April meeting. We worked through machine issues, thread issues, and machine feet issues, and were successful in at least partially completing our thread-painted pictures of an autumn leaf. It was a fun way to spend a Saturday, and we all learned something in the process!

L to R: Joyce Rodenhiser, Caroline O'Brien, Dottie Macomber, Janice Moore, Judy Massakowski and Millie Becker. Absent from the photo is Gail Dwyer, who had to leave early.

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**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 Dottie at 781-932-3602 or [mcandmac@comcast.net](mailto:mcandmac@comcast.net) We will take 6-10 items in addition to the five wooden bowls. I would like to have a list of the auction items for the June newsletter.

We have **our first member donation for the auction**: a "Karen Kay Buckley Perfect Adjustable Square" set of rulers. These have never been used; I thought I'd use them but haven't so it's time to let them go!

"Align your applique and fussy-cut perfectly every time with this fantastic set that pieces together just like a jigsaw puzzle. You can create a square up to 24-1/2" to accommodate a wide range of applique sizes to square up. There are also holes in the corner pieces to create a perfect center with thread for the ultimate accuracy. Great for squaring t-shirt quilts and all sorts of projects, the set comes in a handsome box that slides open like a drawer to keep everything secure. Box measures 10" x 10" x 1-1/2".

Four corners, four 1" pieces, four 2" pieces, four 4" pieces, four 8" pieces."

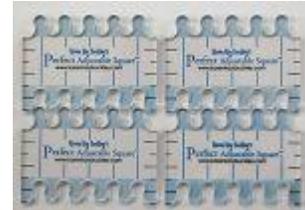
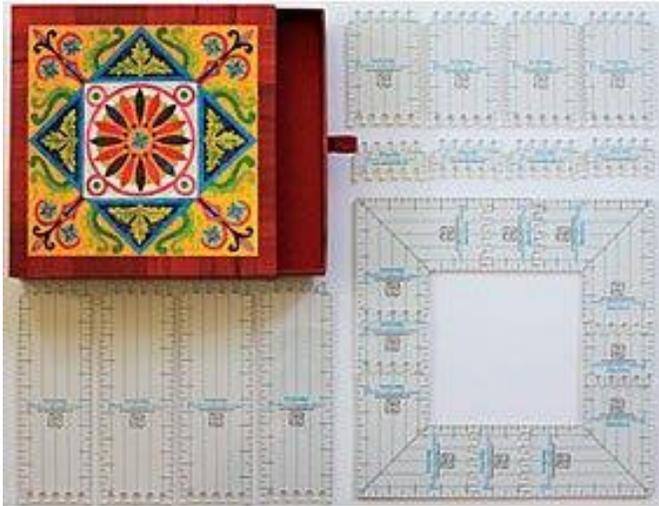
This set retails for \$70. Included is the adapter set, which retails for an additional \$5.

"Some of you have asked about an "adapter" to change the outside measurements on the Perfect Adjustable Square to whole numbers....they are currently only adjustable to 1/2" increments.

**GOOD NEWS!**

The adapter allows you to adjust the interior square from 5 1/2" up to 21 1/2" and the exterior square adjustable from 11" up to 26". The adapter is a slightly different color so that it stands out from your other pieces.

Comes as a 4-piece set."



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### **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 were listed in the April newsletter. 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.

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

**Continue bringing in pillowcases for Quilts of Valor.** Merle Gordon, who is the liaison between our guild and Darlene Coit, the regional coordinator for QOV, reports that at the getaway and immediately afterward, the following items were donated for Quilts of Valor: 83 quilt blocks, 54 pillowcases, and 1 quilt top with backing fabric. Thank you, all!

The Donations Committee is also in need of lap-sized quilts with fabrics and patterns appropriate for older children. When you are making your annual donation quilt, please consider this. We tend to get a lot of quilts made from panels or fabrics that are great for babies and young children, but we don't get enough for the older kids.

Thank you for your continuing support of our charitable contributions.

### **Creative Quiltworks Committee: Kristin Callahan & Ellen Moore**

The CQW project for May is to finish your Fidget mat. (The directions as well as directions for all the previous months' blocks are on the website under the Newsletter tab.)

Creative Quilt Works- due May 1, 2019- Bring your finished fidget mat in for voting!

Finished mat will measure approximately 18 x 24 inches.

**Month 6 Winners for Dangles and/or Prairie Points and Filled Squares:**

1<sup>st</sup> place: Linda Reppucci  
2<sup>nd</sup> place: Joyce Rodenhiser  
3<sup>rd</sup> place: ?



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.

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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)

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**Proposed Amendment to the Bylaws**

As required by our Bylaws, the following proposed amendment was presented to the membership in April and will be voted on at the May meeting.

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 1<sup>st</sup> guild meeting.

**Member News: Dottie Macomber**

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](mailto: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.

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**North Parish Quilters Present "Contain Yourself!": Auction, Silent Auction, and Sale of Handmade and Quilted Items  
Wednesday, May 8, 2019, Union Congregational Church, 148 Haverhill St, North Reading, MA**

Free admission: Doors open at 6:00 pm, auction begins at 7:00  
Purses, Bowls, Baskets, Organizers of all kinds, Totebags, and much more including Grab & Go and Raffle Baskets  
Please note: CASH or CHECKS ONLY

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

**Tuesday through Saturday, 10:00-4:00  
Also open on Sundays 10:00-4:00 starting in May**

Respectfully submitted,  
*Dottie Macomber*, Secretary