

# Hammersmith Quilters Guild Newsletter



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**Until the Governor's restrictions on indoor gatherings are relaxed and the Senior Center opens, we will not be able to meet in person. Until you hear otherwise, assume that in-person monthly meetings are canceled.**

We will be holding our next meeting virtually via Google Meet on Wednesday October 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. A link to the meeting will be emailed to you about a week before the meeting. You must have a gmail account or have the Google app downloaded on your device in order to join the meeting. Don't try to join the meeting too early; Martha has to be signed on in order to let you "in" once you click on the link in the email. Wait until close to 7:00 and be patient as she admits each of us to the meeting. We had 39 people "attend" the virtual September meeting- not a bad start! Let's see if we can get even more this time.

## President's Message

Greetings!

We had a great first virtual meeting. Thank you to those who attended. I like that people left on their video so I could see you all. In October we will be adding drawings for the Word of the Month (WOM) and Block of the Month (BOM) with Dottie and Kathy. We also need 5-6 members who would like to do show and tell. Please email me if you are interested.

Tips for the next meeting:

- Keep yourself on mute if you are not speaking
- Don't share your screen unless you are demonstrating
- If you are doing a show and tell, please take a few steps back so your entire item can be seen

I do not want to have the link to the meeting available on the HQG website as then anyone can join the meeting. The link will be sent out the week before the meeting on October 7<sup>th</sup>.

Always here to listen, talk, discuss, and answer questions.  
Stay safe and healthy!!

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

The bank balance as of September 10<sup>th</sup> was \$14,350.46.

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

If you have a change of contact information (address, phone, email), please be sure to let me know so we can keep our membership list up to date in order keep you informed!

**Because we are not yet having in-person meetings, the board has decided that payment of dues is suspended for now.** If you have already paid dues for the 2020-2021 guild year, Carmen and I have your payment recorded; once we start meeting again and collecting dues again, those who have already paid will be all set. You may send me dues any time if you choose (regular dues \$30, or \$25 for age 70 and over) or you may wait until we are again meeting in person. If you do wish to pay now, please make your check out to HQG or Hammersmith Quilters Guild and mail to me at 22 Pleasant Park Rd, Winthrop, MA 02152

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

Practice a new recipe for a dessert or an appetizer so that you'll have a brand-new treat ready to go when we are able to meet again in person! Send your recipes to Dottie so she can add new ones to the recipe page on the guild website.

#### **Program Committee: Gail Dwyer and Dottie Macomber**

*From Dottie:* I have no idea at this point about whether or not we will be able to hold a getaway weekend in March 2021. It will depend, of course, on restrictions (if any) that the state of Maine has at that point on travel from out-of-state and on indoor gatherings. It will also depend on the level of interest and whether or not we will have 48 people who are interested in going given conditions at that time. If we are able to hold a getaway weekend, signups will most likely be later than usual and will require attendees to pay the entire cost in one payment (instead of a deposit several months before followed by final payment a month or so before). I really have no idea what will happen with this, so stay tuned...

*From Gail:* The speaker I had booked for October has been canceled due to the uncertainty around in-person meetings at this point. We have several other speakers booked and will have to play everything by ear.

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

*From Gretchen:* I am collecting baby quilts and holiday pillowcases for DCF (Department of Children and Families). If people want to donate lap size quilts, that is also fine. They are not sure how they are collecting donations this year, but I would like to be prepared to donate. I have been told the need is great. I have boxes on my front porch for your donations; my address is 2 Janus Lane in Salem.

**NEW:** Louise Nazzaro has also offered to have her house be a drop-off location for those who live in or closer to Saugus. Her address is 29 Spencer Ave., Saugus. Thank you, Louise.

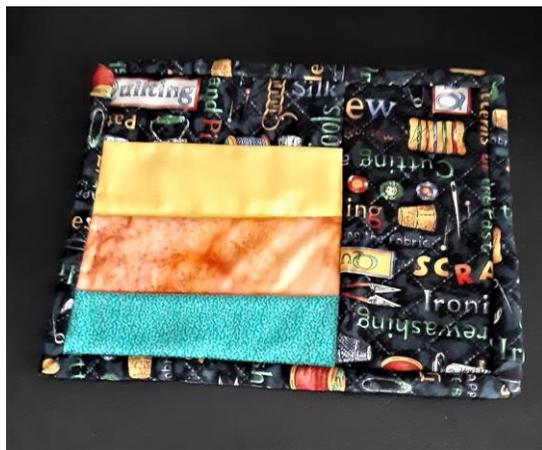
**Creative Quiltworks Committee: Kristin Callahan & Ellen Moore**

The project for October is a Watermelon mat; looks like this is done with the jelly roll rug technique. The people who attended my quilter's garage sale and bought the Bosal Katahdin Batting rolls will be all set! See the Newsletter page on the guild website for the pattern. We won't be doing the usual voting for these but if you would like to send a photo of your complete project to Dottie at [mcandmac@comcast.net](mailto:mcandmac@comcast.net) and she will include it in the next newsletter. (Please send her your photo by October 15<sup>th</sup> at the latest for inclusion in the November newsletter.)

Several members made mug rugs for September:



Louise Nazzaro made the teatime mug rug from very appropriate fabrics, and Mary Ann Andree made a great one for her avid fly-fishing and fly-tying husband.



Three mug rugs by Ellen Moore- cute fabrics!



Dana Giunta (left) and Sally Nimblett (right) also made nice fall-themed mug rugs.

**NEW! Block of the Month (BOM): Kathy Connors**



Don't forget to get your October blocks, **Strippy Pumpkin**, to Kathy by October 1<sup>st</sup>!!!

Sally Nimblett completed her pumpkin block (left), and I know Carmen Arnone did as well because she showed us her block during our virtual September meeting.

The directions for the next block, Delectable Mountain, will be on the website on the Newsletter page and will be mailed along with this newsletter to those members who do not have email. Kathy is asking that you mail your blocks to her at the address on the instruction sheet. She needs to receive them **no later than** November 1<sup>st</sup>. For each block you submit, you will receive one entry. The winner of all the blocks will be chosen at our November 7<sup>th</sup> virtual meeting and will be announced in the next newsletter. The blocks will be mailed to the lucky winner.

Please note the special instructions for the November block: 1) please use two contrasting fall fabrics; and 2) do not sew the two resulting blocks together. This will allow the winner to arrange all the half-mountains any way they choose to "scrap it up" if they wish.

**Quilts of Valor: Merle Gordon**

Darlene Coit, the regional coordinator for the Quilts of Valor Foundation, reports that she now has plenty of patriotic-themed pillowcases for the time being and is asking if members wishing to make something for the QOV program would donate just 12 ½" quilt blocks. She has a QOV Quilt Squad that is just chomping at the bit for some blocks to make into tops and quilts! Our QOV liaison, Merle, has a covered plastic tub on her porch where you can drop off your QOV blocks. Merle's house is at 15 Pleasant Ave. off Essex St. in Saugus.

**2020 Quilt Show Postponed: Dottie Macomber & Holly Petersen, co-chairs**

If you distributed any of the **orange bookmarks** advertising our show, please be sure to go back to your local quilt shop, hair salon, church, market, etc. and ask them to throw those bookmarks out (or recycle them, or use them as memo paper). We do not want people to show up at the Senior Center in October expecting to see our quilt show!

**Secretary Report: Dottie Macomber**

We got a nice letter from the Saugus Council on Aging, thanking us for the facemasks that many of us made and donated to them. (Thank you to Margie Berkowitch for being a collection point for these.) As we all will be wearing facemasks for some time to come, I would imagine the need is still there; check with Margie to see if the COA would like more and if you can give them to her. Margie's number is 781-233-1906.

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Printed reports containing the full minutes of all previous meetings for the current guild year, both general membership and executive board, are available for your perusal at monthly guild meetings (or by email on request until we can meet again in person).  
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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, has had a death in the family, or needs cheering up for any other reason, 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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**Member Photos**



Margie Berkowitch made this quilt for a veteran in response to Molly Conlin's request for quilts for veterans who live in a group home. Here is the finished quilt just waiting for binding!



Millie and Jerry Becker made the cute quilt above for a new grandchild. Jerry cut out the shapes and did the binding, while Millie did the other stitching.



Millie also made this Dresden Village quilt. We had a class last year but Millie said she did not take the class; she figured out the pattern on her own. Very appropriate background fabric with all the sayings about "home"!



This piece by Gail Dwyer was commissioned by L'Attitude Gallery to hang in Children's Hospital. It measures approximately 22" x 35".



Linda Anthony says, "This quilt is made with the little triangles that you cut off when making binding. I used a piece of white fabric and added the borders. I then put the backing, batting, and quilt top on my long arm. I also attached a thin netting with gold hearts on top on the sandwich. Working a section at a time I positioned the little triangles on the quilt top, laid the netting on top and quilted everything in place, I used up a lot of my triangles but have lots left if anyone wants to give this technique a try. Just to be clear: the triangles float between the white fabric of the quilt top and the netting and are held in place by the quilting. The result is 4 layers of fabric plus the triangles. I have no idea how this will launder BUT since I neither use nor wash my artwork, I don't worry about it."



Margarita Blyumkina made this fussy-cut EPP (English Paper Piecing) medallion project. Remember? This was the Creative Quilt Works project from a few months ago, before the pandemic wreaked havoc on everything!



Some members have been busy making table runners: Mary Ann Andree made the spiral runner out of many food fabrics, Roberta Knosp made the batik runner with a prairie point border, and Linda Talanian made the black, gray and red one.

Not only are Nita Penfold's two suffrage quilts in an exhibit at the National Quilt Museum in Paducah, Kentucky, but she also made the Paducah newspaper!! The suffrage quilts that have been touring the country will be on display in Paducah through Oct. 16th. While there they will be filmed as part of the "Walk Through Tours" to be presented online for people who can't get to the museum. The virtual tour will be online during part of the exhibit timeline."

The link to the article is [https://www.paducahsun.com/arts\\_and\\_entertainment/quilt-museum-to-mark-century-of-womens-suffrage/article\\_7ae87d64-3577-5767-b246-7e26f9e867c1.html](https://www.paducahsun.com/arts_and_entertainment/quilt-museum-to-mark-century-of-womens-suffrage/article_7ae87d64-3577-5767-b246-7e26f9e867c1.html)

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Thank you to the 18 people who attended my **Quilter's Garage Sale** over the Labor Day weekend. We raised \$420 for the New England Quilt Museum! And thanks to Adrienne Nolan who donated items for the sale and also let me borrow three tables.

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I am renaming the "Secret Word" to the "Word of the Month", or WOM. If you have read this far into the newsletter, you have the chance to win a little prize! Email me at [mcandmac@comcast.net](mailto:mcandmac@comcast.net) (those of you without email can call me at 781-932-3602) and tell me the WOM and you will be entered into a drawing for a prize. (The prizes will be small so I can mail them to you easily until we are able to meet again in person.) I will now be choosing **three** winners each month; if I get at least 40 responses, I will pick **FOUR** winners!

The WOM for this month is applique. Contact me with this word by October 6<sup>th</sup> so I can draw the winners at our October 7<sup>th</sup> virtual meeting. (I know this is the same WOM that was in the September newsletter; I extended the deadline so the drawing can take place at our next meeting instead of mid-month. There will be a new WOM in the November newsletter, which will come out mid-October.)

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**The Quilt Pattern Magazine's Small Kennel Quilt Project**

Someone asked during the September virtual meeting if I would include in this newsletter the information about the Small Kennel Quilt Project, where I donate small (12" x 18") pet quilts. You can find information about how to sign up for notification of shelters that need small pet quilts, as well as the specifications for those quilts (all cotton, no binding or embellishments, etc.) at

<https://www.quiltpatternmagazine.com/program/KennelQuilt/index.html>

As I mentioned during our September virtual meeting, making these pet quilts is a great way to use up orphan blocks, weird fabric that makes you say 'What Was I Thinking?!?', odd fat quarters that don't go with anything else, and batting strips and leftover pieces (just use a zig-zag stitch to put pieces of batting together, or use fusible batting tape). Of course, you can also use pet-themed fabrics but it's not necessary. The rescued animals will be comfy and cozy no matter what fabrics you use, and you will feel good that you helped some little furry critters in need.

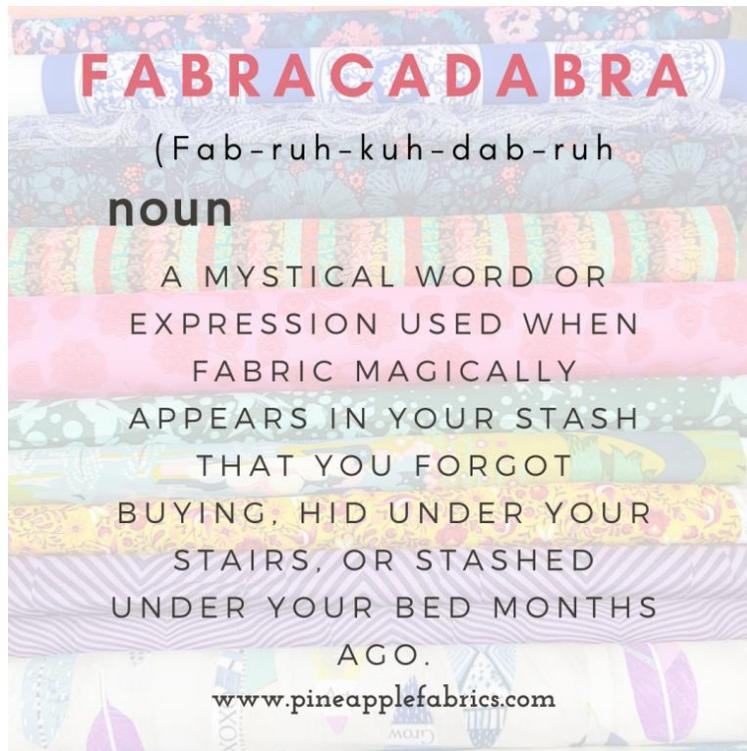
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As always, if anyone submits quilts to shows or fairs, or if you have any other quilty accomplishments to report, please send the information (with photos if possible) to me, Dottie Macomber, at [mcandmac@comcast.net](mailto:mcandmac@comcast.net) or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

You may continue to send me photos of your projects; I'll be happy to put them on the Photo Album page of the website and in this newsletter as space permits.

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The last word:



Respectfully submitted,  
*Dottie Macomber*, Secretary