

Hammersmith Quilters Guild Newsletter



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First The important Stuff

April 6, 2016

Program= Give it a Scrap Slap! Speaker Beth Helfter speaker fee for nonmembers/guests is \$10.

Show and Tell= no

Vendor= Beth Helfter

Bring Fat Quarter= purple

Just a reminder: as outlined in the March newsletter, the Executive Board is recommending "Ought to Pass" on a proposal to increase the annual dues by \$5.00. This will be discussed and voted on at our May meeting.

The Quilt Show Meeting dates are as follows at Panera Bread in Saugus from 7pm-9pm:

-June 8th

If you are on the HQG web site under quilt show committee please attend!

Quilt show news- Sue would like to do the Chinese quilt box for the boutique. Can you all start cutting 5 and ½ inch blocks for her?

Quilt show raffle quilt news- Our raffle quilt will be soft gray with bright coral and bright teal in a modern design.

Bylaws Committee Report

Report from the Bylaws Committee:

At the meeting of the Executive Board on February 17, 2016, the Board discussed the need for an increase in annual dues. The Board recommends an increase of \$5.00; this would increase general dues to \$30 and senior dues (age 70 and older) to \$25. This would be a change in our bylaws, section 3.2. Per our bylaws section 7.1, this proposed change will be open for discussion at the May meeting and will then be voted on by the membership. The change would then take place in June, when dues payments for the 2016-17 guild year are due.

The Executive Board recommends "Ought to Pass" for this proposed change. The last dues increase was seven years ago, in 2009. Since that time, our expenses have increased, especially the monthly payment to the Senior Center. In addition, there have been other changes since then: the addition of a website; and increases in general operating expenses such as postage, mail box rental, printing, paper, and other supplies.

Our basic operating expenses are over \$2,000 annually, and this does not include money for programs, including speakers and partial subsidies by the guild for the getaways and bus trips, or for charitable donations. Because of increasing expenses, the board several years ago decided that the money raised in our annual auction would go into the general fund, except for the amount we give annually to the New England Quilt Museum, and that Charitable Donations, which is an important component of our non-profit organization, should have their own budget that is not tied to the income from the auction.

Dues payments this year have totaled \$2,370, which is just about even with our general operating expenses.

Our biennial quilt show brings in the rest of our income, and the cost of speakers and other "extras" **for two years** comes out of this money. Costs of putting on the show- printing raffle and penny sale tickets, renting the senior center for the weekend, renting the quilt racks, printing flyers, etc.- have increased and cut into the profit we make from the show. And if profits from the quilt show go down, we need to make sure that we have enough income from other sources (dues and the auction) to cover our basic expenses.

Those are the official facts. Now for some editorial comments by me: where else can you go and have a

couple hours of fun with your friends for \$2.50 to \$3.00 for the evening? Where else can you go but your local quilt guild to hear a well-known speaker for that same \$2.50 to \$3.00? When you think about that, the proposed dues are still a bargain!

Please be sure to ask any questions you may have about our expenses and income when we have the discussion at the May meeting, and be sure to vote!

Dottie Macomber
Bylaws Committee Chair

Last meeting

March

Treasurers Report = as of 2/29/16 balance was \$ 16,836.60. This still included the getaway deposits!

Presidents Message: Joyce Rodenhiser and Margie Berkowitch

President's Message-

If you want to have a great get together for about forty women, ask Irene Dwyer to organize it for you!! Camaraderie, cooperation, set-up, she did it all and what a success it was! Room plan was thoughtful, shop lists, extensive, and all went well! Thank you, Irene, for all that work! We all appreciated it. What do you do when you've made quilts for all your families and friends? This is a serious question that's been heard lately! How about trying some small art quilts, wall hangings, door skinnies? If you choose to try an art quilt, try an easy landscape with greens for grasses in the foreground, blues for rivers a bit farther back, purples for mountains, light blues for sky, browns and grays for trees. Embellish with anything small, washable, durable - the usual beads, buttons, bows, plus rubber mini toys, game pieces, silk flowers. Have fun with your imagination.

Though winter wasn't bad, best wishes for a wonderful Spring!

Respectfully submitted, Joyce Rodenhiser

Program Committee: Irene Dwyer

Program Notes-

May

"Confessions of a Catholic Quilter"

Linda Ramrath of Inspired Layers will share 40 + quilts while confessing to all the Commandments and quilting rules she breaks in order to accomplish her work. She hopes to inspire us to look at ordinary items as new quilting tools and maybe break a few rules ourselves with our next quilt.

Linda will have patterns for sale.

June

"Ice Cream Social"

Show and Tell, ice cream sundaes and vending from

Mary Rose's Quilts and Treasures

Contact Irene Dwyer for more details: irene_dwyer@hotmail.com

Donation Committee: Gretchen Berkowitch, Holly Peterson, Julie Legere, Sheila Darcy, Sally Nimblett, Louise Nazzaro, Kathy Cusack and Carol Swindell.

Donation Committee News-

Donation committee is still collecting quilts and pillowcases

Thank you, Gretchen

Creative Quilt Works Committee: Gretchen B. and Marsha P. Mug Rug Swap: Holly P.

Creative Quilt Works Information-

The Creative Quilt Works Committee will start a Block of the Month Project starting at the February meeting.

Written instructions will be made available guild night. We will sponsor a new block through June.

In June we will also be sponsoring a fabulous summer project to be used in the Challenge Quilts section of the Quilt show.

The Creative Quilt-works Committee has extended the trading of squares through June. Members are really liking the activity, and have asked for more "trading time". Quilts made from these squares will be nice to have for the show in the Fall.

Member News and Events

Member news-

Getaway!

Thank you Irene!

We had much fun and will consider returning here next year. Great choice and lots of shops nearby. The hotel was nice. Pool! Gym! Food and Bar! Getaway was a hit! Just a sneak peek of the pictures on the Guild web site.



Hostess Coordinator: Julie Legere

Hostess memo-

"Be Green and bring your own mug!"

April hostesses- Elfriede Gangemi, Jean Balliro, Janice Meade, Ellen Moore, Jean Gullage, Dottie Macomber, Jane Amato, Gerry McCaul and Mary Ann Andree. Donna Cormier will bring a case of water.

Respectfully submitted,
Kristin Callahan, Secretary