

# Hammersmith Quilters Guild Newsletter



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\*\*\*First The important Stuff\*\*\*

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**Program:** "Improv Paper Piecing" by Amy Friend from her new book of the same title See Amy's website [During Quiet Time](#)

**Note:** Guest fee for this meeting is \$10.00

**Vendor:** Amy Friend

**Show 'n' Tell:** No

**Fat Quarter:** [Teal](#)

**News: Dottie Macomber**

## **PROPOSED OFFICERS AND OTHER VOLUNTEERS FOR 2017-2019**

The Nominating Committee and Executive Board are pleased to present for consideration the following **proposed slate of officers** for the period July 2017-June 2019:

President: Martha Mazeika

Vice President: TBD as of press time

Secretary: Dottie Macomber

Treasurer: TBD as of press time

Program Chair: Susan Tamulaitis

Member-at-Large: Sally Nimblett

We will be voting on this proposed slate of officers at the May meeting. If anyone else wishes to put her/his name in nomination, please inform President Joyce at the April meeting.

In addition, the following members have volunteered for other positions, which are not voted on:

Charity Committee: Gretchen Berkowitch

Creative Quiltworks: Kristin Callahan

Name Badge Drawing: Margarita Blyumkina and Gerry McCaul

3-for-\$1 raffle: Leslie Pew and Linda Anthony

Fat Quarter Drawing: Barbara Adler and Linda Gauthier

Refreshments: Kathy Connors and Barbara Martinson

Webmaster: Dottie Macomber

Quilt Show 2018 Co-Chairs: Martha Mazeika and Linda Reppucci

Program Committee members: Julie Legere and Paula Grenier

Guild Representative to the New England Quilt Museum: Dottie Macomber

Bylaws Committee: Dottie Macomber

## **QUILTS OF VALOR UPDATE**

At the guild's weekend getaway, a great time was had by all and, to top it off, attendees completed 98 red, white and blue blocks to donate to the Quilts of Valor program!! (Photos of the donated blocks, as well as other photos from the getaway, will be up on our website shortly.) Several people also took fabric and/or block kits home to complete more blocks there and bring them to a guild meeting. So, as a result of everyone's efforts during the weekend, we will have made more than 100 blocks, enough to make several quilts that will be donated to deserving members of our military. Thanks to the following people: Merle Gordon for serving as the liaison between our guild and Darlene Coit, the regional coordinator of QoV for our area; Merle and Kristin Callahan for donating quilting services to the QoV program; Adrienne Nolan and Dottie Macomber for making up block kits for getaway attendees; and the many attendees who made blocks and/or donated fabrics to be used for QoV blocks.

## **NEWS AROUND THE QUILTING WORLD**

**Discount at Quilters' Quarters:** Terry Crawford-Palardy is offering a very generous discount of 20% off fabric, thread, notions, and batting for guild members or for members of the New England Quilt Museum who are not guild members; she is also offering 50% off (actual wholesale) for purchases of those items that will be used to make items for charity!

Spring hours are Thursday & Friday 12-5 and Saturday 12-3. Hours will be extended to 12-7 Thursday-Saturday once the Row By Row Shop Hop starts in the summer. Address: 59 North St., Georgetown, MA 01833

**Camp Erin Boston**, is a free weekend camp for grieving children and teens who have lost a loved one. **Camp Erin needs throw-size quilts** (minimum 40" x 60") in bright cheerful colors and themes. Quilt donations for this year are requested by July 1, 2017. If you would like to make a quilt for this worthy cause, give it to Gretchen at an upcoming meeting. See below for more details about Camp Erin.

**Last meeting**

**Treasurers Report** = As of February 28, 2017 we had \$ in our treasury.

**Presidents Message: Joyce Rodenhiser and Margie Berkowitch**

President's Message April 2017

And still they come- those days when it's really comforting to have a quilt to nestle under to keep warm! But, they can go and we won't miss them - those bitter cold days!  
So, what if a quilt needs repairs or restoration? What is recommended by the Massachusetts Quilt Documentation Project? First of all, caution is key. Consultation with textile conservationist professionals is encouraged. "When in doubt, don't!" Let's not confuse restoration with repair. Repair stabilizes the quilt and should inhibit more deterioration. Many times, only the binding needs repair and can be done by leaving frayed binding in place, covering it with new fabric and hand sewing bridal illusion over the original binding. Other worn places can be repaired the same way using bridal illusion, silk crepeline or chiffon with size 10 needle or smaller, fine pins and thread made from cotton or cotton covered polyester. (Polyester or monofilament will cut the natural fibers.) Instead of knots, use 3 long stitches and continue with 1/4" stitching. Use 3 long stitches to end off.  
"Restoration is an effort to return the quilt to its original condition by the use of period or reproduction fabrics."  
How do you know which to do? It depends on the "historical significance" of the quilt and your personal choice. Again, consult textile conservationists for the best advice!  
May you enjoy your quilts for very long time.  
Respectfully submitted, Joyce Rodenhiser

**Program Committee: Irene Dwyer**

Contact Irene Dwyer for more details: [irene\\_dwyer@hotmail.com](mailto:irene_dwyer@hotmail.com)

**Donation Committee: Gretchen B, Julie L, Sheila D, Sally N, Louise N & Carol S.**

We have an urgent need for quilts. We only have 23 donated so far, and we have 101 members! Can I challenge all those who haven't made one yet to get busy?  
Continue to bring pillowcases and quilts for donation!

**Creative Quilt Works Committee: Gretchen B. and Marcia K, Mug Rug Swap: Holly P.**

**Member News and Events**

Sally Clapp's quilt, "Midnight Fantasy Garden", was the overwhelming favorite and will represent us in August at the New England Quilt Museum.

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Merle Gordon is displaying her quilts at the Unitarian Universalist Church in Danvers with Bev Hinkley and is there now.

**HANDMADE QUILTS NEEDED FOR CAMP ERIN**

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Camp Erin Boston is a free weekend camp for grieving children and teens who have lost a loved one. The program has been so successful they were awarded a grant to run a second session!  
Each camper is given a donated quilt as a unique comforting gift to keep and cherish for years.  
We need throw size quilts (minimum 40" X 60"). Quilts in bright, vibrant colors and themes including sports, frogs, butterflies, ladybugs, horses, flowers, etc., are suggested. Twice the camps, twice the quilts needed!!!  
Unless explicitly designated for children attending Camp Erin, quilts may be used for children in the HEARTplaySM Program, another free grief program offered through CareGroup Parmenter Home Care & Hospice and/or as auction item(s) to raise funds for either children's bereavement program. See [www.heartplayprogram.org](http://www.heartplayprogram.org)  
**Quilt donations are requested by July 1, 2017**  
If you would like to help, please contact Kathy Clarkeson @ 781-545-2503 or [clarkesonk@gmail.com](mailto:clarkesonk@gmail.com)  
Camp Erin welcomes male & female volunteers age 18 and over. Please contact Jennifer Wiles, Camp Erin Boston Director at 508-309-5107 or [jwiles@mah.harvard.edu](mailto:jwiles@mah.harvard.edu) [www.camperinboston.org](http://www.camperinboston.org)  
**Thank you for your kindness and generosity!**



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An in-kind tax receipt will be provided upon request.

**Hostess Coordinator: Martha Mazeika**

**HOSTESS Memo**

No fooling...April is almost here! I am hoping the weather will get warmer and spring will start to sprout. Thank you to the guild members who brought refreshments for the last meeting. I like that we get a mix of sweet treats and healthy snacks for the guild members to enjoy!

The following guild members signed up to bring treats for April!!

Evelyn Butler-Carnerlo  
Mary Whitaker  
Nita Penfold  
Carmen Arnone  
Gail Dwyer  
Jean Balliro  
Maureen Matthews  
Lyrel Gillette  
Donna Cormier (water)

See you all on April 5<sup>th</sup>!!!!

Martha Mazeika  
Hostess  
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Respectfully submitted,  
Kristin Callahan, Secretary