

Hammersmith Quilters Guild Newsletter



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December 2015

First The important Stuff

December 2nd

Program= Potluck Supper, Gift/Fabric Swap 1 yard, Mug Rug Swap and Canned goods.

Show and Tell=Yes

Vendor=None

Bring Fat Quarter= Fruit or Vegetables

Monthly Activities Committee: Chair=Julie Legere

Tables and Food-

Hostess=Julie Legere

Raffle Tickets=Maureen Ward and Dana Giunta

Name Badge=Carol MacRae and Mary Fitzpatrick

Fat Quarter=Jane Amato and Martha Borkan

Last meeting

November-

Treasurers Report = as of 10/31/15 balance was \$ 11,454.76.

Kris Poor-Speaker "How to get past quilters block!" and Vendor

Presidents' Message: Joyce Rodenhiser and Margie Berkowitch

President's Message-

President's Message for December Newsletter

A trip to the New England Quilt Museum is always a delight!! At this time the museum is having an exhibit on small quilts (for walls, cribs, doll beds, etc.) The piecing for several of these had to have been done under a magnifier! The Grandmother's Flower Garden is pieced with hexagons not much bigger than a glass pin head! (They could have been 1/4" to begin with and then turned and sewn.) If you have time, check out the newsletter from NEQM this month to see the featured quilts and their tiny, 1/8" pieces.

When my friend gave me a quilt found in her late mother's attic, Dottie suggested I take it to be documented at the museum by the MassQuilts Documentation Project. (One Thursday a month for \$10 per quilt if you are a museum member, \$15 for nonmembers.) What a lovely experience that was! On entering the room, papers are begun and the quilt is clamped to an easel to be photographed and numbered. Then another pair of women (with white gloves) lay the quilt out on a sheet over two tables. The quilt was measured and lots of technical information is noted. This quilt, a Star of Bethlehem, was hand stitched and hand quilted in pink and multipastel diamond shapes. The back has four pieces of the pink sewn together and hand bound from front to back. It is thought to have been made in 1935.

I was given a copy of all their documentation, a photograph, a label to affix to the quilt, and information on how to care for quilts in general. In a few months this info will be on a web site attached to the NEQM information. If you have an interest in having your quilt included in the documentation you are welcome to participate as well.

This is just one of the many services offered at the New England Quilt Museum.

My very best wishes to you all for a lovely Thanksgiving. I am always grateful to all of you for all the work you do for the Hammersmith Guild.

Respectfully submitted, Joyce Rodenhiser

Program Committee: Irene Dwyer

Program Notes-

Irene needs 1-2 people to help with program. Please consider!

December 2, 2015 Potluck Supper and Gift/Fabric Swap and Mug Rug Swap.

HOLIDAY YANKEE FABRIC SWAP

We will have our traditional Yankee Swap at the December meeting; the rules, however, will be a little different.

If you choose to participate--it's not required--bring one gift-wrapped yard of fabric or the equivalent (four quarters, two halves, etc.).

Participants will receive a number entitling them to grab, swap or "steal" an item from the accumulated stash. Further directions will be distributed at the meeting. Spoiler Alert: no Mr. and Mrs. Wright story.

MARCH GETAWAY

This year's Getaway is March 11 - 13 at the Marriott Courtyard Portsmouth NH.

Irene will have additional Registration Forms and hotel information at the December Meeting.

Deposits of \$50 are due by the January Meeting and full payment will be due by January 22d.

ANNUAL AUCTION

The January Meeting Program is our annual fund-raising Auction.

Members can bring in one bag of donated sewing-related items (fabric, thread, notions, UFOs) (NO BOOKS or MAGAZINES).

One quilter's discards being just what another quilter is seeking, we bid on the donations and give the proceeds to the New England Quilt Museum and other local charities.

We've had some feedback about the Auction taking too long, bags containing too many or too expensive items (e.g. vintage tops) and Programs has tried to think of solutions. One thought was to encourage people to join in putting up a bag--like the Penny Baskets--but while that would cut down on the number of items it doesn't address the "too much; too expensive" problem.

If anyone has suggestions, please let Irene know. If there is no announcement before January, the overall format will be the same as recent years and your Auctioneer(s) will try to talk fast.

MEG Foundation "Festival of Trees"

58 Essex Street, Saugus, MA

Two consecutive Fridays and Saturdays, Dec. 5 & 6 and Dec. 11 & 12, 2015

Come see the tree we decorated with our handmade ornaments! Take a chance to win our tree or any other beautifully-decorated tree, and support the MEG Foundation!

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

Donation Committee News-

1. The Donation Committee would like to thank all the elves that came to stuff stockings. It was so good to do such a day after such evil had occurred in Paris. We stuffed 102 stockings, and they will be divided between 3 charities.
2. Please remember the food drive. Please bring nonperishable items for ages of infancy to adults.
3. Remember your mug rugs
4. 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". The finished quilts will be nice to have for the show in the Fall.

Fabric donation- There will be a cutting table if anyone is willing to make quilts and pillowcases for donation out of the recent fabric donation from Ann's Fabrics in Canton.

Parkinson's Comfort Quilt Directions-36-40 inches wide by 60-70 inches long. Please use all cotton fabric for top, backing, and binding from your smoke-free stash. Flannel is great for backing if you have it. Please use all cotton batting so that we can safely iron our Parkinson's Comfort Project label on the back.

Use any pattern you choose.
Creative Quilt Works Committee: Gretchen B. and Marsha P. Mug Rug Swap: Holly P.
<i>Creative Quilt Works Information-</i>
2 ½ inch challenge EXTENDED: We will continue to exchange the 2 ½ inch squares during each meeting. You will get back the same amount of bags that you bring in to exchange. Any participant who makes scrap exchanges during the meetings will be eligible to win some scrap bags to add to their stash. Each bag should contain either: 25 different 2 ½ inch square of fabric or 5 sets of 5 different fabric. All bags need to have 25 squares total.
Member News and Events
<i>Member news-</i>
* Long Arm Quilt Club First meeting will be held the second Wednesday in January. We will take turns meeting at member homes. I have a list of those interested. If anyone else would like to join us let me know at the December meeting. Thank you. Kristin
Hostess Coordinator: Julie Legere
<i>Hostess memo-</i>
We have a Keurig available at meetings. If available, K-cups are 50 cents or bring your own. Be “GREEN” and bring your own mug! December hostesses- All of us!

Respectfully submitted,
Kristin Callahan, Secretary