

# Hammersmith Quilters Guild Newsletter



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

*We are looking for people to volunteer or to nominate someone else (with that person's permission!) to fill executive board and committee volunteer positions for the July 2017-June 2019 term. See the Bylaws on the website for a description of the duties of each position, or speak to Dottie about the duties involved. If you would like to run for one of the positions on the Executive Board (voting will take place in May) or for one of the volunteer positions on various committees, submit your name to Julie Legere.*

**The Hammersmith tree will be decorated with our wonderful Christmas Cracker ornaments beginning at 12N Sunday November 27 at the MEG Foundation, Essex St. Saugus. All are welcome to add their artistic flair to the tree.**

### **December 7, 2016**

**Program:** Holiday Potluck Supper and Fabric Swap: **Mr. and Mrs. Wright will be back!** (To participate, bring the equivalent of one yard of quilt-shop quality 100% cotton fabric: one yard, two half-yards, or four fat quarters; please wrap your fabric. Do not put your name on your package.) Bring mug rug to swap too!

**Vendor:** No

**Show 'n' Tell:** Yes

**Fat Quarter:** **Green**

**Food Pantry:** Bring non-perishable food items to be donated to local food pantries!

**Quiltworks:** bring partner polaroid block swap, pick up next installment #4 of mystery quilt

## **News: Dottie Macomber**

### **General Member News**

#### **Special Museum News from Dottie:**

A Summer Celebration of New England Quilts, August 3-27, 2017 at the New England Quilt Museum, Lowell, MA

This exhibit will feature a selection of exceptional quilts representing the best quilts of New England guilds. According to the instructions from the Museum, the entries "must exemplify excellence in design, construction, and finishing." This free festival will include not only the exhibit at the museum but also activities for audiences of all ages and interest levels at the museum and at other cultural partners around the city of Lowell: guest lectures, Free Fun for Kids days, quilt demonstrations and gallery talks, special products and promotions in the Museum Store.

Our guild participated in the 2015 exhibit by entering the Viewers' Choice winner from our 2014 show. **This time we would like to open up the process to all members of the guild. Anyone who wishes to participate will be allowed to show one quilt to the guild at a special Show 'n' Tell at our guild meeting on February 1, 2017, and members present at that meeting will vote for their choice to represent our guild.** The museum has issued the following instructions:

1. Only Supporting Guilds will be eligible. (We do support the Quilt Museum, so "check" on this point.)
2. Entries must consist of two layers of fabric with a middle layer of batting, machine- or hand-quilted. NO tied quilts will be permitted.
3. No quilts made prior to 2007.
4. NEQM reserves the right, for whatever reason, to reject any quilt submitted.
5. Due to limitations in the Museum's gallery space, **quilts should be no larger than 80" wide and 88" long, but no smaller than 24" wide and 24" long.** Quilts will be hung as space permits, but all accepted entries will be displayed.

6. All quilts, regardless of size, must have a 4" hanging sleeve sewn to the upper back of the quilt.
7. All quilts must have a label on the back with the title, guild name, quilt maker's name, address, and phone number.
8. The entry form from the Museum must be completed and two photos of the quilt must be included: a) a view of the entire quilt and b) a close-up showing the quality of the stitching, piecing and/or applique.
9. Entry forms must be postmarked by June 1, 2017.
10. Shipping costs to and from the Museum are the responsibility of the guild.
11. Quilts must arrive at the Museum no later than Wednesday, July 12, 2107.
12. No quilts may be withdrawn prior to the close of the exhibition on Sunday, August 27, 2017.

**I am willing to photograph your quilt, hand-deliver it to the Museum, and pick it up after the exhibit.** However, this means I would need your quilt no later than our May meeting. I can take it to Lowell on

my normal volunteer day, which will be Friday, July 7, 2017, and can pick it up on Friday, September 1, 2017 (this is what I did last time). I can then return your quilt to you at our September meeting. If you would rather deliver and pick up your quilt yourself, or if you want to pay to ship it up and back, that's fine too, but I am willing to do the photography, delivery and pick-up if you let me have your quilt from May through our September meeting. (This can be determined later; just know that your quilt has to be available at least from July 12 to August 28.)

If you are interested in having a quilt considered for our guild's entry in this exhibit, make note of the date-of-production and size limitations above and be thinking about which quilt you would like to submit for consideration. I can answer any questions you may have about this exhibit.

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#### **Member News from Dottie**

- Quilts of Valor: Merle Gordon has offered to be a liaison between our guild and Quilts of Valor regional coordinator, Darlene Coit. If any member wants to make and donate blocks to this worthy cause, make 12 ½" blocks in red, white and blue (or using patriotic fabrics) and submit them to Merle. If you want to make a whole top or quilt, you can find the information about specific size and other requirements at the Quilts of Valor website.
- November attendance was 77, which included 4 new members and 1 guest! Welcome to our new members Millie and Jerry Becker, Linda Cataldo, and Caroline O'Brien.
- A friend of Margie Berkowitch has a serger for sale: Singer Finishing Touch #14SH654, used only two times. \$100.00 or best offer. Contact Diane McConnell, 978-810-9093.

#### **Last meeting**

**Treasurers Report** = As of October 31, 2016 we had \$ in our treasury.

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

It is said that 'awe' is the strongest human emotion - that awe encompasses so many human feelings. You all are awesome and produced an awe inspiring show for all to enjoy! I have heard so many superlatives about the work you all did. Thank you so much.

We're just about half-way through our 35th year and we continue to welcome new members. We are grateful to you all for your continued membership and work to keep Hammersmith going.

May you have peace and joy during your holidays (and always).

I would close with this quote translated from Pablo Neruda: "It is lovely to live while you live.

"Respectfully submitted, Joyce

#### **Program Committee: Irene Dwyer**

**March 17 – 19, 2017, HAMMERSMITH QUILTERS GUILD GETAWAY WEEKEND**

**There is a link to the registration form on calendar page of our website.**

At the Ramada Inn and Conference Center, Saco, ME

Exit 36 Maine Turnpike (85 miles north of Saugus)

Gail Dwyer, Kristin Callahan and I (Irene Dwyer) took a Road Trip to check out this location which is

hosting some 8 – 10 Quilt Retreats or Workshops per year.\*

Ladies and Gentleman, I think this location is going to please everyone!

**Cost:** \$150 +/- for double occupancy room, dinners Friday & Saturday, Breakfasts Sat and Sun  
\$250 +/- for single occupancy room, dinners Friday & Saturday, Breakfasts Sat and Sun

**Options:** There will be an option for Thursday night; details to come  
[There may also be an option for Saturday lunch](#)

**Deposit:** Non-refundable deposit of \$50 due by December Meeting.  
Balance due by January Meeting.

Registration Forms are online and will be available at December Meeting

The shoppers will want to go to Marden's in Sanford (20 minute ride) or a number of other quilt shops in the area. There is a new quilt shop in picturesque downtown Saco called The Half Square; the owner might vend for us.

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.**

Continue to bring pillow cases and quilts for donation!

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

1. Mug Rugs!
2. Month 4 of Mystery Quilt
3. Remember your Polaroid blocks

#### **Member News and Events**

#### **MEG Foundation "Festival of Trees"**

58 Essex Street, Saugus, MA

December 3rd, 8th, 9th and 10th from 3:00-8:00

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!

#### **Hostess Coordinator: Martha Mazeika**

First to the ladies who brought snacks in November I would like to thank,  
As the snack table was not left blank!

We are getting ready to celebrate a joyous season

And for that we have a reason

To have a pot luck feast

And we are not short of offerings in the least!

This hostess chair has a holiday wish

For fellow quilters to bring a serving utensil for their dish

I will see you all on the seventh night

And remember to bring your appetite!

See you all on December 7th!!

Martha Mazeika

Hostess

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Respectfully submitted,  
Kristin Callahan, Secretary