

# Hammersmith Quilters Guild Newsletter



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February 1, 2017

## \*\*\*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.*

### February 1, 2017

**Program:** Phyllis Vray of Sew Creative in Beverly speaking about needles, thread, and maintaining your sewing machine; guest fee is \$5.00 for this meeting.

**Vendor:** Phyllis of Sew Creative

**Show 'n' Tell: YES!** This will be a special show 'n' tell to determine which quilt will represent our guild in the New England Quilt Museum's special exhibit next summer during the Summer Celebration in Lowell! [See the guidelines on the Newsletter page of our website!](#)

**Fat Quarter:** [Whimsical prints](#)

**Creative Quilt works:** bring partner polaroid block swap, pick up next installment #6 of mystery quilt (Parts 1-5 are on our website under the Newsletter tab, in case you missed any of them.)

**Getaway-**March 17-19, 2017 at the Ramada Inn and Conference Center in Saco, NH

## News: Dottie Macomber

**IMPORTANT NOTICE:** Our February meeting is going to include the important special Show 'n' Tell to determine whose quilt represent our guild at the New England Quilt Museum's "Best of the Guilds" show in August!! **If you have a quilt you would like the guild to consider, please bring it to the February 1st meeting** (only one quilt per member, please). For complete guidelines see your December newsletter or look on our website under the "Newsletter" tab, but the most important points for now are the following: 1) no quilts made prior to 2007; 2) the piece must be quilted (no tied entries); and 3) please adhere to the size limits (maximum size 80" wide x 88" long, minimum size 24" x 24"). Members present at the February meeting will vote to determine the quilt that will represent our guild.

Website News: The spring quilt show season is almost upon us, and I have received the first notice of a local show, that of the Rhododendron Needlers Quilt Guild. See the website under the "Bulletin Board" tab for news of local shows and current exhibits at the New England Quilt Museum. This show is on the same weekend as our getaway, but if you are not going on the getaway and feel like going to a show, this one is in Canton. -Dottie

## Last meeting

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

## Presidents Message: Joyce Rodenhiser and Margie Berkowitch

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE FEB. 2017

What damages a quilt? These are six things to be aware of to minimize damages:

1. Lights from sun and fluorescent lamps can cause permanent loss of color and fiber damage. Store and display quilts away from these light sources and ultraviolet rays.
2. Rodents, carpet beetles, silverfish, and crickets like to use textiles for nesting materials (former)

and enjoy eating fibers with sizing in them as well as food soil which may be there (later.) Some people use moth balls to discourage pests - but gases from moth balls also hurt fibers! A better plan is to store your quilts with several lavender sachets of 5" squares tied with dried lavender flowers inside.

3. Dirt is the next agent of damage! Covering the dusting attachment with a nylon stocking or similar mesh and vacuuming gently will remove regular dust and dirt.

4. Quilts like the same climate that we do! Storing quilts in the attic, garage, or basement is not a good idea because mold and mildew, which destroy fabrics, can grow in these places. 65 degree temperature and 55% humidity is best for fabric.

5. We have to decide whether to use and enjoy our quilts or save and preserve them. Pets and people can leave fur/hair, fleas (pets!), food, foot prints, can be sick, etc. Cute, huh, after all your hard work!!

6. Did you know it is better to store your quilts in old pillowcases than in plastic bags? Plastic seals in moisture and can lead to our favorites(!), mold and mildew. Wood and cardboard are very acidic (unless you purchase acid free) and can cause staining and weakening of fibers. Are your metal shelves rustproof?

Stacking quilts crushes fabrics. Best to take quilts out every six months, air them and fold them a different way.

These are six ways to help you preserve your quilts in the best ways from the Massachusetts Quilt Documentation Project.

Good luck to you in this endeavor.  
Respectfully submitted, Joyce Rodenhiser

**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)

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 pillowcases and quilts for donation!

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

1. Month 6 of Mystery Quilt
2. Remember your Polaroid blocks

**Member News and Events**

**NEWS**

Some sad news...Rick Palardy, the husband of Terry Crawford-Palardy from Quilters' Quarters in Georgetown passed away on Christmas Day. As a result, her shop will be closed indefinitely. Terry and Rick have vended at a couple of our meetings as well as at our recent show. I'm sure it would mean a lot to her if those of you who have been to her shop or who liked her presentation on antique machines or who just feel sorry for her loss, would send a card to her: [59 North St., Georgetown, MA 01833](mailto:59 North St., Georgetown, MA 01833)

**INVITATION**

I would like to invite you and your quilt guild to see the exhibit, *What Remains: Wooden Quilt Sculptures*, at the Fuller Craft Museum in Brockton. (<http://fullercraft.org/event/what-remains-wooden-quilt-sculptures-of-laura-petrovich-cheney/>)

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You may be wondering why I am inviting you this show?

My work is inspired by traditional and contemporary quilt patterns. In the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy, I started to collect the wooden debris – clapboard siding, floorboards, and kitchen cabinets. The intimate textures of this wood, with its chipped layers of paint, nail holes and grain, told a story

and suggested another prior life in the faded colors and worn surfaces. Inspired by the geometry of American quilts, I begin to piece together this salvaged wood into something meaningful and orderly, seeking solace from Hurricane Sandy. My work was exhibited at the James Michener Museum In Pennsylvania along with Kaffe Fassett's quilts this past fall. I think you will find my work resonates with your own experience as a quilter. If you are unable to attend this exhibit, I welcome you to my website – [www.LauraCheney.com](http://www.LauraCheney.com). Lastly, if you were ever interested in having me a guest speaker for your quilt group, please let me know, as I would be honored.

**Hostess Coordinator: Martha Mazeika**

**HOSTESS Memo**

Listed below are the hostess volunteers for the meeting on February 1st!

Remember our Guild members who cannot eat sweets and include in your choices some healthy treats!

Veggies, cheese & crackers, fruit, are some ideas and maybe one can volunteer to bring cold drinks like juice, soda, or root beer!

One drink should be decaffeinated.

Of course anything you bring is appreciated!

Susan Randall  
Carol Swindell  
Pat Burwell  
Jeanie Bartolo  
Ruth Ruggeri  
Jane Amato  
Dana Giunta  
Carole d'Entremont  
Rebecca Mohammadi  
Kathy Boardman  
Donna Cormier (water)

Dottie will post the Hostess list on the website for the rest of the year!

See you all on February 1st!!!

*Martha Mazeika*

Hostess

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Respectfully submitted,  
Kristin Callahan, Secretary