

Hammersmith Quilters Guild Newsletter



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January 2016

First The important Stuff

January

Program= Brown Bag Auction
Show and Tell=Yes
Vendor=No
Bring Fat Quarter= black and white

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

-January 13th
-March 9th
-June 8th

If you are on the Quilt Show email distribution list below we are considering you a member of the Quilt Show Committee. You should attend the meetings if you have questions about your area or if you want to provide input on agenda items (Lauren and I will send out the agenda a few days before the meeting). You are not required to attend. If you do not attend, please respect the decisions that were made by those who did attend. The timeline will be available by email or in print so you can see what needs to be done and who is responsible. Please look it over and tell us if we forgot anything for your area. If you are new to the Quilt Show don't worry...we will provide guidance.

Thanks, Susan and Lauren

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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

December-

Treasurers Report = as of 11/30/15 balance was **\$11,116.55.**
Potluck dinner, Christmas Fabric swap, Mug Rug swap and food pantry collection.

Presidents Message: Joyce Rodenhiser and Margie Berkowitch

President's Message-

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A very Happy New Year to you all!! May you have a wonderful year of quilting big quilts and small quilted items!

Perhaps you know these things about cleaning or not cleaning quilts
If a quilt was sewn before 1900 or the fabric is breaking, do nothing, as it will cause further damage. Do not wash or dry clean.

The chemicals in dry cleaning can cause permanent damage to a quilt - so don't dry clean.

Simply airing a quilt on a flat surface helps immensely.

Careful vacuuming is beneficial using the upholstery nozzle and covering the nozzle with panty hose fabric.

"Vacuum both sides of the quilt which has been placed on a supporting surface such as a large table."

Check a reference book for the best way to wash a new quilt. "Washing ... old quilts are best left to textile conservation experts."

All the above information is from The Massachusetts Quilt Documentation Project.

Here's to happy quilting trails to you this year and always!

Respectfully submitted, Joyce Rodenhiser

Program Committee: Irene Dwyer

Program Notes-

MARCH GETAWAY

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

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

We have at least 30 participants so the hotel cost is \$150 for those sharing a room and \$300 for singles.

There will be information about optional food arrangements for Friday night at the January meeting.

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.

The overall format will be the same as recent years and your Auctioneer(s) will try to talk fast!

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

Donation Committee News-

Deliveries were made to DCF and Salem Hospital.

Carla King from DCF greeted Louise, Sally and Gretchen.

Michelle from Salem Hospital Volunteers Dept. greeted us as well.



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 Anne's.

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 Marcia K., Mug Rug Swap: Holly P.

Creative Quilt Works Information-

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.

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 fabrics. All bags need to have 25 squares total.

Member News and Events

Member news-

***Long Arm Quilt Club** First meeting will be held in February as January date conflicted with quilt show meeting. 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 January meeting. Thank you. Kristin

Hostess Coordinator: Julie Legere

Hostess memo-

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.

January hostesses- see Julie Legere please.

Respectfully submitted,
Kristin Callahan, Secretary