

Hammersmith Quilters Guild Newsletter



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January 4, 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.

January 4, 2016

Program: Annual Auction- One quilter's stash trash is another quilter's treasure!

Vendor: No

Show 'n' Tell: No

Fat Quarter: **Floral**

Creative Quilt works: bring partner polaroid block swap, pick up next installment #5 of mystery quilt

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

Board meeting- at Panera's on Wednesday, January 18th at 7 P.M.

News: Dottie Macomber

Museum News

Be sure to review the guidelines for submitting a quilt for consideration for the 2017 Lowell Summer Celebration of Quilts "Best of the Guilds" exhibit at the New England Quilt Museum. Guidelines were printed in the December newsletter and are also on our website under the Newsletter tab. Our special Show 'n' Tell to determine the quilt that will represent our guild will take place at the February meeting, so read the guidelines carefully if you have a quilt you would like to submit for consideration (one quilt per member, please). A hanging sleeve does not need to be on it at this time, but if your quilt is selected by the membership voting, you will need a sleeve and a label on the quilt before it can be delivered to the Museum. Dottie will have more information about this at the January meeting and can answer any questions you may have.

Executive Board Meeting

The next meeting of the Executive Board will be held on Wednesday, January 18, 2017 at Panera in Saugus. Per our bylaws, any member may attend but may speak only when recognized by the President and cannot vote at these meetings. Discussion will include proposed changes to the Bylaws, the proposed creation of a Hospitality position to welcome new members, and table/seating arrangement at monthly meetings, as well as any other business to come before the board.

December meeting

The December potluck meeting was well attended, with 70 members signed in. Mr. and Mrs. Wright made an appearance, show and tell was wonderful (as usual), and good fun and friendship was enjoyed by all.

If you have a recipe from your potluck offering that you would like to share with the guild, please give/email the recipe to Dottie Macomber and she will publish your recipe on the website for others to enjoy. We haven't posted any new recipes for over a year, so some new ones would be welcome!

~IT'S THE HOLIDAY SEASON~

I'm forwarding this message from Terry at **Quilters' Quarters** in Georgetown. She's holding some special sales this month before she closes her "quilt shop in a barn" for the months of January and February. (She and her husband Rick have been to our guild meetings and were also vendors at our show.) If you need some quilting supplies or gifts, consider supporting this local quilt shop.

Due to many events, we are making the following changes to our schedule in Quilters' Quarters:

Open Wednesday December 28 through Friday December 30, 11-7

Early closure Saturday, (3pm), New Year's Eve

We close for the months of January and February.

We will reopen March 1, 2017.

Last meeting

Treasurers Report = As of November 30, 2016 we had \$ in our treasury.

Presidents Message: Joyce Rodenhiser and Margie Berkowitch

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE JAN 2017

Warm wishes for a wonderful New year with plenty of time for you to sew everyday!

As I was talking with a friend and showing him a quilt, he told me about weighted quilts which help those with Autism and related challenges to rest more comfortably. News to me!

On line I found (on You Tube) a "Weighted Blanket for Dylan" made from cargo pants, shirt pockets, denim jeans, cotton. Ron Appell of Man Sewing had a quilt of 5" squares with cuddle cloth on the back. He sewed channels, then poured in the machine washable poly pellets that one uses to add weight, sewed across the top of that row and continued until he had used the equivalent of one tenth of the body weight of the person for whom this was intended. (So, if a person weighed 100 pounds, 10 pounds of poly pellets are used.) A third video on this topic used 3" squares with a similar method to Ron Appell's. This was a full quilt for a larger person and fewer pellets in each square.

These are interesting to see if this is new to you as it was to me!

There were also sensory quilts for folks with Alzheimers with added zippers, buttons, textured fabric, ribbons, etc. It's a whole other world out there with lots of videos if you have any interest.

[On another issue, we will hold a board meeting at Panera's on Wednesday](#), January 18th at 7 P.M. If you would like to come you are most welcome. Only board members can vote on the topics, but your comments are happily received.

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

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 5 of Mystery Quilt
2. Remember your Polaroid blocks

Member News and Events

Our **annual auction** is in January! You may bring one bag (brown grocery type or clear gift bag) of items that you no longer want: fabric, notions, patterns, etc. They should all be quilting or sewing-related- **no books or magazines, please.** (If you have quilting books 20 years old or newer, and quilting magazines 10 years old or newer, you may bring those to be donated to the New England Quilt Museum. Dottie will take them to the museum for you. If you want a receipt for your donation for tax purposes, put your donated items in a bag or box with a piece of paper with your name and

stating that you'd like a receipt.)

Please attach a list of the items to the outside of your auction bag, listing the contents of your bag. Don't seal your bag. The bags will be numbered as they are received at the meeting, and you may look into the bags to see which you might be interested in bidding on; you can jot down the numbers of the bags as you look. If you think you might be interested in bidding, you will pick up a bidding "paddle" before the meeting starts; you must have a number to bid.

Heidi August has agreed to be our auctioneer again this year. Bring cash or your checkbook and be prepared to buy some "stuff" and have some fun!

Hostess Coordinator: Martha Mazeika

HOSTESS Memo

The December potluck was a success!

As January creeps up, we will be done with the holiday stress.

Quilting and meeting with friends

Will help to get to winter's end

See you at the meeting on January 4 twenty-seventeen

With treats from the following to be seen:

Margarita Blyumkina

Ruth Cameron

Donna Cormier (water)

Mary Flaherty

Merle Gordon

Lauren Loughlin

Barbara Martinson

See you all in the New Year on January 4th!!

Hostess

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Respectfully submitted,
Kristin Callahan, Secretary