

Hammersmith Quilters Guild Newsletter



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For This Meeting

January 3, 2018

Program: Annual Auction- Bring a bag of donated goodies to be auctioned off for the benefit of the guild! (This is a good time to clean out your sewing room! See below.)

Show 'n' Tell: No

Fat Quarter: "Things That Move"

Refreshments: Merle Gordon, Jean Coughlin, Gretchen Berkowitch, Margie Berkowitch, Judy Massakowski, Margarita Blyumkina, Janice Moore, Barbara Martinson (water)

Creative Quiltworks: If you made a potholder project for December, be sure to bring it to this meeting. (See below.)

President's Message: Martha Mazeika

Happy New Year!

As we come to the end of 2017, I reflect on all the wonderful things the guild has done. We have had great speakers and programs; one leadership team stepped down and helped a new leadership team step up; we have shared time together through meetings, a retreat, a potluck dinner; we have welcomed new members to the guild; and started to prepare for 2018. I think about resolutions this time of the year. My personal quilting resolutions included making a few table runners for my mom and sister and finishing my "houses" wall hanging over the next few months, as I want to hang it in the show. For the guild, I want to continue to lead the group to bring us together to share and celebrate the world of quilting and to have you all show your expertise in the 2018 show. I hope you all are stitching hard to get your quilts done!

Thank you for a great start to a wonderful year over the last few months. I am looking forward to the auction, speakers (a couple will be our own guild members), the retreat, and just continuing to learn and share with you all!

Always here to listen, talk, discuss, and answer questions.
See you all on January 3rd!!

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Treasurer's Report: Carmen Arnone

Just a reminder: if you make purchases on behalf of the guild, please submit your receipt(s) to me at guild meetings. If possible, I will write a check and reimburse you then and there. If not, I will mail the check to you ASAP. Remember: no receipt, no reimbursement!

Membership: Sally Nimblett

Sixty-five signed in at the December meeting- but it sure looked like more people attended than that! Everyone had their hands full, bringing in their potluck food, food pantry donations, Yankee Swap gifts, and show 'n' tell quilts, so I'm sure that some people were just too loaded down to sign in! Please be sure to sign in each month as you come in, or circle back to the front desk after you have dropped off your "stuff". We like to keep attendance records because it helps us to know which programs/months are the most popular, and it give us an idea of how many handouts to prepare for meetings.

Refreshment Committee: Barbara Martinson & Kathy Connors

We had a delicious potluck supper in December! Thanks to everyone who shared their wonderful appetizers, salads, main dishes, and desserts. If anyone has a recipe from that supper that they would like to share, forward it to Dottie, who will put it on the website.

Program Committee: Julie Legere & Dottie Macomber

This month we will be holding [our Annual Auction](#). This activity is a fund-raiser for the guild and, at the same time, is a public service to those of us who have WAAAAYYY too much stuff in our sewing rooms! This is your chance to get rid of some of the overflow: bring a bag (brown paper grocery bag or one of the large Ziploc bags that Dottie gave out at the December meeting) of sewing- or quilting-related "stuff" that you would like to donate. If you use a brown paper bag, please attach a list to the outside of the bag, listing the contents; this makes it easier for people to browse before the auction starts without having to empty the contents of the bags to see what is inside.

When you arrive at the meeting, please put your bag on the stage. Helpers will be attaching numbers to the bags, so as you look over the bags during the pre-auction period, you can make note of the numbers of the bags you are interested in bidding on.

When you check into the meeting, you will be able to pick up a numbered "auction paddle" to use for bidding. If you think you might bid, pick up a number; it makes it easier for the auction workers to record winning bids as we go along. That way, you can "run a tab" and pay for all your winnings at the end.

Please do not include magazines or whole piles of books in your bags; they are just too heavy to deal with in this setting. (One book or magazine, if it accompanies a UFO or some cut quilt pieces, blocks, or yardage for a pattern from the book or magazine, is fine.) In the past, we have sold used books and magazines in the quilt show boutique; save your books and magazines for that venue. Also, newer books (copyright 2000 or newer, or at least those after the advent of the rotary cutter!) can be donated to the New England Quilt Museum; older books simply do not sell well in the Museum's yard sale and we have to donate them to public libraries for their book sales. (You can do the same if you have older books.) Dottie will be happy to take donated books to the museum.

Your bags can include fabric (yardage or pieces), UFOs that you are just ready to get rid of, patterns, notions, sewing-related gift items, antique quilts or tops- just about anything sewing and quilt-related. These items do not have to be new; this is your chance to get some stuff out of your sewing room- AND get some new-to-you "stuff"!

Dottie reminds everyone that **your balance for the getaway will be due at the January meeting**. If you cannot make the meeting, please send Dottie a check for your balance, made out to Hammersmith Quilters Guild (or HQG); her address is on your membership list.

Total prices are as follows:

Double occupancy 2 nights = \$140 per person Single occupancy 2 nights = \$200 per person

Double occupancy 3 nights = \$170 per person Single occupancy 3 nights = \$270 per person

Dottie has a spreadsheet of everyone's getaway information, including the balance you owe for the weekend. If you need that information, email Dottie at mcandmac@comcast.net

Mini refrigerators will be available on a first-come, first served basis. Some rooms come with them and some rooms do not. If you absolutely **must** have a fridge in your room, such as for medication that needs to be refrigerated, please let Dottie know. (Wine is not medication!! LOL There will be a large fridge in the conference center sewing room that we can use for that.) Otherwise, if your room does not come with a fridge, there will be a separate charge of \$10 per night that you will settle with the hotel yourself when you check out.

More information about the getaway schedule and quilt shops in the area will be forthcoming in the next couple months. Dottie will also send a list of some of the restaurants in the area for those who are going up on Thursday night and for those who want to go out for lunch on Friday and Saturday, as lunches are not included in our package. Stay tuned!

Charity Donations Committee: Gretchen Berkowitch, Sally Nimblett & Louise Nazzaro

Gretchen and Holly went to the Quilt Festival in Houston in November, and they saw an interesting idea that we can use to make some more income for the guild at our show. One woman at the Festival reported that she made **doll quilts** suitable for American Girl type dolls and sold them at her guild's show, with the proceeds going to her guild. Gretchen says that these might be a good fundraiser for our guild. These quilts can be as simple as putting two fat quarters together with batting and doing some simple machine quilting- or here's a great place to practice your free-motion quilting! You can also piece these from charm squares, jelly roll strips or other pieces. The average size should be about 16 ½" x 18-20". Gretchen has posted some examples on a board at her Pinterest page; go to Pinterest, search for Gretchen Berkowitch, and then look at her Free Doll Quilt Patterns board. Or just make up your own pattern, as long as the final dimensions are about 16" x 20".

Holly reports that her pets like these as well, so we can also market these as beds for small pets!

Creative Quiltworks Committee: Kristin Callahan, Ellen Moore & Lynda Garniss

Because Kristin could not make the December meeting, no new project was presented. If you made a North Star Square potholder for December, bring it in this month and place it on our table for the vote during the meeting's break. You will be given a number for your entry and a raffle ticket.

This also gives those of us who didn't make one in time for December a chance to get in on the fun in January!

Everyone is eligible to vote, but only entrants will be eligible for ribbons or the raffle prize.

There will be ribbons for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place, and one winner will be chosen randomly from all entrants to receive a prize!

Please pick up directions for the next project from Ellen, Lynda or Kristin. The directions for the North Star potholder, as well as the directions for November's hexies and October's yo-yos, are available on the guild website under the Newsletter tab.

2018 Quilt Show Committee: Martha Mazeika & Linda Reppucci

- Quilt Show 2018 – October 20 & 21 at the Saugus Senior Center, with set-up on Friday the 19th
- Quilt Show Committee Meeting
 - For all those interested in helping with the quilt show and/or leading a committee, please plan on attending the Quilt Show Committee Meeting:
 - Saturday, January 27th at 10am to 12 pm in the Community Room at the Saugus Public Library (295 Central Street in Saugus)
- Make a Raffle Quilt Block
 - We need guild members to make the 100 blocks needed for the raffle quilt. Contact Martha and she can put a color swatch and directions in the mail to you, or pick one up at the January meeting! You are welcome to make more than one.
 - Samples showing how you can piece your block are posted on the HQG website under the Quilt Show tab. If you do not have the internet and need pictures of the sample blocks sent to you, please let Dottie or Martha know ASAP.
 - General directions for the blocks are also on the website. This was the sheet provided when you picked your color swatch.

Any questions, comments, or suggestions, don't hesitate to contact us!

Martha & Linda
2018 Quilt Show Chairs

Secretary Report: Dottie Macomber

Printed reports containing the full minutes of all previous meetings for the current guild year, both general membership and executive board, will be available for your perusal at monthly guild meetings; see me if you would like to review these reports.

As the Secretary, I am also in charge of the Sunshine and Shadow "committee". If you know of any member who has suffered a serious illness or accident or has had a death in the family, please let me know so I can send them a card on behalf of the guild: 781-932-3602 or mcandmac@comcast.net

As to the "Sunshine" part of my job, if you have some good news that you would like to share with the guild, let me know that, too, so I can put it in the newsletter.

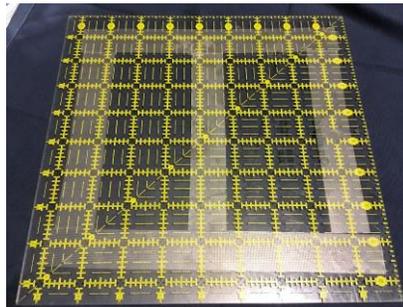
Member News: Dottie Macomber

Janet Dalis has done it again! Her "Splendid Sampler" quilt won Viewer's Choice at the Connections Quilt Show in Nashua, NH, in November 2017. Congratulations, Janet!



Janet also submitted a tip for the website; I am including it here. She saw this idea on Pinterest: use clear Nexcare flexible medical tape applied to the underside of your rotary rulers to prevent slippage as you cut even very narrow strips! Thanks, Janet.

If anyone has other tips and tricks that I can include here or on the website, please send them to me. We all like learning new tips!



If anyone submits quilts to shows or fairs, or if you have any other quilting accomplishments to report, please send the news (with photos if possible) to me, Dottie Macomber, at mcandmac@comcast.net or 9 Fletcher Rd, Woburn, MA 01801. Let us celebrate your quilting news with you!

News Around the Guilds and at the New England Quilt Museum

The New England Quilt Museum is now on its winter schedule and is open Wednesday through Saturday, 10-4 each day. Remember, you can park on Saturdays for free in the lot behind the museum; access this lot from Middle Street.

Also: did you know that if you are a member of the museum, you can borrow books from the museum's library for free?? You can search in the online catalog at the museum's website or send the library an email to request a specific book or help finding books on a given topic. You don't even need to visit the museum in person! The books can be mailed to you at the cheapest postal rate, Library Rate. You can keep them for a month and then ship them back Library Rate, just including a check to cover the postage to you. This is another great benefit of museum membership. Consider giving a museum membership to someone as a gift!

Respectfully submitted,
Dottie Macomber, Secretary