

Hammersmith Quilters Guild Newsletter



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First The important Stuff

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Welcome to our new slate of officers, who will officially assume their duties on July 1st:

President: Martha Mazeika
Vice President: Gail Dwyer
Secretary: Dottie Macomber
Treasurer: Carmen Arnone
Program Chair: Susan Tamulaitis
Member-at-Large: Sally Nimblett

Program: Ice Cream Social; Continuation of Annual Business Meeting, Voting on Proposed Amendments to Bylaws; Completion of Annual Survey

Dues are due for 2017-18!

Vendor: None

Show 'n' Tell: Yes

Fat Quarter: Pastels

News:

Membership News from Dottie

Dues: Your dues for the 2017-2018 guild year are due by the June meeting. Regular dues are \$30 and senior dues for age 70 and up are \$25. You may pay by cash or by check made out to HQG or Hammersmith Quilters Guild. If you are not going to be at the June meeting, you may mail your check to me or to Sally Nimblett, our new Member-at-Large (beginning July 1st).

SASEs: If anyone wishes to receive their monthly newsletters by USPS mail instead of reading them on the website (this is for folks with no internet access), please be sure to bring ten (10) Self-Addressed Stamped Envelopes to me by the September meeting. Kristin assures me that she has some left for now, so these will be used to send out your newsletters in August.

Survey: Please pick up and complete a copy of the annual Member Survey when you check in for the June meeting. Return the survey to me by the end of the meeting. If you are not going to be at the meeting and would like a survey emailed (or for those with no internet access, snail-mailed) to you, please let me know (email or call me- see contact info on the membership list you received earlier this year).

This survey is very helpful to the guild leaders, especially to the Program Committee, who sincerely value and request your feedback and suggestions for guild events, speakers, and other programs. Please help out by completing a survey.

Second Half of Annual Business Meeting at June Guild Meeting- Dottie

The first round of biennial voting took place in May as we elected new officers to lead the guild for the next two years beginning on July 1st, 2017. Congratulations to the following incoming members of the Executive Board: Martha Mazeika, President; Gail Dwyer, Vice President; Carmen Arnone, Treasurer; Dottie Macomber, Secretary; Susan Tamulaitis, Program Chair; and Sally Nimblett,

Member-at-Large.

Voting will conclude in June, as we vote on the proposed changes to the guild's bylaws. The highlights of the changes are as follows:

- Changing Executive Board meetings from at least 4 times per year to at least 2 times per year
- Putting the Vice President in charge of overseeing the monthly drawings and raffles
- Creating a Hospitality committee to welcome new and prospective members; and
- Specifying how the guild assets will be distributed in the case of the dissolution of the guild

There are also minor changes separating the Refreshments from the other Monthly activities; and specifying when the Nominating Committee will present the slate of proposed candidates prior to each election and specifying that they are in charge of elections, including providing paper ballots when needed. Other changes are merely editing changes to clean up the language and provide consistency between the various sections of the Bylaws.

I have not heard from anyone about the proposed changes (unlike when dues were increased!) so I am hoping that everyone has had a chance to review the proposed changes and does not have any questions. If that is the case, voting will move right along, with a motion to accept the changes as a package, and then Joyce will ask for the motion to be seconded. At the motion is seconded, Joyce will ask if there is any discussion. If anyone does have a last-minute question, this will be the time to ask. (You can also see me before the meeting and ask for clarification on any points then.) We will then vote on the proposed changes.

Summer Celebration of New England Quilts at the New England Quilt Museum

Don't forget to go to the Quilt Museum this summer from August 3-27 to see the Best of the Region's Quilt Guilds exhibit. Our own Sally Clapp will be representing our guild at this exhibit. Vote for your favorite; the winning guild gets to use the museum's classroom gallery in 2018 for a display of their own members' quilts, so Vote, Vote, Vote! Remember, admission to the museum is FREE during the Summer Celebration. With the money you save on admission, you can buy a little something at the museum shop or in the library's Yard Sale area!

Treasurers Report:

As of April 30, 2017 we had \$ in our treasury.

Presidents Message:

President's Message - June 2017

The mission of our guild is to promote appreciation, enjoyment, and knowledge of quilting for ourselves and for the public. You have done this and done it in style and I am proud of our guild. We also encourage quilting for charities. We've made lots of pillowcases and there are two weeks left for you to finish that small quilt you've been meaning to donate for a child! We have inspired quilters on the North Shore (I hear it wherever I go among those who know quilting!) and we do support the New England Quilt Museum in Lowell using some of the money that comes from dues. So, we do fulfill the mission set out for us in the By- Laws!

I love to sew. I love to see gorgeous fabric made into lovely wearable art, quilts, wall hangings and other things to make a home pretty. Life is difficult from time to time and it's great to be able to create beauty in the midst of the trials that come our way.

And, I have been comfortable working with all of you to give substance to our guild. Here, I would like to pay tribute to Margie S. Berkowitch! The "S" stands for special. Smart Punctual Even-tempered Considerate Industrious Able Loving, special! How many times have you heard someone say, Margie, will you adopt me? Good reasons for this!!

The guild will be in good hands with Martha, Gail, Dottie, Carmen, Sue and Sally in the leadership roles. Congratulations! I look forward to working with them as I know you do.

Reminder to please go on line to read the proposed Bylaws changes at the Hammersmith Quilters

Guild website. It is so much easier to consider them on your own for a few minutes - think about whether you agree with them or not.

Lots of thoughts here!

See you soon.

Respectfully submitted, Joyce Rodenhshier

Program Committee:

Donation Committee:

We have an urgent need for quilts. We have 103 members by my count. Can I challenge all those who haven't made one yet to get busy?

Continue to bring pillowcases and quilts for donation!

Creative Quilt Works Committee:

Member News and Events

Gretchen has suggested that the following may be a good charity to which we can donate quilts. However, we need your quilts by the June guild meeting!!

Camp Erin Boston is a free weekend camp for grieving children and teens who have lost a loved one. The program has been so successful they were awarded a grant to run a second session! Each camper is given a donated quilt as a unique comforting gift to keep and cherish for years. We need throw size quilts (minimum 40" X 60"). Quilts in bright, vibrant colors and themes including sports, frogs, butterflies, ladybugs, horses, flowers, etc., are suggested. Twice the camps, twice the quilts needed!!!

Unless explicitly designated for children attending Camp Erin, quilts may be used for children in the HEARTplaySM Program, another free grief program offered through CareGroup Parmenter Home Care & Hospice and/or as auction item(s) to raise funds for either children's bereavement programs. www.heartplayprogram.org

Quilt donations are requested by July 1, 2017

If you would like to help, please contact Kathy Clarkeson @ 781-545-2503 or clarkesonk@gmail.com

Camp Erin welcomes male & female volunteers age 18 and over. Please contact Jennifer Wiles, Camp Erin Boston Director at 508-309-5107 or jwiles@mah.harvard.edu www.camperinboston.org

Thank you for your kindness and generosity!



An in-kind tax receipt will be provided upon request.

Hostess Coordinator:

No snacks! Ice cream Social!

Respectfully submitted,
Kristin Callahan, Outgoing Secretary