

Hammersmith Quilters Guild Newsletter



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First The important Stuff

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Program= March Madness: Vendor owner Terry Crawford-Palardy will give a short presentation on vintage sewing machines, Sit, Sew, Solicit feedback on a work-in-progress; and or ask for help on a blocked project
Show and Tell= yes

Vendor= Quilters' Quarters of Georgetown: owner Terry Crawford-Palardy

Bring Fat Quarter= shamrock green

The NE Quilt Museum: Dottie has a few more passes to the New England Quilt Museum; each pass admits two people free of charge.

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

-March 9th

-June 8th

If you are listed on the HQG web site under quilt show committee please attend!

Quilt show news- Sue would like to do the Chinese quilt boxes for the boutique. Can you all start cutting 5 and ½ inch blocks for her?

Quilt show raffle quilt news- Our raffle quilt will be soft gray with bright coral and bright teal in a modern design. Kristin is asking for fat quarter donations for the quilts in these colors. I have volunteers to piece.

Bylaws Committee Report

Report from the Bylaws Committee:

At the meeting of the Executive Board on February 17, 2016, the Board discussed the need for an increase in annual dues. The Board recommends an increase of \$5.00; this would increase general dues to \$30 and senior dues (age 70 and older) to \$25. This would be a change in our bylaws, section 3.2. Per our bylaws section 7.1, this proposed change will be open for discussion at the May meeting and will then be voted on by the membership. The change would then take place in June, when dues payments for the 2016-17 guild year are due.

The Executive Board recommends "Ought to Pass" for this proposed change. The last dues increase was seven years ago, in 2009. Since that time, our expenses have increased, especially the monthly payment to the Senior Center. In addition, there have been other changes since then: the addition of a website; and increases in general operating expenses such as postage, mail box rental, printing, paper, and other supplies.

Our basic operating expenses are over \$2,000 annually, and this does not include money for programs, including speakers and partial subsidies by the guild for the getaways and bus trips, or for charitable donations. Because of increasing expenses, the board several years ago decided that the money raised in our annual auction would go into the general fund, except for the amount we give annually to the New England Quilt Museum, and that Charitable Donations, which is an important component of our non-profit organization, should have their own budget that is not tied to the income from the auction.

Dues payments this year have totaled \$2,370, which is just about even with our general operating expenses.

Our biennial quilt show brings in the rest of our income, and the cost of speakers and other "extras" **for two years** comes out of this money. Costs of putting on the show- printing raffle and penny sale tickets, renting the senior center for the weekend, renting the quilt racks, printing flyers, etc.- have increased and cut into the profit we make from the show. And if profits from the quilt show go down, we need to make sure that we have enough income from other sources (dues and the auction) to cover our basic expenses.

Those are the official facts. Now for some editorial comments by me: where else can you go and have a couple hours of fun with your friends for \$2.50 to \$3.00 for the evening? Where else can you go but your local quilt guild to hear a well-known speaker for that same \$2.50 to \$3.00? When you think about that, the proposed dues are still a bargain!

Please be sure to ask any questions you may have about our expenses and income when we have the discussion at the May meeting, and be sure to vote!

Dottie Macomber
Bylaws Committee Chair

Last meeting

February

Treasurers Report = as of 1/31/16 balance was \$15,554.55. This includes Getaway deposits to be paid to hotel.

Presidents Message: Joyce Rodenhiser and Margie Berkowitch

President's Message-

President's Message for March

America has talent for sure! And lots of it was on our stage at the Senior Center during our February meeting! Congratulations to Irene for encouraging the Super Show and Tell and to all the participants! Fun! Inspiring!

Want to see quilts using silver silk fabric, eyelashes slightly bigger than your own, an ornate Parcheesi board with embellishment and much more? Give yourself the gift of a trip to the New England Quilt Museum on Shattuck Street in Lowell. (I worry about safety but have never seen anything unsafe!) There is a great gift shop and library, even free fabric for the taking! Good thing to do in the midst of this cold snap.

May you be warm and safe.

Respectfully submitted, Joyce Rodenhiser

Program Committee: Irene Dwyer

Program Notes-

March Getaway 11-13th- Friday Night Food Option is Deli Buffet at \$15 per person.

March

“March Madness”

Bring a project that has you stuck or stumped for suggestions and encouragement from other members.

Bonus: Quilters' Quarters from Newburyport will vend and give a short presentation on restoring old treadle sewing machines.

April

“Give It a Scrap Slap”

Beth Helfter of Eva Paige Quilt Designs will talk about her year on Quiltmaker magazine's "Scrap Squad" where she and five other quilters remade one particular design per issue in all scraps.

Beth will also vend.

May

“Confessions of a Catholic Quilter”

Linda Ramrath of Inspired Layers will share 40 + quilts while confessing to all the Commandments and quilting rules she breaks in order to accomplish her work. She hopes to inspire us to look at ordinary items as new quilting tools and maybe break a few rules ourselves with our next quilt.

Linda will have patterns for sale.

June

“Ice Cream Social”

Show and Tell, ice cream sundaes and vending from

Mary Rose's Quilts and Treasures

Contact Irene Dwyer for more details: irene_dwyer@hotmail.com

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

Donation Committee News-

Donation committee is still collecting quilts and pillowcases

Thank you,
Gretchen

Creative Quilt Works Information-

The Creative Quilt Works Committee started a Block of the Month Project at the February meeting. Written instructions will be made available on guild night. We will sponsor a new block each month through June. In June we will also be sponsoring a fabulous summer project to be used in the Challenge Quilts section of the Quilt show.

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. We encourage everyone who participated in the 2 1/2 inch square challenge to finish their quilts for display in regular portion of the show...Cannot wait to see everyone's finished projects!

Member News and Events

Member news-

A NOTE ON SPEAKER PROGRAMS

Hammersmith Quilters' Guild is a remarkably congenial group. Many of us who also belong to other guilds agree that few meetings are as much fun as those at Hammersmith.

Program Committees try to arrange a mix of speaker and social programs so that members will have opportunities to sit and sew in addition to meetings where we can hear from designers and other quilt professionals.

Alas, our Hammersmith *joie de vivre* sometimes compromises the speaker meetings.

I am mortified to report that at least one speaker told us she'd never presented at another guild where people talked throughout her entire program.

Conversations of any length or volume during a speaker program are disrespectful not only to the speaker but also to your fellow members whose dues and show proceeds are paying for outside speakers.

There is a lobby area outside the hall for members who would like to chat while a speaker is on stage.

Hostess Coordinator: Julie Legere

Hostess memo-

"Be Green and bring your own mug!"

March hostesses- Mary Fitzpatrick, Maureen Maher, Sally Nimblett, Connie Fitzgerald, Anne Smith, Lori Sue McNeely, Kathy Boardman and Ann Kelly-Maguire. Donna Cormier will bring a case of water. (The list is also posted under each month on the Calendar page of the website, so you can always check there.)

Respectfully submitted,
Kristin Callahan, Secretary