

Hammersmith Quilters Guild Newsletter



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March 2018

For This Meeting

March 7, 2018

Program: Speaker Allison Wilbur: "Quilting as a Design Element"
Let your friends know about this program; the guest fee is \$10.

Show 'n' Tell: no

Fat Quarter: Florals (held over from February)

Refreshments: Janice Meade, Paula Fallon, Mary Fitzpatrick, Sue Bidollo, Dana Giunta, Ann Kelly-Maguire, Anne Smith, and Donna Cormier (water). And if any of February's snack providers want to bring a snack for this meeting, that would be fine! Those folks are Lauren Loughlin, Jean Balliro, John Balliro, Pam Strout, Ruth Ruggeri, Marcia Karalis, Pat Burwell, Carol d'Entremont, Sally Clapp, and Bernadette Reilly-Smorawski.

Creative Quiltworks: TWO projects due this month- Paper-pieced Heart project from February and Shamrock project for March

Raffle Quilt Blocks: If you took a color swatch to make a block for our raffle quilt and have not already handed in your block, please be sure to bring it to the March meeting.

President's Message: Martha Mazeika

Greetings!!

March is a quilting month for a few reasons. First, we start the month with a guild meeting and towards the end of the month is the weekend getaway. Also, the third Saturday of March (this year, March 17th) is National Quilting Day!!!! It is also St. Patrick's Day, so the luck is with us as well. [And see Member News for a chance to score FREE FABRIC on March 17th!] This is a month dedicated to stitching!!!! I wish you all happy stitches for the month. We have a program with Allison Wilbur at the meeting on the 7th. I look forward to hearing her stitching story.

NEEDED:

A volunteer to join the executive board as the new Program Chair! Julie has stepped down as the chair. Therefore, the guild needs a person to step up and fill this role. This person schedules speakers and organizes the program portion of the guild meetings. We have a schedule set for the rest of this year. Planning for next year will be the focus for the new program chair. Please, please, please, if you have any interest, call, email, or talk to me at the next meeting. If you are interested but do not know what to do, we have plenty of resources for you to use!

Always here to listen, talk, discuss, and answer questions.
See you all on March 7th!!

Martha

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Reminder of schedule for monthly meetings:

6:30pm Hall opens

7:00pm-7:30pm Business meeting and Raffles

7:45pm-8:45pm Speaker/Other Program/Show 'n' Tell (when applicable)

8:45pm-9:00pm Good byes and Clean up

Please clean your tables, throw away trash, and pick up your dessert containers at the end of the meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Carmen Arnone

The checkbook balance is \$21,441.11 as of Jan. 31, 2018. This includes over \$8,000 in getaway payments, which will be paid out to the Saco Ramada Inn and Conference Center.

Recently a donation of \$250 was sent to the New England Quilt Museum.

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

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

The following people will be bringing snacks for the March meeting: Janice Meade, Paula Fallon, Mary Fitzpatrick, Sue Bidollo, Dana Giunta, Ann Kelly-Maguire, Anne Smith, and Donna Cormier (water).

And if any of February's snack providers want to bring a snack for this meeting, that would be fine, too! Those folks are Lauren Loughlin, Jean Balliro, John Balliro, Pam Strout, Ruth Ruggeri, Marcia Karalis, Pat Burwell, Carol d'Entremont, Sally Clapp, and Bernadette Reilly-Smorawski.

Program Committee: Dottie Macomber and ???

March getaway weekend: We have a total of 48 people coming on the getaway, so we are filled to capacity! This number includes 41 guild members and 7 nonmember friends. It is shaping up to be a great time!

More information about the getaway schedule and quilt shops in the area is forthcoming and will be sent to attendees by early March. 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 and Thursday night dinner are not included in our package. Stay tuned!

I hope you all noticed Martha's call for a Program Chairperson. If you have any interest in deciding the activities for the guild for next year, this is the position for you! **You will not have to go it alone**; I am now on the committee and as I have served as the Program Chair in the past, I can help you. I know what you have to do; I just can't do it all myself as I have other duties in the guild. I have a wonderful list of teachers and speakers provided by the New England Quilt Museum, and the museum also holds an annual event called "Meet the Teachers", where you get to do just that: listen to about 40 speakers give a little blurb about what they offer for guild presentations and workshops, and you can pick up their business cards, flyers and other information. (If you don't know how to get to the museum or where to park, I could go with you- we could use my handicapped placard to park anywhere for free!)

Once the Executive Board determines the program budget for next year, we will know what we have to work with and can start planning speakers and other activities for monthly meetings. If you have an idea for a meeting activity that we haven't done lately, or haven't done at all, this is your chance to include it in our schedule! In the past, in addition to speakers, we've done things like charity sew-ins; a Teddy Bear picnic where we each brought teddy bears and decorated our tables (and stuffed charity bears, back when that was one of our activities); member demos; and Game Night like QUILT-O (sorry Linda Anthony; I know that's not your favorite!) and Left-Right-Center where we won fabric or other prizes.

The sky's the limit! This is your chance to influence what we do at monthly meetings, as well as to plan outside activities like bus trip Shop Hops and Saturday workshops or sew-ins.

This position can be shared; if there are two of you who would like to work together to co-chair this committee by all means, speak to Martha.

Even if you don't want to chair the committee, please consider volunteering to be a committee member. At times we have had as many as 5 or 6 people serving on the program committee, splitting up the tasks. The more the merrier; if we can divide up the duties, it makes it easier for all of us. We can meet at my house and kick ideas around; I'll even bake something tasty as an enticement!

If you have creative ideas for activities, this position is for you! If you don't feel as if you are that creative but would like to influence the speakers and other programs we have, this position is **still** for you! The sooner we fill this position, the sooner we can start planning next year's programs and activities. **WE NEED YOU!!** If we don't have programs, we don't have a guild. So please, speak to Martha or me about filling this very important position.

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

We received a nice Thank You note from The Home for Little Wanderers; we donated some of the stuffed holiday pillowcases to them. (Dottie tried to replicate the thank you note here but couldn't get it to save and copy. You can see a printout of it at next guild meeting.)

Just a reminder: we are still collecting quilts (any size) and pillowcases to be donated to various charities, and doll quilts (sized approximately 16" x 20") to be sold at our quilt show as a guild fund raiser. These can be brought to any guild meeting. If you have any questions about these items, contact any member of this committee.

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

The project to bring to the March meeting is a raw-edge fusible applique shamrock. Please complete a shamrock and incorporate it into a project and bring it to the March meeting. We used Sue Pelland's Hearts & More template and her Petite Leaves Galore template to make our shapes, but a page with the pattern and instructions is on the website (and included here with this newsletter for those of you who get your newsletter mailed to you, since our February meeting was canceled and you couldn't pick up the instructions).



Please bring the paper-pieced heart project (that was due in February) to the March meeting as well.

Two challenges due in March! Two chances to win a ribbon. Create!!

There will be ribbons for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place, and one winner will be chosen randomly from all entrants to receive a prize! Everyone is eligible to vote for their favorite, but only entrants will be eligible for ribbons or the raffle prize.

Please pick up directions for the next project from Ellen, Lynda or Kristin. The directions for the current project, as well as all the previous projects for this guild year, are available on the 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
 - Next meeting will be at the Weekend Getaway
- Thank you, thank you, thank you!!!! The blocks that have been returned are beautiful!!! All of the directions have been taken; thank you to members who are making the blocks!
- Don't forget to return the finished blocks at the March meeting!

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.

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

Holly Petersen has an exciting announcement for you all! Because she is moving again, she has to do some serious "de-stashing", and you're invited to help! Read her notice below and see how you can snag some **free fabric!**

Hi everyone,

I have to reduce my fabric stash and would like to offer my fabric to the members of the guild for **no cost**. I am going to have a destash at my home on Saturday, March 17th from 10 am - 1 pm. My fabric is all quality quilting cotton. You can take as much fabric as you would like. The only thing I ask is that you use some of the fabric (or some you already have) to make a donation quilt, pillowcase or doll quilt for the guild. Please email or call me to let me know if you would like to come so I know to expect you- and BYOB (bring your own bag). I will give you my address when you contact me.

hollypetersen@outlook.com or 617-755-2870

Thank you,

Holly

In the never-ending quest for non-slip rulers, member Janet Dalis, who gave us the idea she found on Pinterest of using clear Nexcare tape on the back of your rulers, has come up with her own idea. Here's what she says:

"This one is all mine. Rustoleum Clear Antislip! I cleaned my rulers thoroughly and sprayed one coat of the antislip on the back of them. Let them dry overnight. Voilà! Full adhesion antislip rulers for pennies instead of \$\$\$\$. Rulers lay flush on the fabric."



Disclaimer from Dottie: I have not tried this and am not sure if an oil-based product made for concrete, metal, ceramic and wood floors will react in time with the acrylic in our rulers; if I were a chemist I might know this stuff! If anyone is curious how this is working, I suggest you speak to Janet.

If anyone submits quilts to shows or fairs, or if you have any other quilting accomplishments to report, please send the information (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!

Send me your quilting tips, too! I will share them in the newsletter if there is room or on the website.

News Around the Guilds and at the New England Quilt Museum

The New England Quilt Museum has expanded its winter schedule and is open **Tuesday** 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 across from the Life Alive! restaurant.

The current exhibit in the main gallery is the 13th Quilt Nihon exhibit from Tokyo, "Quilts Japan", and it's an amazing collection of Japanese quilts. As usual, many Japanese quilters still do fine handquilting; and the details, composition, colors and fabrics used in the quilts are simply astounding. This is an exhibit you will not want to miss.

The classroom gallery contains an exhibit of the handquilted works of New Hampshire doctor and quilter, Gladi Porsche. This, too, is an amazing exhibit and one you will want to see.

Upcoming special event at the Museum:

Saturday, Mar. 3rd at 1:00 pm: Guest lecture by Allison Wilbur, "Japan: Tradition & Inspiration". Japan is home to the world's second largest quilting community and honors a rich history of textile traditions like shibori dyeing and sashiko stitching. This informative and entertaining lecture is offered by award-winning quilt artist, Allison Wilbur, who has lived and taught in Japan.

This program is free to museum members and are included in the price of admission for nonmembers.

Note: Allison is our guest speaker for our March 7th guild meeting, where she will be talking about quilting as a design element.

Quilt Museum Passes

Every year we get free passes to the museum because of our annual donation to them. I have received eight passes, each good for two people. One was spoken for even before I received them! But I have **seven passes left**; these expire on March 1, 2019, so you have plenty of time to use them. The first seven people to contact me by email mcandmac@comcast.net or phone 781-932-3602 can each have one. I will bring them to the March guild meeting.

For those of you who are not attending our getaway weekend March 23rd-25th, don't despair. You can still get a quilting "fix" by attending the **Amoskeag Quilters Guild quilt show** at Manchester Memorial High School in Manchester, NH, that Saturday and Sunday. See the Bulletin Board page of our website for more information.

The **Schoolhouse Shop Hop** is also that same weekend. I have gone on this several times- and bought WAY more great stuff than I need! The shops are super and each has its own personality and offerings of fabric, kits, notions, etc. Go to www.schoolhouseshophop.com to check it out, to learn about the five shops included in the hop, and to find out the times for each day, Friday March 23rd- Sunday March 25th. If you get an early start and pace yourself, it is possible to do all the shops in one day. By the end, you'll be tired- but happy!

Respectfully submitted,
Dottie Macomber, Secretary