

Hammersmith Quilters Guild Newsletter



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First The important Stuff

May 4, 2016

Program- "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. Speaker guest fee is \$10.00.

Show and Tell= no

Vendor= Linda Ramrath will be selling her patterns.

Bring Fat Quarter= florals

Quiltworks= string pieced block of the month, and 2.5 inch squares.

Raffle Baskets for Quilt show=The Raffle Baskets make money at the Quilt show for the guild. We need a variety of baskets of different themes. We are asking for groups or individuals to donate a completed basket or items to help make a basket. We would like to ask everyone to donate a Fat Quarter (of good quality fabric not Jo-Ann's fabrics) to make up a Raffle basket. Please see Linda Reppucci or Judy Massakowski. We also have a new member of the guild who is assisting, Martha Mazeika.

Just a reminder: as outlined in the March newsletter, the Executive Board is recommending "Ought to Pass" on a proposal to increase the annual dues by \$5.00. This will be discussed and voted on at our May meeting.

The next Quilt Show Meeting will be at Panera Bread in Saugus from 7pm-9pm on June 8th.

If you are 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.

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

April

Treasurers Report = as of 3/31/16 balance was \$ 11,227.48.

Presidents Message: Joyce Rodenhiser and Margie Berkowitch

Presidents' Message-

The children at the Saugus Public Library have been sewing for about 40 hours, all totaled! During this time they have made many projects, thanks to the generosity of women who have donated fabric for them to sew. They learned to sew by hand, making bags, potholders, pin cushions, sunglass cases, etc. Now they are learning to quilt and are completing table runners. These series of lessons will culminate as they complete a bigger quilt to donate to a medical facility and then they will make a quilt for themselves from 5" squares. They come in with great enthusiasm and a willingness to keep at it - some can now go to the sewing machine without supervision!! It's a delight to watch them grow in this respect!

We are planning to display their work at the quilt show in October. We will also offer you the chance to show your young person's completed quilt if you would like to do so. (It's in the works!)

Also in the works is the possibility of having the donation of three sewing machines to keep at the library. We are excited at the prospect!

May all your sewing be stitch ripper free!

Respectfully submitted, Margie Berkowitch and Joyce Rodenhiser

Program Committee: Irene Dwyer

Program Notes-

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 Committee: Gretchen B. and Marsha P. Mug Rug Swap: Holly P.

Creative Quilt Works Information-

The Creative Quiltworks Committee has several activities planned for next year. We will start registering members at the May and June meetings so we will know how much material to provide. We will be asking members to sign up for the following:

1. Our summer project will also be on display at the quilt show. We will be making "Inspirational Quilts". As you sign up, you will pick a word out of the hat and be asked to make a quilt no bigger than 36"x36" inspired by that word.

2. Starting in the fall, we will be making polaroid blocks. These are blocks mimicking polaroid photographs, made by fussy-cutting novelty fabric. We will place participants in groups of 4 or 5, and blocks will be traded in each group. Details will follow. In the end, you will have 12 blocks to make a calendar quilt. We will provide

the solid white fabric so all whites are the same. Search online Polaroid quilt block for ideas.

3. In the fall, we will also provide instructions for a mystery quilt. In order to know how many copies of instructions to make, we will need a head count of how many people are interested.

Please remember your string blocks you have made for the May meeting.

Member News and Events

Member news-

Gail Dwyer sends this note:

Quilters' Connection is presenting their 1st Annual Auction

Monday Night, May 9th

The Conference Center at Bentley – The Executive Dining Room in the LaCava Building

25 Forest Street, Waltham

Preview at 6:30 pm – Auction to start at 7pm.

The Auction will feature several quilts from well-known local artists, as well as many other items – fabrics, totes, and an array of "gotta haves". We are also featuring one extremely large raffle basket --estimated value is over \$250.00. There will be other raffles and a Chinese auction.

You won't want to miss this event

Free Admission and Free Parking

Handicap accessible

See the **Bulletin Board** section on our website for other shows and activities, including an auction of quilted items presented by the North Parish Quilters on May 11th.

Hostess Coordinator: Julie Legere

Hostess memo-

"Be Green and bring your own mug!"

May hostesses- Elfriede, Gangemi, Gail Dwyer, Paula Fallon, Lynda Garniss, Julie Legere, Carol Swindell, Jane Davenport and Rebecca Mohammadi. Donna Cormier will bring a case of water.

Respectfully submitted,
Kristin Callahan, Secretary