

Hammersmith Quilters Guild Newsletter



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First The important Stuff

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Program: Member Demos, see Program section

Vendor: None

Show 'n' Tell: None, due to time needed for demos and elections

Fat Quarter: Animal prints

News: Dottie Macomber

Member News from Dottie:

Someone asked at the April meeting if I will be collecting **dues for 2017-18** at the May meeting, because she will not be here in June. Yes, I can do that. If you will not be at the June meeting and would like to pay your dues in May, please bring cash or a check made out to HQG, \$25 for Seniors age 70 and older, \$30 for all others.

Quilts of Valor:

Darlene Coit, regional coordinator for Quilts of Valor, received the 98 blocks that we made at the Getaway, and she was absolutely thrilled! This is enough for Darlene's "army of volunteers" to make several Quilts of Valor. Six more blocks were turned in at the April meeting, and these will also be delivered to Darlene. Remember, we will accept blocks at any time. They should be 12 ½" and made of any red, white and/or blue fabrics; the fabrics do not have to be patriotic prints. However, please use fabrics that are gender-neutral and military-branch-neutral in order not to restrict who the quilts can be given to. (For example, there are great fabrics out there for the various branches of the military, but please do not use them here. And please don't use overly floral fabrics because, again, this may restrict who can receive these quilts.) Any block patterns will do; you do not have to use stars, but those are popular blocks for these quilts.

For more information, go to www.qovf.org. You may also make an entire quilt top, if you like. These are given to longarm quilters who do the quilting for QOV.

We plan to have Darlene set up at our next quilt show in the fall of 2018, and we would like to have her present a quilt to one or more veterans or active service members, as she did for Carmen Arnone's husband at the 2016 show. **If you have a family member or relative who is or was in any branch of the armed forces and you would like to have them presented with a Quilt of Valor at our 2018 show, please see Merle Gordon, who is our guild's liaison to Darlene.** She will let you know what information Darlene needs in order to plan her presentation.

Annual Business Meeting

At our May guild meeting, we will be voting on the slate of officers who will serve for the next two years, beginning on July 1st. The candidates are as follows:

President: Martha Mazeika

Vice President: Gail Dwyer

Secretary: Dottie Macomber

Treasurer: Carmen Arnone

Program Chair: Susan Tamulaitis

Member-at-Large: Sally Nimblett

The business meeting will continue at the June guild meeting, when we will vote on the proposed

amendments to our bylaws.

Last meeting

Treasurers Report = As of March 31, 2017 we had \$ in our treasury.

Presidents Message: Joyce Rodenhiser and Margie Berkowitch

Getting down to the wire - to the end of my term as President! So, this month I want to express my thanks to all who have worked diligently to make the Hammersmith Quilters Guild a success.

I am so grateful for Dottie Macomber - ever vigilant and forthcoming - helpful to all - a true Member-at-Large! And, the best care taker of the best web pages!!

Likewise, we can all be grateful for Anne Smith - for her expertise in the accounting area, for her honesty and transparency -sincerely truthful on all fronts.

A big thank you to Kristin Callahan - collector and distributor of the minutes and of the news! Each month we knew exactly what we needed to bring to the meeting (in seconds!) and we knew what was going on thanks to Kristin's capabilities.

We give our gratitude to Julie Legere who served as Vice President and stepped in with abilities and class wherever she was needed.

We are truly grateful to Irene Dwyer. She found us speakers of the highest quality which made our meetings so worthwhile and educated, inspired and drew in new members. Member led meetings were of the highest quality as well.

My heartfelt appreciation to Margie Berkowitch who is always beside me, capably helpful, with the best suggestions and so much wisdom. She is also our invaluable link to the Senior Center!

To Gretchen Berkowitch - we're thankful for your compassion and your knowledge of where we can help. Gretchen chaired two committees. We saw Holly Peterson and Marsha Karalis for Creative Quilt Works having fun as we made Pot Pies, Ladders, Polaroids, etc. Sally Nimblett, Louise Nazzaro, Sheila Darcy, Julia Legere, and Carol Swindell and Gretchen collected pillow cases and quilts for charitable distribution. Thank you all!

Carol MacRae, Dana Giunta, Maureen Ward, Nita Penfold, Martha Borkan, (Janice Moore), and Mary Fitzpatrick - we owe you all a debt of gratitude for taking care of raffles, name badge, fat quarters and for greeting us with a smile as we entered each meeting. (Linda Anthony and Ellen Moore, as well, for substituting.)

Also, we recognize and thank Martha Mazieka for chairing refreshments. So nice to count on you and your teams each month.

And, now gratefully for us, Martha steps in as President in September and we look forward to your capable leadership.

We are truly blessed.

Respectfully submitted, Joyce Rodenhiser

Program Committee: Irene Dwyer

The Workshop previously planned for May turned out to be too difficult to manage in a large group; instead, the May Program will feature Member Demonstrations:

Linda Anthony "Expand Your Fabric"

Linda will demonstrate how her almost-magical (really, just fabulous mathematics) formula can "expand" that last bit of fabric to finish up a project.

Margarita Blyumkina "Kaleidoscopes"

Margarita is going to show us some amazing designs that combine unusual hexagons with applique.

Irene Dwyer "A Slice of Jelly Roll"

Irene will demonstrate how to make a lap quilt by seaming and slicing a Jelly Roll.

Beverly McGrath "Make a Scene"

Bev is going to show us how she assembles the miniature landscapes we have admired.

Because we have Elections as well as a full program schedule in May, we will not have "Show and

Tell" until June.

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

Donation Committee: Gretchen B, Julie L, Sheila D, Sally N, Louise N & Carol S.

We have an urgent need for quilts. We have 101 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: Gretchen B. and Marsha K. Mug Rug Swap: Holly P.

Member News and Events

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 are in need of 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: Martha Mazeika

A riddle to start...

If April showers bring May flowers, what do May flowers bring...

Riddle aside, May is the last month guild members bring in treats until next year. June we will have our traditional ice cream party. Thank you to all who have brought in treats throughout the year! And thank you to the following guild members who signed up to bring treats for May!!

Margie Berbowitz Nancy Monkiewicz Lynda Garniss Lesley Pew Barbara Adler
Sally A. Nimblett Jean Balliro Ann Ambrose Pat McIntire Donna Cormier (water)

See you all on May 3rd!!!! Martha Mazeika Hostess (413)250-5449

Respectfully submitted,
Kristin Callahan, Secretary