

Hammersmith Quilters Guild Newsletter



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November 2017

*****For This Meeting*****

November 1, 2017

Program: Speaker: Nancy Turbitt with a trunk show of her work. **Guest fee for this meeting is \$10.**

Show 'n' Tell: **No**

Fat Quarter: **Autumn Colors**

Refreshments: The following members have signed up to bring snacks for the November meeting: Millie Becker, Betty Carr, Donna Lynn, Dottie Macomber, Rosie Graham, Gail Dwyer, Maureen Maher, Gerry McCaul, Lauren Loughlin, Pam Moriarty, and Donna Cormier (water).

Creative Quiltworks: If you made a hexie project, be sure to bring it to this meeting. See below.

Charity Donations: Be sure to bring your winter-themed pillowcases, as well as any gifts from the Post-it notes you took at the October meeting.

President's Message: Martha Mazeika

Greetings from your president, Martha!

As a way to hear other voices about quilting, there are quilting blogs to review. These blogs are about design, techniques, a quilter's journey, and many other topics. I found these 2 websites a practical way to find quilt bloggers one might want to follow. It is always fun to explore other voices in quilting. And this might inspire some of you to start your own blog.

<http://www.quilterblogs.com/>

<http://www.quiltersreview.com/our-8-favorite-quilting-blogs/>

I am looking forward to our speaker, Nancy Turbitt, in November. She will be doing a lecture and trunk show about her history as a Quilt Artist. You can review some of her work on her website, <http://www.nancyturbitt.com/home222.html> There is a class on Thursday, November 2nd, at Julie's house where Nancy will discuss how to use fabric markers and pens to enhance and design.

We will have a Show & Tell at the December meeting so I hope you all will have projects to share with the guild. In addition, we will have an executive board meeting soon. Once the date, time and location has been set, a message will be sent to you all.

Always here to listen, talk, discuss, and answer questions.

See you all on November 1st!

Martha

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Treasurer's Report: Carmen Arnone

As of October 15, we had \$14,629.27 in our treasury.

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. Bottom line: no receipt, no reimbursement!

Membership: Sally Nimblett

Seventy-six people signed in at the October meeting- great attendance! Four of those were guests. There may have been more, as the hall looked full to the gills! Please be sure to sign in each month as you come in. We like to keep attendance records for the following reasons: 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

There will be a sign-up sheet at the refreshment table where you can sign up for your contribution to our **annual potluck supper** at the December meeting. Sign up to bring your favorite potluck food in one of the following categories: Appetizers; Salads; Main Dishes; or Desserts. And if you'd like to share your recipe, bring a copy to give to Dottie, who will post some new recipes on our website!

Program Committee: Julie Legere

By now, those of you who have signed up for the workshop with Nancy Turbitt on November 2 should have received the supply list and made your choice of which kit you want for the workshop. For more information, contact me at jlegere3@comcast.net or 781-558-1915.

I have started to accept **deposits for the Getaway weekend** at the Ramada Inn and Conference Center in Saco, Maine, on March 23-25, 2018. The deposit is non-refundable unless we can get someone to take your spot. You can pay the \$50 deposit in cash or by check made out to HQG or Hammersmith Quilters Guild; I need your deposit by the November meeting so we can open up any remaining spaces to nonmembers. More information on the final cost will follow soon. As was the case last year, there will be an option to add Thursday night to your stay.

If you are interested in presenting a class or a demo at our getaway, please speak to me so I can plan a time for that to happen.

We will be having a **Yankee gift swap at the December meeting**. This will not be limited to fabric. Instead, we are asking you to bring any quilty or sewing-related gift with a value between \$10 and \$20. Wrap your gift and bring it to the meeting. In the interest of time, we will each take a gift and will then do the usual "Yankee Swap" thing at our tables.

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

Of 147 pillowcases donated to the Nashua, NH Boys & Girls Club Bereavement Group, HQG donated 15 pillowcases. This is a bereavement group for children who have lost a loved one to a heroin overdose. They meet at the Barbara C. Harris Retreat Center in Greenfield, NH every other month.

On Saturday November 25, 2017, "elves" will be stuffing pillowcases with goodies. Volunteers are needed. Please email me gabrncs@yahoo.com if you would like to volunteer. We will be meeting at 10 A.M. at Blessed Sacrament Church, 14 Summer Street in Saugus.

Please remember to bring your donated items and pillowcases to the November meeting. The pillowcases can be winter themed, Christmas themed or Chanukah themed. Place your post-it inside the bag of goods. The post-it has the age range, gender and # of items needed. Many of the items can be bought at the dollar store. Louise Nazzaro will be collecting the items. I presently have about 65 pillowcases, but more would be great. Thanks to everyone for your contributions.

Please remember your donation quilts as well.

The stuffed pillowcases will be donated to DCF and to Salem Children's Hospital. If we have enough filled pillowcases for a third charity, we can donate to that charity as well. If anyone has another charity to suggest, please forward the information to me (Gretchen).

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

Please bring in your hexie project and place it on our table for the vote during the meeting's break. You will be given a number for your entry and a raffle ticket.

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

Please pick up directions for the next project from Ellen, Lynda or Kristin. The directions for hexies, as well as the directions for October's yo-yos, are also available on the guild website under the Newsletter tab.

Last month we had a good number of very diverse and creative yo-yo entries. Jane Amato won First Place in the Members' Choice voting for her stunning Halloween tree! Carmen Arnone and Joyce Rodenhiser won Second and Third Place, respectively.



Jane Amato and her 1st place Yo-Yo creation!

2018 Quilt Show Committee: Martha Mazeika & Linda Reppucci

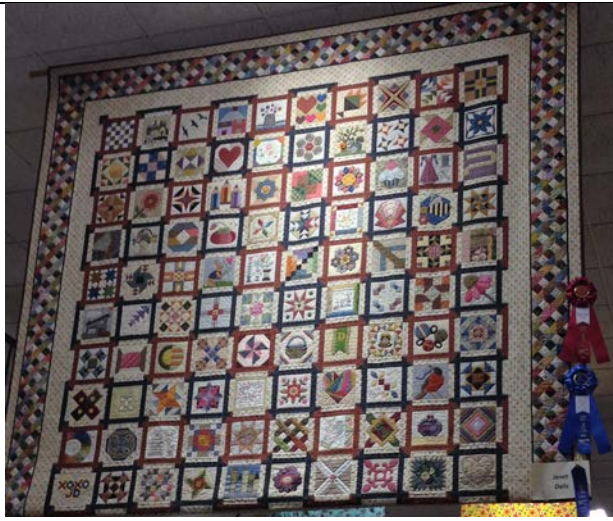
Martha and Linda have been busy reviewing the documents from past shows. We have decided on Tula Pink's City Sampler – Gridlock as the pattern for our raffle quilt. We have 2 options for the color scheme, rainbow and color to white. An email will be sent to you all with a link to a survey to choose the color design and to submit your name if you would like to be part of the committee to work on the 2018 Raffle Quilt. You will also have an opportunity to sign up for other committees for the quilt show. The survey and quilt show committee signup information will be mailed to those members without email.

Minutes of Previous Meetings: 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; see Dottie if you would like to review these reports.

Member News: Dottie Macomber

I was happy to see that Hammersmith was well represented in the quilting and handicrafts department at this year's Topsfield Fair. All the entries I saw from our guild received either a First Place or Second Place ribbon! And following her success at the Mancuso Show in Manchester, Janet Dalis received three ribbons at Topsfield on that same quilt: a regular blue ribbon, a Rosette for Best in Show, and another Rosette for Committee's Choice! Well done to all our members who entered, and I apologize if I missed anyone and for the quality of the photos: I practically had to lie on the floor to get photos! The angle at which they hang the quilts relative to each other makes photography very challenging. (I wonder if anyone in our guild knows someone in charge at the Fair and can speak to them about this? I know that hanging all the quilts and, at the same time, keeping them safe during the show is a challenge, but it would be nice if they were displayed to better advantage.)



Janet Dalis- Best of Show, Committee's Choice and 1st Place ribbon



Jerry Becker- 2nd Place ribbon



Millie Becker- 2nd Place ribbon



Margie Berkowitch- 1st Place ribbon



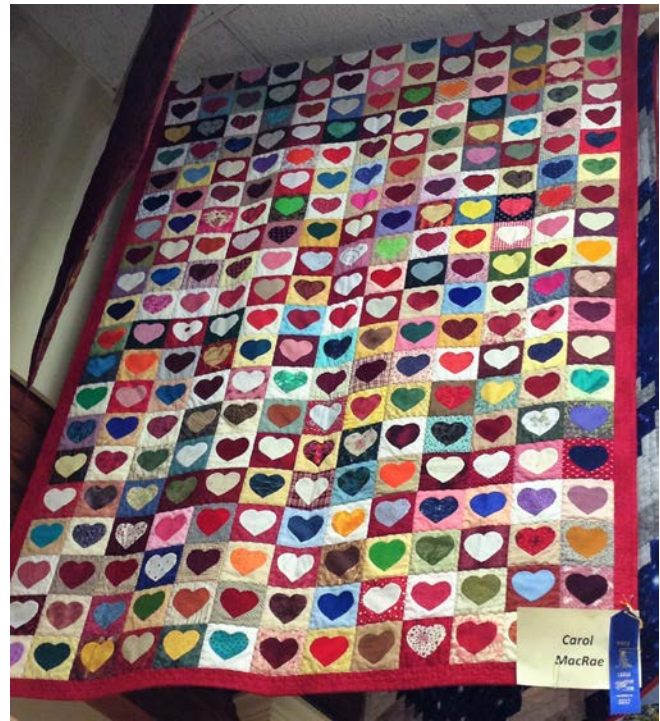
Heidi August- 1st Place ribbon



Liz Coviello- 2nd Place ribbon



Carol MacRae- 1st Place ribbon



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Ellen Moore- 2nd Place ribbon



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I apologize if I missed anyone. If you had an item in the fair and I didn't include it here, please let me know and I will include the information in the next newsletter. Send a picture if you have it!

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

News Around the Guilds and at the New England Quilt Museum

Nimble Thimble's Annual Auction will be held on Tuesday night, October 24th at the Crystal Community Club, 77 Preston St. Wakefield. Lots of yardage, UFO's, FQ's, etc. Add to your stash and grab a bargain! Based on feedback from last year, there are no minimum bids; starting price will be based on attendee feedback.

Our goal this year is to limit the quantity of items for the live auction to 60; all other fabrics and goods will be available for a "Grab N Go" shopping experience which will begin at 6:30. These items are on a first come, first served basis. Registration for attendees begins when the doors open at 6:30. Each person will be assigned a paddle number and can then take advantage of the Grab N Go fabrics and goods at pre-set prices.

The Live Auction (and competitive fun) begins promptly at 7 PM and we share many laughs. Try to win that item you most want with the highest bid. Please bring a bag to carry home your items. Charge cards are not accepted; this is a cash or check only shopping experience. Admission is free and we welcome you to bring a friend and make new ones.

Karen M King kjimking@excite.com

There is a Brown Bag Lecture (meaning that you may bring your lunch if you like and eat while you listen to the lecture) at the New England Quilt Museum in Lowell on Thursday, November 2 at 12:30. The title is "A Career Retrospective with Holic Turnbow." Holic will be discussing his career of more than 40 years in the quilting world.

Also at the Museum, there will be a free lecture on Saturday, November 4 at 11 AM. The subject of this lecture is "The Sexual Politics of Women's Fashion in the 19th Century."

Respectfully submitted,
Dottie Macomber, Secretary