

Hammersmith Quilters Guild Newsletter



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October 2015

First The important Stuff

October 7th

Program= Speaker Diane Loomis and her Antique Baltimore Album Quilts

Show and Tell= none, because we have a speaker.

Vendor=Quilters' Quarters and Wooden Toy & Gift, both from Georgetown, MA

Bring Fat Quarter= Blue

Raffle tickets= Buy some! Prizes to be even more exciting!

Membership= Last month our attendance was 70, which included one guest and FIVE new members who joined that night! We also met several new members who joined in the spring or over the summer. If you did not pick up your membership card in September, please see Dottie when you sign in. Also, new members who did not get a guild tote bag and pin last month will get them, too, when they sign in.

Monthly Activities Committee: Chair=Julie Legere

Tables and Food-

Hostess=Julie Legere

Raffle=Maureen Ward and Dana Giunta

Name Badge=Carol MacRae and Mary Fitzpatrick

Fat Quarter=Jane Amato and Martha Borkan, Carol Blois filled in for Martha in September. Thank you!

Last meeting

September 2nd-

Treasurers Report = as of 8/31/15 balance was \$12,381.67.

Presidents Message: Joyce Rodenhiser and Margie B

President's Message-

It was like a beehive in the main room at 466 Central Street, Saugus, on September 2nd! So many people working and so many people taking part in the various projects! Thanks to you all!

It was so good to see you all! Yes, we have our family and friends and summer things that are fun to do together. Yet, there is a great kinship among quilters. People seem to be so happy to find other quilters! We have the same ups and downs with sewing machines and stitch rippers! We have similar joy at finding fabric we cannot live without! We share kindred pleasures at seeing finished work..." a thing of beauty is a joy forever."

This is our 34th year at Hammersmith - that's SO much fun and accomplishment. Congratulations to all the newcomers and to those of you who have sustained this Guild all these years! Here's to 134 more good years!

Did you love the ornaments? They looked so pretty. Picture them on a tree at the Festival of Lights in the MEG Building in December! Thanks to Gretchen, Sue and Dottie and their committees and to all of you who did the sewing - lots of effective work.

On October 14th, a Wednesday, Margie and I will begin sewing classes at the Saugus Public Library at 3:30.

If you know any children - Grade 2 and older- who want to join us, please bring them! For adults, classes are at the Saugus Senior Center every Monday morning at 9:30, taught by Margie.

Respectfully submitted, Joyce Rodenhiser

Program Committee: Irene Dwyer

Program Notes-

Irene needs 1-2 people to help with program. Please consider!

Programs for 2015 – 2016

October 2015

Antique Baltimore Album Quilts – Diane Loomis

Diane will take you on an expertly guided tour of antique Baltimore Album Quilts. Over 100 detailed photographs let you see the beauty of each quilt and details of the individual applique blocks - close enough to see every stitch! We'll learn to identify similarities and differences between quilts made in the mid-19th century and the quilts we make today. Diane will also have blocks, tops and quilts for us to examine.

Irene will begin taking signups for a workshop to be held in November by our November speaker, Kris Poor, on making a molded poinsettia-shaped fabric bowl! The November 14th workshop fee is \$20 and the 3-hour workshop is limited to 12 participants. In addition to the workshop fee, a materials fee of \$15 is payable to Kris the morning of the workshop; this fee covers the cost of the pattern (which retails for \$9.00, a sheet of Inn-Spire Plus stiff fusible (which retails for \$8.00), the freezer paper pattern, and a pin back if you want to make a brooch-sized poinsettia.

Thank you, Irene

Donation Committee: Julie Legere and Sheila Darcy

Donation Committee News-

October

1. There will be a post it board of needed donations for the Christmas stockings
2. Start to collect Christmas Stockings
3. Continue to collect pillowcases and quilts
4. Sign up to stuff stockings for November

November

1. Final collection of Christmas Stockings
2. Collection of stocking stuffers
3. Sign up to stuff stockings
4. Continue to collect quilts and pillows

December

1. Bring food pantry items
2. Continue to collect quilts and pillowcases

Fabric donation- There will be a cutting table if anyone is willing to make quilts and pillowcases for donation out of the recent fabric donation from Anne's.

Parkinson's Comfort Quilt Directions-36-40 inches wide by 60-70 inches long. Please use all cotton fabric for top, backing, and binding from your smoke-free stash. Flannel is great for backing if you have it. Please use all cotton batting so that we can safely iron our Parkinson's Comfort Project label on the back. Use any pattern you choose.

Creative Quilt Works Committee: Gretchen B. and Marsha K.

Mug Rug Swap: Holly P.

Creative Quilt Works Information-

October through December will trade 2.5 inch squares. A note to all participating. There is no due date for finished quilts. The committee thought this would be the project to work on through the guild season. Ideally it will be nice to see some finished projects at the June meeting. No pressure though....this was meant to be fun!!!! January we will start doing a block of the month.

2 ½ inch challenge: We will continue to exchange the 2 ½ inch squares during each meeting. You will get back the same amount of bags that you bring in to exchange. Any participant who makes scrap exchanges during the meetings will be eligible to win some scrap bags to add to their stash. Each bag should contain either: 25 different 2 ½ inch square of fabric or 5 sets of 5 different fabric. All bags need to have 25 squares total.

Mug Rug / Candle Mat Swap-

Swap partner names will meet your mug rug partner at the October meeting. The idea is to get to know someone in the guild. Please take a few minutes to ask your swap partner what colors or fabric choices they like or any other information that might help you in creating your mug rug. You will then create a mug rug to swap with that person in the December meeting. Pinterest has many different mug rug/candle mat ideas to help with your creation.

Member News and Events

Member news-

***Joyce Rodenhiser** was honored with *Woman of the Year* at Founder's Day.

***Margarita Blyumkina** is having a Quiltmaking Workshop at the Abbott Public Library in Marblehead on September 27th at 1:30 pm. Sign up at 781-631-1480.

***Peace Quilts**-Thank You Hammersmith members for your generous donations to Peace Quilts Haiti over the past several years. I thought you would like to know a little more about the program you have helped support.



Peace Quilts is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, economic organization relieving poverty in Haiti by establishing and supporting independent, member-owned women's sewing cooperatives in Haiti. Currently, Peace Quilts works has approximately 100 women organized into cooperatives in Lilavois, Damassin, Saut-D'eau, and Cité Soleil, Port-au-Prince. Peace Quilts was founded by Massachusetts resident Jeanne Staples. The New England Quilt Museum has provided support by having a show of Peace Quilt's works.

Peace Quilts provides training, materials, supplies, marketing assistance, and educational opportunities to its members and also markets their one-of-a-kind art quilts and a product line of affordable sewn items which are sold in retail shops and online. Peace Quilts goal is to help each cooperative become self-sustaining.

Go online (haitipeacequilts.org) to see wonderful examples of the work produced by Peace Quilts members.

Then take a minute to realize that these talented quilters work on old treadle machines because electricity is generally unavailable and erratic at best.

Take another minute to realize that these talented quilters cannot buy any of the materials that go into their work: there are few stores and none of them are quilt shops. The women tie most quilts and the cotton floss we can buy for \$1.00 or less is not available on the island and "...would be worth its weight in gold if it were." (Jeanne Staples).

I have been collecting material and notions for Peace Quilts for the past six or seven years and through the generosity of Hammersmith members I have been able to forward at least 500 yards of cloth and bags full of floss, thread, rulers and the like.

Thank you again, Irene

***Long Arm Quilt Club** interested members please contact Kristin Callahan klcquilts@msn.com.

***Jean Balliro** made a request for donations of fabric, thread and notions for a Home Economics teacher in Southern NH. She will bring in a basket for us to add things to.

Hostess: Lesley Pew

Hostess memo-

We have a Keurig stored in our storage bin. Please bring your own K cups and mug! Be **"GREEN"**!

October hostesses-

Merle Gordon

Paula Grenier

Louise Nazzaro

Betty Carr

Respectfully submitted,
Kristin Callahan, Secretary