

Hammersmith Quilters Guild Newsletter



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Until the Governor's restrictions on indoor gatherings are relaxed and the Senior Center opens, we will not be able to meet in person. Until you hear otherwise, assume that in-person monthly meetings are canceled.

We will be holding our next virtual meeting on Wednesday, May 5th, at 7 p.m. A link to the meeting will be emailed to you several days before the meeting. Thirty-five people signed in for our April 7th meeting!

President's Message

Greetings!

I am glad we have been able to meet virtually this year. We have been doing a great job with staying in touch with each other through our virtual meetings, virtual sit & sews, the Facebook page, the newsletters, and the emails that go out. Thank you for your continued participation in these events. If you have other ideas, please let us know.

Are you fully vaccinated, want to meet face to face for a sit & sew? Remember, Rosie Graham is hosting a quilter "vaccination pod" of up to 10 quilters every month at her house. The theme of this pod is to make blocks for Quilts of Valor. If anyone is interested or if you need more information, contact Rosie at rosalene@aol.com. There might be other opportunities as more of us get vaccinated. If you would like to host a quilting pod, please let me know. No social distancing and no masks required unless the host deems it necessary. Themes can be part of these pods if the host would like.

Send me your answers to the following prompt and I will share them at the next guild meeting:
Something I would put in a time capsule to commemorate my quilt making is...

May's Virtual Sit & Sew will be on Sunday, May 16th from 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm. Feel free to join for the entire time or just stop in and say hello! The ZOOM link will be sent out closer to the date of the event. I hope to see you there!

Always here to listen, talk, discuss, and answer questions.
Stay safe and healthy!!

Martha

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Treasurer's Report: Carmen Arnone

As of April 7th, the balance in the guild treasury is \$13,871.80.

Membership: Sally Nimblett

If you have a change of contact information (address, phone, email), please be sure to let me know so we can keep our membership list up to date in order to keep you informed. Check your information on the list that Dottie sent out recently. **Likewise, if you have decided not to renew your membership, please let me know that so I can invite a person from the waiting list to join the guild.** We currently have two people on the waiting list.

Any payments already made between spring of 2020 and now will be credited to your 2021-2022 dues. (Regular dues are \$30, or \$25 for age 70 and over.) Please make your check out to HQG or Hammersmith Quilters Guild and mail it to Sally Nimblett, 22 Pleasant Park Rd, Winthrop, MA 02152

Note: Dues for the 2021-2022 guild year MUST be paid by June 30th for you to be a member in good standing and for you to participate in the Bylaws voting at our anticipated September in-person meeting! If you have not paid your dues by June 30th and show up at the September meeting, you will be assessed a \$5 guest fee in addition to your dues if you want to be reinstated. PLEASE do not put this off. Send in your dues now if you have not already done so. If you don't know if you owe dues, contact me, Sally at snimblett@verizon.net or 617-970-2148 and ask.

Program Committee: Gail Dwyer and Dottie Macomber

We are planning to hold our next Quilting Getaway Weekend in March of 2022! Dottie has been in touch with the Ramada Inn in Saco, Maine; they have Thursday, March 17 through Sunday, March 20, 2022 (four days, three nights) reserved for our next getaway weekend! The hotel will contact Dottie later this summer or early this fall once they have finalized the room rates for next year. Signups will be sometime in late fall, early winter. Stay tuned!

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

Nothing new here; just keep making your donation quilts and pillowcases. Once we can start meeting in person, Gretchen will establish a donation schedule based on alphabetical order by members' last names so she is not inundated with all your donated items all at once!! Thank you for your continued support.

Creative Quiltworks Committee: Kristin Callahan & Ellen Moore

The project for May is a Dress Form pincushion. You may leave it plain or dress it up! The directions are on the newsletter page of the website; they are being mailed to those members without internet access. Here is Kristin's pincushion before and after embellishing (front and back):



Notice: Kristin and Ellen have been in charge of CQW for several years now and would like to retire from that job. Thanks to them for a job well done; we appreciate their efforts. They are asking for a new person, pair, or team to take over this committee. The duties include coming up with a project each month that the guild members can make if they choose; this project does not have to directly relate to quilting but should be a sewing project. One year we made a block a month and at the end sewed them into “fidget” quilts for nursing homes/memory care units. Another year, many of the projects were pincushions of various kinds. During yet another year, each month we were challenged with learning a new technique such as double prairie points, clamshells, English paper piecing, foundation paper piecing, etc., and incorporating that technique into a project of our choosing. As you can see, this is pretty wide open. So if you would like to take over this job starting in July (with the first project due for our September meeting), please contact one of the following:
Martha Mazeika marthamazeika@gmail.com or Kristin at klcquilts@msn.com or Dottie at mcandmac@comcast.net

You must be able to email the directions for the project to Dottie each month for inclusion on the website or in the newsletter. The project should not just be a link to a project on another website, as we have several members who do not have email or the internet and need to be able to receive a hard copy of the directions from Dottie when she mails the newsletter to them. So if you like the guild providing this activity, get together with a friend or two and volunteer to be our next Creative QuiltWorks committee. If you are interested but do not have a friend to partner with on this, let Martha know and she can pair you with someone else who wants to do this job for the guild. **We need volunteers in order for this to continue. This is important; if no one volunteers to take over this activity, it goes away after June!**

Block of the Month (BOM): Kathy Connors and Lucille McCarthy

Congratulations to Nancy Sandreuter, who won the Spring Flower blocks in March. Fifteen people participated and submitted a total of 32 blocks. Here are the blocks that Nancy won:



Now she is just trying to figure out what to do with them all!

The directions for the May block, “Tulip”, are up on the website and are being mailed to those without internet access. Look on the Newsletter page of the website to find the directions. These blocks will be due by May 5th. For each block you submit, you get one chance to win all the blocks! As in April, **please mail your blocks to Dottie Macomber or drop them off at her house, 9 Fletcher Rd, Woburn, MA 01801.** Dottie will pick the winner during our online May 5th meeting; you need not be at the meeting in order to win.

Quilts of Valor: Merle Gordon

The need remains for **blocks** to be made into quilts for veterans through the Quilts of Valor program, so if anyone wants to make any 12 ½” blocks out of red, white and blue fabrics, Merle will accept them any time. You can mail them to Merle at 15 Pleasant Ave., Saugus, MA 01906 or you can call Merle to let her know that you have blocks you’d like to drop off. Her number is 781-233-6125.

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, are available for your perusal at monthly guild meetings (or by email on request until we can meet again in person).

As the Secretary, I am in charge of the **Sunshine and Shadow** “committee”. If you know of any member who has suffered a serious illness or accident, has had a death in the family, or needs cheering up for any other reason, please let me know so I can send them a card on behalf of the guild: 781-932-3602 or mcandmac@comcast.net

Bev McGrath would like to express a very grateful “thank you” to everyone who sent cards and messages on the loss of her son.

Member Photos



Betty Carr’s daughter sent along these photos of a quilt that Betty made recently. I forgot to put them in the April newsletter. Sorry, Betty!!



Pictured above are a tote bag and a zippered pouch that Nancy Sandreuter made as a result of a challenge by the Bits 'n' Pieces quilt shop in Pelham, NH. Forty-four people participated. Each participant received a packet containing 20 WOF strips, each 7" wide; they had to make something using all 20 fabrics. It could be anything and you could use a supplemental fabric if desired. Nancy "made" fabric alternating the provided fabrics with strips of black and created a bag using quilt-as-you-go on Bosal fusible foam. The fabrics that Nancy did not want to use on the outside were used as the lining!



Several members have completed a top for the mystery quilt coordinated recently by Kristin Callahan. Ellen Moore made the one on the left, and Merle Gordon made the purple one on the right.



Mystery quilts by Louise Nazzaro (left) and Jean Balliro (right)



Margie and Gretchen Berkowitch also made the mystery quilt (photos above).



Sally Nimblett was busy making 6 Easter baskets for her granddaughters. Ellen Moore made the quilt above called "Ribbon Quilt".

You can also see many photos posted directly by members on our Facebook page!

Member News & Miscellaneous: Dottie Macomber

Recently Martha encouraged us to form little “pods”, once all the members of the pod are fully vaccinated, in order to start getting together in person. These pods of people can meet at one member’s house and may be formed around a common interest or activity. The hosting member can decide how many people she/he can host and whether or not facemasks will be required. Rosie Graham has offered to host a pod for members who would like to get together to work on Quilts of Valor blocks and quilts. If interested, contact Rosie at 781-484-7929 or rosalene@aol.com

If anyone else is interested in hosting a pod, let me know and I will publicize it. A pod could be for hand work or for machine work, depending on the available setup space of the host. It could have a theme or just be for the purpose of getting together and quilting!

Be sure to check out the **Quilters Market** page on our website. There are several items listed there for sale.

The Word of the Month (WOM): If you have read this far into the newsletter, you have the chance to win a little prize! Email me at mcandmac@comcast.net or call me at 781-932-3602 and tell me the WOM and you will be entered into the drawing. I will be choosing three winners each month!

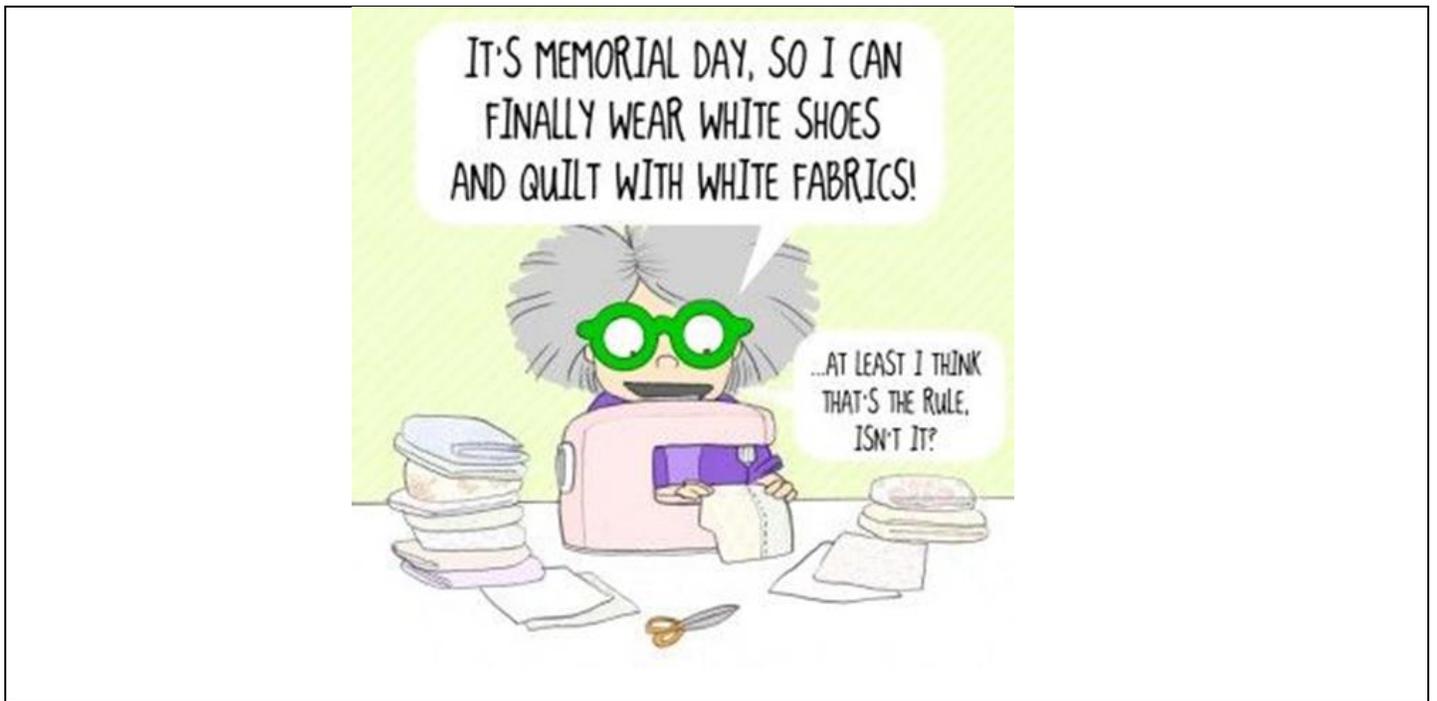
The **WOM** for May is **baste**. Submit your answer to me by noon on May 5th so I can conduct the drawing for the winners at our May 5th virtual meeting. (Don’t worry if you can’t sign on to the meeting or don’t have email; you can call me at the number above with your entry by noon on the 5th and you will still be in the drawing.)

Congratulations to the following people whose names were drawn from the 25 people who responded with the April WOM: Anne Boris, Martha Borkan, and Theresa Kearney. Each of them receives a little prize for reading the newsletter.

As always, if anyone submits quilts to shows, fairs, or other contests, 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.

You may continue to send me photos of any of your projects- quilts, BOM, Creative QuiltWorks projects, etc.- and I’ll be happy to put them on the Photo Album page of the website and in this newsletter as space permits. You may also post your photos directly on our new Facebook page!

If you haven’t joined our Facebook page yet, find the Hammersmith Quilters Guild page and click on the link to “Join Group”; Martha is the administrator of our Facebook page and she will let you in the next time she is on Facebook. The page is private to guild members only.



Respectfully submitted,
Dottie Macomber