

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, June 2nd, at 7 p.m. You can sign on at 6:45 for chitchat before the meeting starts. A link to the meeting will be emailed to you several days before the meeting. Thirty-eight people signed in for our May 5th meeting! Join us so we can see your smiling face!

President's Message

Greetings!

As I have said many times, I am so glad we have been able to meet virtually this year. If you missed the announcement, we will be meeting the first Wednesday in September (September 1st) in person. If we cannot be inside the Saugus Senior Center, we will meet in the parking lot. BYOC (bring your own chairs!) The rain date for this meeting will be Thursday, September 2nd.

It is mid-May, and the weather is finally warming up, the trees are all in bloom, and some of you are experiencing allergies or a new yellow colored car! It is so nice to know that spring has sprung. Some of us switch our focus at this time of year from quilting to gardening. So, I thought I would ask a question about your quilting during a pandemic. Send me your answers and I will share them at the next guild meeting:

During the pandemic, my quilting accomplishment(s) include...

(Include pictures and I will put together a slide show for our next meeting)

This month's Virtual Sit & Sew will be on Sunday, June 6th 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! It's a great chance to reconnect with other members and to "meet" new members. About a dozen or so people checked in for the May Sit & Sew; as usual, there was chitchat, laughter, questions were asked, and advice was given.

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

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Treasurer's Report: Carmen Arnone

As of May 5th, the balance in the guild treasury is \$14,151.80. The balance is going up as members pay their dues. Don't forget to mail your dues in to Sally ASAP if you haven't already done so. Dues **must** be

paid by June 30th (see Sally's message below).

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 sjnimblett@verizon.net or 617-970-2148 and ask. As of our May 5th Zoom meeting, only 79 people have paid; that leaves 41 who have not paid. Please pay now or notify Sally if you do not wish to rejoin. Her cell number is 617-970-2148.

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 June is an Iron Carrying Bag. The directions are on the Documents page of our new website; they are being mailed to those members without internet access. Here is Kristin's bag assembled and unfolded; this is the small-iron version:



Notice: As of the writing of this newsletter, we have had no takers for the position of Creative QuiltWorks, which is scheduled to restart in September after a break during the summer. If no one volunteers, we will have to discontinue this activity. If you think you might be interested, see the May 2021 newsletter for the requirements and speak to either Martha Mazeika at marthamazeika@gmail.com or Kristin Callahan at klcquilts@msn.com or Dottie Macomber at mcandmac@comcast.net Any one of them can discuss the particulars and answer any questions you may have. Remember, one person does not have to do it alone; a pair of people or a small group would be fine, as long as there is one person who can be responsible for emailing the project file each month to Dottie for inclusion in the newsletter and on the website.

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

Congratulations to Louise Nazzaro, who won the Tulip blocks in May. Six people participated and submitted a total of 10 blocks. (I think everyone must be out working in their REAL gardens and didn't have time to make blocks!)

The BOM for June is "Dancing Stars"; the directions for the June block are up on the website on the Documents page and are being mailed to those without internet access. **Please note: your fabric strips must have 42" of usable fabric in each strip for this pattern. If your strips are not that long, you will need additional strips or partial strips to make this pattern work, as you will be making four 10 1/2" blocks from the strip set (4 x 10.5 = 42).** Look on the Documents page of our new website to find the directions. You will put the four blocks together to make one huge 20 1/2" block; it won't take many of those to make a quilt! Your blocks will be due to Dottie by June 2nd; if you are mailing them, allow sufficient time. For each block you submit, you get one chance to win all the blocks! As in May, **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 June 2nd meeting; you need not be at the meeting in order to win.

Kathy and Lucille will be taking the summer off after this June block. The BOM will resume in September.

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 1/2" 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.

Rosie Graham and her QOV quilting “pod” recently made 41 blocks for Quilts of Valor! Rosie’s pod meets next on Saturday, June 12th, from 9:00 to noon or so. If you are fully vaccinated against COVID and you don’t mind a pet-friendly home, contact Rosie at rosalene@aol.com for more information or to join the group.

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 oversee 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

Kathy Connors is recovering from her second knee surgery. If anyone would like to send her well wishes, her email is keconnors@aol.com

Member Photos



Here’s a layer cake quilt by Margie Berkowitch; domestic machine quilting by Margie. I’m sorry this did not get published sooner; I think the email containing it came in when I was dealing with setting up the new website and was in a bit of a “dither”.

You can also see 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. If anyone besides Rosie Graham 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!

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 June is **bobbin**. Submit your answer to me by noon on June 2nd so I can conduct the drawing for the winners at our June 2nd 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 2nd and you will still be in the drawing.)

Congratulations to the following people whose names were drawn from the 22 people who responded with the May WOM: Nita Penfold, Judy Massakowski, and Linda Reppucci. 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 Gallery 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.

And, in the immortal words of The Most Interesting Man in the World,

