

# Hammersmith Quilters Guild Newsletter

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May 2022

**May 4, 2022**

**Our program this month is “GOOGLE QUILTING” by Jean and John Balliro.** This presentation will investigate surfing the internet for quilting ideas, from free block of the month clubs to free patterns and storage ideas. If you’ve always wanted to use your computer, iPad, or smart phone to help you with quilting ideas, this is the presentation for you!

**We will be continuing the Free Table.** Bring quilting/sewing/fiber arts stuff you don’t want and leave it on the table. If it is still there by the end of the meeting, please take it home with you. (Donna Cormier wants to apologize for leaving a bunch of magazines on the table; in all the confusion with picking things up at the end of the April meeting, she forgot to pick those up.) Bev McGrath has volunteered to oversee the Free Table.

There will be **NO Show & Tell** in May because we have speakers and an election.

**Fat Quarter (FQ) Drawing:** Bring a fat quarter in the designated color or theme. For each FQ you bring, your name goes into a drawing. You could win a whole bundle of the fat quarters! The theme for May is **Polka Dots**. Remember: a fat quarter of fabric measures 18”x21”, or 18” by half the width of the fabric as it comes off the bolt, so your fat quarter may be slightly different in width.

**The Snack Table** will be starting up again! Barbara Martinson has provided the following names of people who have volunteered to bring snacks in May: **Ann Ambrose, Jean Balliro, Kathy Connors, Helen Fortucci, Ann Kelly-Maguire, Barbara Martinson, Maureen Matthews, and Marcia Tatara**. In addition, **Donna Cormier** will bring a case of water.

## President’s Message

*Greetings!*

May is here and that means we have our business meeting. We have elections to do. If you have other business items for the agenda, please let me know. We will be voting for the Vice President, Treasurer, and Membership Chairperson positions on the Executive Board. There is a ballot attached with this newsletter to cast your vote. There are 3 options to cast your vote:

1. Print, complete, and send the ballot to Martha. You can send it via email or snail mail but I have to receive ballots by May 2<sup>nd</sup> to be counted. Please add your name to the ballot, envelope, or email so I know who it is from.

Mail to: Martha Mazeika  
270 Canal St. Apt 405  
Lawrence, MA 01840  
Email to: marthamazeika@gmail.com

2. You can print, complete, and bring your ballot to the meeting to cast your vote.
3. Show up at the meeting, complete a ballot, and turn the ballot in to the person collecting them. We will have some blank ballots available for those people who cannot print one out at home.

Please only cast one ballot per person. **You may not hand in ballots for other members. If a member is not going to be at the meeting, they must mail (either email or snail mail) a ballot to Martha as detailed in #1 above.** Ballots will be counted at the meeting and results will be announced. Please call or email me if you have questions.

See you all at the Senior Center on May 4<sup>th</sup>!!!

*Martha*

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### Candidates' Statements

This month we are holding elections for Vice President, Treasurer, and Membership Chair. Candidates have been invited to submit statements about themselves and their interest in and eligibility for the position for which they have been nominated. Here are those statements:

#### Vice President

**Carmen Arnone:** *My name is Carmen Arnone and you might wonder why after serving HQG as Treasurer for the past 5 years, I'm interested in being elected as VP for the next 2 years. Well, I guess it's because I have the time, energy and motivation to continue being of service to you and HQG.*

*Being a guild member for over 20 years, I have always tried to be available to help wherever I can. Also, my experience as President of Melrose Arts & Crafts Society for 2 years and 30 years working as an educator have helped me develop communication skills.*

*My objective is to work in collaboration with other board members to reach decisions & create policies that best serve the majority of our membership.*

*I'm organized, responsible and willing to help HQG accomplish our mission statement of being an organization where every member feels welcome & enjoys, appreciates & becomes more knowledgeable personally of quilting as an art form & a craft.*

*So now that I have come to recognize most of you by your "signatures," I'd like to get to know you more individually by serving as your next VP.*

**Bev McGrath:** *I have been a member of the guild for over 20 years. Even though I have never held an official office I have been involved in almost every aspect and event. I am most proud of co-chairing the boutique at our last quilt show. We made the most profit that year. My experience as a nurse for 40 years taught me to be organized, flexible and to be a leader and teacher. As your VP I will bring a positive voice to the board. Thank you for considering me.*

#### Treasurer

**Sheila Darcy:** *I have been in the guild for about 10 years now and still don't know a lot of members. I am happy to have the opportunity to give back to the guild. I am a nurse, not an accountant, but I have experience managing several properties and am looking forward to contributing to the guild.*

## **Membership Chair**

**Elaine Cobucci:** *Even though I haven't been in the guild for that long I really enjoy attending meetings and would like the Guild to run as smoothly as possible.*

*I love people and would enjoy greeting people and making them feel welcomed and comfortable.*

*My years as a social worker in a welfare office has prepare me for almost any situation and I am very organized and have a good work ethic and know I will benefit the Guild.*

**Rosie Graham:** *My name is Rosie Graham. I volunteered to serve as the Membership Chair because without volunteers in any organization, that organization cannot thrive. I have served in officer positions at the local level in both professional and recreational organizations prior to moving to Saugus and joining the guild. Of all the duties of the membership chairperson, the most important, to me, is welcoming new members. When I joined the guild, it took me almost all of the first year to find my way because I did not know anyone in the guild. I wish to make sure that both our new and existing members always feel that they have a place in this guild.*

## **Treasurer's Report: Carmen Arnone**

Our current treasury balance is \$14,459.72.

Two requests:

1) If you are making a payment to the guild, such as for dues or getaway registration, make a note on the memo line of your check to indicate what the payment is for. For example, dues '21- '22 or Getaway/double '22. This helps with the guild's bookkeeping and helps resolve questions when members are not sure whether or not they have paid for something.

2) Anyone requesting reimbursement for legitimate, authorized expenditures on behalf of the guild, please submit your receipt in an envelope on which you have printed your name, type of receipt, total amount due & category.

For example:

Carmen Arnone  
USPS receipt  
\$49.99  
Postage Stamps for Treasurer

This helps in tracking our expenses and in determining our budget for the next guild year. And remember: No Receipt, No Reimbursement!

## **Membership: Sally Nimblett**

Remember to come to the front table at some point before the meeting starts in order to sign in.

Remember, if you have a change of address, phone number(s) or email, please notify either Sally 617-970-2148 or Dottie 781-932-3602. Also, membership cards are available; see Sally.

## **Program Committee: Gail Dwyer and Dottie Macomber**

Irene Dwyer has decided to sell the fabric that members have been donating for PeaceQuilts Haiti and donate the money collected. It has been too difficult to get the actual fabric to Haiti, so doing it this way will make sure that the organization gets the benefit of the fabric collected. For the next several months, she

will be set up at the raffle tables, selling the fabric. Here's a great chance to get some fabric really cheap to use for a scrap quilt, to make scrappy backings, etc.

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As COVID restrictions loosen up, we are starting to be able to schedule some of our normal activities. As mentioned above, we will be able to have snacks. In June, we will have our annual Ice Cream Social (with something else for those who cannot eat ice cream/lactose). In the fall, we will have outside speakers in October and November, and in December we can have our annual potluck supper.

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

This year for our stuffed pillowcases given to children at the Home for Little Wanderers and other organizations, we will be making holiday pillowcases with snowman themed fabric only. Please use only snowman-themed fabric. We will start accepting these in May.

We received many donation quilts in April. Thank you and keep them coming! Child-sized, baby-sized, and lap quilts are most welcome but we will accept any quilts.

**Creative Quiltworks Committee: Nancy Sandreuter and Carol Healy**

There were several very creative entries in April's "Name That Tune" contest. First place in Viewer's Choice voting went to John Balliro for "California Dreamin'," second place went to Connie Fitzgerald for "One Pair of Hands," and third place went to Louise Nazzaro for "Under the Sea." We also had "Old MacDonald Had a Farm" and "Row, Row, Row Your Boat."





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

The BOM for May is the “Memorial Day” star block. Directions are on the website.

The winner for the Sunflower blocks for April was Queenie Comeau.

**Quilts of Valor: Merle Gordon**

For those of you who are still have block kits, please complete them and bring them to the May meeting. You can also drop them off at Merle’s house.

Merle is accepting blocks, quilt tops, and quilts to be donated to Quilts of Valor. You can bring them to a guild meeting or mail them to Merle at 15 Pleasant Ave., Saugus, MA 01906 or you can call Merle to let her know that you have blocks or a quilt top or a completed quilt you’d like to drop off. Her number is 781-233-6125. If you have any questions about QOV, ask Merle.

QOV also needs pillowcases made in patriotic fabrics and colors. Each quilt is presented to a veteran in a pillowcase. You can use the pattern that we use for our winter donation pillowcases; the pattern is on the

website under Member Information.

### Secretary Report and Sunshine & Shadow: 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).

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Millie Becker wants to express her gratitude for all the cards and messages she and Jerry have been getting lately while Jerry has been in and out of the hospital. She said they really help to brighten their day to know that the guild members are thinking of them.

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Margie Berkowitch would also like to thank everyone for the cards and well wishes during her recent illness. She appreciates the kindness of the guild's members.

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Dottie Macomber would like to thank everyone for their cards and calls and offers for rides if needed once the radiation treatments start. I think Roger has it under control, but it's nice to know I have options in case something comes up- thank you!

### Member News & Miscellaneous: Dottie Macomber

**The Word of the Month (WOM):** Just for reading the newsletter, you can be in a drawing to win a little prize! At our next meeting, write the WOM and your name on a slip of paper to enter the drawing and drop the slip in the bag at my place at the raffle tables. I'll pick three winners for May. The word/phrase for May is **Thread**.

Note: while I am out, Barbara Talanian has graciously agreed to manage the Word of the Month. Don't send the word to me; sign up with Barbara at the raffle tables at the meeting.

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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 or in this newsletter as space permits. You may also post your photos directly on our 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.

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Gail Dwyer asked me to share the following information about a quilting retreat in June being run by members Kathy Boardman and Pam Moriarty:

#### **3 Day Retreat at Franciscan House Kennebunk, ME**

June 13-16  
3 nights  
Large workshop area  
Breakfast and Dinner each day  
\$528.78 Single  
\$430.68 double or triple PP

Please contact Gail Dwyer asap  
if you are interested!  
gaild516@aol.com  
617-455-5158 cell  
617-846-6551 home

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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](mailto:mcandmac@comcast.net) or 9 Fletcher Rd, Woburn, MA 01801.  
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And now, REALLY finally:

### **Ballot for May 2022 Elections**

Page 8 contains the ballot for this year's voting. Please print out page 8, complete it, and return it to Martha Mazeika via snail mail as detailed in the President's Message on page 1 if you are going to be absent from the May 4<sup>th</sup> meeting, or bring it with you to the May 4<sup>th</sup> meeting. Blank copies will be available at the meeting for those who are unable to print out their own ballot.

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**Executive Board Election Ballot**

**Vice President** (Check one box)

- Carmen Arnone
- Beverly McGrath

**Membership Chairperson** (Check one box)

- Elaine Cobucci
- Rosie Graham

**Treasurer** (Check one box)

- Sheila Darcy