

# Hammersmith Quilters Guild Newsletter



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November 2021

## November 3, 2021, Meeting:

**We are going to hold off on having the Refreshments and the Free Stuff table for November;** we hope to resume those again soon. So please only bring refreshments and drinks for yourself, if you want them, and do not bring any items to give away on the Free Table.

### **We have resumed all drawings and raffles!**

All of these drawings and raffles are optional; you do not need to participate at all, or you can pick the ones that interest you!

**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 November is **Browns and Creams**. Remember: a fat quarter of fabric measures 18"x21".

**3/\$1 Raffle:** Buy 3 tickets for \$1 and you are entered into a raffle for notions or other quilting things. Buy as many tickets as you want!

**Name Badge:** Wear your guild name badge and enter a drawing for a prize. This is to encourage everyone to wear their name badge so we get to know who you are! New members received a printout of the directions when you joined as part of your tote bag welcome pack; the directions can also be found on our website [www.hqgsaugus.org](http://www.hqgsaugus.org) under Member Information.

**Word of the Month (WOM) Drawing:** Win a prize just for reading this newsletter! Look elsewhere in this newsletter to find the WOM! There will be three winners!

**Block of the Month (BOM) Drawing:** Make one or more blocks according to the directions for this month, bring your blocks to the meeting, and give them to Kathy Connors. For each block you submit, you get an entry. One person will win all the blocks for that month: instant quilt (almost)! This month's block is called "Confetti." Directions are on the website on the Newsletter page and are mailed to members who get their newsletter by regular mail.

**Creative QuiltWorks:** Every month, Nancy Sandreuter will provide instructions for a fun, creative quilting or sewing project. These projects give you a chance to try a technique or make a fun sewing-related item that you may not have tried before. Bring your creative project to the meeting, where all the projects will be displayed for members to vote on their favorites. The top vote getters win a prize ribbon! Be sure to take your project home with you at the end of the meeting!! As with the BOM, the instructions are on the Newsletter page of the website and are mailed to members without internet access.

## President's Message

Greetings!

It has been great to see everyone at our meetings. It was nice in October that we did our raffles. It put a

normal routine back into our guild meetings. Thank you to those who have shared their quilts and projects during Show & Tell. Congratulations to our guild members who received ribbons at the Topsfield Fair! There are pictures later in the newsletter of quilts from HQG members.

We are also addressing general business for the guild over the past couple of months. The changes to the By-Laws were voted on and passed at the last meeting. Please let me know if you have any questions.

I am looking forward to seeing you all at the Senior Center on November 3<sup>rd</sup>! Remember to wear your mask!

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

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

As of October 11, 2021, our balance is \$14,905.24.

Two requests:

1) If you are making a payment to the guild, such as for dues or getaway registration, please 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**

At least 63 members attended our October meeting; I say "at least" because some people may have entered the hall and forgotten to sign in. Please be sure to sign in before you enter the meeting hall; this is a requirement of the Senior Center so they can do contact tracing.

We now have some open spots for new members; vacancies occur when members move or choose not to rejoin.

Just a reminder to new members: see me, Sally, if you did not get your HQG tote bag and pin when you joined.

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

We will continue holding our next extended Show & Tell session in November. We're sure that you all have been hard at work creating many beautiful quilts, and we'd like to see them! We want to give people a chance to talk about the creations they have made during the COVID pandemic, so we will hold a "Tell Us Your COVID Quilting Stories" Show & Tell. We are dividing the alphabet up in the hope that members will want to spend a few minutes talking about their creations and/or how quilting was for them during the time we were not together as a group. In order to give members more time to talk about their creations, **we are going to invite only members whose last names begin with C through G to bring items for Show & Tell in November.** The last group of people will have a chance to bring Show & Tell items in December. After December, we will go back to our usual Show & Tell format, but for now, please plan to bring your items to show when your last name's initial comes up.

If you were absent during the month when your last initial (from H through Z) came up, please feel free to bring your Show & Tell items in November.

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**Our next Quilting Getaway Weekend is in March of 2022!** The Ramada Inn in Saco, Maine, is holding the following dates for us: Thursday, March 17 through Sunday, March 20, 2022 (four days, three nights). I (Dottie) will begin taking signups in November. To make it as fair as possible and to avoid the crush of people when you have signed up in person in the past, I will start taking signups on November 1<sup>st</sup> and only through the mail; my address is on the registration form, which was included with the October newsletter for those who get snail mail, and which is on the website on the Newsletter page. **Only letters postmarked November 1<sup>st</sup> or later will be accepted; if you mail them sooner, you will go to the end of the signup list and may not get a spot!** I am trying to be fair to everyone who wants to come; there are 48 spots. The price of a single room for the three nights is \$285 and for a double it is \$156 ppdo (per person double occupancy); the hotel is not allowing any triples. This price includes the breakfast provided by the hotel each day. You are on your own for lunch and dinner; each room will have a refrigerator so you may bring some of your own food or go out to eat.

If we have food delivered, the hotel wants me to keep a list of where it comes from so they can do contact tracing if there are any problems with someone getting sick. For that reason, they are not allowing homemade snacks; you may bring commercially prepackaged snacks into the conference/sewing room for your own consumption, but we will not have a Snack Table as in the past.

If you are opting for a double, please be sure to include your roommate's name on the registration form. If you like, you may mail both of your forms and deposits together, but if I receive one person's form first, I will reserve a double for you and your roommate. If you like, you may pay the entire amount now; otherwise, the final balance is due by the January guild meeting and may be given to me in person at the December or January meeting or mailed to me.

If you have to cancel before Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>, you will get your entire payment back; on that date, it is all nonrefundable unless I can fill your spot, as I have to give the hotel the final number of guests and rooms by then. (I usually have a waiting list, so it should not be a problem, but just in case...)

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

Thank you to everyone who brought in donation quilts last month. This month we are asking only members whose last names go alphabetically from **H through M** to bring donation quilts to the November meeting. Please do **NOT** bring any pillowcases at this time; we will collect them later. Thank you for understanding and for holding onto your donations just a bit longer!

**NOTE:** If anyone still has one of the UFO quilts that they finished as part of a project that Dottie was running, where she got a whole bunch of quilt tops donated to us from another quilting group, you may bring that quilt in and give it to Dottie. If you still have the top and have decided that you don't want to layer, quilt,

and finish it, you may bring that back to Dottie as well and someone else can finish it for a donation quilt.

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

The next project will be due at our January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022 meeting. This is a open-ended project with just a few "rules". Nancy passed out some packets and instructions at the October meeting, but here is the description of the project:

**"Color Wise Creation"**

You will receive a packet containing 2 crayons. The challenge is to make a small quilt, table topper, wall hanging or anything else you wish. Maximum size is 36" x 36".

- You must use fabrics in the colors of both of your crayons.
- These two colors must be the featured colors in your creation.
- You may also add black and/or white fabrics if you choose.
- Bring your entry to the January 2022 meeting.
- Have fun!

If you didn't make it to the October meeting and can't come to the November meeting but still want to participate, contact Nancy and she will send an email with random color selections for you to use or will mail you two actual crayons. [nananancysews@comcast.net](mailto:nananancysews@comcast.net) or call 781-710-9614

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

Congratulations to the winners of the September "Pick Up Sticks" blocks, Kristin Callahan and the October Apple and Apple Core blocks, Anne Smith.

The block for November is "Confetti." Directions are on the Newsletter page of the website.

**Quilts of Valor: Merle Gordon**

Merle is still accepting blocks, quilt tops, and quilts to be donated to Quilts of Valor. 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 or a quilt top or completed quilt you'd like to drop off. Her number is 781-233-6125. If you have any questions, ask Merle.

**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).

**Member Photos**

Congratulations to the following members who entered quilts and won ribbons at the Topsfield Fair!

Starting at top left and moving left to right and down: Janet Dalis; Janice Meade; Dottie Macomber; Ellen Moore; Molly Conlin (2 quilts); Nita Penfold; Marcia Karalis; Paula Fallon; Margie Berkowitch; Carol MacRae; Nita Penfold; and Lesley Pew (2 quilts).





Nita Penfold



Paula Marie Fallon



Carol MacRae



Nita Penfold



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Some other photos submitted by members:



Christmas scrap quilt of 2.5" squares made by Margie Berkowitch



Also by Margie, embroidered tea towels

Congratulations to Janet Dalis who won the drawing for the \$20 gift card to Pintuck & Purl in North Hampton, NH. This shop provided the gift card in exchange for me sending out an email to the membership that promoted some of their recent classes.

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**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 (I will have these) to enter the drawing. The WOM for November is **Redwork**.

Congratulations to the following members who won prizes for reading the October newsletter: Millie Becker, Kathy Connors, and Pat Sargent.

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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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Ryco Creative Sewing Center in Lincoln, RI will be closing on December 1<sup>st</sup> 😞 Some of you will recall that we went there as one stop on a Shop Hop bus trip a number of years ago. It was an old mill building in amongst a bunch of run-down buildings and I remember thinking, what on earth of any value could be in HERE??? But they had a super good assortment of yardage, precuts, notions, trims, and a great bargain section. The owner, Pat, is retiring after 37 years; good for her, but sad to see yet another independent quilt/fabric shop go away. There will be bargains galore as she closes this large "shop," so if you're up for a fall road trip, you can check it out!

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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 **FINALLY**...



