

Hammersmith Quilters Guild Newsletter

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Our program this month is QUILT-O! It is just like BINGO but with quilt-related words and phrases instead of numbers. Bring your own buttons or pennies or other items as BINGO markers (we have some, but in case people would rather not handle and share buttons, it might be better to bring your own); a couple dozen buttons/pennies/other coins per person per card will be enough. There will be prizes! Some are kits, charm packs, and various notions and quilt-related items. Come ready to win and to have fun!

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.

We **will** have Show & Tell at the April meeting.

Be sure to look at the Creative Quilt Works section for the new challenge, which will be due in this month.

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 **April is YELLOW**. 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.

President's Message

Greetings!

Welcome to April !!! This will be a busy month as we are looking for nominations for the vice president, treasurer, and membership chairperson. We need people to volunteer for these positions so if you are interested, please email Linda Reppucci at Linny8267@aol.com. On another note, March 19th is National Quilting Day so I hope you all can take some time with your favorite project to work on!

Nominations Needed!!!

In May we will have our Business Meeting. We need nominations for the Vice President, Treasurer, and Membership Chairperson positions on the Executive Board. If you want to know more about these positions, do not hesitate to ask!

- **VICE PRESIDENT:**

- Assists President in all duties and presides over meetings in the absence of the President
- Oversees the Nominating Committee
- Acts as liaison between the Executive Board and the Donations and Creative Quilt Works committees overseeing the budget, calendar and activities
- Oversees monthly drawings (such as Fat Quarter drawings, Name Badge drawing, and Raffles) and secures substitutes if the regular volunteers for these drawings will be absent

- **TREASURER**

- Acts as custodian of the Guild's assets
- Is responsible for deposits and disbursements of Guild funds
- Has the authority to enter into contracts in the name of the Guild
- Maintains and publishes financial records annually to the General Membership
- Prepares Treasurer's reports and presents them to the members at each General Membership and Executive Board meeting
- Oversees the Guild bank accounts
- Acts as back-up for collection and distribution of Guild mail from post office box

- **MEMBERSHIP CHAIRPERSON**

- Maintains Guild Membership list and contact information
- Signs in members and guest at General Membership meetings
- Is responsible for helping to recruit and retain members
- Welcomes new members

Nominations Committee

In addition to the nominations, we need a couple volunteers to work with Linda Reppucci on the Nominations Committee. Please contact Linda at Linn8267@aol.com to join this committee.

See you all at the Senior Center on April 6th!!!!

Martha

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Treasurer's Report: Carmen Arnone

Our current treasury balance is \$21,682.92, of which \$5,941.51 will be paid out to the hotel for our guest rooms. Several hundred dollars has been paid to Dottie Macomber for reimbursement for favors for the getaway. (Dottie also donated the Door Prizes and the prizes for Quilts of Valor.)

Two requests from Carmen:

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

Forty-four people signed in at our March meeting. .

Welcome to new member Gail DeLuca, who attended the March meeting!

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

At our April meeting, we will be playing **QUILT-O!!** QUILT-O is just like BINGO but with quilty words and phrases instead of numbers. Everyone will get one QUILT-O card; if you want to play more than one, bring a fat quarter (any color or theme) for each additional card you want to play. This pile of fat quarters will be used for a prize at the end of the evening. We have buttons for markers, but we suggest that you bring your own; two dozen buttons or pennies or other small items will be enough per card. This way, we won't have to handle buttons that everyone else has handled.

Prizes include kits, charm packs, notions, and fabric. And we'll have the big pile of fat quarters at the end. Come ready to play and win!

We are still not offering group snacks during meetings, so if you want to munch during the meeting, you are free to bring your own snacks.

Looking for Speakers from the Guild for May 2022 meeting!

We are looking for members who would like to do a presentations for our May meeting. Do you have an interesting technique you would like to pass along? Would you like to lead a demo of a technique you have learned? We are looking for members who can give a 45–60-minute presentation; the stipend for such a presentation is \$200. (If your presentation is shorter than that, your stipend will be \$100. Two members could split the 60-minute time frame and get \$100 each.) If you would like to be considered for one of these opportunities, please contact Gail Dwyer with your proposal; she will review all proposals and get back to you ASAP. At this time, we would like to give preference to members who have never presented before, but even if you have already presented in the past, don't be afraid to submit a new proposal.

To submit proposals or with any questions you may have, contact Gail at

gaild516@aol.com
617-455-5158 cell
617-846-6551 home

Member Nancy Sandreuter gave an interesting presentation at the March meeting. Nancy recently became certified as a Laura Heine instructor; Laura has a no-sew collage technique which Nancy is now certified to teach. Nancy gave background on herself and on Laura, and she had several pieces which were made using the technique. If anyone is interested in taking a class on this technique, contact Nancy at 781-710-9614.



Certified Teacher

Nancy Sandreuter
LAURA HEINE COLLEGE QUILTING
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A quilted poster with a black cat as the central figure. The cat is surrounded by various patterns, including floral and abstract designs. The text is printed on a dark blue background at the top and bottom of the poster.



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

Keep making donation quilts and pillowcases; you may bring them to the April meeting.

Creative Quiltworks Committee: Nancy Sandreuter and Carol Healy

Creative Quiltworks Challenge- due at **April** meeting

🎵 **Name That Tune!** 🎵

What's your favorite song? Now use that song title and create a quilt that emulates it so that anyone who sees it will start to sing....
Well, maybe not!!

We'll put them on display with a sheet so people can guess your song.
Size: approx. 36" or smaller
Have fun!

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

The BOM for April is a "Sunflower" block. Get out your yellows, golds, etc. and make this easy block. Directions are on the website.

Winners for both the February and March blocks were drawn in March. John Balliro won the Heart blocks and Phyllis Poussard won the "Think Green" blocks.

Quilts of Valor: Merle Gordon

For those of you who are making block kits, please bring them to the April meeting. You can also drop them off at Merle's house.

Merle is still 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).

The Sunshine Committee has been very busy lately, sending cards to members for various reasons. Pam Strout cannot come to meetings because of her lung condition, but she loves hearing from other members. Mary Ann Andree fell on ice and broke her pelvic bone (I'll bet SHE'LL be glad when there's no more chance of winter ice!). Jerry Becker has been unable to attend meetings with his wife Miller due to a number of medical issues that the doctors are working to resolve; he loves hearing from guild members! Their addresses are on the membership list. If you have lost your list and need me to send another one, just let me know.

And I want to update everyone on my medical issues: After I started experiencing some pretty severe abdominal and right-side pain in February, a CT scan showed a large mass pressing on one kidney. A biopsy was inconclusive, so another biopsy will be done on the 24th of this month, and a PET scan will be done on the 22nd of this month. After those tests, hopefully we will know what we are dealing with. It'll have to come out, no matter what it is, but their surgical approach very much depends on whether or not it is cancerous. I'm hoping it's not a return of the sarcoma, which was the reason for my leg amputation- but we'll take it a step at a time. In the meantime, **I want to thank everyone very much** for the cards and other well wishes you have sent my way; I appreciate them so much.

Member News & Miscellaneous: Dottie Macomber

Note: we are not going to have a **quilt show** this year. The Board determined that it would not be worth the effort and money at this time while things are still uncertain. In addition, we have a number of members who are not yet comfortable meeting to plan show activities or to work at the show, and we need "all hands on deck" to put on a show. We will try to have some other activities to make money for the guild.

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 and drop the slip in the bag at my place. I'll pick three winners for April. The word (or in this case an acronym) is **HST** (for Half-Square Triangle).

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.

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!
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617-455-5158 cell
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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 or 9 Fletcher Rd, Woburn, MA 01801.

And finally...



