

Hammersmith Quilters Guild Newsletter



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October 2023

October 4, 2023 Meeting:

Show & Tell: We will not have Show & Tell in October.

All 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 fat quarters! The theme for October is Halloween. Remember: a fat quarter of fabric measures 18" x 22".

3/\$1 Raffle: Buy 3 tickets for \$1 and you are entered into a raffle for notions or other quilting things. The more tickets you buy, the more chances to win!

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 under Member Information.

President's Message: Nancy Sandreuter

Dear Guild Members:

Well, our season got off to a great start with a "Champagne" toast to everyone for a fun, informative and successful Show and Guild year. Thank You, Joyce!

The Show is right around the corner, and the October meeting will be centered around the needs of all the committees. We have lots of spaces for volunteers to help with the Show. Even if you are not entering a piece into the Show, we still need you for shifts during the 2-day event. Call Gretchen or Sally if you can help.

Registration is open for the Hammersmith Getaway!! Send in your deposit for a fun weekend planned for March 15-17, 2024 at the Doubletree Hilton in Nashua NH. Forms are on our website. Thank you Cindy Nile for your hard work finalizing this with the hotel.

Rosie has been diligently working on your website, keeping it up to date with our Guild activities. She always needs content, so let her know if you have any news, photos, or announcements and she will post them on the site and on Facebook. Speaking of Facebook, be sure to post your projects. Sharing is such fun!

Cindy Nile distributed a free pattern at the September meeting as a challenge to make a quilt for our charity donations. (A free pattern you can print yourself from Jordanfabrics.com). Choose your fabrics and post your progress on Facebook. Rosie can put a link to that pattern on the Website. The goal is to have your lap quilt finished by the November meeting. We need to meet our goal of a quilt donated by every member. More quilts are needed, and don't forget a pillowcase, too!

Stay Safe! See you on October 4th at the Senior Center.

Nancy Sandreuter, President

Treasurer's Report: Sheila Darcy

The bank balance as of 9/27/2023 is \$14,740.050. When writing a check to the Guild, please make a note in the memo space of your check so we know what it is for and can track the payment. That way we can keep the checks in categories making it easier for me to find your check if necessary. When you're submitting receipts for reimbursement, please put them in an envelope and write on the envelope what each receipt is for so the expenses can be tracked as well. Looking forward to a great year with everyone.

Membership: Rosalene Graham

We currently have 82 paid members. The cost for guests attending the October meeting is \$5. Remember, only guild members may participate in regularly scheduled Guild activities (Creative Quilt Works, Block of the Month, Fat Quarter Raffle, etc.) when attending a meeting.

Please pick up your membership card at the sign in desk if you haven't already. If you have a friend who is interested in learning to quilt or who may be an experienced quilter, please tell them about our Guild. We welcome new members.

Program Committee: Joyce Rodenhiser

Our October speaker cannot join us until January so, in addition to hearing from Gretchen and Sally about the Quilt Show which is only a few weeks away, we will play LRC (Left-Right-Center) for half an hour. Please bring three FAT Quarters and you may take away enough fat quarters to make a quilt! Come to have fun, socialize and see how fate treats you!!

Thanks to those who did Show and Tell in September. We are always inspired by your beautiful work.

PENNY BASKETS:

Chairpersons, please gather the contents of your basket and bring everything to the October meeting. This will give us time to wrap it in cellophane and put a bow on it.

Please list the contents of the basket on a 3 x 5 card and enclose it in the basket. Thank you for all your help and perhaps you will win a basket.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call (781-233-9484) or email Joyce Rodenhiser.

Charity Donations Committee: Gretchen Berkowitch & Louise Nazzaro

As a reminder, it is a guild expectation that every member donates a quilt and a pillowcase. This is one way in which the guild can fulfill its mission statement. The Donation Committee collects quilts and pillowcases throughout the year and makes donations primarily to the Department of Children and Families and The Home for Little Wanderers. We ask members to make a snowman themed quilt for the holidays and we ideally would like to fill every pillowcase with a quilt in addition to items the donation committee purchases such as hygiene products, clothing, school supplies and clothing. Juvenile pillowcases are donated to the Hole in the Wall Camp. Quilt size ranges from crib to lap size. Fabrics that appeal to babies, children and teens are suggested.

The Donation Committee also helps to support Quilts of Valor. We collect patriotic themed pillowcases. When quilts are given to a member of the armed services who were wounded in the field, their belongings and paper are placed in the pillowcase for good keeping and the quilt is used to keep them warm and they know they are being thought of back home. The healing starts in the field.

Our current inventory is 44 quilts, 64 everyday pillowcases and 83 snowman pillowcases. Carol Healy made a generous donation of everyday pillowcases she adopted from a gentleman whose wife had passed. She had made dozens of pillowcases and he did not know what to do with them. Carol washed, ironed and maybe completed some of them. Please remember to bring your kitted pillowcase. If everyone who took a pillowcase kit at the July meeting brings them back completed, we will meet our goal of 100 pillowcases. As you can see, we are short of our goal of every pillowcase getting a quilt. It would be great if we increased that number by the November meeting. **Snowman pillowcases are due at the November meeting.**

Also, November is our annual food drive for the Saugus Food Pantry. Members are asked to bring pantry items including baby diapers, baby food and boxed and canned goods to the November meeting.

Quilt Show Committee: Gretchen Berkowitch & Sally Clapp

Quilt Show: November 4 and 5, 2023

Set up is November 3rd. Quilt drop off starts at 2:00 pm.

Quilts need a 4-inch wide hanging sleeve. If the sleeve is too narrow, we may not be able to hang the quilt.

If you have entered a quilt, you are expected to donate a 2-hour shift at the show. Please see **Judy Massakowski or Linda Repucci** to sign up for your shift.

Carol Healey is running the cafe. We will need baked goods to sell. Baked goods should be nicely wrapped and labeled in case people have allergies. Other suggestions are candies or holiday Chex Mix or bags of candied popcorn. Guests like to come to the cafe for a snack, have a cup of coffee, and socialize.

We need members to do demonstrations. This needs to be finalized by the October meeting. Please email me with the skill you would like to teach. Ideally, we would like to have one every hour.

We have a good inventory for penny sale baskets. Joyce is asking that they be brought to the October meeting.

Boutique items are due November 3rd. See **Gail Dwyer or Beverly McGrath** for details. There is an 80:20 split between member and guild, respectfully. For those who may have forgotten their number assignment, here is a list for you to reference as you complete your forms for the boutique.

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| #1 Dottie's items | #11 Louise Nazzaro |
| #2 Beverly McGrath | #12 Linda Anthony |
| #3 Gail Dwyer | #13 Carmen Arnone |
| #4 Margarita Blyumkins | #14 Nancy Sandreuter |
| #5 Ruth Ashton | #15 Judy Massakowski |
| #6 Brenda Lane | #16 Jane Amato |
| #7 Sally Clapp | #17 Ellen Moore |
| #8 John Balliro | #18 Kristin Callahan |
| #9 Gretchen Berkowitch | #19 Ellen O'Sullivan |
| #10 Holly Petersen | #20 Barbara Tallanian |

We have advertising flyers and bookmarks. I will have them available at the October meeting. Please distribute to other guilds you may belong to, quilt shops you are visiting, family and friends. If you know of any stores willing to post in their storefront, community bulletin boards, etc....

Raffle Quilt tickets are also due by the November meeting. Selling 4 books of raffle quilt tickets is also an expectation of each member.

If anyone has questions, please do not hesitate to email or approach **Gretchen Berkowitch (gabrncc@yahoo.com)** or **Sally Clapp (sallyclapp@me.com)**.

The show's success depends on the teamwork of all of us. Thank you in advance.

Member-at-Large: Paula Fallon

Thank you to everyone who completed the survey at the September meeting. The survey will help the committee with booking future speakers and give us insight into ideas for 2024.

Sunshine and Shadow Committee: Brenda Lane

If you know of anyone who needs a little cheering up for whatever reason, please let me know. I'd be happy to send a card with well wishes. You can contact me at brendaglane14@gmail.com.

Hospitality Committee: Mary Ann Andree

These are the members who signed up to bring a refreshment to the October meeting:

Patty and Coreen	Mary Fitzpatrick
Rosie Graham	Sue Bidolto
Helen Fortucci	Kathy Connors

Creative Quilt Works & Block of the Month: Judy Massakowski and Linda Reppucci

We are combining Creative Quilt Works and Block of the Month to promote more opportunity to sew and participate. We will alternate activities each month. One month we will do Block of the Month and the next month an opportunity to be creative with Creative Quilt Works. Please check the calendar on the website (www.hqgsaugus.org) for directions for either activity.

October will be a Creative Quilt Works project. Please make anything Halloween themed...such as a trick-or-treat bag, bookmark, etc. Just be creative!

Ruler Librarian: Rosalene Graham

The second Tucker ruler in our ruler library is Ruler number 1, V Block trimming tool. It comes with instructions. Instructions are also available at [https://cdn.shopify.com/s/files/1/1231/8710/files/V-Block - for home printing.pdf?15999862701526429277](https://cdn.shopify.com/s/files/1/1231/8710/files/V-Block_-_for_home_printing.pdf?15999862701526429277). This ruler helps make perfect V-Block units. One end is used for cutting the center and side triangles, and the other is for trimming down the units to the perfect size. It also has left and right-handed directions.

If you wish to check out a ruler, contact Rosie Graham at hammersmithqgmembershipchair@gmail.com with the ruler number and when you need it.

Miscellaneous: Cindy Nile

Did you make a Jelly Roll quilt for Jelly Roll Day on September 16th? Don't forget to post pictures on the Guild's Facebook page or send pictures to Rosie Graham so she can include them on the website.

