

Hammersmith Quilters Guild Newsletter



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November 2023

November 1, 2023 Meeting:

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

Saugus Food Pantry: Remember to bring non-perishable food items to the November meeting for the Saugus Food Pantry.

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 November is Stripes. 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:

Excitement is building and, in several days after reading this Newsletter, we will be celebrating the opening of our 2023 HQG Quilt Show. Final plans are underway, and I can't wait to be a part of this Show. I've never been involved in planning a Quilt Show since I am new to quilting. I am so impressed with the dedication of our committees, and when called upon our members answered the calls for help. I can't wait to see you and your beautiful work and meet our guests who will attend the Show.

But first we will have our monthly meeting on November 1st. The meeting's program will feature "Rosie's Rulers". Stripes is the fat quarter design, and we will be bringing in non-perishable food donations for the Saugus Food Pantry. As you know, there are many families who are in need of food assistance. Please turn in your charity pillow cases, especially snowmen pillowcases, and quilts so the committee can assemble the gifts in late November.

See you at the November general meeting on the 1st and then on the show weekend the 3rd - 5th. Thank you everyone. In the meantime, if you have any questions or concerns, I'm just a phone call way.

Nancy Sandreuter, President
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Treasurer's Report: Sheila Darcy

The bank balance as of 10/18/2023 is \$ [REDACTED]. 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.

Please bring your raffle tickets for the quilt to the November meeting.

Membership: Rosalene Graham

We currently have 84 paid members. The cost for guests attending the November 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.

In honor of Veteran's Day, Quilts of Valor Block kits will be available at the November meeting for people who wish to make blocks to donate to the Quilts of Valor Foundation for quilts. The kits are fat eight pieces cut from Dottie's stash. Members can make their own block, add their own fabric, or simply use the fabric in the kits. Kristen Callahan outlined cutting instructions for three blocks. The instructions and cutting instructions are on the Guild website at <https://hggsaugus.org/index.php/quilt-of-valor-blocks-november-2023/>. The blocks may be returned at any time to Merle Gordon but no later than the May 2024 meeting please.

Program Committee: Joyce Rodenhiser

In November, Rosie Graham and her committee will teach us about some rulers from the Guild's Ruler Library; probably new to us! They request that, after the business meeting, we pull our chairs to the long

tables on the right side of the room. We'll be able to see better that way. (Afterwards we'll have to put the chairs back to where we found them.)

Please bring non-perishable food items to the November meeting for our annual food drive in support of the Saugus Food Pantry to help those who are in need.

In December we'll have our Potluck Supper and a gift exchange at our tables accompanied by a reading which was written by the late Dottie Macomber. What a wonderful tradition she started.

If you had a chance to read the Lynn Item on October 5th, you read that NAAMass got a \$20,000 grant from The United Way to help with their work. New Afghan Americans in Massachusetts helps get these women and other women new to this country, established here. Lesley Hansard, who works with them, will be our speaker in January. (Tell the weatherperson, "NO SNOW, please!") If you have good sewing items that you no longer want, please save and donate them to these women at the January meeting. They need notions, fabric, rotary cutters, cutting mats, scissors, pins, buttons, needles (hand sewing and machine), cross stitch supplies, embroidery floss and canvas, etc.

Please accept our thanks for letting us know - through the September survey - what you would like to have for programming during the next two years. We'll do our best to check off as many ideas as possible.

We hope you enjoyed playing Left Right Center, and that some of the tips shared on the printed sheet are helpful in your sewing.

PENNY BASKETS:

Many thanks to each one of you! The baskets are so impressive – you have done a lot of work to come up with all the creative contents and it is appreciated by all!! Outstanding!!

If you have any questions, please feel free to call ([REDACTED]) 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.

We have donated 20 pillowcases to the Mass General Hospital Pediatric Oncology Unit. We are giving back to Mary Rose's Quilts & Treasures and her quilters who sewed and donated snowmen pillowcases for our annual drive. **Snowman pillowcases are due at the November meeting. Please bring any completed donation quilts as well.**

We will be stuffing the pillowcases on Saturday, November 24th at 10:00 a.m. at the Blessed Sacrament Church, 14 Summer Street, Saugus. There will be a sign-up sheet for volunteers to help stuff the pillowcases 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. **Baked goods are due November 3rd.**

We need members to do demonstrations. This needs to be finalized by the November 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. Thank you everyone for your donations.

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 |

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** (gabrncs@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

As the Member-at-Large, I am here to help with any member questions or comments. Please don't hesitate to contact me.

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

Thank you to these members who have volunteered to bring a snack! Don't forget to take home your leftovers/platters at the end of the meeting!

Ann Ambrose
Gail Dwyer
Adrienne Nolan
Cindy Nile
Ellen O'Sullivan

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.

There will be no Creative Quilt Works or Block of the Month in November.

Ruler Librarian: Rosalene Graham

The Guild has 89 rulers and templates for loan plus a few machine quilting rulers, bias tape makers, and other odds and ends. Learn about why you should borrow from the library, how to use some of the rulers, and how the library works. Rosie and Judy will bring the ENTIRE ruler library to the November meeting so you can see what a treasure we have. Have your ruler library questions ready so someone can answer them.

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

Registration is open for the Hammersmith Getaway on March 15-17, 2024 at the Doubletree Hilton in Nashua, NH!! There are still a few spots left so bring your deposit of \$50.00 and a completed registration form to the November meeting. Forms are on the Guild website. I will be collecting deposits and registration forms at the meeting.

Please remember to check the Guild website periodically for any updates on the Guild Calendar. All updates will be made to the calendar on the website.



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