

# Hammersmith Quilters Guild Newsletter



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May 2024

## May 1, 2024 Meeting

**Show & Tell:** There will be Show & Tell in May.

**Free Table:** There will be a free table at the May meeting.

**Block of the Month:** This month please make a block or blocks that you like or enjoy making (disappearing nine patch, snowball, etc.). Block ideas may be found online at Quiltmakers Addicted to Scraps. The only parameters are that the background fabric should be white or white somewhere and the block should be 12 ½ inches to that it will finish at 12 inches in the quilt. The winner of the blocks could make a great sampler for donation to the Guild to help us reach our goal of 100 quilts before November.

**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 color for May is **blue**. 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](http://www.hqgsaugus.org) under Member Information.

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

## President's Message: Nancy Sandreuter

Dear Guild Members:

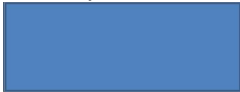
What a fabulous display of quilts from Margarite. Great presentation. Thank you for sharing your quilting skills with us.

The year is winding down but not before the nominations and election for our new Board. Be sure to come to the May General Meeting and participate in the election by voting for your Board for next year.

I'll be travelling so I will not be at the May 1st meeting. I leave the proceedings in Vice President Carmen's capable hands, and I'll see you all in June for Ice Cream!

Enjoy these first signs of Spring!

Nancy Sandreuter, President



## Vice President's Message: Carmen Arnone

One of my duties as VP is to oversee E-Board nominations in preparation for our election cycle at the May 2024 Annual Business Meeting. To maintain a balance of new and experienced members on the Board, we will elect a Vice President, Treasurer and Membership Chair this year. All of those newly elected will serve for 2 years beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2026.

Specific duties for these elected positions are spelled out on pgs. 4-6 in the Guild By-Laws which were revised and approved by the Membership on June 7, 2023.

Members who have indicated interest are:

**Kirsten Swenson – Vice President**

**Sheila Darcy – Treasurer**

**Rose Graham – Membership**

Thank you,  
Carmen Arnone  
[carnone@comcast.net](mailto:carnone@comcast.net)

## Treasurer's Report: Sheila Darcy

The bank balance as of April 18, 2024 is



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.

## Membership & Web Administration: Rosalene Graham

Dues for the 2024-2025 Guild year are due by June 30, 2024. You can pay your dues at the May or June meeting. Dues are \$30 per person unless you are 70 years of age or older, then the dues are \$25.

We currently have 90 paid members. The cost for guests attending the May meeting is \$5.

Don't forget that we have a marketplace page on our website (under Membership Information). There are currently two items that members have for sale on this page - a long arm sewing machine and an antique Kenmore sewing machine. If anyone else would like to advertise an item they have for sale, please let me know. [hammersmithqgmembershipchair@aol.com](mailto:hammersmithqgmembershipchair@aol.com).

## Program Committee: Joyce Rodenhiser

Many, many thanks to all who attended the April meeting, who had great questions for Margarita, and to those who helped her set up and pack away her many inspiring quilts. What a gift Margarita has for imagining and sewing all these patterns! And, by using scissors - no rotary cutter! It was an amazing evening! You have our everlasting admiration, Margarita, thank you!

In May we look forward to our Business Meeting and election of Board members for open positions and to Member-to-Member demonstrations. For new members, this is how it works: We'll set up tables in four corners of the room. When you arrive you will be given a number 1,2,3,or 4. When the time comes, you will be requested to break into your four groups and then go to the table corresponding to the number you received when you entered the meeting. We'll ask you to spend 15 minutes at each table and hopefully, by the end of the hour, you will have learned 4 new skills from members who are gracious enough to teach their specialty.

One of the demonstrations will be SignUpGenius so please make sure to bring your smart phone (if you have one) to the meeting for the demonstration.

June will bring us our Ice Cream Social.

If you would like to show us the Art Quilt you made with Penny Young at the Workshop, please bring it to the May meeting.

Respectfully submitted,  
Joyce Rodenhiser

## **Charity Donations Committee: Gretchen Berkowitch & Louise Nazzaro**

Please note it is a requirement for guild members to make a juvenile pillowcase and a baby to lap size quilt per year which will be donated to various charities. We also make snowman themed pillowcases used for our holiday donation to DCF and Home for Little Wanderers. Quilts and snowman themed pillowcases are due at the November meeting.

Many people are asking for quilt sizes. Here are approximate measurements:

Baby Quilt: 30" x 40"

Crib: 36" x 52"

Throw (lap): 55" x 65"

## **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](mailto:brendaglane14@gmail.com).

## **Hospitality Committee: Mary Ann Andree and Ann Kelly-Maguire**

The following members have signed up to bring refreshments for the May meeting. There will also be a reminder on the Facebook page closer to the meeting! Don't forget to take home your leftovers/platters at the end of the meeting.

Jean Balliro  
John Balliro  
Sally Clapp

Gail Dwyer  
Linda Reppucci

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

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<https://www.quiltingdaily.com/addicted-to-scraps-quiltmaker/>

### **Ruler Librarian: Rosalene Graham**

A member asked about possible rulers to help her fashion a quilt out of 5" squares. Of the ones available, she chose #19, the small tumbler template for 5" charm packs by Missouri Star Quilt Company. A video showing the templates is at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vvEQEltvkKU&t=3s>.

If you wish to check out these or any ruler, contact Rosie Graham at [hammersmithqgmembershipchair@gmail.com](mailto:hammersmithqgmembershipchair@gmail.com) with the ruler number and when you need it.

### **Guild Property: Rosalene Graham**

We are asking all people who may be storing physical property of the Guild to let us know what they have stored. We think we may have lost the knowledge of who has what property of the Guild. When we took an inventory of the Quilt Show items, we realized that there were some nonquilt show items that people may have stored in their homes. If you have any items, please let Rosie Graham at [hammersmithqgmembershipchair@gmail.com](mailto:hammersmithqgmembershipchair@gmail.com) know what they are. We are not going to collect them, we just need to know who has what and where. This doesn't count consumables that we use during the year like paper plates, etc. Thank you for your help!

### **Quilt of Valor Blocks: Rosalene Graham**

At the November 2023 meeting, we distributed Quilt of Valor block kits made from material from Dottie's stash. We ask that all blocks be made and turned into Merle Gordon at the May meeting unless you have already done so. You may also make blocks from your own stash as well. Thank you for supporting this cause with your work.

### **Getaway/Retreat: Cindy Nile**

Plans for the 2025 Hammersmith Retreat are well underway! Nashua is price prohibitive but rest assured that we will be at a great location with quilt shops, restaurants and even a Marden's or two not far away for all your fabric shopping pleasure. Get ready for a return to four days/three nights of quilting fun! As with this year's retreat, we will have breakfast buffets but next year will include three of them since we will be spending three nights. We're also bringing back the Quilts of Valor blocks and pillowcases and there just may be a drawing for some great prizes for those who make blocks and/or pillowcases.

Of course, we'll also have another fabulous mystery quilt courtesy of Kristin Callahan! This year's quilts were amazing. And another game or two of Left-Right-Center where a couple of people will win a stack of fat quarters!

And we can even bring homemade snacks to share in the quilting room!

As I mentioned in last month's newsletter, sewing with fellow Guild members was so much fun, that I'm thinking of ways we could sew together for a day without having to wait a whole year. And one day of sewing may mean that those who are unable to attend a multi-day retreat would be able to participate as well. I'm working on some locations and as soon as I have specific details, I'll let you know.

**November 2024 Meeting Event: Paula Fallon**

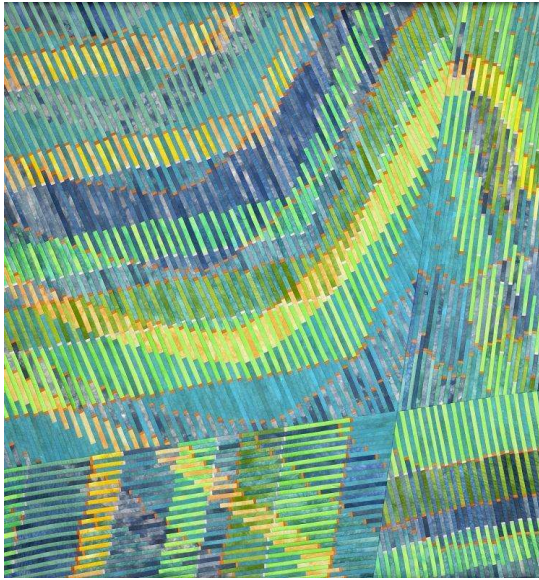
Just a reminder that at the November 2024 meeting, the program will be a Member Boutique/Vending night. There is no charge for vending. If you are interested in selling your crafts/items, please contact Paula Fallon for the details and to sign up.

Guests will be invited to attend the meeting that month at no charge and we will advertise the event to other local guilds.

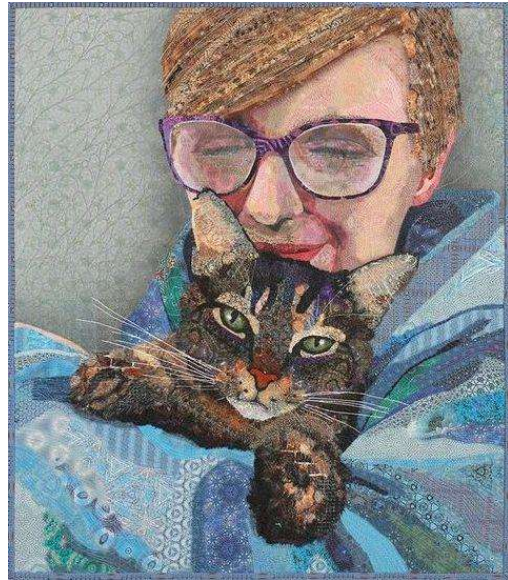
Email Paula at: [paulamarie56@yahoo.com](mailto:paulamarie56@yahoo.com)

**New England Quilt Museum: Jean and John Balliro**





**The Quilted Canvas IV: Jude Larzelere, Ruth McDowell, Tafi Brown and Jo Diggs  
Closing on April 27, 2024**



**Domestic Partners: Dawn Allen's fiber art portrayals of the human-animal bond  
On View Through June 15, 2024**

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**OPENING APRIL 30, 2024**

# StitchPUNK

The NEQM is proud to host the world premiere of SAQA's global exhibition **StitchPunk**, on view April 30 through July 13, 2024. The imaginative textile arts and three-dimensional works in this traveling exhibition explore a variety of science fiction themes and sub-genres of which "steampunk" is perhaps the most widely known across cultures. Mark your calendar!

## REGIONAL QUILT SHOWS

Amoskeag Quilters Guild Quilt Show  
Tomorrow's Heirlooms: "Every Quilt Has a Story to Tell"  
April 20 - 21, 2024  
Manchester Memorial High School  
Manchester, NH  
[DETAILS](#)

Northern Star Quilters' Guild Presents  
World of Quilts XLIII  
May 4 - 5, 2024  
Purchase College Gymnasium  
Purchase, NY  
[DETAILS](#)

Narragansett Bay Quilters' Assn Presents

Pioneer Valley Quilt Guild  
Up Up And Away Quilt Show

Spring Quilt Fest  
April 27 – 28, 2024  
West Warwick Civic Center  
West Warwick, RI  
[DETAILS](#)

May 4 - 5, 2024  
Elks Lodge #61, 440 Tiffany St  
Springfield, MA  
[DETAILS](#)

Hannah Dustin Quilt Guild's  
32nd Annual Quilt Show  
May 3 – 4, 2024  
Hudson Community Ctr, 12 Lions Ave  
Hudson, New Hampshire  
[DETAILS](#)

Quilters Connection  
2024 Quilt Show  
May 18 – 19, 2024  
Arlington Town Hall  
Arlington, MA  
[DETAILS](#)

Open Tuesday - Saturday, 10 - 4

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## Miscellaneous: Cindy Nile

How about a summer quilt along making kid's quilts for donation to the Guild? Pat Sloan has a free pattern called Oh My Stars (if you were at the Retreat, then you saw John Balliro making this quilt) and here's the link to follow to get the free pattern:

<https://www.ilovetomakequilts.com/oh-my-stars-free-quilt-pattern-by-pat-sloan.html>

Pat Sloan also sells a pattern that includes larger sizes if you are interested.

If you would like to sew along, just let me know and I'll add you to the list and we can also post our progress on the Guild's Facebook page.

Let's see how many quilts we can have done by the September meeting!

Don't forget to check the Guild website periodically for any updates on the Guild Calendar. All updates will be made to the calendar on the website.