

Hammersmith Quilters Guild Newsletter



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June 2024

June 5, 2024 Meeting

Show & Tell: There will be Show & Tell in June.

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

Creative Quilt Works: Summer Project. Please see the details below.

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 June is **yellow**. 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.

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:

As I write this my new knee is 7 hours old. Thanks for all the well wishes!!

I have heard nothing but rave reviews for the Member to Member at the May meeting; congratulations Joyce!! I am so disappointed I missed it.

And welcome Kirsten Swenson. Our new VP. I look forward to working with her!

Next month is our ice cream social. Can it really be June??? I will be there to celebrate the year with you.

The Board has been discussing events for the membership! At the April meeting we discussed national speakers, plans for the 2025 Getaway and the possibility of a shop hop bus trip!!! Joyce has done a great job this year and I'm sure next year will be better!!!

Nancy Sandreuter, President



Vice President's Message: Carmen Arnone

Congratulations to Kirsten Swenson, Rosie Graham and Sheila Darcy who will serve on the HQG Board from July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2026 as VP, Membership Chair & Treasurer, respectively, who were unanimously elected at the annual business meeting on May 1, 2024. These members join Nancy Sandreuter, Kristin Callahan, Paula Fallon & Joyce Rodenheiser to round out the elected leadership of our guild.

By rotating elections the Board maintains a balance of new perspectives with veteran experience to serve the general membership.

The Guild's policies & practices are designed to adhere to the HQG by-laws. All members are invited to board meetings and always have access to general meeting or board notes by asking Guild Secretary Kristin Callahan. According to our by-laws, Sheila Darcy prepared an annual financial report for 2023-2024. Speak to her if you want access to this report.

On a personal note, I would like to thank all Guild members who have indicated an interest in participating in the many standing committees which generate ideas, support programs, workshops, speakers and help build quilt skills and form friendships. If you have not yet responded to the "yellow sheet" where you can identify ways you can become more actively involved in making HQG a Guild you ENJOY & SUPPORT, please see Carmen Arnone so I can turn over volunteer names to Kirsten by July 1.

I have enjoyed serving HQG members for the past 7 years as Treasurer & Vice-President. There have been many challenges through COVID and the loss of guild members for sure, but I've been happy to be

part of the Board(s) that help HQG continue to grow as a Guild welcoming new quilters & honoring tradition as we move forward to celebrate growing in our craft. Thanks to all for your support.

Thank you,
Carmen Arnone
carnone@comcast.net

Treasurer's Report: Sheila Darcy

The bank balance as of May 22, 2024 is [REDACTED].

The Guild has renewed our membership with the New England Quilt Museum at the cost of \$150.00.

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 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 June meeting is \$5.

We have a new "for sale" item on our market page. It is for a Bernina B570 QE sewing machine. This makes three items on the page, the Bernina, an antique Kenmore sewing machine, and an APQS Millennium long arm. See [Marketplace – Hammersmith Quilters Guild \(hqgsaugus.org\)](http://hqgsaugus.org) for more information about these items and who to contact.

Snacks for next Guild year: Thank you to the members who signed up for snacks for our next Guild year using Signup Genius. There are still slots to be filled for next year. Rosie will send another Signup Genius email just prior to the June meeting. For those who have already signed up – ignore! For those who have yet to sign up, please do so. If you need help, just ask Rosie to help you at the June meeting or call/email her (hammersmithqgmembershipchair@gmail.com). She can sign you up manually.

Program Committee: Joyce Rodenhiser

Our sincere thanks to the presenters for the May Member to Member instruction, Rosie, Kristin, Linda, and Margarita. We appreciated your sharing of knowledge and your sense of humor. You answered our questions as we learned a lot of techniques which were new to some and refreshed to others.

Three members have already volunteered for the next Member to Member which will come in March 2025.

In June we look forward to our annual Ice Cream Social.

It's been quite a year and we will incorporate as many of your requests as we can for the coming year.

I would like to publicly thank Cindy and Carol for keeping us informed, the Board for all their input, Rosie and Margie for their many consultations and especially, ALL OF YOU who volunteer spontaneously for all the little tasks that keep our Guild going every month.

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

Our President, Nancy Sandreuter, is recovering from a knee replacement and I'm sure she would love to receipt well wishes from the membership. Nancy's address is [REDACTED].

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 and Ann Kelly-Maguire

Since we have the Ice Cream Social at the June meeting, there are no refreshments.

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

We have discussed the idea for the summer project and, unfortunately, the pillow swap did not meet the expectations for the Guild's Summer Challenge Project.

We would like to challenge everyone to create a Fabric Self Portrait!

The portrait can be an actual image or an abstract or whimsical image that best expresses who you are. Use humor, feature your hobby as a quilter, photographer or gardener, etc. There are several quilt artists whose images can be reviewed for ideas. Timna Tarr (timnatarr.com) and Carol Ann Waugh (she is featured on Craftsy). There are other websites for fabric portrait ideas.

We will have the Portrait Reveal during the October meeting as September's program may not allow the time needed for the showing of your challenge.

We welcome any suggestions from Guild members of ideas for a block or creative quilt works challenge that you think would be fun. Please forward your ideas to Linda or Judy.

Ruler Librarian: Rosalene Graham

Thank you to Ruth Ashton for two donations to the ruler library: #1038, 60 degree diamond making 1" to 4" finished diamonds; and #1039, Perfect Piecer by Jinny Beyer for joining four, six, or either points with accuracy. Let's highlight #1039, the Perfect Piecer. This ruler is for those who sew by hand or machine. According to the Jinny Beyer website, "It's ideal for marking seam allowances and seam intersections so your patchwork fits together beautifully." And "The tiara-shaped acrylic template includes all the common angles used in traditional quilt making: 90°, 60°, 45°, 30°, 22.5°, 135° and 120°."

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

Day of Sewing: Cindy Nile

Several people have responded to the idea of spending a Sunday sewing together at a local hotel.

It has been pointed out that the cost of \$45 for 9 hours (9 am to 6 pm) of sewing is the same as the typical cost of sewing at a quilt shop if you pay at least \$15 for 3 hours of sewing. Also, if we have enough people, the cost could be even less for the day.

While the room is available from 9 am to 6 pm, you can arrive whenever you like and leave whenever you like between those hours. Whatever works best for you.

Please email me at cindynile@verizon.net to let me know if you are interested in sewing with fellow Guild members on a Sunday.

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

Miscellaneous: Cindy Nile

The summer quilt along making kid's quilts for donation to the Guild using Pat Sloan's free pattern called Oh My Stars (if you were at the Retreat, then you saw John Balliro making this quilt) is moving ahead 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.

Jean Balliro is going to bring a finished Oh My Stars quilt to the June meeting so everyone can see what it looks like. 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.

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.

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