

Hammersmith Quilters Guild Newsletter



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September 2024

September 4, 2024 Meeting

Show & Tell: There will be no Show & Tell in September.

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

Creative Quilt Works: Summer Project. Please see the details below. They are due in October.

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 September 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 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:

I hope you are enjoying the summer and have been able to keep cool in this hot weather. The Board has been hard at work putting together our 2024-2025 calendar of events.

We met in July and are very excited about the programs and workshops Joyce planned for the upcoming year. We increased our budget in several areas to bring more to you, our members. Joyce did a great job with our programs this past year, and she has wonderful plans for this coming year, including bringing in new and interesting outside speakers. We also have activities planned for our meetings as well as a member-to-member night, more workshops and a member boutique sale. We encourage you to participate in the workshops if you would like to experience new and different skills. The Member-to-Member next March is jammed packed with volunteers already, and there will be a workshop before that meeting as well. More info to come.

We are putting together the "refrigerator calendar" for the year, and will distribute it at the September general meeting, and Rosie will post it on our website. A reminder: if you haven't already done so, log into the "Members Only" page on our site, establish a password, and you will have access to information that is not on the public website.

I'd like to thank the Executive Board and all the volunteers who contribute their talents to the Guild. Without you, we could not have planned such a dynamic guild year.

Dates and confirmed activities are:

- September general meeting: Welcome Back, Registration forms for 2025 Getaway, and Speaker: The Quilt Clinic
- October general meeting: Name tag clinic/demo (Ruth Ashton) and summer Creative Quilt Works Self Portrait contest
- November general meeting: Member Boutique Sale, Scissor Guy- sharpening
- December general meeting: Holiday Potluck
- 2025 Getaway – March 20-23, 2025 (Portsmouth NH)

What a great start to our year! Here are a few reminders:

- **Please pay your dues if you haven't already done so (Send to Rosie)**
- Charity Quilts (as a Guild member you are expected to make at least one to meet our goal of 90), same for pillowcases!!

Stay Cool....and Quilt!

Nancy Sandreuter, President



Vice President's Message: Kirsten Swenson

As we kick-off a brand-new year with the guild, I'm excited to welcome everyone back! This year promises to be full of inspiration, creativity and camaraderie. We have a great lineup of guests, workshops, and, of course, the much-anticipated quilt retreat next year. I can't wait to see the results of everyone's hard work on their summer projects at our first show and tell!

Best,
Kirsten Swenson, Vice President

Treasurer's Report: Sheila Darcy

The bank balance as of August 21, 2024 is [REDACTED].

The family of long-time member, Dana Giunta, donated \$80.00 to the Guild in Dana's memory.

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 were due by June 30, 2024. Sixty-six members have renewed their membership for the next guild year. You can mail your dues to Rosie Graham. Please make checks payable to the Hammersmith Quilt Guild and mail them c/o Rosie Graham at [REDACTED]. She will also collect dues at the September Guild meeting. Membership cards of paid members for the new guild year will also be available at the September meeting. Dues are \$30 per person unless you are 70 years of age or older, then the dues are \$25.

The cost for guests at the September meeting is \$10.00.

The Members Only tab on the Guild's website is now active. To look at it, members must establish a log in. The tab contains our membership list, unredacted newsletters, and our annual budget. It is for members only so nonmembers will be denied access. Occasionally, not more than twice a month (if then), updated information from the website may be emailed to members who established a login. This is entirely optional. If you have difficulty with logging in, please contact Rosie either by email or phone.

Program Committee: Joyce Rodenhiser

We have a great year ahead!

Before you know it, it will be September 4th and we will be back at the Senior Center.

A Quilt Clinic will be conducted by nurse Lynn Thibault and nurse Nancy Sullivan! Bring your quilting PROBLEMS to them. "Their Specialties include CPR (cotton problems resolved), MRI (material related issues) and UFO (unfinished objects resuscitation!)" They're known for excellent bedside manners!

October will see us 1) making name badges with the wonderful teacher Ruth Ashton (more to follow); 2) proposing toasts to all for the coming year; 3) showing off our panel quilts (for donation) as challenged by Creative Quilting chairs Linda and Judy; and 4) guessing who is who from self-portraits also challenged by Judy and Linda.

Meanwhile, please prepare any projects you want to sell at our November Boutique Sale and pack your scissors if they need to be sharpened by Wicked Sharpened!

Respectfully submitted,
Joyce Rodenhiser

Charity Donations Committee: Gretchen Berkowitch & Louise Nazzaro

The current donation quilt count is:

63 Quilts (baby to lap)

84 Pillowcases (everyday juvenile pillowcases)

64 Snowmen Pillowcases

We are short of our goal of reaching between 90 and 100 quilts and snowmen pillowcases. We will be collecting quilts and pillowcases at September, October, and November meetings. At this point, we are looking for lap size quilts for older kids. Since members have been posting pictures of their Oh My Stars quilts on the Facebook page, I'm sure that we'll be adding to our quilt totals when we return to the Senior Center for the 24/25 Guild year.

For newer members, charity work is part of the Guild's mission. As a member of the Guild, we ask that each member make a pillowcase and children's quilt. During the holidays, we stuff the snowmen pillowcases with a quilt made by the membership and then the Guild purchases games, books, toys, hygiene products, hats and gloves for children and teens to add as well. Pillowcases are donated to the Department of Children and Families and to the Home for Little Wanderers, North Shore Division. In November we will be asking for volunteers to help stuff the pillowcases. Details to follow.

At the December meeting we will be collecting food for the Saugus Food Pantry. THIS INCLUDES baby food, formula, and non-perishable food items.

We will also be collecting RWB (Red/White/Blue) pillowcases and RWB (Red/White/Blue) blocks that finish at 12x12 inches. For new quilters this means the blocks you donate should measure 12.5x12.5 inches.

For reference, 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: Gail Dwyer

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 gaild516@aol.com.

Hospitality Committee: Mary Ann Andree and Ann Kelly-Maguire

The following members have signed up to bring refreshments for the September meeting:

Mary Ann Andree

Sheila Darcy

Gail Dwyer

Carol Healy

Ellen Moore

Linda Reppucci

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

How are those fabric self-portraits coming along? Remember, they can be whimsical, actual or a collage of your personality. Any size you want. If you haven't started, you still have time because the reveal of the portraits will be at the October meeting.

With all the heat and humidity this summer, hopefully some of you were able to spend extra hours in your air-conditioned sewing space making a panel quilt for donation. Remember, they are a great way to whip up a donation quilt. You can cut it, add borders or just bind it. Panel quilts will help the Guild reach our donation goal of 100 quilts.

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

Ever want to make your own bias tape?! Besides rulers, our ruler library has 5 bias tape makers. #210 is a set consisting of ¼", ½", and 1" bias tape makers. #215 is a 6mm (1/4") maker and #216 is a 25 mm (1") maker. A video on how to use a bias tape maker is at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f-EkfTfjRFs>.

To check out a bias tape maker or any ruler from the Ruler Library, contact Rosie Graham at hammersmithqgmembershipchair@gmail.com with the ruler number and when you need it.

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

March 2025 Guild Retreat: Cindy Nile

Are you ready for Retreat 2025?!?! We have found a great location at the Best Western Plus in Portsmouth, NH (at the traffic circle) with the Roundabout Diner attached to the hotel. We are going back to 4 days and 3 nights, March 20-23, 2025 (Thursday through Sunday). The price includes 4 full days of sewing in the ballroom, 3-nights hotel and 3 buffet breakfasts provided by the fabulous Roundabout Diner. Complementary coffee and tea are available all day in the hotel lobby.

There are lots of quilt shops and great restaurants in the Portsmouth area and Marden's in Maine is a short drive away.

We have some great activities planned, like a mystery quilt, Left-Right-Center (round up those fat quarters), games, show and tell and maybe a surprise or two.

The cost is \$350.00 per person for a double room and \$510.00 per person for a single room.

Registrations will begin at the Guild meeting on October 2nd so bring your \$50 deposit (cash or check) to reserve your spot as space is limited and you don't want to miss out on another fun retreat! Final payment will be due by January 8, 2025. Please retreat details at the end of the newsletter. Registration forms will be included in the October newsletter. If you are not able to make it to the October meeting, there will be mailing instructions on the registration form.

If you have any questions, I'm happy to answer them at cindynile@verizon.net.

Miscellaneous: Cindy Nile

The posts on Facebook of the Oh My Stars quilts (pattern by Pat Sloan) have been beautiful! Can't wait to see them in person. If you haven't made one yet, there's still time 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.

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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HAMMERSMITH QUILT GUILD WEEKEND GETAWAY 2025

4 DAYS & 3 NIGHTS of Sewing with
Friends! What Could Be Better!

March 20-23, 2025

- * **Hotel:** Best Western Plus - Portsmouth, NH
580 US Highway 1 Bypass, Portsmouth, NH (Traffic Circle)
- * Ballroom
- * Cutting Tables
- * Ironing Stations
- * Design walls can be taped to the walls with painter's tape only

A buffet breakfast is included on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. There is free parking but each car per room will be issued a parking pass. If the parking lot in front of the hotel is full, there is an overflow lot across the street. There will be games and door prizes throughout the weekend.

Weekend Package Includes:

- * Sewing Room from 8:00 a.m. on Thursday through 4:00 p.m. on Sunday
- * Guest Room for 3 nights
- * Three Buffet Breakfasts (Friday, Saturday and Sunday)
- * Coffee/Tea in the hotel lobby each day
- * Games and prizes
- * Hotel rooms have microwaves and refrigerators

Double Room Weekend Package - \$350.00 (2 Queen Beds)

Single Room Weekend Package - \$510.00 (1 King Bed)

