

Hammersmith Quilters Guild Newsletter



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October 2024

October 2, 2024 Meeting

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

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

Creative Quilt Works: Self-Portrait Quilts are due at the October meeting.

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.

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 message, we have just heard of Sheila Darcy's unexpected death. We have lost another valued member of our Executive board, a lover of quilting and our guild, and a dedicated mother and grandmother. We are sending our love and prayers to her family at this difficult time.

As Summer wanes into Fall our Guild year is ramping up! We began our year with Nurse Nancy and Nurse Lynn sharing their quilting fixes and showing their beautiful quilts; their presentation was such fun.

October 2nd will be a very busy meeting. Ruth Aston will be having a name tag clinic, and we will be displaying and judging our self-portrait challenge. We are getting down to the wire for our charity quilts and pillowcases so please remember to bring yours in if you haven't already. Panel and 'Oh My Stars' quilts will also be displayed. As usual, your quilts are beautiful and are much needed this year!

Looking ahead, we have 11 members who will be selling their craft creations at our November 6th meeting. Tell your friends, family members and co-workers to join us for a fun evening and some holiday shopping. We'll be offering light refreshments and snacks. Then next will be our potluck meeting on December 4th.

See you on October 2nd!

Nancy Sandreuter, President



Vice President's Message: Kirsten Swenson

"Anyone who works on a quilt, who devotes her time, energy, creativity, and passion to that art, learns to value the work of her hands. And as any quilter will tell you, a quilter's quilting friends are some of the dearest, most generous, and most supportive people she knows."

Author: [Jennifer Chiaverini](#)

Best,
Kirsten Swenson, Vice President

Treasurer's Report: Sheila Darcy

The bank balance as of September 17, 2024 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 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. Seventy-nine members have renewed their membership for the next guild year. You can mail your dues to Rosie Graham. Her address is 6 Howard Farms Lane, Saugus, MA 01906. Dues are \$30 per person unless you are 70 years of age or older, then the dues are \$25. Make your checks payable to Hammersmith Quilt Guild.

Sign up for the snack table:

Another Signup Genius signup for snacks will go out shortly after this newsletter. Here is a list of months and number of volunteers that we need: November (4), January (3), February (2), March (1), April (3), and May (3). If you have already volunteered, thank you!

Reminder: 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.

The cost for guests at the October meeting is \$5.00.

Program Committee: Joyce Rodenhiser

At the October meeting we will toast the members with some bubbly, guess who is who in terms of the self-portraits you are making for Creative Quilt Works, and view the donation quilts for the children made from panels.

On the other end of the room, at the three tables near the food, Ruth Ashton has been kind enough to volunteer to teach us how to make name tags. She has devised patterns for the anvil design we use and has cross stitch directions so people can use them as a possible way to add their names to the name tags.

If you want to make a name tag, please bring two 8-inch fabric squares, one dark for the background and one light for the anvil on which to sew or print your name for the top of the name tag and one 8-inch fabric square for the backing and some batting. We really hope you will try to make a name tag so we can get to know everyone who comes to guild! Ruth is a great teacher, and they are small, so they won't take too long.

In November we will have a boutique sale. Who does not like a sale?! We can get a head start on winter holiday gifts. If you want to have a table with your boutique items, give your name to Paula Fallon. We look forward to purchasing your creations!

As a reminder, Wicked Sharpened will be at the November meeting to sharpen scissors so start rounding them up. You'll be amazed at how many pairs you have!

Respectfully submitted,
Joyce Rodenhiser

Charity Donations Committee: Gretchen Berkowitch & Louise Nazzaro

The current donation quilt count is:

86 Quilts (baby to lap)
90 Pillowcases (everyday juvenile pillowcases)
76 Snowmen Pillowcases

There were six Oh My Stars quilts made over the summer and donated at the September meeting.

All of the quilts we collected in September were great and I hope everyone got to see them on display at the meeting.

We are short of our goal of reaching between 90 and 100 quilts and snowmen pillowcases. We will be collecting quilts and pillowcases at the October and November meetings. At this point, we are looking for lap size quilts for older kids.

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 for donation quilts:

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

It is with a heavy heart that we must pass along the sad news that Sheila Darcy, our Guild Treasurer, passed away on Monday. The Guild will be organizing a collection at the October meeting to donate to the American Cancer Society, Relay for Life in Sheila's name.

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 October meeting:

Ruth Ashton	Louise Nazzaro
Merle Gordon	Cindy Nile
Barbara Martinson	Ellen O'Sullivan

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

Please bring your self-portraits to the October meeting and we will try to guess who is who! Please do not put your name on them.

Don't forget to bring those panel quilts for donation. Panel quilts can be whipped up quickly with just a border or two and they will help us reach our goal of 100 quilts by November.

We will present a new Creative Quilt Works Project at the October meeting that will be due in January.

We have been doing more Creative Quilt Works projects but if anyone has a Block of the Month idea that they would like us to do, please see Judy or Linda.

Ruler Librarian: Rosalene Graham

This month we are highlighting the binding tools in the ruler library. #60, Mini binding tool; #65, binding tool; and #1044, 2-in-1 binding tool. A video on how to use the binding tools is at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jWOS9KBDJgU>. The library received three donations from the estate of Dana Giunta: #225, Shamrock Shape Yo-Yo Maker, Small (Clover) and the Rapid Fire Hunter's Star (Deb Tucker, Studio 180) from Dana Gupta's estate. We also received the 2-in1 binding tool as another donation.

To check out a binding tool 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 the program for November 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. Please see the brochure attached at the end of this newsletter.

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

Sign-ups for the 2025 Retreat will begin at the October meeting. Please fill out and bring the attached Registration form and a \$50.00 deposit. We accept cash, check or Venmo. If you can't make the October meeting but want to register for the retreat, beginning on October 2nd please mail your completed Registration form and check (made payable to Hammersmith Quilt Guild) to the following address:

Cindy Nile



The cost of the retreat is \$350.00 per person for a double room (shared) and \$510.00 per person for a single room. A \$50.00 deposit is due with your Registration and the final payment will be due by January 8, 2025.

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


Miscellaneous: Cindy Nile

Looks like a few members are enjoying the All New England Shop Hop. I've seen lots of Facebook posts about the shops you've visited. For those that may not know, this is a shop hop that runs for two months, September and October, so if you haven't started hopping, you have plenty of time to "hop" onboard. Just buy a magazine from a participating shop. Quilters Common is out of the magazines but I've been told that Mary Rose's Quilts in Reading has some available.

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.

Here's a link to a Mail Organizer project. It would make a great gift! The pattern lists linen fabric but I'm sure some lightweight home dec fabric would work as well.

<https://www.allpeoplequilt.com/quilt-patterns/wall-quilts/mail-organizer>



Hammersmith Quilters Guild Member Craft Fair

November 6, 2024

7:00 pm to 8:30 pm

Saugus Senior Center
466 Central Street, Saugus MA 01906

Get a jump on your Holiday shopping. Join the members of the Hammersmith Quilters Guild who will be selling their handmade items.

Cash & Checks recommended. Select vendors accept Credit Cards and/or Venmo

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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 5:00 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)



**HAMMERSMITH QUILT GUILD
WEEKEND GETAWAY 2025**

REGISTRATION FORM

Non-Refundable Deposit of \$50 is required at sign-up
Balance due by January 8, 2025

Please Print

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: Home: _____ Cell: _____

Email: _____

Please check only one option below:

Single Room _____

Double Room* _____

If you need a handicap room, please indicate here: _____

*If opting for a double room, please indicate you roommate's name: _____

If you opt for a double room but do not indicate a roommate, it is up to you to find one. We cannot be responsible for finding roommates. If you do not have a roommate by the time final payment is due, you will be charged for a single room.

Deposit: \$50.00 nonrefundable and due upon registration. Refunds will only be given if you find someone to take your place or we can fill your spot from a waiting list.

Make checks payment to: Hammersmith Quilt Guild

Bring form and deposit to October meeting or mail your registration form and check beginning October 2, 2024 to:

Cindy Nile

