

MASSACHUSETTS GUILD TO GUILD
A Newsletter for the Quilt Guilds in Massachusetts

ABOUT OUR PARTICIPATING GUILDS

Bayberry Quilters of Cape Cod (Orleans) 200 members, \$45 dues
Blackstone Valley Heritage Quilters (Northbridge) 69 members, \$30 dues
Chelmsford Quilters Guild (Chelmsford) 103 members, \$30 dues, \$10 junior dues ages 6-18
Concord Piecemakers (Concord) \$35 dues
County Line Quilt Guild (Framingham) 59 Members, \$35 dues
Crazy Quilters of Cape Cod (Falmouth) 50 members, \$20 dues
Hammersmith Quilters Guild (Saugus)
Hands Across The Valley (Amherst) 120 Members, \$30 dues
Material Girls Quilt Guild (Leominster)
Merrimack Valley Quilters Guild (Haverhill)
Mothertown Quilters (Lancaster) 60 members, \$25 dues
Northampton Modern Quilt Guild (Northampton) 65 members, \$50 dues which includes membership in the National Modern Quilt Guild
Nimble Thimblers' Quilt Guild (Wakefield) 50 members out of a possible 60, \$30 dues
North Parish Quilt Guild (North Reading) 20 Members
Thimble Pleasures Quilt Guild (Mendon) 85 members; \$36 dues
Wayside Quilters Guild (Sudbury) 60 members, \$40 dues.

MONTHLY MEETINGS

Bayberry Quilters of Cape Cod—The speaker for our October meetings is Jan Doyle from Connecticut on Thread Painting.

Blackstone Valley Heritage Quilters—Our speaker is Rita Partridge. She will be presenting Scrap Happy with a trunk show and explaining the methods she used in each quilt.

Chelmsford Quilters Guild— Marge Tucker will present “Improv and Abstraction in Antique Quilts”. In addition to our speaker, members will return completed blocks to be assembled for our quilt guild raffle. Completed BOM blocks with a Fall theme (pumpkin and maple leaf) will be returned and raffles will be drawn. Comfort quilts made by our members will be showcased at the end of the meeting.

Concord Piecemakers —This month, Gloria Loughman will join us virtually to present her humorous account of the many challenges that befall a quilting teacher as she travels the world. Learn of her inspiration and the techniques she uses to create her

large landscape quilts. Lots of images and close ups of quilts that have won awards around the world.

County Line Quilt Guild— The October program meeting will be a joint project with the outreach (Bridie and Ellie). We will be working on Quilts of Valor. More information to follow but we anticipate setting up in groups with sewing, cutting, pressing all available within each group. So check your stash for reds, whites and blues and join us for a productive meeting for a great cause.

Hammersmith Quilters Guild— Our October meeting will feature our self-portrait challenge and members will vote on their favorite. Also, one of our members will be teaching a clinic for those who do not have our signature name tag. We will have name tag, 3 for \$1 and fat quarter raffles and an October Show and Tell.

Hands Across The Valley— Lydia Middaugh will present a lecture and trunk show on wool appliqué quilts.

Material Girls Quilt Guild— We are doing a charity sew at our next meeting, which is October 17th. We are having a pillowcase race. 7 teams will sew up as many pillowcases as they can in 1 and a half hours. A team member has already prepared 100 pillowcase packs. All the team members have to do open a pack, press the fabrics, pin the hotdog roll and hand it off to the sewers. Once complete the team will pull the case apart and prep it for the closing of the case and back to the sewers. It should be a lot of fun.

Mothertown Quilters —Our guest for this meeting will be Sandra Cronauer-Mitra, who will share “Redwork Embroidery”,her expertise in adding embroidery to quilts.

North Parish Quilt Guild—Long time NP Member and guild supporter, Laurie Thies, of Mary Rose's Quilts and Treasures of Reading. Laurie will be presenting rulers - Deb Tucker's rulers: flying geese, tri recs, Tucker trimmers - and how to get the best results with them. We all have them and sometimes wonder why! Here's your chance to learn more and help yourself to success with a great new project.

Northampton Modern Quilt Guild— October 6 program: Textile Waste and how to reduce waste

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Thimble Pleasures Quilt Guild —The September Thimble Pleasures Quilt Guild program was a Zoom presentation by Margarita Koriath from her home in Tennessee entitled "The Odd Couple:Paper and Fabric in Quilts". This well-presented program was enthusiastically received by the guild members. Mrs. Koriath demonstrated her unique technique of fusing cheesecloth or sheer material to paper using a polymer medium to produce an eccentric paper cloth which can be used in a quilt or wall hanging. Many of her works are showcased in Quilting Arts and Simply Moderne magazines.

Also at our meeting we enjoyed a presentation by a guild member on Home Base a national non-profit organization dedicated to healing the invisible wounds of war for veterans and their families. Home Base will be the designated charity for our biennial quilt show in March 2026.

On Saturday September 21st members participated in an all-day charity sew to complete Senior Lap Quilts, to organize Fidget Quilt kits, and to cut backings and squares for lap quilts and fidget quilt kits. These kits will be used in our on-going Outreach Program.

Wayside Quilters Guild—on Oct 7, Marge Tucker, who will be speaking about Improv and Abstractions in Antique Quilts.

WORKSHOPS

Oct 20— North Parish—Our guild has had many requests for a repeat workshop on “Bernie Mittens”. Presently this “Bernie Mittens” workshop is tentatively scheduled for Sunday, October 20th however please check our website to confirm this date and time, location Fellowship Hall, see below for exact address.

Oct 24—Bayberry Quilters of Cape Cod—Jan Doyle will present a workshop on techniques for Thread Painting . She will be teaching us how to use our own photos to do thread painting or she will provide a flower panel to use for the class. Examples of her work can be seen at her website wyseworks.net.

Nov 2—Wayside Quilters Guild—Improv Circles Workshop— Marge Tucker will teach us to create her improv innovation: Circles! This is a great chance to learn a technique that will have your fellow quilters asking, ‘How did you do that?’

Nov 9—Blackstone Valley— This month Linda Locwin will be teaching "Table Runner with a Twist". The cost for workshops is \$30/members, \$35/non-members.

RETREATS

Plea for information

County Line Quilt Guild has been going to the Franciscan Center in Maine for many years. It looks like they are going to have a major renovation. Is there a resource where I can find a list of potential retreat locations? We are open to most of New England. amyfeldman914@gmail.com

CHALLENGES

NEWS FROM THE NEW ENGLAND QUILT MUSEUM

Sept 17-Oct 19— “Works from the Bayberry Guild” will be on display at the New England Quilt Museum from September 17 - October 19, 2024. The guild’s entry for the museum’s 2023 Summer Celebration of Quilts — Tere D’Amato’s “On the Road Again” — received the most votes from exhibit visitors, and we are honored to have the chance to show our members’ work at the Museum thanks to Tere’s beautiful quilt. The exhibit will include previous “Best in Show” winners and quilts featured at our annual show from a wide range of makers. The guild is planning a bus trip to Lowell on September 28 to see our guild’s work as well as all the other exhibits on display.

QUILT SHOWS/FUNDRAISERS

Oct 5—10:00-3:00—The Crazy Quilters of Cape Cod will hold their Quilt Show at the Gus Canary Recreation Center in Falmouth Massachusetts. Admission is free but donations are welcome. Highlights are a boutique, Quilt of Valor presentations, quilts shown by members including mystery quilts, challenge pieces, projects completed at a workshop. Everyone is busy completing projects and making items for the boutique sale. We raffle off a quilt made by members every year. This year’s quilt is entitled "Sea Stars." The winner will be drawn at the show. Additionally, we have books, magazines and patterns available at a small cost.

Oct 18 10:00-6:00; 19 10:00-4:00—The Concord Piecemakers Quilt Guild will be presenting their Quilt Show at the Saint Matthews United Methodist Church 435 Central St., Acton. Raffle Baskets include Breakfast, Chocolate, Fall, Halloween, Let’s Play, Dreaming of Summer, New England Quilt Museum membership, Notions plus batiks, and Sashiko. Boutique ideas and patterns are posted on the website <https://concordpiecemakers.org/> Come see our quilts and wearables, shop with our vendors and at our boutique, take a chance on our raffle quilt or our raffle baskets, then buy some of our fabric-wrapped containers of cookies to enjoy at home. Free parking, handicap accessible, and easy access to Rt 2. Admission is \$10. Children under 12 or

free. Details are on our website's Quilt Show page. <https://concordpiecemakers.org/quilt-show/>

Oct 22—Nimble Thimblers Quilt Guild— Our October meeting, which will be our annual Auction, will take place on October 22, which will be the THIRD Tuesday of the month, rather than our more traditional last Tuesday of the month. The date change is due to availability issues at our hall, but will result in a wonderful event in familiar surroundings -- the Crystal Community Club at 77 Preston Street in Wakefield. Doors will open at 6 p.m, and we expect to have our usual mix of Live Auction, Silent Auction, Raffle baskets, and "Grab 'n Go" tables full of wonderful things that quilters will love. Admission is free and visitors are most welcome! The Live Auction begins promptly at 7:30 p.m. There is also a Silent Auction and a Raffle Quilt, plus lots and lots of "Grab 'n Go" items priced for immediate purchase. We have lots of fabric -- both yardage and fat quarters -- plus UFO's (unfinished projects), quilt kits, and a selection of handcrafted gift items. There's even an antique 1881 baby quilt this year. Plenty of parking, and handicapped accessible.

Nov 6th, 7-9pm, Hammersmith Quilters Guild—We will be hosting a holiday boutique, with 11 of our members selling their creations. This event is open to the public. Admission is free. The Scissor Guy will be there as well, sharpening the our quilting scissors.

Nov —Crazy Quilters of Cape Cod—We are having an Auction in November so items that are no longer needed/wanted are being brought in for the auction.

Nov 16-17—The Rising Star Quilters will hold their 35th annual Quilt Show and sale at Arlington Town hall.

April 10-12, 2025—New England Quilt Expo - NEQE Doreen Fountain Aher Classes start Wednesday April 9th, 2025 Quilt Show and Vendor Mall: Thursday April 10th 10:00 - 5:00 p.m. Friday April 11th 10:00 - 5:00 p.m. Saturday April 12th 10:00 - 5:00 Saturday April 12th 10 - 4:00 Expo Center, Double Tree by Hilton, Manchester, NH

May 3-4, 2025 —Hands Across the Valley Quilt Show at Hampshire College

July 30-Aug 1, 2025—Bayberry Quilters of Cape Cod—Our recent Quilt Show (our 41st) was a great success for our members, our visitors and our vendors, Planning has already started for next year's show — to be held July 30 - August 1, 2025 at the Cape Tech High School in Harwich — the theme is "Old is New Again!" We hope to see you all there

QUILT AND FABRIC SHOPS

ALL NEW ENGLAND SHOP HOP—Sept 1 - October 31. <https://allnewenglandshop.com>

All American Quilt Company, Nashua NH

Appletree Fabrics , Auburn

Bits & Pieces, Pelham. NH

Charlton Sewing Center, Charlton Specializes in thread and wide fabrics for backs on quilts 108" to 118" .She has over 450 bolts of this wide fabric.Cathy Racine lectures on thread, tension and needles.

The Fabric Place Basement, Natick

Homestead Quilters, Lakeville

Mary Rose's Quilts and Treasures, Reading

Murray's Sewing Center and Fabrics, Orleans

Pine Tree Quilt Shop, Salem, NH

Quilt Corner Studio, Sandwich

The Quilted Crow, Bolton

Quilters Common, Wakefield

Tumbleweed Quilting and Fabric, West Barnstable

Wayside Sewing, Marlborough

For a complete list of 39 quilt shops by location in Massachusetts see:

SEWING MACHINE SALE AND REPAIR SHOPS

Canton—Ann's Fabrics

Charlton--Charlton Sewing Center, repairs. Also sells Handiquilter.

Cranston, RI—Blaine's Sewing Machine Center

Leominster—Dr Rod's Sewing Machine Services

Lincoln, RI—Anthony's Sewing Machine Service & Repair covers Ma, Ct and RI

Marlborough—Wayside Sewing

Nashua NH—Nashua Sew N Vac,

Nashua NH—Neveretts Sew N Vac

Orleans —Murray's Sewing Center and Fabrics,

Raynham— Able Sewing Machine and Vacuum

Reading—Mary Rose's Quilts and Treasures

Woburn—Sewing and Vacuum Center, also sharpens scissors

The deadline for sending submissions to the editor is the first of every month. Send submissions to maguild2guild@gmail.com Thank you. Janet Roche, editor