

Hammersmith Quilters Guild Newsletter



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January 2025

January 8, 2025 Meeting

Show & Tell: The only Show & Tell in January will be for the Fibonacci quilts made for the Creative Quilt Works project.

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

Creative Quilt Works: Fibonacci Quilts are due at the January meeting. The next CQW project is a pillowcase for donation to the Quilts of Valor. See more information 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 theme for January is Batik 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:

WOW!! It's 2025!! Can you believe it?? This is going to be a very exciting Guild year. We have great meetings scheduled for you: workshops, a retreat, interesting speakers, and our Bi-Annual Quilt Show. If you haven't already done so, please reach out to Gretchen, Kirsten and Nancy and let them know how you will help us. We will have a Signup Genius for the Quilt Show to recruit members also. Keep an eye on your refrigerator calendar.

Gretchen and her team did a marvelous job on the pillowcase charity donations. I helped her bring them to the Massachusetts Department of Children & Families (DCF), all 100 of them! What a tremendous donation. That surpassed our goal. We should all be proud....and get ready to start again for 2025!! All members are expected to donate a child's quilt and make a pillowcase. We collected money from the Christmas quilt raffle for the Holy Sacrament Church, and for our memorial donation in Sheila's name to the American Heart Association Relay for Life. I'll have the total counts for you at the January meeting, and let you know who won that beautiful quilt.

At 3:15 p.m. before our January 8th meeting, Gail Dwyer will be instructing at a workshop to make a fabulous bag. Call Joyce to find out if any openings remain. At the January meeting, I'll have a trunk show of my collage quilts, and on March 5th I'll be instructing a workshop for this collage method prior to the general meeting. Contact Joyce to sign up. Space is limited in both Gail's and my workshops.

During this holiday season, enjoy giving and remember to support those less fortunate than you, and please remember the children who are food challenged and give to your local food bank.

Happy Holidays and Happy New Year!! Be safe.

See you soon,

Nancy Sandreuter, President


Treasurer's Report: Carol Healy

The bank balance will be updated at the January meeting.

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

The guild has eighty-six members. The cost for guests at the January meeting is \$5.00.

This year I have received three inquiries from people who are not guild members but are downsizing their stash or can no longer quilt. They ask if they can donate items to the guild. After discussion at the Executive Board meeting, I have put a small notice on our website saying that we will accept quilting related donations to further our guild's mission. Depending on the quality of the donations, they will be used to a) make pillowcase kits; 2) make quilt kits; 3) make quilt of valor block kits; 4) use fat quarters for the quilt show needs; 5) use as door prizes for the quilt show; 6) put on the free table. Cutting of kits, fat quarters, etc. will take place during the summer Sit and Sews.

Program Committee: Joyce Rodenhiser

We want to wish each one of you good health and pleasantness in the New Year.

On January 8th at 3:15 p.m. at the Saugus Senior Center we will have a workshop with Gail Dwyer, making one of her gorgeous tote bags. At this writing (12/16) there are two slots left if you'd like to join us. Email me now, please, albearrod@aol.com, and I will take the first two I receive by time. We will eat between the workshop and the meeting.

At the January meeting we will have a Show & Tell of the Fibonacci Quilts from Creative Quilt Works and Nancy Sandreuter will present a Trunk Show with all her stunning work, the latest in collage quilting. In the afternoon of March 5th (before the March meeting) Nancy will be conducting a workshop for the collage method being shown at the January meeting.

These are two terrific opportunities that we hope you will take up!

Respectfully submitted,
Joyce Rodenhiser

Charity Donations Committee: Gretchen Berkowitch & Louise Nazzaro

Again, many thanks to all who made quilts, pillowcases and brought food for the food Pantry. All donations have been delivered to the various charities and are greatly appreciated!

Our donations have gone national as 2 dozen pillowcases were donated to CC's closet. A non-profit charity in AZ. It was started by Paula Fallon's daughter, Michelle. Some of you may have seen the article Paula posted on Facebook.

Thank you to those who came to stuff pillowcases.... Margie Berkowitch, Anne Smith, Holly Petersen, Linda and Barbara Tallanian, Ellen O'Sullivan. Thank you to Nancy Sandreuter for helping to deliver the goods to the office of DCF.

A special thank you to Louise Nazzaro whose work behind the scenes is so appreciated!

We will start collecting pillowcases and quilts in January. Pillowcase themes are snowmen for holiday donations, Red/White/Blue for Quilts of Valor, and everyday pillowcases appropriate for children and teens.

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.

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

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 January meeting. There is room for one more person on the Genius Sign Up.

Millie Becker

Helen Fortucci

Judy Massakowski

Phyllis Poussard

Kirsten Swensen

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

Bring your Fibonacci quilts to the January meeting. Looking forward to seeing all the color combinations that have been created!

The next project will be to make a pillowcase for the Quilts of Valor. This will not be due until March because of weather concerns in February. This again is to help Merle with her project and allow you to fulfill the support of our guild donations. Remember just red, white and blue. You can still be creative!

Any questions you may contact Linda Reppucci.

Ruler Librarian: Rosalene Graham

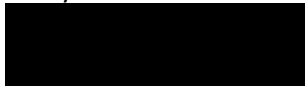
A ruler is just a template with measurements. The ruler library has lots of templates. Just donated by Irene Dwyer are #1046, Hex Star set by Victoria Findley; #1047, Double Wedding Ring Template (15") by Flynn Quilt Frame Company; #1048 Flowing Ribbons Template (8") by Quilt Escapes; #1049, The Clammy (6") with the Callaloo quilt pattern and shell quilting instructions by Latifa Saafir Studios; #1050, Double wedding ring pieced arc template by Quiltsmart; and #1051 5 sided acrylic templates with small triangle template by Victoria Finley. These join at least 10 or more other templates in the library.

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

March 2025 Guild Retreat: Cindy Nile

We will be collecting the remaining balance for the 2025 Retreat at the January meeting. If you have signed up for a double room (shared), then your balance due is \$300.00. If you have signed up for a single room, then your balance due is \$460.00. We accept check or cash at the January meeting. If you can't make the January meeting, please make arrangements with someone to bring your final payment or mail your check (made payable to Hammersmith Quilt Guild) to the following address:

Cindy Nile



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

Miscellaneous: Cindy Nile

This item is left over from Dottie's stash. It is a floor riser for a foot pedal. If any short people or someone who knows a child who could use this, please contact Rosie Graham at hammersmithqgmembershipchair@gmail.com.



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.

Happy Holidays! I hope everyone has a healthy, happy and prosperous new year. With lots of quilting in 2025!