

Hammersmith Quilters Guild Newsletter



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February 2025

February 5, 2025 Meeting

The February 2025 Meeting will be via ZOOM. The Zoom link will be emailed to everyone about half an hour before the 7:00 p.m. meeting.

Since the meeting will not be in person, there will be no Show & Tell, Free Table, Fat Quarter Raffle, 3/\$1 Raffle or Name Badge drawing in February.

President's Message: Nancy Sandreuter

Dear Guild Members:

I hope by the time this newsletter arrives in your mailbox this brutal New England weather has changed, and we can be happy with temps in the 30's! On the upside it's been great for staying warm inside and quilting, or maybe sewing pillowcases for the vets for our March challenge, right?

Our February 5th general meeting will be a ZOOM meeting with our featured speaker, Ann Lauer. Ann is a Fabric designer for Benartex, and a pattern designer too. (GrizzlyGulchGallery.com) You may remember her presentation 2 years ago, about her travels to see the Mountain Gorillas, and how she is helping the sewers there with donations and in fundraising for much needed items for the villages, like water purification systems and solar panels for electricity that allows children to complete their homework assignments after dark. Some of our guild members donated to the "Go Fund Me" that benefits these ladies. Ann returned to the village in 2024 and I'm looking forward to catching up on the progress there. Carol will be sending the ZOOM link a half hour or so before the meeting starts at 7:00 pm.

We will have the quilt raffle tickets ready for our 2025 Quilt Show Quilt at our March meeting. John Balliro has graciously agreed to coordinate your ticket packages and sales. Requirements are the same, as is the price. 1\$ for one and 6 for 5\$.

Stay warm and see you on the ZOOM!

Nancy Sandreuter, President
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Membership & Web Administration: Rosalene Graham

The guild has eighty-six members.

Program Committee: Joyce Rodenhiser

We have a lot of great things planned for February and March! Let's face it, we need something to get us through Winter and into Spring and there's nothing better than quilting!

February Happenings:

The February meeting will be a Zoom presentation with Ann Lauer. We had a meeting with her before and she is the woman who goes to Africa to help women there. They have an amazing set up in which they sew to keep life going for them.

March Happenings:

After seeing Nancy's wonderful trunk show of her collage quilts at the January meeting, Nancy will teach a great workshop in March on collage quilting.

On March 5th, at 3:15 p.m. we will have a workshop in the Senior Center taught by Nancy where she will show us how to make one of her wonderful small wall hangings. The pattern, Steam A Seam and fabric are provided. Please bring a pair of Karen Kay Buckley scissors and a fusing mat if you have them. At 5:30 we will eat and then go to our meeting. One stop does it all!! The cost for the workshop is \$25. Please contact Joyce Rodenhiser at albearrod@aol.com to sign up for the workshop.

The March meeting is a Member to Member where we will have five opportunities to learn new things:

1. Betty Snell-Frazier will teach Red Work.
2. Kristin Callahan will teach Quilting on your Home Sewing Machine.
3. Bo Shilkey will teach Fabric Sculptures.
4. Hildy Curran will teach Shibori, (Japanese Tie Dye).
5. Dale DeLuca will teach Paper Piecing.

What a great line-up that will satisfy many requests from recent surveys.

Respectfully submitted,
Joyce Rodenhiser

Charity Donations Committee: Gretchen Berkowitch & Louise Nazzaro

We are collecting pillowcases and quilts. 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 February meeting is not in person.

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

The current project is 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



Need to make identical Y blocks? The ruler library has the ruler for you. It is #6, the y block by Cathey Mare Designs. It comes with instructions. There is also a handy YouTube video that shows how to use the ruler. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s2_nQxte2TE&t=223s

To check out the y block ruler 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

I hope everyone is excited about the March retreat! Start planning those projects.

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.