

Hammersmith Quilters Guild Newsletter



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May 2025

May 7, 2025 Meeting

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

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

Creative Quilt Works: The May project is juvenile pillowcases for cancer patients.

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 May is novelty. Remember: a fat quarter of fabric measures 18" x 22". Louise Nazzaro is also collecting fat quarters for the quilt show basket.

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

Hello All and Happy Spring:

Well, I think it's Spring. As we watch the days get longer and the temperature begins to rise, I hope you all find time to spend indoors to sew and outdoors to enjoy what sun there is!

Our May Meeting is our annual business meeting. We are in the process of filling Board positions and we will nominate and vote on the slate at the May meeting. As of today:

President - Nancy Sandreuter (second 2-year term)
Secretary – Kristin Callahan (second 2-Year term)
Member at Large – Paula Fallon (second 2-year term)
Program Chairperson – Gail Dwyer (2-year term)

Please come to the meeting and vote for your Board.

See you on May 7th.

Nancy Sandreuter, President


Vice President's Message: Kirsten Swenson

We will be voting for President, Secretary, Member at Large and Program Chairperson at the May general membership meeting.

Membership & Web Administration: Rosalene Graham

Please welcome our newest member, Michele Maurice, to the guild. We now have 89 members. There is a \$5 guest fee for the May meeting.

I will be collecting dues for the 2025-2026 Guild year which starts on July 1, 2025, at the May and June meetings. As a reminder, dues are \$30 per year. Members 70 years of age and older pay \$25 for their dues.

Program Committee: Joyce Rodenhiser

May will find us voting for officers for President, Secretary, Member at Large and Program Chairperson; hearing reports from the past year; and we voting on the Quilt to be selected for display this summer at the New England Quilt Museum from the Hammersmith Quilt Guild.

At last, there will be Show and Tell in May as well!!

Also, let's be thinking about a theme for your Penny Basket for the Quilt Show and a group you would like to work with to put it together. (No one is asked to do this by themselves.)

Many thanks to those who participated in the last workshop. We had fun and learned some new techniques. We received a lovely thank you note from Sandy Cronauer-Mitra with lots of nice compliments about our Guild.

Respectfully submitted,
Joyce Rodenhiser

Charity Donations Committee: Gretchen Berkowitch & Louise Nazzaro

The Donation Committee and Creative Quiltworks are teaming up for a juvenile pillowcase drive. Pillowcases are welcomed all year long, but we would like to encourage members to meet the May challenge for cancer patients.

The Guild received a generous donation of knitted and crocheted baby quilts with some matching baby sweaters. When asked how she heard about our guild, the donor replied that our guild had collected money for her sister's family about a year and a half ago when the husband died. She remembered our kindness and wanted to give back when her parents downsized. These items will go to the Department of Children and Families as part of our annual giving.

The Donation Committee continues to collect donation quilts for babies, kids, and teens (baby to lap size). Throughout the year, we also collect pillowcases. Pillowcase themes are snowmen for holiday donations, Red/White/Blue for Quilts of Valor, and everyday pillowcases appropriate for children and teens.

For new 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"

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

The May project is juvenile pillowcases for cancer patients. Please bring the pillowcases to the May meeting.

The June, July and August project are charity quilts for kids. Gretchen would like to display some of them at the quilt show in November so bring your charity quilts to the September meeting.

Any questions you may contact Linda Reppucci.

Ruler Librarian: Rosalene Graham

Three members recently checked out items from the ruler library. Hopefully, more members will use this valuable resource. This month, the highlighted ruler is #14, multi size curved corner cutter. It makes curves with a radius of 1-1/2 in, 2 in, or 3 in. Each curve features 45 and 90 degree markings. It is also good for making scalloped borders. The Creative Grids how to video at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3jzBOApug-M> shows how to use it.

To check out the multi size curved corner cutter or any other ruler from the Ruler Library, contact Rosie Graham at hammersmithqgmembershipchair@gmail.com with the ruler number and when you need it.

Quilt Show 2025: Nancy Sandreuter, Kirsten Swenson and Gretchen Berkowitch (Co-Chairs)

SAVE THE DATE: November 8th and 9th 2025!!!

Quilt Show Theme: Homespun Harvest 2025

Set-up day is Friday, November 7, 2025, and the show will be Saturday and Sunday, November 8 and 9, 2025.

Quilt Show registration forms will be handed out at the May meeting and we will also have online registration for quilt submissions. The first deadline will be the June meeting, and submissions no later than the September meeting. To submit a quilt, you must volunteer to work a shift at the show. There will be plenty to do, and volunteer jobs will be announced in the coming months.

We are asking members to volunteer small homemade items that we can use as door prizes, such as table toppers, table runners, small bags, etc. This is voluntary. We thought it would be a nice addition to the donations we hope to receive from various quilt shops and companies we are soliciting.

Please remember to pick up your quilt raffle tickets at the May meeting if you have not already done so. We ask each member to sell 4 books. If you cannot attend the May meeting, ask a friend to pick up your tickets. It will help defray the cost of postage of mailing tickets to members.

For new members who are not sure what the show is like, you can check out our last show on You Tube. Search 2023 Hammersmith Quilters Guild 11/5/2023 Saugus TV. It is quite impressive!

Paula Fallon will be coordinating the cafe.

Gail Dwyer and Beverly McGrath will be coordinating the boutique. Crafters, start thinking about what you may want to sell in the boutique. Items do not have to be quilt-related items. These items will be due the day of set up.

Carol Healey will be working on advertising and promoting the show.

Louise Nazzaro will be collecting fat quarters from guild members. A fat quarter measures 18"x22". As you clean your stash, please think of the quilt show. We are traditionally able to collect enough fat quarters to make a penny sale basket and to use as favors for our guests.

Ellen O'Sullivan will be recruiting vendors to vend at the show. Sending them contracts and helping with set up. The area can accommodate 4 vendors.

Joyce Rodenhiser and Louise Nazzaro will be Penny Sale Basket Coordinator(s). They will be soliciting members to make themed baskets of their choosing. Tracking the baskets to prevent duplicates. Members will wrap their baskets and provide a list of the items that are inside the basket. Volunteers will help set up the room and there will be shift workers to help sell tickets. The tickets will be provided. On the day of set up the coordinators will be responsible for assigning each basket a number and coordinating a numbered gift bag to secure tickets.

Kirsten Swenson and Carol Healy will be Door Prize Coordinators.

Rosie Graham will be the Volunteer Coordinator. She will set up the volunteer categories on Sign Up Genius and the shifts needed to work. She will help members sign up for their jobs through Sign Up Genius, making sure all shifts are covered and checking people in each day of the quilt show.

All coordinators are asked to attend quilt show committee meetings****

Our show depends on the work of the members. It is a nice way to get to know your fellow guild members! 😊

If you are interested in being a Quilt Show Committee Member, please contact Gretchen Berkowitch at gabrncs@yahoo.com.

New England Quilt Museum: Jean Balliro

New England Quilt Museum: Summer Celebration of New England Quilts will feature a gallery exhibition of exceptional quilts made by the Museum's Supporting Guilds. As a supporting guild, we can submit one quilt into their special exhibition. Entries must exemplify excellence in design, construction, and finishing.

Here are the guidelines for the guild's quilt entry:

1. Entries must consist of two layers of fabric with a middle layer of batting. It must display quilting by machine and/or hand. Quilting is defined as a running stitch that passes through top, batting, and backing. Tied quilts are not permitted.
2. NEQM will not accept entries made prior to 2022. No kits please.
3. Quilts should be no larger than 80" wide and 88" long, but no smaller than 24" wide and 24" long.
4. All quilts, regardless of size, must have a 4" hanging sleeve sewn to the upper back of the quilt.
5. All quilts must have a label on the back with the title, guild name, quiltmaker's name, address, and phone number.

Jean Balliro, our NEQM representative, explained at the March meeting how your quilt can be considered for this exhibition. Our guild will vote on the entry at the May general meeting.

2026 Retreat: Cindy Nile

Please save the dates for the 2026 Retreat: March 19-22, 2026. We will be heading back to the Best Western in Portsmouth, NH and the pricing will be similar to this year. Still working on contracts and as soon as we have the pricing set, we will let you know the details.

Miscellaneous: Cindy Nile

The Maine Quilt Show is coming up in July. Here is a link for more information:
<https://mainequilts.org/maine-quilts-2025/>

The All New England Shop Hop is during the months of September and October. Here is a link for more information:
<https://allnewenglandshophop.com/stores/>

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.