

Hammersmith Quilters Guild Newsletter



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June 2025

June 4, 2025 Meeting

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

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

Creative Quilt Works: The June project is to work on quilts for donation.

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 June is floral. 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 Everyone:

Well, we made it through another Guild Year. Your board worked diligently to attend to your requests to promote member involvement. Kirsten took the lead on our Quilt Show Quilt and along with her committee created a beautiful quilt for our drawing at the show this Fall. Everyone enjoyed the speakers arranged by Joyce (Great Job Joyce) as well as the fun workshops. The Member-to-Member evening arranged by Paula was a great success and well attended (Thank you Paula). Rosie keeps everything published, welcomes everyone at the door, and introduces our new members to you. (Thanks!) Gretchen leads us through our wonderfully successful Charity effort with quilts and pillowcases for the children. (It's a huge effort.... thank you). Kristin, as our secretary, has kept records of our Board meetings and has agreed to continue for another term. Many thanks to her for this detailed job, including taking on Sunshine and Shadows for the net term. Carol will serve another term as Treasurer. It's been a bit of a transition, and I'll have the wrinkles smoothed out by the end of June. And of course, to Cindy a huge congratulations on the successful Get-a-Way in March, as well as organizing and publishing your Newsletter every month.

So now it's on to our final meeting of the year, and our Ice Cream Social!! Then I hope to see you at our sit and sews this summer!! If not, see you September 3rd.

Be safe and Keep Quilting!
Nancy Sandreuter, President



Vice President's Message: Kirsten Swenson

The Executive Board members for Guild Year 2025-2026 are as follows:

President:	Nancy Sandreuter
Vice President:	Kirsten Swenson
Secretary:	Kristin Callahan
Treasurer:	Carol Healy
Member at Large:	Paula Fallon
Membership Chairperson:	Rosalene Graham
Program Chairperson:	Gail Dwyer

Membership & Web Administration: Rosalene Graham

Thank you to the 29 members for renewing their Guild membership at the May meeting. I will be collecting dues at the June meeting for the 2025-2026 Guild year also. The Guild year starts on July 1, 2025. As a reminder, dues are \$30 per year. Members who are 70 years of age and older pay \$25 per year. We currently have 89 members.

There is a \$5 guest fee for the June meeting.

The Guild's website has a gallery page of show and tell photos plus other quilt pictures. Unfortunately, some pictures do not have members names attributed to them because I can't remember the maker when I upload the pictures. If your quilt is on the gallery and you wish to have your name associated with the picture, please email Rosie Graham at hammersmithqgmembershipchair@gmail.com.

Please provide information about Guild activities to Rosie as well so that it can be posted on the website.

Program Committee: Joyce Rodenhiser

Many thanks to all who contributed to this year's programming. To Cindy who did all the work for the getaway and continues to do this wonderful work! To Carmen who did the survey to find out what we wanted to focus on so we could get good speakers! To all on the Executive Board who were great counselors! To all the members who produced workshops, trunk shows and member to member presentations! To all of you who were willing to help when we needed a hand! And to all of you who attended the meetings and the workshops.

June will find us enjoying Ice Cream Sundaes! We will have Show and Tell as well!

See you then and at the Sit and Sews on July 9th and August 6th.

Respectfully submitted,
Joyce Rodenhiser

Sunshine and Shadow Committee: Kristin Callahan

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 klcquilts@msn.com.

Hospitality Committee: Mary Ann Andree and Ann Kelly-Maguire

Ice cream sundaes for refreshments!

Charity Donations Committee: Gretchen Berkowitch & Louise Nazzaro

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 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

The highlighted ruler is #6, the Y Block Ruler. This ruler aids in the construction of identical quarter square triangle units with no bias edges or mirror imaging. The resulting units can range from 1" to 6 1/2". Cathey Laird, the ruler designer, shows how to use this ruler in a you tube video at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s2_nQxte2TE&t=223s.

To check out the Y Block Ruler 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 June meeting, and we also have online registration for quilt submissions. The first deadline will be the June meeting, with final 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.

The quilt registration form and the boutique forms for the 2025 Hammersmith Quilt Show are available on our website at <https://hqgsaugus.org/index.php/around-the-block/>

The quilt registration form is a fillable pdf that you can either print out, fill out by hand, and bring to the June 4, 2025, meeting or you can fill out electronically on your computer, save, and attach the saved file to an email to Gretchen at gabrncs@yahoo.com. Each member can submit one quilt in each category plus one challenge quilt (Fibonacci). The first deadline for quilt registration forms is at the June 4th meeting. To get a number for your boutique items, contact Bev McGrath. Her email is mcgrath_beverly@yahoo.com.

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 June meeting if you have not already done so. We ask each member to sell 4 books. If you cannot attend the June 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 Healy 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 - 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 are submitting a quilt made by Gail Dwyer that was selected by the membership at the May meeting.

Plan a visit to the New England Quilt Museum to see Gail's quilt on display!

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

Shop Hop: Quilters' Summer Poker Run – July 17-19, 2025, 9-5 daily. Poker Tickets (shop hop tickets) went on sale on April 1st at each shop. There are four shops participating, Bits 'N Pieces Quilt Shop in Pelham, NH; Paradise Quilting in Concord, NH; Patches Quilt Loft & Embroidery in Manchester, NH; and Pine Tree Quilt Shop in Salem, NH.

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/>

The **Cocheco Quilt Show** "Color Parade" is October 25-26, 2025 (10 am to 4 pm) at the James W. Foley Memorial Center, 150 Wakefield Street, Rochester, NH. For complete information go to www.CochecoQuilters.com.

If you are in the Portsmouth, NH area this summer, don't forget to stop in and visit **Seacoast Sewing & Quilting** (www.seacoastsewingandquilting.com). They are having a fabulous **one-day cash only sale** on Tuesday, May 27th, offering 50% off fabric. Go to the website for all the details.

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.