

Hammersmith Quilters Guild Newsletter



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July 2025

**July 9, 2025 Sit & Sew
August 6, 2025 Sit & Sew**

President's Message: Nancy Sandreuter

Hello Summer, and Happy 4th of July!

Well, gone are those rainy Saturdays and now a horrible heat wave, but such is New England. I hope you all have been safe with these incredible weather swings. Be sure to reach out to your Guild sisters and brother if you need help.

As we enter our summer break from business meetings and enter a more casual style for the next two months, I hope you can find time to attend our Sit & Sew sessions on July 9th and August 6th. Come sit, sew and have some fun.

When we get back to our September 3rd general meeting be prepared! It will be full speed ahead for our 2025 Quilt Show in November. Be thinking about what committee you can join. Remember committee sign-ups will be available on Signup Genius. Call Gretchen, Kirsten or me with any question.

We had an excellent 2024-2025 Guild year, and I am looking forward to seeing everyone's beautiful creations hanging at our show in November. So it's on to 2025-2026 and lots of great experiences, speakers, activities, workshops and of course ice cream!

Until September, keep creating!!

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 53 members for renewing their guild membership so far. 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 for their dues. We currently have 89 members.

From the Web Administrator: The Members Only tab on the guild's website is active. To look at it, members must establish a log in. The tab contains our membership list and unredacted newsletters. It is for members only so nonmembers will be denied access. Occasionally, not more than twice a month (if then), update information from the website may be emailed to members who established a login. This is entirely optional. If you have difficulty with logging in, please contact Rosie either by email or phone.

Program Committee: Joyce Rodenhiser to Gail Dwyer

Former Chair Joyce Rodenhiser:

We will have Sit and Sew sessions on July 9th (to avoid the vacation time around July 4th) and on August 6th (our usual first Wednesday.) It's a great time to get to know new members and have fun with everyone.

Let's start September with a bang!! It will still be light out for those who do not drive in the dark so we can all be at the meeting!

The speaker will be Sue Michaels from Dragonfly Fiberart. She is the woman who spoke at the retreat and everyone loved her and her work!! She will have a different topic in September so plan to come and enjoy the evening of September 3rd.

Wishing you a wonderful summer and sending best wishes to our next Program Chairperson, Gail Dwyer.

Respectfully submitted,
Joyce Rodenhiser

New Chair Gail Dwyer:

If any member is interested in doing a trunk show for the Guild, please contact me at gaild516@aol.com or text me at [REDACTED]. There is compensation for presenting a trunk show.

Charity Donations Committee: Gretchen Berkowitch & Louise Nazzaro

Thank you everyone for your generosity. To date we have 49 quilts, 72 everyday pillowcases and **only 20 snowmen pillowcases**. We need all hands on deck to meet our goal of at least 80 pillowcases and quilts. **We need lap size quilts for children and teens**. We have plenty of quilts for babies and toddlers.

We need to meet our goal by the November meeting.

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.

For reference, here are approximate measurements for donation quilts:

Baby Quilt: 30" x 40"

Crib: 36" x 52"

Throw (lap): 55" x 65"

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 are available online for quilt submissions. Please do not wait to turn in your quilt show registration forms until September. Presently, we only have a handful of forms submitted. We will be collecting forms at the July and August Sit & Sews. The reason we need as many forms as possible is two-fold. It takes a lot of time to rewrite the quilt biographies if forms are not submitted online. If submitted online, they can be cut and pasted. Secondly, we need a count of quilts we will have for display.

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 Sit and Sews this summer 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). 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.

If you need additional quilt raffle tickets, please contact John Balliro. We ask each member to sell 4 books.

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



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Pat Pauly
Unfolding Years



Devil's Garden · Pat Pauly, Rochester, NY

And more...

Check out the new NEQM website!

Click on the logo below or visit neqm.org, where you can preview exhibitions, learn about programs, purchase or renew your membership, make a gift to the NEQM Annual Fund, and much more!



New England
Quilt Museum

Welcome to our new monthly column ***Museum Matters: An Insider's View of the NEQM***, which will introduce you to the people behind this treasured museum and reveal some of the fun facts, secrets and stories of interest for art lovers, history buffs, museum-goers, quiltmakers and crafters. We hope you enjoy this new addition to our newsletter!

[Read the Story](#)

REGIONAL EVENTS

July 23 - 26, 2025

Pine Tree Quilters
Guild presents
Maine Quilts

Augusta Civic Center
Augusta, ME

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July 25 - 27, 2025



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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: 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.

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

Please continue to make Snowmen pillowcases, juvenile pillowcases and lap size quilts for pre-teens and teens for our charity donations.

If anyone is interested in chairing or co-chairing Creative Quilt Works & Block of the Month, please contact Vice President Kirsten Swenson at kgsvenson44@gmail.com.

Ruler Librarian: Rosalene Graham

The highlighted ruler is #1056, the Glorified 9 Patch template set. Thank you to Janet Dalis for donating this template set and directions for how to sew curves. The YouTube video at <https://www.quiltingdaily.com/sew-easy-fons-porter-glorified-nine-patch> shows how to use and piece the block using this Fons and Porter template set.

If you wish to check out a ruler, contact Rosie Graham at hammersmithqgmembershipchair@gmail.com with the ruler number and when you need it.

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. Registrations and deposits will be accepted at the September meeting.

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.

The **Merrimack Valley Quilt Guild** will hold its Annual Quilt show on Friday, September 26th and Saturday September 27th, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Hope Community Church, 11 Hale Street, Newburyport, MA.

There is ample parking. Buses are welcome and the Church is handicap accessible. Admission is \$10.00 at the door. If a group brings a bus of 10 or more guests, the fee will be \$8.00 per guest. (Please have a representative come to the admissions table to let us know when your group has arrived.)

This is a quilt show with something for everyone - vendors, penny raffle, silent auction, demonstrations, handmade boutique, a white elephant room, luncheon, and over 150 awesome juried and non-juried quilts for viewing.

More information is available at <https://mvquilters.org/quilt-show/> or by responding to this email.

Tickets for our Raffle Quilt can be purchased here. <https://mvquilters.org/current-raffle-quilt/>

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.

Don't forget to post pictures of your quilting creations on the Guild's Facebook page.