

Hammersmith Quilters Guild Newsletter



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September 2025

September 3, 2025 Meeting

Show & Tell: There will not be Show & Tell in September.

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

Creative Quilt Works: The September project is juvenile and snowman pillowcases as well as donation quilts.

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 September is pumpkins. Remember: a fat quarter of fabric measures 18" x 22". Louise Nazzaro is also collecting fat quarters for the quilt show basket and is in need of batiks to finish a 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 Hammersmith Guild Members:

Well, it's "go" time! We will be very busy for the next 2 months getting ready for our Quilt Show November 8-9. The Show Committee and your Board have been working over the summer break organizing the committees, looking at the budgets, selling raffle tickets, logging in donations, and collecting items for door prizes, just to name a few projects.

Remember our Creative Quiltworks challenge for the summer is to make a quilt for a child and bring it to the September meeting.

Rosie has set up the various Show Committee's needs for shifts on the Sign-Up Genius site, so please volunteer in the categories where you can help over the 2-3 days. Do that right away so you have your preference for days and time slots.

As you know, one of our income sources for the show is the sale of quilt raffle tickets. Please be sure to turn your money and ticket stubs into John at the September meeting. While you are at it, pick up and sell an extra packet as well!

Gail Dwyer is our new Program Chair and has arranged for a great speaker for our first meeting on September 3rd. Susan Michaels from Dragonfly Fiberart gave a wonderful presentation at our Getaway using fabric panels, and we have asked her to present to the entire guild on another of her wonderful pattern projects.

See you on the 3rd. I am excited to welcome you all back for our 2025-2026 Guild year!

Yours in Stitches,

Nancy Sandreuter, President



Membership & Web Administration: Rosalene Graham

Please join me in welcoming our newest member, Beth Lanigan from Braintree. Beth joined us on our last two guild retreats and wants to continue to "retreat" with us.

Thank you to the 61 members who have renewed their guild memberships for the 2025-2026 guild year. Unfortunately, non-renewing members will be removed from mailings after the September meeting. As a reminder, dues are \$30 per member per year. Members who are 70 years of age and older pay \$25 for their dues.

Program Committee: Gail Dwyer

We are pleased to welcome our first speaker for the 2025-2026 guild year, Susan Michaels from Dragonfly Fiberart (www.dragonflyfiberart.com). Susan gave a presentation at the March getaway, and it was a big hit! Of course, she will be speaking on a different topic in September.

Respectfully submitted,
Gail Dwyer

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 from the Guild. You can contact me at klcquilts@msn.com.

Hospitality Committee: John and Jean Balliro

The following members have signed up to bring refreshments for the September meeting:

Jean Balliro	Louise Nazzaro
Helen Fortucci	Barbara Talanian
Barbara Martinson	Linda Talanian

Charity Donations Committee: Gretchen Berkowitch & Louise Nazzaro

We will be collecting quilts and snowman pillowcases at the September and October meetings. We are reducing the total that we collect to 50 snowman-themed pillowcases this year due to the fact that Gretchen is scheduled for hip replacement surgery in November and the reduced number will make things manageable this year. We also will not be asking for elves to help fill the pillowcases this year as Louise will need to have everything packaged before November. Currently, we have 20 pillowcases and approximately 25 to 30 quilts. We need lap size quilts.

At the December meeting, we will be collecting food for the food pantry. Just a little side note. I have noticed in the Fab 5 section of the Shaw's ad, if you buy 5 of an item advertised in that section (you can mix and match), you can purchase items for as low as 99 cents each. Example: Today I bought 3 Prince pasta boxes and 2 Rice a Roni for the food pantry.

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.

We will also be collecting RWB (Red/White/Blue) pillowcases and RWB (Red/White/Blue) blocks that finish at 12×12 inches. For new quilters this means the blocks you donate should measure 12.5x12.5 inches. If you have any questions about Quilts of Valor, please contact Merle Gordon.

The guild received two generous donations of fabric during the last guild year. Some members sorted through the fabrics at the July Sit N Sew. They created bags of fabric that can be used for donations quilts. There are one or two bags with finished blocks that need sewing together. There is also some fabric sorted for backing and even enough batting for two lap quilts. There are 6 pillowcase kits available that are all cut and ready to be sewn for the winter pillowcases. The material will be available for anyone who wants fabric, backing, or batting for a donation quilt at the September meeting.

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 Creative Quilt Works project over the summer was juvenile and snowman pillowcases, as well as donation quilts. Please bring them to the September meeting.

Any questions you may contact Linda Reppucci.

Ruler Librarian: Rosalene Graham

Have you ever needed to cut hexagons? The guild has a ruler for that. The hexagon ruler by Fons and Porter cuts hexagons in 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 inch finished sizes. The highlighted ruler is #7. Fons and Porter has a video demonstrating the ruler at <https://www.quiltingdaily.com/fons-porter-hexagons/>. In addition, the library has a 5-inch half hexagon (#16), a 10-inch half hexagon (#18), a mini hexagon ruler (#1019), and a hexagon ruler in ½ inch to 2 ½ inch finished

To check out a hexagon 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.

The final deadline to submit a registration form to display a quilt at the show is the September meeting. Presently, less than 30 forms have been submitted. Remember, the quilt does not have to be completed before the form is submitted at the September meeting, as long as it is completed for the show.

To submit a quilt, you must volunteer to work a shift at the show. There will be plenty to do.

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.

You can turn in the raffle tickets that you have sold along with the money at the September meeting. 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. Please start thinking of goodies you would like to bake for refreshments for the show. Please register your items with Paula as soon as possible. All items must be individually wrapped the same way as the last show. Please feel free to include a list of ingredients as well. Any questions, please contact Paula.

Gail Dwyer and Beverly McGrath will be coordinating the boutique. Please see Gail and Bev with any questions and to receive a number that you can put on each of your items. Items do not have to be quilt-related items. These items are due the day of set-up, Friday, November 7, 2025.

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

Louise Nazzaro is collecting fat quarters from guild members. A fat quarter measures 18"x22". We have two baskets of calicos and almost enough batiks to create a third penny sale basket. If you have any extra batik fat quarters, please think about donating them to the guild and giving them to Louise.

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). If you haven't already done so, please see Joyce at the September meeting to register your table's Penny Sale Basket. Members will wrap their baskets in clear cellophane 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. If you have any issue with using Sign UP Genius, please see Rosie at the September meeting to sign up.

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! 😊

2026 Quilt Retreat: Cindy Nile

Are you ready for Retreat 2026?!?! We are going back to the Best Western Plus in Portsmouth, NH (at the traffic circle) with the Roundabout Diner attached to the hotel. We will enjoy 4 days and 3 nights, March 19-22, 2026 (Thursday through Sunday). The price includes 4 full days of sewing in the ballroom, 3-nights hotel and 3 buffet breakfasts provided by the fabulous Roundabout Diner. Complementary coffee and tea are available all day in the hotel lobby.

Susan Michaels from Dragonfly Fiberart (www.drafgonflyfiberart.com) will be joining us for another presentation (different from last year and different from September's meeting).

There are lots of quilt shops and great restaurants in the Portsmouth area and Marden's in Maine is a short drive away.

We have some great activities planned, like a mystery quilt, Left-Right-Center (round up those fat quarters), show and tell and maybe a surprise or two.

The cost is \$350.00 per person for a double room and \$510.00 per person for a single room.

Registrations will begin at the Guild meeting on September 3rd so bring your \$50 deposit (cash or check) to reserve your spot as space is limited and you don't want to miss out on another fun retreat! Final payment will be due by January 7, 2026. Please see retreat details and registration form at the end of the newsletter. If you are not able attend the September meeting, there are mailing instructions on the registration form.

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

Miscellaneous: Cindy Nile

As we begin the new Guild year, I was thinking about the first Hammersmith meeting that I attended. It was at a time in my quilting life where I was looking for new friends with similar interests. I checked the website and found the date and time of the September meeting and put it on my calendar. I was excited and looking forward to my first meeting. Well, I was excited until I started walking toward the door to the Senior Center and at that moment it hit me that I did not know one single person inside that building. I got there a few minutes early, checked in, paid my guest fee and headed for a table as far in the back as possible where there was no one sitting. While I sat there waiting for the meeting to start, I definitely had a few second thoughts and was wondering what I had gotten myself into this time! Luckily, it didn't take too long and the first member came along, Merle Gordon, and I immediately offered to move since it appeared that she and her friends normally sat at that table. I will be forever grateful to Merle for saying something like absolutely not! Sit here with me and my friends. I also remember several members during the meeting handing me little welcome gifts, like a spool of thread, a fat quarter, etc. I met several people that night and over the next several years who have become cherished friends and not just quilting friends. I thought I would share this story as a reminder to myself and all members that it isn't easy to walk into a room full of people who already know one another and know what to expect during a meeting. So, let's welcome new members and invite them to sit with us and we'll all make new friends.

UPCOMING QUILT SHOWS/EVENTS

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/>

Bennington QuiltFest – Bennington, VT – September 13-14, 2025 (see attached brochure).

Silver City Quilt Guild – Starry Starry Night Quilt Show – Friedman Middle School, Taunton, MA
September 20-21, 2025 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Merrimack Valley Quilters Quilt Show – Hope Community Church, 11 Hale St., Newburyport, MA
September 26-27, 2025 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Crosstown Quilters Guild Quilt Show – Hanover, MA – October 18-19, 2025 (see attached brochure).

Cocheco Quilters Guild 43rd Annual Quilt Show – Color Parade – October 25-26, 2025 from 10-4
James W. Foley Memorial Center, 150 Wakefield St., Rochester, NH

The 2025 Rising Star Quilt Show – Arlington Town Hall, 730 Mass Ave., Arlington, MA
November 15-16, 2025 – Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Sunday 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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.

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IN THE GARDEN**

Crosstown Quilters Guild Quilt Show



October 18-19, 2025

Saturday: 10-4 and Sunday: 10-3

CARDINAL CUSHING CENTER

SISTER SHAWN CENTER GYMNASIUM

405 Washington Street, Hanover, MA



Beautiful Quilts on Display
Raffle Quilt and Themed Baskets
Vendors
Handcrafted Boutique Items

Admission: \$10.00, Children under 12 free

www.crosstownquilters.org

BENNINGTON QUILTFEST

September 13-14, 2025
Saturday 9-5, Sunday 10-3

Mount Anthony Union Middle School
747 East Road, Bennington, VT

Presented by
Quiet Valley Quilters Guild

NEW QUILTS
QUILT RAFFLE
CHALLENGE EXHIBIT
SPECIAL EXHIBIT
BASKET RAFFLE
VENDORS
QUILTFEST CAFE

FEATURED QUILTER:
Maria Ferri Cousins

Admission \$10
Handicapped Accessible
Info: benningtonquiltfest.com
www.quietvalleyquilters.com

HAMMERSMITH QUILT GUILD GETAWAY 2026

4 DAYS & 3 NIGHTS of Sewing with
Friends! What Could Be Better!

March 19-22, 2026

- * **Hotel:** Best Western Plus - Portsmouth, NH
580 US Highway 1 Bypass, Portsmouth, NH (Traffic Circle)
- * Ballroom
- * Cutting Tables
- * Ironing Stations
- * Design walls can be taped to the walls with painter's tape only

A buffet breakfast is included on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. There is free parking but each car per room will be issued a parking pass. If the parking lot in front of the hotel is full, there is an overflow lot across the street. There will be games and door prizes throughout the weekend.

Weekend Package Includes:

- * Sewing Room from 8:00 a.m. on Thursday through 3:00 p.m. on Sunday
- * Guest Room for 3 nights
- * Three Buffet Breakfasts (Friday, Saturday and Sunday)
- * Coffee/Tea in the hotel lobby each day
- * Games and prizes
- * Hotel rooms have microwaves and refrigerators

Double Room Weekend Package - \$350.00 (2 Queen Beds)

Single Room Weekend Package - \$510.00 (1 King Bed)



HAMMERSMITH QUILT GUILD
WEEKEND GETAWAY 2026

REGISTRATION FORM

Non-Refundable Deposit of \$50 is required at sign-up
Balance due by January 7, 2026

Please Print

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: Home: _____ Cell: _____

Email: _____

Please check only one option below:

Single Room _____

Double Room* _____

If you need a handicap room, please indicate here: _____

*If opting for a double room, please indicate you roommate's name: _____

If you opt for a double room but do not indicate a roommate, it is up to you to find one. We cannot be responsible for finding roommates. If you do not have a roommate by the time final payment is due, you will be charged for a single room.

Deposit: \$50.00 nonrefundable and due upon registration. Refunds will only be given if you find someone to take your place or we can fill your spot from a waiting list.

Make checks payment to: Hammersmith Quilt Guild

Bring form and deposit to September meeting or mail your registration form and check beginning September 3, 2024 to:

Cindy Nile

