

Hammersmith Quilters Guild Newsletter



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October 2025

October 1, 2025 Meeting

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

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

Creative Quilt Works: The October project is 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 October is Fall leaves. 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!

Membership & Web Administration: Rosalene Graham

Please join me in welcoming our newest members, Ginny Canning of Stoneham, Susan Scanlon of Lynn, Janice Nolan of Saugus, and Margaret Tipton of Salem. We are also welcoming back Anne Boris who was a former member. Please greet them warmly when you see them at the next meeting.

Our total membership is now 81 members. I will be sending/have sent out an updated membership list mid-September. If you didn't receive one, let Rosie Graham know at hammersmithqgmembershipchair@gmail.com.

Guest fee for the October meeting is \$5.

Program Committee: Gail Dwyer

There is no speaker in October because we will be finalizing quilt show business. We will, however, have a Super Show and Tell in October so bring your projects!

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 October meeting:

Gretchen Berkowitch
Kathy Connors
Irene Dwyer
Paula Fallon
Rosalene Graham
Ellen O'Sullivan

Charity Donations Committee: Gretchen Berkowitch & Louise Nazzaro

We will be collecting quilts and snowman pillowcases at the October meeting. 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. 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 12x12 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.

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 is donation quilts. Please bring them to the October meeting.

Any questions you may contact Linda Reppucci.

Ruler Librarian: Rosalene Graham

Marcia Chabot donated several rulers and templates to the guild. #226 is two sets of bowl cozy templates in sizes 5", 6", 8", and 10". #1056 is a 8 ½" 60 degree diamond ruler which can cut diamonds from 1 ½" in one inch increments to 8 1/2 ". #1057 is a 60 degree diamond ruler in metric measurements from 3.5 to 13.5 cm. #1058 is a hexagon quilting ruler in metric measurements from 3.5 to 15.5 cm. #1059 is a 45 degree diamond ruler in metric measurements from 3.5 to 11.5 cm. #1060 is a 60 degree 3" mini diamond ruler. # 1061 is a 60 degree 4" mini diamond ruler. #1062 is a 5 in mini diamond ruler. The ruler library has a couple more 60 degree diamond rulers as well.

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.

If you ran out of time to submit your quilt registration form at the September meeting, please check with Gretchen as soon as possible to see if there is room for another quilt or two. Remember, the quilt does not have to be completed before the form is submitted, 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.

You can turn in the raffle tickets that you have sold along with the money at the October meeting. For new members who are not sure what the show is like, you can check out our last show on YouTube. 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 contact Joyce as soon as possible 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

Retreat 2026 is full! Thank you to everyone who has signed up. If you would like to be added to a wait list, please contact Cindy Nile at cindynile@verizon.net or at the October meeting.

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

Miscellaneous: Cindy Nile

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/>

Crazy Quilters of Cape Cod will be holding their quilt show this year on Sunday, October 12, noon - 5:00 at the Gus Canty Community Center, Falmouth, MA.

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.