

Hammersmith Quilters Guild Newsletter



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November 2025

November 5, 2025 Meeting

Show & Tell: There will not be any Show & Tell in November.

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

Creative Quilt Works: Donation quilts and pillowcases for next year.

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 November is Holiday. Remember: a fat quarter of fabric measures 18" x 22".

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

Dear Guild Members:

What a busy month ahead for our Guild. Thank you all for volunteering on committees to help make this Show another success. Rosie reports that nearly all the slots have been filled, and we have a group of ladies who can float around and help where needed. Penny baskets are done, and we have a group of bakers who will fill the cafe with lots of nice treats. Paula and her committee are set and ready for this! Bev and Gail will be running our Boutique, what will soon be filled with your beautiful handmade gifts, and our vendors are ready to sell their products. We have raffles, demonstrations, and our beautiful raffle quilt; it's not too late to get your tickets! A new addition is the Accuquilt "Go Baby" cutter plus a huge selection of dies to be raffled. Door prizes will be drawn every half hour and of course the huge display of quilts for our attendees to see and vote for "Viewer's Choice".

Next month Please remember to bring your non-perishable donations for the Saugus Food Panty. They need our help more than ever!

See you at the November meeting and the Show!!

Nancy Sandreuter, President
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Treasurer's Report: Carol Healy

The bank balance as of October 27, 2025 is [REDACTED]

When writing a check to the Guild, please make a note in the memo space of your check so we know what it is for and can track the payment. That way we can keep the checks in categories, making it easier to find your check if necessary. When you're submitting receipts for reimbursement, please put them in an envelope and write on the envelope what each receipt is for so the expenses can be tracked as well.

Membership & Web Administration: Rosalene Graham

Our total membership is now 82 members. I will be sending/have sent out an updated membership list before the November meeting to fix the errors in the list sent in September.

The cost for guests at the November meeting is \$10.00.

Program Committee: Gail Dwyer

Hi members!

This year is shaping up to be filled with great quilting events and speakers!

November's speaker will be the multi-talented Beverly Cook, an award-winning quilter and painter.

The wheels are in motion for a fantastic bus trip on April 11, 2026, for the famous American Quilter's Society quilt show in Hartford, Connecticut. Stay Tuned!

Gail Dwyer

Charity Donations Committee: Gretchen Berkowitch & Louise Nazzaro

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.

At the December meeting we will be collecting food for the Saugus Food Pantry. THIS INCLUDES baby food, formula, and non-perishable food items.

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"

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: Kirstin 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: Jean and John Balliro

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

Kenlyn Jones
Lori Sue McNeely
Elizabeth Snell-Fraser

We could use one or two more people to bring a snack to the November meeting.

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

The Creative Quilt Works project is donation quilts and pillowcases for next year. It's never too early to start whipping up projects for next year.

Ruler Librarian: Rosalene Graham

The ruler library has three pineapple block trip rulers: #37 from Creative Grids makes 5", 8", and 10" blocks; #38 from Creative Grids makes 4", 5", and 6" blocks; #97 is the pineapple tool by Gyleen from Colourful Stitches makes an 8 1/2" block. To use a pineapple trim ruler, check out this YouTube Video - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JVvHRq33s90>.

To check out these rulers 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)

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.

You can still turn in quilt raffle tickets that you have sold along with the money at the November meeting.

Entering a Quilt: Drop off is Friday at 2:00 p.m. and Pick up is Sunday at 5:00 p.m.

1. Sew a 4-inch sleeve to the back of your quilt. Please do not pin the sleeves.
2. Remember to take your receipts, and to bring them for pick up.
3. If you are entering an item of clothing, provide a hanger.
4. Provide any accessories such as easel or quilt rack if you want your entry displayed a certain way.
5. Don't forget to sew a quilt label to the back of your quilt with your name. I know the directions also say to put your phone number, but if you do not feel comfortable doing so that is ok. We have your number on the registration forms.
6. Awards are given and raffles will be conducted from 3-4pm on Sunday, then we will disassemble the show and quilts should be ready for pick up by 5:00 p.m.
7. Members volunteering to set up will be checked in first, so they may get started with their work.

If you are volunteering and you are not sure of your role, please do not hesitate to ask questions. This is supposed to be a fun event for us... don't stress, leave that to me!

Volunteers will be provided with lunch on Saturday and Sunday.

For those white gloving, we provide the white gloves.

Paula Fallon is coordinating the café.

If you are baking or purchasing items to be sold in the cafe:

1. If you have not already done so, please inform Paula Fallon immediately of what you are bringing because we must have an inventory of what we will have. Here email address is: paulamarie56@yahoo.com
2. Individually wrap items. If contributing cookies, we suggest 2-3 cookies per bag.
3. Label your item. "Brownie", "Blondie", "Chocolate Chip Cookies"
4. Specify if there are nuts in your item.
5. Bring items preferably Friday for set up.
6. The cafe staff will take care of pricing

Gail Dwyer and Beverly McGrath are coordinating the boutique. Items do not have to be quilt-related items. These items are due the day of set-up, Friday, November 7, 2025.

1. Properly label and price your items. Reference the instructions with your items list. If you have any questions, please contact Bev McGrath **beverly@yahoo.com** or Gail Dwyer **gaild516aol.com**

Joyce Rodenhiser and Louise Nazzaro are the Penny Sale Basket Coordinators. 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 are the Door Price Coordinators.

Rosie Graham is the Volunteer Coordinator. Contact Rosie with any questions regarding your shift assignments.

A note from Rosie:

Thank you to everyone who stepped forward to volunteer. Here are some housekeeping items:

Unless you need to park close to the Senior Center, please reserve those spots for our show attendees. One of the complaints we had in previous years was that there is no parking and all the handicap parking places were full.

Please wear your name tag. This is your “ticket” as a volunteer to the show.

If you can’t make it at the last minute, please call or text Rosie – [REDACTED] – to let her know so she can make sure the vacancy is covered.

You are representing our guild so feel free to “recruit” new members if you see someone especially interested in the art of quilting.

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

March 2026 Guild Retreat: Cindy Nile

The retreat is full but if you would like to be placed on the waiting list, please contact me at cindynile@verizon.net.

Miscellaneous: Cindy Nile

UPCOMING QUILT SHOWS/EVENTS

The 2025 Rising Star Quilt Show – Arlington Town Hall, 730 Mass Ave., Arlington, MA
November 15-26, 2025 – Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Sunday 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The Bonnie Hunter 2025-2026 Mystery has been announced. Here's a link to her blog post with information and fabric requirements. The clues are going to start a week early this year because Bonnie's son just had a brain tumor removed and she and her husband are travelling to Vancouver to help him during his recovery.

<https://quiltville.blogspot.com/p/lupine-laughter-mystery.html>

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.