

Hammersmith Quilters Guild Newsletter



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December 2025

December 3, 2025 Meeting

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

Free Table: There will be a free table at the December 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 December is Snow. 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:

Well, the Quilt Show is over. What a terrific 2 days. After lots of sweat and tears we managed to get through the setup, the 2-day event and the breakdown. **CONGRATULATIONS** and **THANK YOU** to everyone!! Particularly to Gretchen who literally limped through planning and execution. And a big thank you to everyone who served as committee chairs and those who volunteered their time before, during and after the show.

As a beginner quilter it goes without saying I was continually impressed by the talent in this group. Please know that. I'm not sure if I will ever reach the level of talent in our Guild. All I can say is WOW!

By the time I see you at our Holiday pot luck, the leftover turkey will be gone. I am looking forward to this December tradition. Be safe and enjoy Family and Friends this holiday season.

Happy Holidays,
Nancy Sandreuter, President
[REDACTED]

Treasurer's Report: Carol Healy

The bank balance as of November 19, 2025, is [REDACTED]. That amount includes the retreat deposits which will be paid to the hotel in March. The final accounting is not complete from the quilt show at this time.

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.

Program Committee: Gail Dwyer

We have a packed holiday program this year!!

We will, of course, have our **delicious potluck**, so be sure to sign up for an appetizer, main dish or dessert via SignUpGenius or by calling Jean Baliro at [REDACTED].

Bring your fabulous **show and tell quilts** that weren't in the show! And please wear a Christmas hat of some ridiculousness!!

We will be having a **\$15 gift exchange**. Please include one piece of chocolate in your gift. I was hearing a lot during the quilt show about how much fabric we all have. Maybe consider making your gift something other than fabric for this event. We will be playing a game that has similarities and

differences with our gift games in the past. We will be mixing up our groups to spread our cheer to as many as possible.

Also, please bring a **pair of adult wool socks**. These will be donated to Lifebridge in Salem.

Just a reminder to also bring food items which will go to the local food bank. This is especially important this year. Thank you in advance.

Looking forward to having a fun celebration with everyone. If you don't have fun at this meeting or really hate it, see Gail Dwyer. It's her fault for not being here and letting me take charge.

Sally A. Clapp, LMHC

Spring Bus Trip:

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!

Quilt Jacket Class in the Spring:

Stay tuned for more details on the quilt jacket class to be held in the Spring.

Gail Dwyer

Membership & Web Administration: Rosalene Graham

Our total membership is now 86 members. Our guild gained three new members at the quilt show. Please welcome our new members, Jane Barber, Teresa Donovan, and Dru Madruga.

The cost for guests at the December meeting is \$5.00.

Unfortunately, not all the quilts that won a Viewers' Choice Awards are displayed on our website. If you won a Viewer's Choice Award and your quilt is not displayed at <https://hqgsaugus.org/index.php/around-the-block/>, please let Rosie Graham know. Her email is hammersmithqgmembershipchair@google.com.

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

As of November 19th, the following members have signed up to bring refreshments for the December potluck:

Appetizers (we need 8):

May Ann Andree (Cheese Tray)
Rosalene Graham (Deviled Eggs)
Barbara Martinson (Shrimp Ring)
Ellen O'Sullivan
Anne Smith (Roasted Pecans)
Kirsten Swenson (Stuffed Jalapenos)

Main Dish (we need 11):

Jean Balliro (Sweet Meatballs)
John Balliro (Chicken Casserole)
Sally Clapp (Eggplant Parm)
Dale DeLuca (Chicken Mac & Cheese)
Adrienne Nolan (Ham)
Betty Snell-Fraser (Chicken Drumetts)

Salads (we need 8):

Margarita B (Fruit Salad)
Carol Healy (Caesar Sald)
Louise Nazarro (Broccoli Salad)

Desserts (we need 11):

Ann Ambrose (Cookies or Fudge)
Millie Becker (Brownies)
Dru Madruga (Blueberry Scones)
Cindy Nile (Cannoli)

Vegetables (8):

Joyce R. (Veggies & Dip)
Sisam Scanlon (Corn Bread Pudding)

Please check out SignUpGenius to sign up or contact Jean and John Balliro or Rosie Graham if you need help with SignUpGenius.

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 the multi size curved corner cutter from Creative grids, #14. It will help you make scallops without having to go find the right size bowl or saucer in your cupboard. To use this ruler, check out <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3jzBOApug-M>.

To check out this 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 Wrap Up 2025:
Nancy Sandreuter, Kirsten Swenson and Gretchen Berkowitch
(Co-Chairs)

Quilt Show Committee (Gretchen Berkowitch):

I want to thank you all for your dedication and hard work to pull off the show. Many guests had many kind words and compliments. I appreciate each and every one of you and the time you sacrificed to make the show a success!

Rest well.
Fondly,
Gretchen

Quilt Show Volunteer Coordinator (Rosie Graham):

Thank you to all of our members who volunteered to make the quilt show a success. The show could not happen without you. A special thank you to the nonmembers who helped during set up and takedown.

Quilt Show Penny Basket Coordinators (Joyce Rodenhiser and Louise Nazzaro):

A big thank you from our hearts to all of you for making the generous penny baskets for the quilt show. They were beautiful and everyone who came in appreciated them. Our favorite comment was from a five-year-old who said, "Look Mommy, a birthday party in this room!" Everyone who won a basket was happy - big smiles! A thousand thanks to all who bought tickets. We made a bit over one thousand dollars! And one more important thank you to Ellen Moore, Barbara Talanian, Barbara Martinson and Martha Mazeika who helped us "mind the store" as the baskets were displayed. Nice work! The Quilt Show was wonderful and helps keep our Guild alive and healthy!

Charity Donations Committee: Gretchen Berkowitch & Louise Nazzaro

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

Charity work is part of the Guild's mission. As a member of the Guild, we ask that each member make a children's pillowcase and 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. This year's donations are complete, but it is never too early to start on next year's quilts, children's pillowcases and snowmen pillowcases.

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"

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

I thought I would pass along a link to a quilter in the UK who has a YouTube channel, and I believe you can find her on other social media as well. She is Stitch with Rachel. If you go to her YouTube channel and click on Videos, and you can watch all her videos and follow the projects that she is working on. I find her delightful and a lot of fun to follow. Here is a link to her latest video:

https://youtu.be/rvfBCI57v5I?si=YpWBFcxX_-YkGuIQ

I have a new addiction that I would like to pass long. I'm creating blocks called Potato Chip blocks. The name comes from the fact that you can't make just one, the same way that you can't eat just one potato chip. There are multiple YouTube videos with several variations. Just search potato chip quilt block on YouTube and you'll find them. It was originally intended as a scrap buster but I'm more of a controlled scrappy quilter so I used a jelly roll on my first one and I'm having so much fun laying out the blocks. I'm making 12-inch blocks. If I remember, I'll bring some blocks to the December meeting to show.

UPCOMING QUILT SHOWS/EVENTS

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>

For those of you who follow Pat Sloan, her mom, Bonnie, passed away last week. She'll be back online December 10th.

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.

New England Quilt Museum: Jean Balliro



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New England Quilt Museum

neqm.org 18 Shattuck St. Lowell, MA 978 452 4207

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Four Exciting Exhibitions Offer Something For Everyone!



To Every Season: Works by Salley Mavor

- A Walk in the Woods: Quilt Artists Respond to Nature
- The Spirit Books: Works by Susan Kapuscinski Gaylord
- Favorites: Selections from the Permanent Collection

[EXPLORE](#)

EXCLUSIVE SALE FOR MEMBERS!



December 1 - 31, 2025

All NEQM Members Receive 15% Off Store Purchases

The NEQM Store is stocked for the holiday shopping season with a wide variety of unique, fun and elegant gifts for everyone. Select from artisan jewelry, embroidered wraps and handbags, limited edition home accessories, hand knit hats and gloves, creative toys, New England made products, and themed gifts for nature enthusiasts, animal lovers, bookworms and quilters. Best of all, proceeds from your purchases support the Museum's nonprofit mission!

Look closer and learn more with two public programs in December!



[Visit our website for details](#)

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