

Hammersmith Quilters Guild Newsletter



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January 2026

General Meeting - January 7, 2026

Show & Tell: There will be no Show & Tell in January.

Free Table: There will be a free table at the January 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 January 2026 is **STRIPES**. 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. Nancy Sandreuter is happy to help as well.

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:

Happy New Year Everyone! Well, winter is here and I hope you are all safe and warm inside and quilting now that the Holidays are behind us. We have a lots of activities and meeting speakers coming up in 2026, thanks to Gail Dwyer and a fun retreat set thanks to Condly Nile.

That being said.....welcome to the 2026 Hammersmith Guild year.

Nancy Sandreuter, President
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Treasurer's Report: Carol Healy

The bank balance as of January 2, 2026, is [REDACTED]. That amount includes the retreat deposits which will be paid to the hotel in March.

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 some exciting programs and activities coming up!

January 7th Meeting:

- In January we have our multitalented Kristin Callahan presenting her very special gifts along with advice for those of us who send out quilts to the longarmer.
- **AQS Bus Trip; Saturday April 10th:** Sign-ups for the bus trip to the fabulous American Quilter's Society show in Hartford, Connecticut. The bus will leave from the Saugus Senior Center at 9:00 am. Please bring your deposit of \$20 to the January meeting. Feel free to invite friends or husbands! Of course, HQG members have priority. The final price will depend on the number of participants but we estimate the cost will be \$37 for members and \$47 for guests. Price includes ticket to the show, bus camaraderie plus fun and games.
- **Quilt Jacket Class, Saturday March 7th: 10:00 am to 3:30pm:** We will also have sign-ups at the January meeting for our own Kenlyn Jones' quilted jacket or vest class in Burlington at Nancy's conference room.

From Kenlyn: "Do you have a bunch of quilts lying in wait in a closet? Do you wish they could be appreciated and reimagined into something new? Would you wear it as a snazzy jacket or vest but don't

know where to start? If yes, then this class is for you! This step-by-step workshop will help you transform your quilt into a one-of-a-kind fashion piece. You'll be guided on the appropriate silhouette and fit, as well as different closures and pocket options. Bring your finished quilts to the workshop along with your sewing machine and supplies and get ready for a day long journey of quilted fashion."

The space is big enough for 10 students, but if there is high demand, we can offer the class again later in the year. The cost is \$25 per person – a great value. We will provide information on the venue and the supplies you will need to bring.

Gail Dwyer

Membership & Web Administration: Rosalene Graham

From the Membership Chair:

Our total membership is now 87 members. Please give a warm welcome to Julia Soalheiro from Lynn who joined us at the December meeting.

Guest fee for the January meeting is \$5.

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.

Hospitality Committee: Jean and John Balliro

Members who have signed up to bring items for the food table to the January Meeting are
Phyllis Poussard, Carol Healy, Millie Becker

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 a few items that are not rulers. For example, we have bias tape makers: #210 is for making 1", 1/2", 1/4" bias tape; #215 makes 6 MM (1/4"); and #216 makes 22mm (1") tape. If you would like to see how the bias tape maker works, check out this video

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f-EkfTfjRFs>. To check out the bias tape maker or any item from the Ruler Library, contact Rosie Graham at hammersmithqgmembershipchair@gmail.com.

Charity Donations Committee: Gretchen Berkowitch & Louise Nazzaro

Charity work is part of our 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, or contact Nancy Sandreuter at nananancysews@comcast.net.

Miscellaneous

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.