

Hammersmith Quilters Guild Newsletter

HQG Logo

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April 2026

General Meeting- April 1, 2026

Speaker- **Timnar Tarr**, will be our April speaker.

Show and Tell= no

Free Table= yes

Fat Quarter= **pastels**, remember a fat quarter measures 18 inches by 22 inches.

3/\$1 Raffle= 3 chances for each \$1, chances to win quilt related prizes.

Name Badge= wear you guild name badge and be entered into a prize drawing.

HQG Board meets next on April 25, 2026 at 6 pm via Zoom

President's Message=Nancy Sandreuter

Nancy Sandreuter 781-710-9614

Treasurer's Report=Carol Healy

The bank balance as of March 4, 2026 is \$ [REDACTED]

That amount includes Getaway deposits, bus trip deposits and workshop deposits.

Program Committee=Gail Dwyer

The fabulous Timna Tarr will be our speaker in April. You won't want to miss her presentation!

There are still seats available on the famous AQS Bus Trip Saturday, April 11, 2026. AQS Show is in Hartford Connecticut. Bus leaves Saugus Senior Center at 9:00am. Member cost is \$37. Non HQG member fee is \$47. Price includes ticket for the show, bus camaraderie, fun and games. Send your check today if you are interested!

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Membership and Web Admin=Rosie Graham

Our total membership is now 86 members. Guest fee for the April meeting is \$10.

Member at Large= Paula Fallon

Here to help any member with questions or concerns.

Sunshine and Shadow=Kristin Callahan

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Hospitality Committee= Jean and John Balliro

April bakers:

See Sign up Genius

Charity and Donations Committee=Gretchen Berkowitch and Louise Nazzaro

Charity= we ask that each member make a children's snowman pillowcase and any themed children's quilt. During the holidays, we stuff the snowmen pillowcases with a quilt made by a member 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 Services and Home for Little Wanderers, North Shore Division.

For reference, here are approximate measurements for donation quilts:

Baby Quilt: 30" x 40"

Crib: 36" x 52"

Throw (lap): 55" x 65"

Quilts of Valor= Merle Gordon

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.

Ruler Librarian=Rosie Graham

A variety of rulers from the library will be available at the Guild get-away for member use. If you need a specific ruler, please contact Rosie Graham at hammersmithqgmembershipchair@google.com.

Creative Quiltworks and BOM=Rosie Graham

With 2026 being the 250th anniversary of the birth of this country, our guild is honoring that milestone with both a challenge quilt and/or a block containing a version of a Massachusetts quilt block. Massachusetts does not have an official quilt block. Several blocks are named after the state. We are choosing the block from Quilt Therapy. An email was sent to all members with the instructions. The link is <https://quilttherapy.com/on-cloud-nine-massachusetts-quilt-block-2/>.

If you want to make the challenge quilt, you must use this block at least once in the quilt and make the quilt 36" x 48". We look forward to seeing your Massachusetts quilt. Please have your quilt top done by the September 2026 guild meeting. Then please save your quilt for the 2027 Guild quilt show to display in the challenge quilt portion of show.

Use any color material you want, it is your quilt. FYI, the official Massachusetts colors are red, green, and blue. Sashing can be used in the quilt.

If you just want to make the Massachusetts quilt block, then make one or more of the blocks and bring it to the May guild meeting. We will then put the blocks in groups of 12. Each person will get a ticket for each block he/she made. Drawing will be held for each group of twelve and you may get enough blocks back to make the challenge quilt or any quilt you want to make.

For questions contact Rosie Graham at hammersmithqgmembershipchair@google.com

From the Web Administrator=Rosie Graham

We have received two donations of fabric through people contacting us through our web site. The fabric donations will be available on the free table for anyone to take over the next couple of monthly meetings.

New England Quilt Museum= Jean and John Balliro

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