

Hammersmith Quilters Guild Newsletter

HQG Logo

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May 2026

General Meeting- May 6, 2026

Speaker- **Kristin Callahan**, will be our May speaker, preparing to have your quilt longarmed? What you should know!

Show and Tell= yes

Free Table= yes

Fat Quarter= **floral**, 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 22, 2026 at 6 pm via Zoom

President's Message=Nancy Sandreuter

I was planning to say "Happy Spring", but I guess it isn't yet! Hope you are all enjoying the tress budding out, the flowers popping up and the green grass, even if the thermometer isn't cooperating.

Carol and Nancy visited the New England Quilt Museum on April 18th and presented a \$605 donation that our guild collected in Margie's memory. Thank you everyone.

The bus trip to AQS in Hartford was lots of fun. AQS returns to Hartford in August 2027. NEQE in Manchester was a well attended event with lots of classes, displayed quilts, and vendors. It returns in April 2027.

A reminder to pay your dues in May and June. See Rosie. May is our annual business meeting, and we be electing a new slate of board members: VP, Treasurer and Membership positions are up for election this year. Please speak up about any Guild business you would like to discuss.

See you May 6th!

Nancy Sandreuter



Treasurer's Report=Carol Healy

The bank balance as of March 25, 2026 was [REDACTED].

Program Committee=Gail Dwyer

May meeting: Kristin Callahan to speak!

Business meeting to vote on new board members.

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Membership and Web Admin=Rosie Graham

Membership: I will be collecting dues for the 2025-2026 Guild year which starts on Jul 1, 2026 at the May and June meetings. As a reminder, dues are \$30 for members per year. Members 70 years of age and older will pay \$25 for their dues. Our total membership is now 85 members. Guest fee \$5 for May.

Member at Large= Paula Fallon

Here to help any member with questions or concerns. My e-mail is paulamarie56@yahoo.com.

Sunshine and Shadow=Kristin Callahan

Kristin Callahan klcquilts@msn.com

Hospitality Committee= Jean and John Balliro

May 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 12×12 inches. For new quilters this means the blocks you donate should measure 12.5x12.5 inches.

Ruler Librarian=Rosie Graham

This month, the highlighted ruler is #64, the strip tube ruler – 9.5 in. The late Donna Jordan did a video on using this ruler to make her Teatime quilt using only one jellyroll. You can see the video at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=acu5rgl6ID8&t=21s>.

To check out the strip tube ruler or any other ruler from the Ruler Library, contact Rosie Graham at hammersmithqgmembershipchair@gmail.com.

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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](#) Web admin: A local sewer was doing some spring cleaning and donated almost a tote full of fabric. Some of this donation along with the donation I mentioned in the last newsletter will be on the free table at the May general membership meeting

[New England Quilt Museum= Jean and John Balliro](#)

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