

Hammersmith Quilters Guild Newsletter



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September 2023

September 6, 2023 Meeting:

Welcome Back!! The 2023-2024 Guild year is shaping up to be full of new and traditional activities. The Committees have some exciting activities planned. As you know, the Quilt Show is in November and we will also have a Getaway in March 2024.

Show & Tell: We will have Show & Tell in September. Bring your summer creations to share with everyone.

All of the drawings and raffles are optional; you do not need to participate at all, or you can pick the ones that interest you!

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 would win a whole bundle of fat quarters! The color for September is BLACK. 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 direction can also be found on our website www.hqgsaugus.org under Member Information. Long time Guild member, Ruth Ashton, is curious as to whether anyone might be interested in having a "name badge workshop" so please let Ruth know if you would be interested.

President's Message: Nancy Sandreuter

Dear HQG Members:

Welcome to our 2023-2024 Hammersmith Quilt Guild Year! I am always wishing for a rainy day to stay inside and sew ... well I got my wish several times over this summer!! Now that the days are shorter and cooler it's time to get down to the business of our 2023 Quilt Show!

With the help of your strong and capable Board, I look forward to a year of friendship and creativity. The talent in our Guild is incredible and I look forward to seeing everyone's creations throughout the year. Remember, if you would like to showcase your talent, let us know. The Program Committee, under Joyce's leadership, would love to hear from you.

We are in the final preparations for our Quilt Show! I can't wait to see everyone's work on display. We are looking for more volunteers to work various shifts. Contact Sally or Gretchen and let them know when you can help. Remember you must volunteer to work at the show if you want to submit a quilt for display. Thank you for all you do.

Thanks to Cindy Nile, plans for our March 2024 retreat are full steam ahead. We will be presenting details at the September meeting. Registration forms will be available then, and at that time we will post the event on the HQG website. Only 32 spots are available for this retreat. More details to come at the meeting.

I'm excited to announce that the Board is putting together a "HQ Guild Calendar" that will be posted on our website. It will contain information for the year; including General and Board meeting schedules, speakers, special announcements and activities, Creative Quilt Works, the Block of the Month (BOM), Monthly Fat Quarter design/color, financials and more. Speaking of the website, Rosie welcomes content at any time. And be sure to check our out Facebook page for activities and to see members' projects.

We are going to have lots of new and different activities for this year. Stay tuned ... and see you all at the Saugus Senior Center on September 6th!

Sincerely,
Nancy Sandreuter, President

Treasurer's Report: Sheila Darcy

The current bank balance is \$ 

Membership: Rosalene Graham

We currently have 80 paid members for this Guild Year. Please pick up your membership card at the sign in desk. I am sending a second reminder to those who have not paid their dues for this Guild year. If you are in this category, you may pay your dues by either mailing a check to Rosalene Graham (address in membership list) or at the September Guild meeting. Unfortunately, I must delete members not in good standing (have not paid their dues) from our rolls and all email lists after the September meeting.

Program Committee: Joyce Rodenhiser

Welcome back to our awesome, active Guild. This year we will learn and be inspired by speakers, contribute to needs in this world, make blocks of the month and creative projects. We will make a LONG AWAITED QUILT SHOW.

We will enjoy friends and have fun, all with a QUILT based theme. Our program in September is to drink a toast to all of this!! We look forward to seeing all of you!

Attention, please, all chairpersons of Quilt Show BASKETS!!

1. Baskets are due at the October 4th meeting.
2. Please list contents of baskets on 3 x 5 cards and include with the basket contents. (People will want to know what is under the cellphane and bow!)
3. Many thanks to you and your friends for completing your basket! (Maybe you will be a winner of one of these baskets!)

If you have any questions, please feel free to call (781-233-9484) or email Joyce Rodenhiser.

Charity Donations Committee: Gretchen Berkowitch & Louise Nazzaro

Welcome back everyone. We are going to have a very busy Fall season. As a reminder, it is a Guild expectation that every member donates a quilt and a pillowcase. This is one way in which the Guild can fulfill its mission statement. The donation committee collects quilts and pillowcases throughout the year and makes donations primarily to the Department of Children and Families and The Home for Little Wanderers. We ask members to make a snowman themed quilt for the holidays and we ideally would like to fill every pillowcase with a quilt in addition to items the Donation Committee purchases such as hygiene products, clothing and school supplies. Juvenile pillowcases are donated to the Hole in the Wall Camp. Quilt sizes range from crib to lap. Fabrics that appeal to babies, children and teens are suggested.

The Donation Committee also helps to support Quilts of Valor. We collect patriotic themed pillowcases. When quilts are given to a member of the armed services who were wounded in the field, their belongings and paper are placed in the pillowcase for good keeping and the quilt is used to keep them warm and they know they are being thought of back home. The healing starts in the field.

Our current inventory is 29 quilts, 36 everyday pillowcases and 55 snowman pillowcases. Please remember to bring your kitted pillowcase. If everyone who took a pillowcase kit at the July meeting brings them back, we will meet our goal of 100 pillowcases. As you can see, we are short of our goal of every pillowcase getting a quilt. It would be great if we upped that number by the November meeting. **Snowman pillowcases are due at the November meeting.**

Also, in November is our annual food drive for the Saugus Food Pantry. To the November meeting members are asked to bring pantry items including baby diapers, baby food, boxed and canned goods.

Quilt Show Committee: Gretchen Berkowitch & Sally Clapp

Quilt Show: November 4 and 5, 2023

Now that Fall is upon us the quilt show will be here before you know it. **The deadline for the show applications is the September meeting.** The label committee is already busy typing our quilting stories.

Set up is November 3rd. Quilt drop off starts at 2 p.m.

Quilts need a 4-inch wide hanging sleeve. If the sleeve is too narrow, we may not be able to hang the quilt.

If you have entered a quilt, you are expected to donate a 2-hour shift at the show. Please see **Judy Massakowski or Linda Repucci** to sign up for your shift.

Carol Healey is running the cafe. We will need baked goods to sell. Baked goods should be nicely wrapped and labeled in case people have allergies. Other suggestions are candies or holiday Chex Mix or bags of candied popcorn. Guests like to come to the cafe for a snack, have a cup of coffee and socialize.

We need members to do demonstrations. This needs to be finalized by the October meeting. Please email **Gretchen** with the skill you would like to teach. Ideally, we would like to have one every hour.

Penny Sale Baskets are due November 3rd. Please see **Joyce Rodenhiser** for details.

Boutique items are due November 3rd. See **Gail Dwyer or Beverly McGrath** for details. There is an 80:20 split between member and Guild, respectively. That is 80% to the member and 20% to the Guild.

We have advertising flyers and bookmarks. Gretchen will have them available at the September meeting. Please distribute to other guilds you may belong to, quilt shops you are visiting, family and friends. If you know of any stores willing to post in their storefront, community bulletin boards, etc....

Raffle Quilt tickets are also due by the November meeting. Selling 3 books of raffle quilt tickets is also an expectation of each member.

Jean and John Balliro have coordinated having the Raffle Quilt on display and tickets being sold at Quilters Common in Wakefield on Saturday and Sunday, September 23-24, 2023.

If anyone has questions, please do not hesitate to email or approach **Gretchen Berkowitch** (gabrncs@yahoo.com) or **Sally Clapp** (sallyclapp@me.com).

The show's success depends on the teamwork of all of us. Thank you in advance.

Member-at-Large: Paula Fallon

Please pick up a brief survey as you check in and fill it out at the meeting. We will be collecting them at the end of the meeting.

Sunshine and Shadow Committee: Brenda Lane

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 brendaglane14@gmail.com.

This month we have learned that Pat Sargent has lost her granddaughter. I'm sure she would appreciate a note of condolence as well as Linda Talanian who is going through cancer treatments.

Millie Becker (and Jerry) are having a lot of health issues and could use some cheering up. I'm sure they would love to receive cards. Their address is [REDACTED].

Hospitality Committee: Mary Ann Andree

Welcome back everyone! These are the members who signed up to bring a refreshment to the September meeting:

Mary Ann Andree	Pat Doherty
Ann Kelly-Maguire	Barbara Martinson
Mary Flaherty	Ellen Moore
Holly Peterson	

Creative Quilt Works: Judy Massakowski and Linda Reppucci

Please visit the Guild website at www.hqgsaugus.org for information about the Creative Quilt Works project.

Ruler Librarian: Rosalene Graham

For the next several months, let's look at the Deb Tucker rulers in the guild library. Ruler number 3 is the Tucker Trimmer. It comes with instructions. Instructions are also available at https://cdn.shopify.com/s/files/1/1231/8710/files/Tucker_Trimmer.pdf?175 This ruler precisely trims half square triangles, combination blocks, and hour glass blocks from 1 ½" to 6 ½" size. It also has left and right-handed directions.

If you wish to check out a ruler, contact Rosie Graham at hammersmithqgmembershipchair@gmail.com with the ruler number and when you need it.

Miscellaneous: Cindy Nile

September 16th is National Jelly Roll Day. The fabric kind, not the pastry! So “roll out” those jelly rolls (sorry, I couldn’t help myself) and whip up a quilt. Don’t forget to bring your finished jelly roll quilt to a Show & Tell, post a picture on the Guild’s Facebook page or send a picture to Rosie Graham so she can include it on the website.

