



Hammersmith Quilt Guild

**April 2023
Newsletter**

<https://hqgsaugus.org/>

President's Message

Greetings!!

I am excited that Spring is almost here! I have been trying to stitch every day in honor of March being National Quilting Month! We have been moving forward with the business of the guild. There are updates below on some of the issues that have come up.

Requirements from Town of Saugus

We have been notified from the Town of Saugus that all that will be required of the Guild is to have a signed Indemnification Agreement.

In March we had a successful yard sale in honor of Dottie. Thank you to all who helped with the event.

Note this change: In April we will have a speaker and have a discussion about the quilt show. In May, which is usually the business meeting, we will do nominations, quilt show announcements, by-laws review, and show and tell. In June, we will have the ice cream social, elections, and any other guild business.

See you all at the Senior Center on April 5th!!!

Stay safe and healthy!!

Martha

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Special Announcement – Special Meeting **Promoting Guild Participation**

Wednesday, March 22nd at 6:30 on ZOOM

A meeting will be held to discuss how members can actively participate in the guild. We want to know if the structure is working for you all. We want to know if you have other ideas about what and how we do things. Come join us on March 22nd to add your thoughts to the discussion. ZOOM link was mailed to the guild on Monday, March 20th!

April Speaker:

We are excited to announce our speaker for our April Meeting: Beth Helfer
of Eva Paige Quilt Designs. Evapaigequilts.com

“Creativity Out of Chaos”

Using Scraps to Create New designs

Dottie’s Yard Sale – a Huge Success

You came, and you shopped! It was a delightful night, if only Dottie could have been there to see how everyone loved her stash of items. I am sure she is taking it all in and loving every minute of the love we all feel for her memory, and how we all will remember her every time we use a notion or touch a piece of her fabric! Thank you Dottie!

The guild would like to give thanks to the many worker bees who help coordinate and pull together the sale of Dottie's treasure trove. Special thanks to Sally Clapp, Margaret Berkowitch, Martha Mazeika, Carmen Arnone, and John and Jean Balliro who helped to remove items from the sewing room, sort, measure and plan the sale. Special thanks to Irene Dwyer and Rosie Graham for stepping forward to help us load and haul items to the Senior Center. Thank you to the members who volunteered to work the sale: Ellen O'Sullivan, Linda Repucci, Queenie, Joyce Rodenhiser, Lori Sue McNeely, Phyllis Poussard, Kristin Callahan, Ellen Moore, Denise Moran, John and Jean Balliro, Rosie Graham, Nancy Sandreuter, Carmen Arnone and Irene Dwyer. Thank you to Sheila Darcey for handling the financials.

Thanks to their dedication to this project we were able to raise \$ [REDACTED] I think Dottie would be pleased to know her stash and sundries went to those who miss her and appreciated her good taste in fabric, and of course, everything she did for and meant to the guild. When you pull out your purchases, may you think of her.

Gretchen

And now on to our next meeting – April 5th.

Fat Quarter for April is **TOURQUOISE!!**

PLEASE remember a fat quarter measures 18” x 22”!

BOM for April is still the Anvil.

No Creative Quilt Works for April: We have a very busy meeting.

After a long delay due to scheduling problems, the Fall - Winter Creative Quilt works Winter Challenge is now due in May. Only two teams joined the challenge. They will share their creations at the May meeting. We will vote on the one we like best!

Treasurer’s Report: Sheila Darcy

The bank balance as of February 4th is [REDACTED]. Please remember that if you are seeking reimbursement, you should submit itemized receipts in an envelope with your name, date, budget category and total amount written on the envelope. No receipt, no reimbursement, no exceptions.

Sunshine and Shadows: Brenda Lane ([REDACTED]) or blane14@ix.netcom.com.
Cards of encouragement requested for:

Dianne Cheney has had hip surgery. She has been a member of Hammersmith Guild for a while and she would appreciate cards. Her address is 74 Old Brook Circle, Melrose, MA 02176.

Linda Talanian had a knee replacement. [REDACTED]

Mary Flaherty - [REDACTED]

Millie Becker – [REDACTED]

If you know of a guild member who could use some get well wishes, encouragement or condolences, please notify me.

Membership: Rosie Graham, Membership Chair:

We have 96 paid members. Costs for guests attending the April 5th meeting is \$5. As a

reminder, the free stuff table is available for people to share their no longer needed quilting material and supplies. Just be sure to take it home with you afterward if not picked up by others.

Rosie Graham,
Membership chair
hammersmithqgmembershipchair@gmail.com

Ruler Library:

Guild members can use our online ruler catalog <https://hqgsaugus.org/index.php/member-information/> to find the ruler you're interested in and reserve it by emailing the number and name of the ruler to the Librarian, Rosie Graham, hammersmithqgmembershipchair@gmail.com.

Want to be the Guild Ruler Librarian? Just email Rosie Graham to discuss duties.

To give some inspiration for borrowing some rulers, this month the highlighted ruler is the Creative Grids curvy Log Cabin Trim Tool 6”.

A quick search of the internet found a video from Creative Grids demonstrating its use. Prairie Quilt also has a good video touching on aspects of use that Creative Grids omitted.

WEB Administration:

The guild website is at <https://hqgsaugus.org/>. The website now contains two videos sent from the Ride4Women charity that the guild supported in January. It also has a calendar page of our meetings. Added at the bottom of the calendar page are events at the New England Quilt Museum. If you have anything you wish posted, please provide it to Rosie Graham. Pictures of quilts or activities of the guild are always welcome.

Also check out the photos from our mini retreat at Nancy Sandreuter's office. We had 10 ladies, gifts, goodie bags, great food, wonderful raffles...and lots of fun! Thank you, Nancy.

The website again has a Marketplace page for selling quilt and sewing related items. If you have something to sell, please provide the information to Rosie Graham. The guild does not act as a middle person. Any transactions are strictly between buyer and seller. Kristen Callahan has a long arm for sale on the page now.
<https://hqgsaugus.org/index.php/marketplace/>

Donation Committee:

We continue to collect pillowcases with juvenile and teen themes as well as snowman themed pillowcases. It would be nice to hit a goal of 100 lap-size and baby quilts so each child receives one.

Quilt Show News: Nov 4th and 5th, 2023 (Set up Nov 3rd)

Quilt show Committee: Meetings are held the 2nd Saturday of each month.

We would like to introduce the 2023 Quilt Show Committee:

Co-chairs: Gretchen Berkowitch [REDACTED] Sally Clapp [REDACTED]

Penney sale Baskets: Joyce Rodenhiser [REDACTED]

Boutique: Gail Dwyer [REDACTED] Beverly McGrath [REDACTED]

Cafe: Carol Healy [REDACTED]

Advertising: Margaret Berkowitch [REDACTED]

Vendors: Ellen O'Sullivan [REDACTED]

Door Prizes: Nancy Sandreuter [REDACTED]

Quilt Labels: Carmen Arnone [REDACTED]

Raffle Quilt: John Balliro [REDACTED]

Volunteers: Linda Repucci [REDACTED] Judy Massakowski [REDACTED]

- Members wanting to hang a quilt in the show must volunteer to either help with set up, take down or work a 2-hour shift at the show. Please see Linda Repucci or Judy Massakowski. They will be circulating a volunteer sheet starting at the April Meeting.
- If you did not receive your raffle quilt tickets at the last meeting, please see John Balliro. It is the responsibility of each member to sell tickets. We are asking each member to sell 4 books of 6-tickets (\$5/book). If you do not sell all four books, please return unsold books. Deadline to return sold tickets will be the September meeting.
- If you are interested in selling boutique items, 20% of the proceeds will go to the guild. Members who are interested in selling a quilt they hang in the show will be sold through the boutique, and 20% of the proceeds will go to the guild. Details about the boutique will be discussed at the April Meeting
- Registration forms will be distributed at the April meeting. Deadline for returning the forms is the June meeting. Judges will be the quilt show committee. Only members will be judged for machine quilting categories.

- Traditionally tables donate a basket for the Penny Sale. Several tables can collaborate and donate one basket. Joyce will be talking with members about the details at the April Meeting. Joyce will have a list to avoid duplication. Theme ideas in years past: Wine Basket, Italian Basket, Movie Night Basket. A knitting Basket and Sewing Basket are both being assembled for the 2023 show.
- We need volunteers for demonstrations. If you have a technique or an interesting quilting topic you would like to share, we would love to have your expertise. Demonstrations are 20-30 minutes. If anyone is interested in doing a demonstration, please see Sally or Gretchen.

See You April 5th!!