

Hammersmith Quilters Guild Newsletter



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January 2024

January 3, 2024 Meeting

Show & Tell: We will have Show & Tell in January.

Block of the Month: See attached instructions and sample photos for the January Block of the Month at the end of the Newsletter.

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 is floral. 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.

New One-Time Raffle: At a previous quilt show, Dottie was the winner of a Blue and White Raffle Quilt. Dottie's husband, Roger, donated the quilt back to the Guild and the Guild will be selling raffle tickets at the December, January and February meetings with the drawing taking place at the February meeting.

Free Table: If you bring items for the free table, please make sure to pick up leftovers at the end of the meeting.

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!

Our Guild can be very proud of our accomplishments in 2023; in particular, our successful Quilt Show in November. Thank you to Gretchen and Sally and every person who volunteered to join a committee and give of their time and resources to make this Show a success. The beauty and quality of our members' quilts on display impressed every visitor as well as your fellow members.

Looking forward to 2024 we have a full meeting program schedule thanks to Joyce, and our quilting Getaway thanks to Cindy Nile. It's shaping up to be a great year. In January we will hear from a local organization supporting Afghanistan women who sew and embroider. We are asking members to donate any supplies they might need; fabric, notions, embroidery thread etc. In February we will have our auction/sale, so keep this in mind when you de-stash this winter. And of course, March brings our Getaway in Nashua. Stay tuned for more meeting announcements.

As we say goodbye to 2023, I want to wish everyone a healthy and Happy New Year.

Remember, a good day is a day spent quilting.

Nancy Sandreuter, President
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Treasurer's Report: Sheila Darcy

The bank balance as of December 20, 2023 is [REDACTED] (which includes the deposits for the getaway). A huge thank you to Gretchen and Sally who worked so hard to put the quilt show together. Thanks also to everyone who volunteered their time to support the guild. The result of working together and exchanging ideas is a profit of [REDACTED] for the guild. Also, thanks to everyone who donated to Gretchen's request for help for a Saugus family in need. \$350 was collected at the meeting for them. I hope everyone enjoys a wonderful holiday with their family.

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 for me 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.

Membership & Web Administration: Rosalene Graham

We welcome Betty Snell-Fraser, Sheila Rodman, and "Bo" Shilkey to our guild. Please extend a warm Hammersmith Guild welcome to them when they attend their first couple of meetings. We currently have 90 paid members. The cost for guests attending the January meeting is \$10.

Program Committee: Joyce Rodenhiser

We will have the company of Lesley Hansard from the New American Afghans in Massachusetts. She will tell us of her work with the Afghans who have moved into this area, especially the women who do gorgeous hand applique. I have also invited a few of the women to come to show us how to do their applique.

If it snows and the traveling is treacherous, Nancy Sandreuter has graciously agreed to invite all of us into her zoom account so we can proceed with the program.

ATTENTION: If you have notions, sewing machines, fabric or other items that you don't need that would be of use to these new citizens, please bring them and we will give them to the women who visit us. A very Happy New Year to you all!!

Charity Donations Committee: Gretchen Berkowitch & Louise Nazzaro

We raised \$350.00 for the Marcus family in Saugus. Included in our donation was 3 pillowcases stuffed with goodies and Nancy Sandreuter made book pillows for each child. Thank you all for your contribution.

Pillowcases were delivered to DCF and Home for Little Wanderers.

Anyone looking to clean out their sewing room? At the January meeting we are collecting donations of notions, fabrics, embroidery thread and sewing thread for the January Guild speaker who teaches Afghani women to sew and embroider.

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: Brenda Lane

This month we have learned that Nancy Sandreuter's brother recently passed away. I'm sure she would appreciate a card letting her know that you are thinking of her.

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.

Hospitality Committee: Mary Ann Andree and Ann Kelly-Maguire

Happy New Year! These members have signed up to bring refreshments to the January meeting. Don't forget to take home your leftovers/platters at the end of the meeting!

Mary Ann Andree
Jean Balliro
John Balliro
Margie Berkowitch
Kristin Callahan

Ellen O'Sullivan
Linda Reppucci
Nancy Sandreuter
Anne Smith
Betty Snell

Creative Quilt Works & Block of the Month: Judy Massakowski and Linda Reppucci

See attached instructions and sample photos for the January Block of the Month at the end of the newsletter.

Ruler Librarian: Rosalene Graham

The fourth Tucker ruler in our ruler library is the Ruler number 88, the Corner Beam, donated by Judy Massakowski. It comes with instructions. Instructions are also available at the <https://deb-tuckers-studio-180-design.myshopify.com/collections/corner-beam/products/corner-beam>. There are eleven unit size options from 1" finished units to 6" finished units in half inch increments.

Thank you to Louise Nazarro for donating two Quilt in a Day rulers. These are #90, the small flying geese ruler, and #91, the large flying geese ruler.

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

March Retreat/Getaway: Cindy Nile

If you wish to sign up for the retreat, please send your registration form and deposit to Sheila Darcy as soon as possible. The final payment is due at the January meeting or you can Venmo your final payment to Sheila as well.

Miscellaneous: Cindy Nile

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.

January Block of the Month:

The block for January is a disappearing nine patch. At the December meeting I handed out the gold center square. If you did not get one, please try to match the color as close as possible. I have included pictures below of the instructions and how the finished block should look. The finished block should measure 10 inches.

