



Hammersmith Quilt Guild

June 2023 Newsletter

<https://hqgsaugus.org/>

President's Message

Greetings!!

As the Guild year is ending, so is my position as President. I have enjoyed working with you all. I have learned much about leadership and the art of quilting. A special thank you to those on the executive board, Carmen Arnone, Rosie Graham, Shelia Darcy, Irene Dwyer, and Ellen O'Sullivan. You all have been great to work with and an excellent group to lead the Guild this past year.

A slate of nominees for the 2023 guild elections were announced at the May meeting. At the meeting there were no additional nominations. Voting for these nominees will be at the June meeting.

We will have Show & Tell at the next meeting along with our traditional ice cream social!!

See you all at the Senior Center on June 7th!!!!

Happy Stitching!!

Martha

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Fat Quarter for June is Summer Beachy.

PLEASE remember the fat quarter measures 18" x 22"!

BOM for June is "Mini Bow Ties" – Pattern attached.

Creative Quilt Works for June is ICE CREAM CREATION.

Refreshments: "Ice Cream Social".

Hammersmith Quilters Guild Proposed By-Law Changes 2022-2023

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Submitted by Martha Mazeika

Changes to the By-Laws

Thank you to Carmen for taking the time to review and recommend changes/additions to the HQG by-laws. Below I have copied the changes you can see in red that were discussed between Martha and Carmen, then presented and reviewed by the executive board. Now it is your turn to review. Please review the changes that were discussed at the May meeting. These will be voted on at the June meeting. You are welcome to send your thoughts and questions before the meeting as well.

Section 3.4

Privileges of membership include:

- The right to cast a vote in the election of Executive Board members and the amendment of by-laws
- The right to hold office in the Guild
- The right to attend monthly meetings and to participate in Guild activities on a priority basis and at membership rates
- The right to access member restricted information on the Guild website
- The right to attend Executive Board meetings
- The right to review guild financial reports
- The right to contribute to the guild by joining a committee

Section 4.4

Executive Board Meetings will be held at a minimum semi-annually, with additional meetings scheduled as required. The expectation is that the Executive Board will meet on a monthly basis-Meeting locations, dates and times will be published on the Guild website and in the guild newsletter, and all Guild members may attend and participate in discussions when recognized by the President; however, only Executive Board members may vote. All matters brought before the Board will be decided by a majority vote. The President's vote will be the deciding vote in the case of a tie.

Section 5.8

Specific Executive Board member duties are as follows:

SECRETARY:

- Records and posts minutes for General Membership meetings and Executive Board meetings
- Gathers, maintains and organizes historical files of the minutes, correspondence, bylaws, and all other non-financial records relating to the Guild
- Organizes Guild photo opportunities

- Oversees the Sunshine and Shadow program
- ~~Collects and distributes Guild mail from post office box~~
- The secretary is in charge of receiving and sending correspondence

TREASURER

- Acts as custodian of the Guild's assets
- Is responsible for deposits and disbursements of Guild funds
- Has the authority to enter into contracts in the name of the Guild
- Maintains and publishes financial records annually to the General Membership
- Prepares Treasurer's reports and presents them to the members at each General Membership and Executive Board meeting
- Oversees the Guild bank accounts
- ~~Acts as back up for collection and distribution of Guild mail from post office box~~

PROGRAM CHAIRPERSON

- Presides at Program Committee meetings
- Has the authority to enter into contracts in the name of the Guild
- ~~Presents calendar of events to the Executive Board in July/August~~ for review
- Board approval is required for all speaker contracts
- Seeks approval for funding of various activities and speakers for General Membership meetings

Section 6.2

Volunteers for each committee will be solicited by the Nominating Committee with assistance from the Executive Board. The new volunteers will be announced at the annual meeting in May. One Chairperson for each committee will be selected by the volunteers for that committee, with the exception of the Program Chairperson (See Article 5.2) and the Monthly Drawings (see Section 5.7 under Vice President). Both volunteers and Chairpersons will serve a two-year term beginning on July 1st of the year and ending on June 30th of two years after that. In the event that a committee volunteer or Chairperson is unable to fulfill their duties, ~~their~~ they may submit a resignation to the Executive Board, who will appoint another person.

From Carmen Arnone, Vice President:

As the 2022 - 2023 quilt year draws to a close, there is cause to reflect on the challenges faced by the guild related to the loss of three well cherished and long standing members. Dottie Macomber, Sally Nimblett and Pam Strout will not be forgotten for their contributions to HQG's climate and culture of being welcoming to all. We can look forward to building on their legacy.

It is with a level of excitement & gratitude that I present the following nominees who are willing to serve the future of our guild by bringing experience & commitment to the board positions they will hold. Be assured that each of them is open to hearing what you have to say & looking for your support by generating ideas & actively participating in guild programs.

Rather than "puzzle" over what's going on, I encourage you to try & determine what talent(s) you have to share with these new board members so they can best serve your interests & needs. Let them know how you can fit in so we can all enjoy next year.

At the June meeting you will cast your ballot for these nominees:

President - Nancy Sandreuter
Secretary - Kristin Callahan
Program - Joyce Rodenheiser
Member at Large - Paula Fallon

Their term of office will be from July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2025 working along with:

Vice President: Carmen Arnone
Membership : Rosie Graham
Treasurer : Sheila Darcy

A special thank you to guild members who indicated your interest in various aspects of programming as described at the May meeting. I will try to describe other aspects of the tasks that keep the guild operational so you can find the "right fit". Thanks to MaryAnn Andree who will oversee the refreshments throughout the year with Ann Kelly-Maguire. John & Jean Balliro will replace me as guild representative to the NEQM. Together everyone makes a difference. Thank you.

Carmen Arnone VP Hammersmithqgv@gmail.com or 

WANTED: Thoughtful, creative, caring guild members to join one or more of the following teams for the 2023 -2024 guild year.

➤ COMMUNICATIONS TEAM:

Do you have any computer skills? Are you willing to learn how to help post information on the website or Guild Facebook page? Knowledgeable and experienced members will

support you as you gain confidence and help decide how you can participate in keeping our membership informed and up to date on activities and events.

➤ **PROGRAM TEAM:**

Do you like to research speakers and organize demos? Do you like brainstorming? Do you like to generate ideas and facilitate opportunities for the general membership to enjoy quilting. Are you creative? Would you like to provide input for creative Quiltworks, Block of the Month, Mystery Quilts, Sit and Sews? This might be your place to share.

➤ **HOSPITALITY TEAM:**

Do you remember what it was like to be a new member? Are you friendly? Could you make a new member feel glad they joined HQG & give them reasons for coming back by answering questions and sharing the "ins & outs" of guild meetings?

➤ **DONATIONS TEAM:**

Do you like to research potential recipients? Do you like to work with others to prepare charity donations for distribution? Do you like to create kits for Quilts of Valor? Would you like to "donate some time and ideas" to help fulfill an important mission of HQG?

➤ **REFRESHMENTS TEAM:**

Do you like to bake? Do you like to entertain? Do you like to coordinate Pot Luck suppers or Ice Cream Socials? If so, you will work with MaryAnn Andree & her team.

If you want or need more information or are ready to join a team, contact Carmen Arnone carnone@comcast.net. [REDACTED]

Treasure's Report: Sheila Darcy:

The bank balance as of May 10 is \$12,806.36 . Thanks to everyone for submitting receipts, checks and cash in envelopes with info on what's inside. It makes my job so much easier and I really appreciate it.

Sunshine and Shadows: Brenda Lane [REDACTED] or blane14@ix.netcom.com.

Brenda had a knee replacement on April 25.

Brenda Lane, [REDACTED].

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

Donation Committee: (Gretchen Berkowitch)

Please keep your quilts coming. We received several beautiful quilts at the last meeting. Looking for baby to lap size. We are also collecting pillowcases for juveniles and the snowman-themed pillowcases for our donation drive in December.

A reminder to those who took baby blanket kits, to please return them by the September meeting. Either Sally or Gretchen will collect them.

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

If interested in volunteering for a 2 hour shift at the guild's show please contact Linda Repucci at linny6827@aol.com or Judy Masakowski at jlmusakowski@msn.com.

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. The demonstrations are 20-30 minutes. If anyone is interested in doing a demonstration, please contact Gretchen Berkowitch at gabrncs@yahoo.com

LAST CALL for the quilt show applications. We have very few submissions for the show, please remember applications for the JUNE meeting. We cannot have a show without QUILTS. We have such a talented group and this is your time to shine!!

We will need members to make baked goods for the cafe. If anyone has catering type coffee urns and creamer thermoses, we would like to borrow them for the cafe. Please see either Gretchen or Carol Healy if you have anything the guild could borrow.

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]

Guidelines for our Boutique:

If you are planning on putting items in the Boutique, please contact Bev McGrath [REDACTED] for a vendor number. **INVENTORY SHEETS ARE ATTACHED TO THIS NEWSLETTER. REMEMBER TO KEEP A COPY FOR YOURSELF.**

Boutique guidelines:

1. All items to be dropped off and counted Friday, November 3rd, 2:00 PM – 5:00 PM in the room at the end of the hall.

NO ITEMS will be accepted on Saturday

2. Make TWO copies of the inventory sheet. One for the boutique ~ One for yourself
3. Inventory Sheet ~ Example is attached.
List items in groups
Label any display items
4. Be sure your price tag is securely attached to each item.
Your assigned number and initials
Name of Item
Price of Item
5. Remember the Guild gets 20% of sales ~ price accordingly.
6. Items to be picked up Sunday, November 5th, after 3:30 PM and recounted.

Note: If interested in selling your quilt hanging in the show, please specify this on the entry form. Please remember 20% will go to the Guild. This will be handled through the boutique.

Membership chair:

Dues for the 2023-2024 Guild year are due by June 30, 2023. You can pay your dues at the June meeting. Dues are \$30 per person unless you are 70 years of age or older, then the dues are \$25.

We have 96 paid members. Costs for guests attending the June meeting is \$5.

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.

Here is Judy Massakowski's experience with the Prairie point ruler, number 207. "Everyone has made Prairie points, some looked better than others, not always consistent. The prairie point ruler make the points sharp and precise. It is quick and easy. I made the points to make the pillow top. Susan Cleveland has a video on her web site, PiecesBeWithYou.com. Take time to watch the video, she shows different ideas on how to use the points to decorate your quilt or wall hanging."



WEB Administration:


The guild website is at <https://hqgsaugus.org/>. In the latest news section of the website are highlights from the May 3 meeting.

In addition to Carol Healy, Helen Fortucci has also volunteered to help build content for the website. She will be taking pictures at meetings so we can have content.


Please send comments, suggestions, pictures, articles, etc. to Rosie Graham, hammersmithqgmembershipchair@gmail.com. Words in the color royal blue on the website are links. The links to the latest news are on the lower right of the page.

Silver City Quilt Guild

Our New England Quilt Museum representative received a request from the Silver City Quilt Guild to tell our members about their quilt show in our newsletter. We are happy to do so.




Silver City Quilt Guild



Fall Harvest Festival Quilt Show
September 23 & 24, 2023
Friedman Middle School
Oakland Educational Campus
500 Norton Ave, Taunton, MA. 02780
(see back for directions)
10 am to 4 pm ~ Admission: \$10

Show features:
Over 150 Traditional, Modern and Art Quilts,
Treasures from the guild boutique,
Merchants Mall, Pick-a-Baskets,
Viewer's Choice voting (Saturday),
Refreshments and Sew much more!



"Raindrops"
Raffle Quilt

Mini BowTies

Fabric

Color 1/ pink pastel print (Thirties fabric if you have it)

One 3 1/2" x 7" strip

One 2" x 4" strip

Color 2/ green pastel print (Thirties fabric if you have it)

One 3 1/2" x 7" strip

One 2" x 4" strip

Color 3 blue pastel print (Thirties fabric if you have it)

One 3 1/2" x 7" strip

One 2" x 4" strip

Color 4 / yellow pastel print (Thirties fabric if you have it)

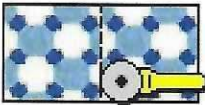
One 3 1/2" x 7" strip

One 2" x 4" strip

Color 5/ creamy beige

One 3" x 28 strip

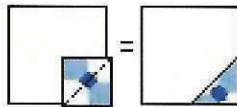
First cut the Color 1 3-1/2" x 7" strip into two 3-1/2" squares. Repeat this step with Colors 2, 3 and 4...



Now cut the Color 1 2" x 4" strip into two 2" squares. Repeat this step with Colors 2, 3 and 4...



Next place a small color 1 square atop a color 5 (creamy beige) 3 1/2" square RST, and edges squared up with one corner of the square. Draw a diagonal line sew, trim, and press. Make two units like this for colors 1, 2,3,and 4.



Piece the block as shown.

