

Hammersmith Quilt Guild

March 2023 Newsletter

<https://hqgsaugus.org/>

President's Message

Greetings!!

There was a lot discussed at the meeting in February: The increase in rent at the Senior Center, the requirement to sign a lease agreement, and the requirement to have insurance. These requirements have a cost associated with them. The Board is looking into insurance and the possibility of meeting at a different location. The lease agreement will add expenditures to the quilt show specifically if we need to hire a janitor and a police detail. The Town of Saugus has not yet finalized the requirements and we are in a holding pattern until they give us more information. In the meantime, we are looking for suggestions for other places to hold meetings and the quilt show. If you have suggestions, please forward them to anyone on the Board.

The Quilt Retreat scheduled for March 30th-April 2nd has been cancelled due to not having enough people sign up. We have put the deposit towards having the retreat at the Double Tree by Hilton in Nashua, NH in 2024.

In March we will be having the Yard Sale. There are guidelines about how things will work outlined here in this newsletter. The key points to remember are to bring your own bags and we will only accept cash and checks. Doors do not open until 7pm for this meeting.

There is a lot going on over the next four months. Please make sure to read the newsletter for information. We will have the Yard Sale in March, a speaker in April, the election and business meeting in May, and the ice cream social in June. See you all at the Senior Center on March 1st!!

Stay safe and healthy!!

Martha

marthamazeika@gmail.com

Dottie's Yard Sale – March 1st

Guidelines

Doors open at 7 pm

There are many items for sale, and it will be quite overwhelming to track the items and sales. Therefore, the board has established the following guidelines to maintain an orderly means to the sale:

Shoppers will be broken into groups by colored cards you will pick up as you sign in. These colored cards will be used to determine the station where you will start shopping. You will advance to the next station approximately every 15 minutes.

Please bring your own shopping bags.

- There will be 5 stations consisting of fabric, batting/interfacing, notions, UFOs, and silent auction
- At some stations, different size Ziploc bags will be provided for bundling items or for filling with fabric
- There are scrap bins and bins of yardage (1-3 yards) with preset prices.
- You must be present to win your bid on a silent auction item.
- You will be asked to check out at **each station**. This is because notion items are not individually marked, and only the cashier at that station will know prices.
- **Only cash or check will be accepted forms of payment.** If paying by check, you will have to bring multiple checks, one for each station where you make a purchase.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS for the March 1st meeting:

Guests: Fee is \$5. Non-Members can participate in Dottie's Yard Sale.

No Speaker

No Show & Tell

No Refreshments

No Raffles

No Free Stuff Table

No Creative QuiltWorks

No Block of the Month – April BOM is attached here.

Everything will resume at the April 5th meeting:

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

BOM for April attached

Creative Quilt Works for April: 3- color quilt/runner/topper etc. Must contain sparkle/metallic fabric Any 3 colors you choose.

From Carmen Arnone, Vice President:

Hammersmithqgvp@gmail.com or 617-605-6018

At the May business meeting, guild members will elect a President, Secretary, Program Chair and Member-at-Large all of whom will serve for 2 years beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2025.

Any member in good standing who may be interested in any of these positions should email or call Carmen Arnone so we can have a conversation prior to the April meeting when nominations will be presented.

Treasure's Report: Sheila Darcy:

The bank balance as of February 4th is \$10,735.47. 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. We received thank you notes from the Readfield Historical Society and the New England Quilt Museum expressing their appreciation for our donation in memory of Dottie. She would be happy that we did that. Please remember to bring cash or multiple checks to the March meeting to shop and also bags to put your purchases in.

Sunshine and Shadows: Brenda Lane (978) 836-7543 or blane14@ix.netcom.com.

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

Mary Flaherty, [REDACTED] is going through chemotherapy and would appreciate encouragement cards.

As you know a valued member of the Hammersmith Quilt Guild, Sally Nimblett, passed away shortly after the February meeting. The Board would like to extend our condolences to her family. If you wish to send a remembrance card to the family, the address is as follows:

The Nimblett Family



Membership: Rosie Graham, Membership Chair:

We have 96 paid members. Please welcome Martha Borkan back to the Guild after a long pandemic absence. Costs for guests attending the March meeting is \$5. Nonmembers can participate in "Dottie's Yard Sale." As a reminder, the free stuff table (resuming in April) 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.

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.

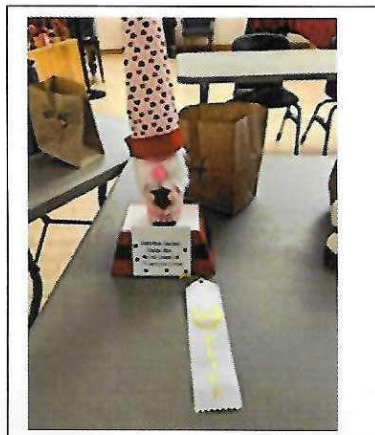
<https://hqgsaugus.org/index.php/marketplace/>

February Speaker: Linda Pearl – One Quilting Circle

Great presentation by Linda of her top 10 Women in the industry. If you would like to receive her newsletter, or register for one of her zoom classes, you can go to her website and sign up.



Winners of the CREATIVE QUILT WORKS 3-dimentional challenge for February:



1st Place - Blue Ribbon – Nancy Sandreuter
2nd Place - Red Ribbon Joyce Rodenheiser
3rd Place - White Ribbon – John Balliro

Follow-Up on January Zoom Speaker – Ann Lauer

Donations have been received and have been sent to the ladies at Ride4Women. The Guild paid Ann the member speaker fee and my two companies matched the donation. If you haven't already done so, please go to their GoFundMe page and make a donation. Every penny helps them. Every dollar helps, and Ann covers all the transaction fees so the ladies received 100% of what is donated. Two members also donated enough to pay for several goats for them. They are also in the process of installing solar panels on a few homes (@\$180 each) so that the children can do their homework at night. They have no electricity in the village. If a family receives an installation they have to allow other children to come to their home and share the benefit.

They recorded a thank you video and Rosie put that on our website for you to watch.

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/ride-4-a-woman-in-uganda-africa>

Checks are also welcome, and they are easier for Ann to get the money to them.

Donation Committee:

The donation committee lost a dear member this week. Sally Nimblett was an integral part of why and how we were able to shop and fill 100 pillowcases, and in the past stockings for underprivileged children. Her humor and easy-going nature will be missed.

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 a quilt.

Quilt Show News:

Quilt Show Nov 4th and 5th 2023

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 978-740-1335 & Sally Clapp 781-254-8133

Penney sale Baskets: Joyce Rodenhiser 781-233-9484

Boutique: Gail Dwyer 617-846-6551 & Beverly McGrath 781-2310161

Cafe: Carol Healy 781-307-5474

Advertising: Margaret Berkowitch 781-233-1906

Vendors: Ellen O'Sullivan 781-248-4903

Door Prizes: Nancy Sandreuter 781-710-9614

Quilt Labels: Carmen Arnone 617-605-6018

Raffle Quilt: John Balliro 978-854-6627

Volunteers: Linda Repucci 617-633-3327 & Judy Massakowski 978-535-7235

- 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. 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.

Viewer's Choice Awards:

- First, Second and Third Prizes
 - Best Large quilt
 - Best Small Quilt
 - Bests Other Category
 - Technical Awards Categories:
 - Traditional Pieced
 - Paper Piecing
 - Hand Piecing
 - Hand Applique
 - Machine Applique
 - Hand Embroidered
 - Machine Embroidered
 - Hand Quilted
 - Long Arm Quilting
 - Domestic Machine Quilting
- 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. *Keep this in mind when shopping at Dottie's yard sale. This would be a great opportunity to purchase items at a reasonable price to fill your penny sale baskets.*
- 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.

Mini Sit & Sew Retreat – March 18, 2023
Nancy Sandreuter's Office
30-32 Ray Avenue, Burlington

I would like to invite guild members to my facility in Burlington for a mini retreat on Saturday March 18th from 9am – 5pm

Cost: \$100 per person

First Come First Served - My room can hold 20 sewers.

Call or email Nancy to reserve a space by check or Credit Card

781-710-9614 / nananancysews@comcast.net

Coffee, tea, soda and water provided.

Snacks and Lunch provided.

Ironing stations, cutting mats, Wifi, full kitchen

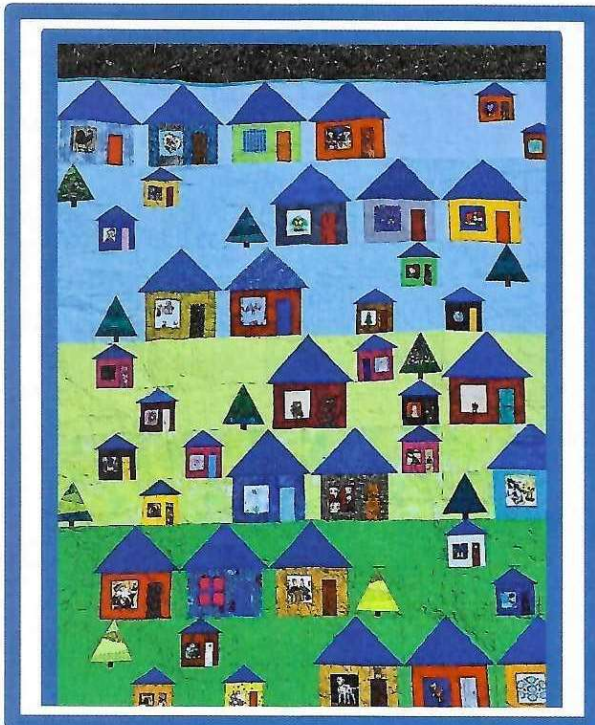
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Great Raffles throughout the day.

Lots of parking

Just off 128/95

(Ray Ave runs next to the Café Escadrille on Cambridge Street)



Don't have your
tickets yet, or if you
need more
see John Balliro
at the March
meeting

\$5 for 6 tickets

Anvil

Fabrics

Color 1/Reds and pinks

One $3\frac{7}{8}$ " x $7\frac{3}{4}$ " strip

One $3\frac{1}{2}$ " x 7" strip

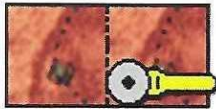
One $6\frac{7}{8}$ " square

Color two/ beige

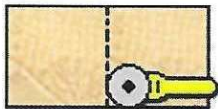
One $6\frac{7}{8}$ " square

One $3\frac{1}{2}$ " x 7" strip

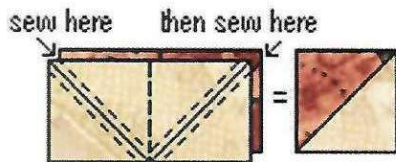
One $3\frac{7}{8}$ " x $7\frac{3}{4}$ " strip



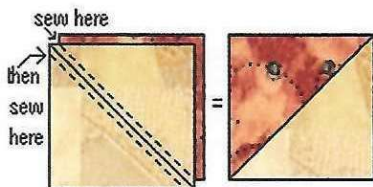
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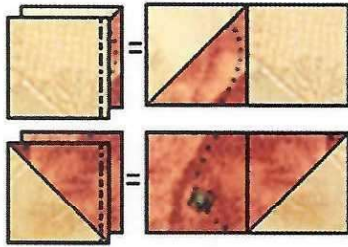
Then cut the Color 2 $3\frac{1}{2}$ " x 7" strip into two $3\frac{1}{2}$ " squares.



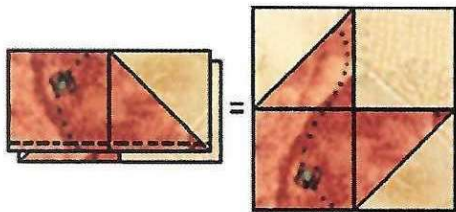
Now speed piece the small half squares, by stacking the Color 1 and Color 2 $3\frac{7}{8}$ " x $7\frac{3}{4}$ " strips right sides together. On the back of the top strip lightly mark the $3\frac{7}{8}$ " square line and the diagonals. Sew $\frac{1}{4}$ " above and below the marked diagonals, pivoting at the square line. Cut apart ON the marked diagonals, and on the square line. This will give you four half squares. Press seam allowances towards the darker fabric. These should measure $3\frac{1}{2}$ " ...



Repeat this procedure with the large Color 1 and Color 2 squares to make the large half square.

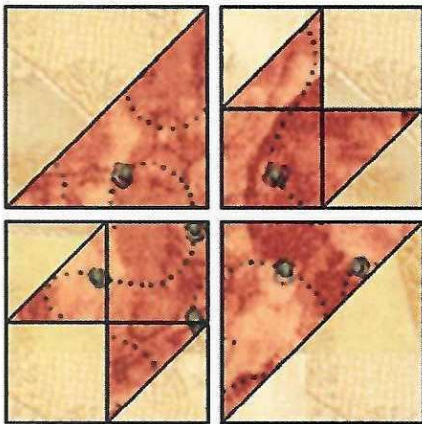


Then sew the corner units, by sewing a Color 2 square to a half square unit along the right edge, using a 1/4" seam. Sew another half square to a Color 1 square. Make two of each of these



units...

Sew the first and second units we just made together along the bottom edge, again using a 1/4" seam. Press seam allowance towards the bottom unit. Make two of these units



Now piece the block. Sew each of the two large half squares to a corner unit. Alternate pressing directions.

