

HERRING RUN QUILTERS' GUILD

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June 2008 Coordinator's Letter

Dear Herring Run Quilters,

As I sit to write my final coordinator's letter we are surrounded by the political furor of primaries, upcoming nominations, and the presidential election. It is also time to reflect on the legacy of our current president. I'm smart enough to know not to divulge my own preferences on these charged issues... but I find myself, as the outgoing coordinator, thinking about the legacy question in relation to Herring Run Quilt Guild.

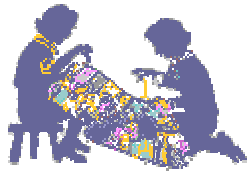
I have been proud to lead such an energetic, enthusiastic, talented group of women. Looking back over the past year I feel grateful for the many things we have accomplished. Thanks to all who have served on the board as Executive Committee Members and Committee Chairs. Special thanks to the By-Laws Review Committee who completed their task, Maureen Anderson and the Raffle Quilt Group who organized and facilitated a magnificent quilt, Deb Hayes for our rejuvenated newsletter and Mary Ann Karpinski (with assistance from Anne Marie Stanton) for our newly designed website. Thanks also to Joan Palmer for her thoughtfully organized Block of the Month challenge and Janie Matthews and Joyce Archer for our successful Charity Quilt project. My list of appreciation goes on to include all who helped with programs, hospitality, membership, library, monthly raffle, quilt show, upcoming get away weekend and much, much more. You are the best and need to know that my legacy as coordinator is directly tied to your willingness to support and encourage me.

Finally I want to extend my congratulations to the new leadership elected at our last meeting: Sharon Lee Noble, coordinator, Susan Bernard, vice coordinator, Sue Hart, treasurer, and Wendy Morgan, secretary. It will be fun to see where their vision takes us in the year ahead...a new legacy.

Best wishes and appreciation to all from,

Penny

**HRQG Board
2007-2008**



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Newsletter	Debra Hayes
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Herring Run Quilters Guild Meetings:

Held on the first Saturday of the month (except for our September and December meetings), at 9:30 am. There are no meetings in the months of July and August. We currently meet at the United Hill Methodist Church in Norwell, Ma.

Remaining meeting dates: 2008
Sept 13, Oct 4, Nov 1, Dec 13.

Quilt show Dates

Sept. 20 & 21 at the Norwell Middle School
Rt. 123, Main St. Norwell, Ma.

Hey, check us out on the World Wide Web!
www.herringrunquiltguild.com

**REMEMBER TO WEAR YOUR
NAME BADGES!**

When Herring Run Quilt Guild was first formed in February 1989 one of the conditions for membership was making and wearing name badges. The motivation behind the badge requirement was to make it easier for members to get to know one another. As our numbers have increased, it has become even more important than ever to honor the intent of our founding mothers. Please help us to become a more welcoming and friendly guild by making your badge and wearing it each month. We look forward to the day when we no longer need to collect fines for badges not worn!
Penny

Special announcement: Introducing 3 new columns for your reading enjoyment. Kate McCue-Day will be submitting book reviews for our reading corner, just in time for summer beach reading; Joyce Wentland will lead us down many paths as she visits quilt shops; and Nancy Robertson will pique our culinary pallets with her yummy recipes.

Many thanks to these three who have agreed to submit to our newsletter on a regular basis, enriching our guild newsletters.

HRQG Meeting Minutes

Submitted by Clare Corbett and Nancy Robertson.

March, April and May 2008

Block of the Month: Whoot, Whoot, Joan has graciously volunteered to provide another year of her creativity. Can't wait to see what next year will bring. Remember if you complete all the BOM, Joan will provide you a copy of the original quilt and finishing directions at our June meeting.

Bylaw changes: possible changes to the by-laws have been emailed to members and copies were available at the May meeting. A vote of the general membership will be held in September.

Charity Quilts: In March several uncompleted kits and tops were handed out to the general membership to complete. Thanks, to all our members for stepping up to the plate and bringing in home runs!

Please bring in your completed quilts to the June meeting. Quilts not ready in June will be distributed with next year's group. Joyce Archer and Jane Matthews tallied our donation at 40 quilts this year.

One of our recipients' from The Dept. of Social Services will be on hand at the June meeting to share how our quilts are used for children in need.

Our other quilts will be shared with the Little Sisters of the Poor, various shelters and sent to hospital preemie wards.

Joyce and Jane would like to remind you to place your John Hancock in the charity quilt book if you have donated a quilt.

Many thanks to Joyce and Jane for a really terrific job organizing our charity quilt donations.



2009 Get-a-Way WEEKEND Update

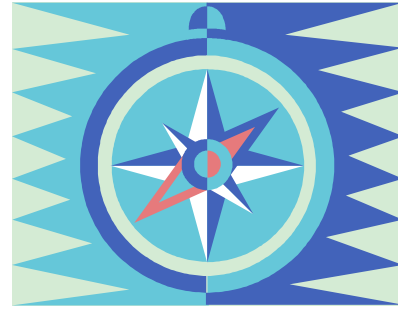
Denise Fitzgerald, co-chair Kathy Rich
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We have 64 people signed up so far. Since the response has been so great I will need all responses by June 7th so I can make plans for the space we will need. So get those \$ 25 deposits in by the June 7th meeting please. Fee includes: Friday night dinner, breakfast Saturday and Sunday and Saturday lunch. Dinner on Saturday night is left for you to choose your favorite area spot. Members can arrive as early as 8 am on Friday morning and stay until late on Sunday Afternoon. However you will probably not be able to get into your actual room until late Friday afternoon. Friday night includes a meet and great dinner with a guest speaker.

This is a great meeting site-Portsmouth is a quaint and interesting town with many unique shops and great restaurants. Fabric shopping is not to be missed. The Portsmouth Fabric Company is a short walk from the hotel and has a terrific selection of fabrics and kits. The Knights Quilt Shop in Maine is a short 25 minute drive from Portsmouth. This is one of the best and a must visit place.

We have two workshops being offered and are contemplating a third. If you would like to take a workshop please go to their websites and check out what they offer. Deb Tucker has a new class called the "Rangely Star" which looks interesting, (her website is unavailable, due to construction; check out Images 2008 to

see her classes). Carol Anne Grotrian has an interesting landscape class, you can see on her website. We will not be able to do her Shibori dying class at the Sheraton but if there is interest we can bring her to the guild sometime. I will begin class sign ups in October and will bring photos of projects. Classes will run between \$30 -\$40.



We now have a direct link to the Sheraton from our website so you can begin making reservations. Denise requests that you have no more than 2 to a room please so we can fulfill our minimum room number. There will be a "roommate needed" sign up sheet starting in September; we can post it on the website as well. Since Denise will not be at the June meeting please give your deposits to Sue Hart. Feel free to call Denise with any questions you have about the Getaway. Have a great summer!

For more info:

http://www.herringrunquiltguild.com/2009_getaway_weekend

Hospitality: June is our end of the year brunch. All members are asked to contribute something to this years feast. All hearty items are requested for the brunch, not just for our sweet palates. Joy Lavery will be retiring from the hospitality committee after several years of service. Thanks Joy for all your hard work and kitchen duty; many thanks to her partner Olivia Baldwin who will be continuing in this role next year. Please see Olivia if you can help co-chair next year.

Library News: Pat Sudimack has requested that we return all borrowed items at the June meeting. There are still several MIA's out there, please check around your homes so that other members might enjoy.

This Month's Member News Patchwork:

Update on The Boquilla's Project. I've heard from my friend Janice Schindeler in Texas. A teaching visit was scheduled for February; however it had to be postponed due to illness. The fabric and supplies donated by our guild were sent over the border. They were also given money raised from their previous quilt sales. The women from Texas are not sure when they will be able to make their next visit, as the summer heat will soon be blasting out there in the desert. Plans are now underway to sell the Boquilla's' quilts at the big Marfa International show in October. The NY Times, and NPR have done articles and stories on air about the Boquilla's' project this spring. Hopefully, that will help bring attention to the situation. The border is very tight, according to Janice. It is hard to go visit, and the amount of cash they can bring them is limited. When I hear more from her about the Mexican women, I will update our guild.
Martha Cook

Field Trip - When I lived in England in the 1970's I was in a little sewing group. I've stayed in touch with four of the folks I met there. One still lives in England [she's in her 80s and doesn't travel now,] one in Idaho, one in Virginia and one in Toronto. In the last few years we decided to get together every 2-3 years [at our first reunion we hadn't seen each other in 20 years!] Last month for our third reunion, we met in Carmel, CA where one of them has a friend who owns a vacation house she let us use for free. We had a wonderful week yakking, eating, sightseeing and exploring quilt and yarn shops, and even a store that just sold hand-painted needlepoint

canvasses. We also ran across a Michael's-like store called Beverly's that had very nice fabrics. Of course, I had to buy something in each shop [except for the needlepoint store], and ended up having to mail some of my clothes back so I'd have room for my new fabrics in my suitcase. The house where we stayed has a beautiful stained glass window in the front door. I took pictures and am in the process of making a wall hanging of the window to thank the owner for our great week. If you're heading out that way I can tell you about the shops and where they are.
Nancy Robertson.

Audubon Society Quilt: Charlene hopes to have the top together by the June meeting. Some borders still need to be finished. Members are welcome to sign their pieces if they wish to do so. Another outstanding quilt from Charlene and again, a worthy cause. Remember to buy your raffle tickets from Charlene.

Chapman School Quilt-a-thon:

Much fun helping middle school girls fashion small quilts from brightly colored squares. Kate is bringing some of the 8th grade girls to our June meeting.

Membership: Our membership committee will continue to be chaired by Janet Bernault; Clare Corbett will be joining her in the fall. Please turn in the renewal form with your \$20 dues (payable to HRQG) at the June meeting or mail to Janet Bernault, 9 Park Ave. #404, Hull, MA 02045. You may also pass it along to Clare. When you renew your membership, please consider volunteering for one of the many jobs necessary to keep HRQG running smoothly and efficiently. Check our website to locate the membership form.

Members whose dues remain unpaid as of the June meeting will be notified by the Membership Committee and after June 30th, will be dropped from the membership list. New members will be allowed to sign up through the last day of our Quilt show.

If memberships are available, people on the waiting list will be notified this summer. If you want to be placed on the waiting list, please give a written note with contact info to Janet at the meeting, email jbernault@comcast.net or write to the address above.

Thanks, Janet

Monthly raffle: Many thanks from co-chairs Sheila Barry and Christine Moriarty. Raffle ticket sales have contributed over \$500 to our guild fund this year!

Anne Marie Stanton was our May shopper. She put together: fabric sheets, floral patterned fabrics, fabric art workshop book, colorful bright thread, beads with their own storage container, a discount coupon to Michaels, fabric dye and of course, let's not forget the essential chocolate. This was all placed in a clay pot. The winner was Pat Sudimack.

This month we had a second raffle as Robin Storesund generously donated a quilt puzzle and a Mary Englebreit ceramic cookie press. Susan Reilly was the lucky winner.

Christine Moriarty shopped in March and gift certificates to Joann Fabrics were won by Mary Ann Karpinski and Deb Luoma.

Ena Flynn shopped in April; OOP's we didn't get the name of the winner.



New England Quilt Museum News
Submitted by Ena Flynn & Betsy Jackson
**Save these dates! LOWELL QUILT
FESTIVAL: AUGUST 7-10, 2008**

This year the annual city wide Quilt Festival will return to the Tsongas Arena in Lowell and the Radisson Hotel in Chelmsford.

For more information visit their website:
<http://www.lowellquiltfestival.org>

**CURRENT EXHIBITION
THE WHOLE STORY: WHOLECLOTH
QUILTS BY HAND AND MACHINE
APRIL 3–JUNE 15, 2008**

Curated by Mary Walter, this exhibit features both hand and machine stitched whole cloth quilts from the museum's collection, private collectors, and invited artists.

In preparation for the next exhibits, the gift shop will be open but no quilts will be available for viewing from June 17–18 and August 26–27.

UPCOMING EXHIBITIONS

**COLLECTORS CHOICE: TIMELESS
FAVORITES FROM THE PILGRIM/ROY
COLLECTION
JUNE 19–AUGUST 24, 2008**

This exhibit is a special showing of Jerry's favorite quilts.

**METROTEXTURAL: NEW WORKS BY
MEMBERS OF THE MANHATTAN
QUILTER'S GUILD
AUGUST 28–NOVEMBER 2, 2008**

This exhibit features twenty-one new works by the members of the Manhattan Quilters Guild, a group of professional fiber artists who meet in New York City. They challenged themselves to make 36-inch square quilts celebrating the city.

The New England Quilt Museum is located at 18 Shattuck Street, Lowell, Massachusetts 01852

<http://www.nequiltmuseum.org>

General information 978-452-4207 Ext.15
Fax 978-452-5405

Regular museum hours are 10 AM to 4 PM Tuesday through Saturday (year round) and Sundays 12 to 4 PM (May through December only). Admission is \$5 for adults, \$4 for students/seniors. Museum members are admitted free. Handicapped parking is available.

Great News!

As a result of a suggestion at the Spring Guild Representative's Luncheon, the museum is now offering free admission for all New England Quilt Museum Auxiliary and supporting quilting guild members, (that means all of us!), on the 4th Sunday of each month from 12 to 4pm.
Ena

Officers for the coming year

The slate of officers was presented and unanimously approved:

Coordinator- Sharon Lee Noble
Vice-Coordinator- Susan Bernard
Treasurer- Sue Hart
Secretary- Wendy Morgan

Committee Chairs:

Programs-Betsy Jackson, additional volunteer needed to assist Betsy.
Hospitality-Joy Lavery is "retiring". Olivia Baldwin will remain as co-chair and is seeking an additional co-chair.
Charity-Nancy McLean & Charlene Shultz
Historian-Ellen Patrolia
Librarian- Pat Sudimack
Monthly raffle- Christine Moriarty & Sheila Berry
NEQM-Ena Flynn & Betsy Jackson
Membership- Janet Bernault & Clare Corbett
Newsletter- Debra Hayes, Kate McCue-Day, Nancy Robertson & Joyce Wentland.
Website- Mary Ann Karpinski & Ann Marie Stanton

Hmmm, I hope that I haven't forgotten anyone.

Reader's Corner: Kate McCue-Day

Belong to Me by Marisa de los Santos.

I assume that many of you in HRGQ are like me in that you wish there was more time in the day to both read and quilt. The ultimate would be the ability to do both at the same time! I thought that it might be nice to share with you a book that doesn't have to do with quilting because again I assume that if there is a quilt on the cover or anything to do with quilting in the title you'll pick it up. So, I thought I would tell you about a great new book I just read.

As a teacher I am obligated to teach my kids not to judge a book by its cover. Secretly, I do it all the time! Surprisingly it usually turns out well for me and this book is a perfect example of that. I just couldn't resist the cover with its picture of a line up of rain boots (though I never make the connection to the story).

Belong to Me is set in an upscale suburban area of Philly and tells the story of a number of different characters whose lives eventually intertwine. It begins with Cornelia and Teo, childhood friends who only recently realize they have always loved each other and marry. These are characters the reader likes immediately. They very much would like to have a child. Lake and Dev are single mother and son who have recently moved across the country so that 13 year old Dev can go to a better school. However, Dev is suspicious of this reason for moving and is convinced in his near genius brain that his mom is hiding something. Obnoxiously judgmental Piper and her loveable best friend Elizabeth are stay at home moms with wealthy husbands. Sadly, Elizabeth is quite ill and Piper steps in to be one of her caregivers.

The story follows these characters through many twists and turns in which all of their lives become much entangled. Relationships are developed and tested and everyone, especially the women, realize what it truly means to be a friend. There are secrets and revelations which make this book very difficult to put down.



After finishing it in a long weekend I was so pleased to find



out the author had another book. Imagine how thrilled I was when it turned out to be the prequel to this book! I am half way through Love Walked In and am happy to tell you, it too is wonderful and that you do not have to read them in order. However, if that goes against your grain feel free to read Love Walked In first!

Recipe: Easy Oreo Truffles

Nancy Robertson

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(CAS Potluck 2006)

(By Nan Moore, edited by Nancy Robertson)

Prep 30 mins

Total: 1 hour 30 minutes including refrigeration

1 package (1 pound 2 ounces) Oreo Divided [can use mint Oreos too]

One package, 8 ounces, cream cheese, softened
2 packages 8 ounces semi sweet baking chocolate or chocolate chips, melted

Crush 7 of the cookies to fine crumbs in food processor; reserve for later use. (Cookies can also be finely crushed in resealable plastic bags using a rolling pin).

Separate the Oreos into 2 pieces; Crush remaining 38 cookies to fine crumbs; Place in medium bowl. Add cream cheese; mix well until blended. Roll cookie mixture into balls about one inch in diameter. Dip balls in chocolate, place on wax paper covered baking sheet (any leftover chocolate can be stored at room temp for another use) Sprinkle with reserved cookie crumbs. Refrigerate until firm, about one hour. Store leftover truffles covered in the refrigerator.

For easy dipping place truffle ball in chocolate Lift using 2 forks.

Quilt Shop Road trips

Joyce Wentland.

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If you find yourself driving through New Hampshire and need a wonderful diversion, be sure to visit Quilted Threads in Henniker.

Quilted Threads is owned by a mother/daughter team and is located in two story house full of natural light. I found this friendly shop such a pleasant experience in viewing the wide assortment of cotton fabrics, selection of wools, as well as supplies from threads to embellishments, batting to tools. For more info see the website <http://www.quiltedthreads.com/>

Quilted Threads is about hour and a half from Boston including the 10-15 minutes drive to/ from I - 89. It is not open on Mondays. My nephew goes to New England College in Henniker and warns to be careful not to get caught up in the speed trap getting to and from this little town. We have had enjoyable visits and our respective appetites are well satisfied. Nothing like walking from where you sleep to a well stocked quilt shop...what a dream...

I hope you get to visit Quilted Threads and it proves to be a positive experience for you as well. Let me know. Joyce

Quilt Show News

Nancy Robertson and Sue Hart.

Our 10th Biennial Quilt Show is coming up fast...September 20 & 21.

Here's what you can be doing over the summer to get ready:

- Get your quilt registration in by July 15 [3 quilts plus a challenge]
- Make items for the boutique and the silent auction
- SELL RAFFLE TICKETS, and take the quilt to places where people gather
- Think about how you can help at the show
- Make your challenge quilt [The theme is "10"]

- Talk up the show with your friends, take cards or flyers to quilt shops, quilt shows, everywhere
- Sew, sew, and sew!
- Call Sue Hart or Nancy Robertson if you have questions

Nancy and Sue request members begin signing up for the various jobs associated with running the show.

The deadline for quilt entries is July 15th, 2008. Remember quilts **do not** need to be completed by then. No entries will be accepted after that date. It is very important that we know the number of quilts to be submitted in order to plan out the space. Each member may submit 3 quilts plus the summer challenge.

Silent auction: Joy is actively seeking donations for the auction. Small items sell well. For example: baby quilts, bags, small wall hangings, and trivets. Fall and holiday items also do very well. Please remember that all proceeds go to breast cancer research. Joy is also asking for quilt blocks to put in a basket to put up for auction. Please make blocks pink and white, 6 (6 ½), 9 (9 ½), and 12(12 ½). I am hoping that the more blocks we get the higher the bidding will go. Please see Joy Lavery if you have any questions.

Boutique: The guild takes a small percentage of the item sold. Denise Fitzgerald is in charge of the boutique and she will have packets of price tags to attach to your boutique items. There may be a boutique workshop some time this summer.

Raffle quilt: Lynn Anastos is requesting that our quilt be shown in more places. Can you think of a place? This is one real beauty and it should garner a lot of oohs and aaahs and make a lot of money for the guild. Please contact her to show. Think about giving a book of tickets as a gift!

Sharon Lee Noble will be heading up the door prize committee at the show.

We will display some of our actual charity quilts and may even have a computer show of charity quilts through the years.

Seeking all past viewer's choice awards! Tracey Mackenzie is coordinating this display.

Summer challenge- the subject is "10": ten blocks, ten flowers, ten colors. Ten of something must be easily discernible in the quilt.

Bed turning of antique quilts: see Christine Moriarty, Pat Sudimack and Sheila Berry who are coordinating this. Please note: any quilt worth buckets of money, or very, very dear to your heart should be left at home!

Show and Tell

The highlight of our meetings! In April our members showcased a total of 33 items, and May brought 16 items. This is quite an inspiration to get out our sewing machines and finish those UFO's.

Treasure's report

Please see Sue Hart for any questions or concerns.

Website

Field trip ideas and upcoming quilt shows are now listed on the website. You can also find BOM and the summer challenge. Don't have a computer? Drop on by your local library and check us out!

Workshops and Programs

In March Vivian Sayre presented a lecture on documentation of antique quilts. She showed many beautiful old quilts from her private collection. Many fabrics which are no longer produced such as Turkey Reds and some very old fabric from France were displayed. Her afternoon class consisted of discussion and actual appraisal of member's quilts. Many of us were astounded to hear the monetary value of our little quilts!

Our April program was given by Maria Lage. Maria conducted a Power Point presentation demonstrating several techniques for finishing quilts. These included double fold bias binding, continuous bias strips, double faced bindings, mitered borders and no-show front binding. Her workshop was hands on application of these methods.

In May, Sue Weeks dazzled us with her beading and embellishing techniques. The afternoon session included beading techniques using her Sashiko templates.

Upcoming programs and workshops

September: quilt show meeting.

October: Mary Ann Hadden Crazy 9 patch

November: Linda Hilhard's Kaleidoscope Quilts

December: Rhonda Galford from NEQM

January: in house workshops

February: charity quilts

Remainder of the year: TBA

Betsy Jackson is looking for a volunteer to take over the chair spot of organizing our programs and workshops. As you can see she has prepared much of next year, which will be a great help. Not only that, she will assist who ever takes the position to provide a guiding hand. Many thanks, to Betsy for all her hard work in keeping our guild on the forefront of new techniques and providing us the opportunity to meet some very artistic quilters.

A very special thank you to Clare Corbett

Clare is leaving the guild secretarial position, to assist on the membership committee. Without her conscientious note taking, this newsletter would not be possible. A heart felt thanks, Clare! Debra

