

HERRING RUN QUILTERS' GUILD

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COORDINATOR'S LETTER

Hi Ladies,

Since that famous groundhog, Phil, saw his shadow, it looks like there will be six more weeks of what some of us think of as perfect quilting weather. I personally enjoy a good storm especially in the evening. I know it can be a pain in many ways but I just love sewing and watching the snow fall.

With the Quilt Show in a short seven months, we should all be busy quilting no matter the weather in an effort to have another great show. Remember, we can all submit three entries not counting the challenge. Imagine how wonderful it would be if everyone submitted three pieces!

Speaking of the Quilt Show, there are always things to do to help. The sign-up sheets for white gloving, selling raffle tickets, admission, etc., will be available in the upcoming months. Please take the opportunity to become involved. It is a wonderful way to show off Guild and all its accomplishments.

Since the last newsletter, we've had the privilege of two wonderful trunk shows by our own Mary Ann Karpinski and Sue Hart in December and January respectively. They amazed us with quilt after quilt. What skilled and prolific ladies they are. It was truly a treat for the eyes! Also we celebrated our 20th Anniversary at our annual Holiday Luncheon with an amazing cake. Lorraine McDermott not only used her amazing skills to make this gorgeous and delicious wonder but she donated it to the Guild. Thank you Lorraine for your beautiful creation and generosity.

In January and February we had in-house workshops and our annual charity workshop. And in the upcoming months the Program Committee continues to entice us with a mystery workshop and two great teachers with beautiful projects. Please take advantage of these to learn a new skill and spend some fun time with fellow guild members while supporting the guild.

It was nice to see the raffle quilt again at the February meeting. It's a beautiful quilt and skillfully machine quilted by Kathy Rich. Remember, this is a big fund raiser for the Guild. So keep selling those tickets! This along with the profit from the show is what gives the Guild the ability to engage nationally known teachers and continue our wonderful programs.

Also in the upcoming months we will be preparing for the next administration of the Guild. Jane Matthews will be the Coordinator for the 2010/2011 year. There will be the election of officers and some openings on various committees. This will be another great opportunity to become involved. Join a committee, they all welcome help. New faces and ideas will keep things fresh and keep the creative juices flowing.

Happy quilting and keep selling those raffle tickets!
Susan



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2009-2010**

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Herring Run Quilters Guild Meetings are held on the first Saturday of the month (except for our September and December meetings) at 9:30 AM at the United Methodist Church in Norwell, MA

Check us out on the web!
www.herringrunquiltguild.com
If you have anything you'd like added or changed on our website please send it to Mary Ann Karpinski at maktjk9@aol.com.

We Need Your Help!

The Herring Run Quilters' Guild is important to all of us. We all have busy lives, but come to the meetings once a month to learn, share ideas, make new friends, and to have fun. The board and committee leaders are all volunteers that give up time out of their busy schedules behind the scenes to coordinate different aspects of the meetings so the meetings can run smoothly each month, but we can't leave all the work to just a few guild members. We need your help too. If you have ideas on things you want to see happen at the guild meetings, please see one of the board members or committee leaders *and volunteer to help*. Many hands make light work! We can't have a successful guild without *everyone's* participation and assistance.



Upcoming Meeting Information:

Debra Hayes and Denise Fitzgerald, Program Co-Chairs

We want to thank Claire Corbett, Joyce Wentland and Elaine Cristoferi for offering to help with our Program Committee.

March 6, 2010 – We will have a fun day of Mystery Quilts and an Open Sewing Day. If you don't want to do one of the mystery quilts, bring your own project and sew all day with friends. All the mystery quilts are quick and easy. You should finish that afternoon or shortly thereafter. If you were not at the February meeting you may still sign up by contacting Debra Hayes at 781-741-8692 or by email at debhayes1@verizon.net and she will forward the first step of the mystery you choose which includes fabric requirements and cutting instructions. You **must** let Debra know that you are interested in doing one of the mystery quilts or else there will not be instructions available for you. **Last call for sign-ups: Friday, February 26, 2010.** The cost is \$5.00 for a fun day of sewing. Lunch will be provided. Desert or snack contributions are welcomed.

The choices of mystery quilts are:

1) *Have a Nice Trip Wall Hanging*: 42" x 54". Large easy piecing, somewhat of an Amish feel. (Definitely not a Trip Around the World quilt.)

2) *Here Comes Spring Wall Hanging*. 38" x 38". This can be rearranged to form a table runner. Think bright colors. Also has several LARGE pieces which can either be hand appliquéd or sewn down with a button hole or zig zag stitch.

3) *Table runner*. Very easy technique, suitable for all fabrics.

April 3, 2010 – Back by popular demand...Michelle Kincaid will do a trunk show and a poppy wall hanging class. Michelle is a quilt pattern artist from New Hampshire who teaches and creates original quilts. In addition to her line of patterns, she also creates Memory Quilts and other unique quilts for commission clients. Cost of the class is \$45.00. The class will be held from 9:00-4:00. Spaces are still available for her class. For more information on Michelle, visit her website at www.michelle@fiberartdesigns.com.

May 1, 2010 – Sarah Ann Smith will do a trunk show and all day class. This is a project class using fusible web and decorative and utility stitches on your sewing machine to make this small wall hanging, table runner or pillow top inspired by the lush gardens of Bali. This pattern would be stunning in vibrant batiks, a cream-to-toffee elegant color-scheme, a gentle pastel selection, or brights. Cost for the all day class is \$65.00. The class will be held from 9:00-4:30. Spaces are still available for the class. For more information on Sarah Ann Smith visit her website at <http://www.sarahannsmith.com>.



Here is a sample of the project you will create in Sarah's Class

June 5, 2010 – Our annual guild yard sale!! Are you already thinking about spring cleaning? Start cleaning out your sewing rooms and collecting items to sell at our annual yard sale. We will also be talking about some of the final arrangements for our September guild show.

PLEASE SELL RAFFLE TICKETS!!!

Anne Marie Stanton and Linda Molloy, Raffle Ticket Sale Chairs

It is the responsibility of every guild member to sell at the least two or more books of tickets for our beautiful, fantastic, wonderful New York Blues Raffle quilt! Raffle ticket sales are a big part of our fund raising efforts. Tickets are \$1.00 each or a book of 6 for \$5.00. Please be sure to do your part in promoting our bi-annual Quilt! Any ideas for venues to display the quilt? Please see Anne Marie Stanton or Linda Molloy with ideas. The more exposure, the better. Ticket books can be picked up at the guild meetings from Anne Marie and Linda or by calling Linda at 781-767-4432.



Quilt Show News!

Nancy Robertson and Sue Hart, Quilt Show Co-Chairs

In *seven* months Herring Run Quilt Guild will give birth to our 2010 quilt show, "***With These Hands***"! Please mark your calendars for September 18 & 19. It may seem like a long time away, but, as they say, time flies. You may enter 3 quilts in the show, plus a challenge quilt, if you're making one. We encourage *everyone* in the guild, from beginner to expert, to put at least one quilt in our quilt show. Wouldn't it be wonderful if everyone in the guild submitted three quilts for the show? The show will not be a success without your quilts and your help. Your quilts can be from wall hanging size to bed size, from traditional to contemporary. We want to have lots of variety in the quilts we display. Quilts you are entering in the show have to be finished by September 17th so keep on quilting! Don't forget to put a 4" sleeve on the back of your quilt so we can hang them up.

★**New Date for Quilt Show Meeting:** We will be having a meeting of the Quilt Show Committee at 2:00 p.m. on March 21st at Sue Hart's house, 194 High Street, Norwell, MA instead of March 14th.

Still need help with Demos & Lectures!!! We still need someone to organize the Demos & Lectures portion of the show. This means speaking to the vendors, when the list is available, to see if they'd like to do a half hour or so demo or talk, then filling in with HRQG members. We usually have 4 demos on Saturday and 3 demos on Sunday. Also, this person could encourage members who are not doing specific jobs to be sitting around the show at various stations working on projects so visitors can see what we do! Would you like to volunteer? Please call Nancy Robertson at 781-545-8295.

Silent Auction: Please start working on items for the Silent Auction. Items can be a wall hanging, table runner, tote bag, or any other quilted item you can think of. We'll also be auctioning off a basket of pink and white quilt blocks. Please make pink and white blocks in a pattern of your choice that finish at 6", 9" or 12". Proceeds go to breast cancer research. If you have any questions about the Silent Auction please see Joy Lavery at one of the meetings or email her at lavery125@aol.com or call her at 781-878-8890.

Boutique: Please start working on small items to sell at the Boutique. The sale price of one item goes to the guild along with 15% of the sale of the rest of your items. You get the rest of the proceeds on your items unless you decide to donate it to the guild.

Boutique Ideas from Susan Riley: Pincushions, sewing aids (scissor cases, scissor fobs, small needle/thread caddies, small zippered bags, etc.), items for children (baby blankets, bibs, burp cloths, pillowcases, clips, tooth fairy bags/ pillows, fabric balls, finger puppets, crayon carry cases, felt dolls, fleece softie toys, bracelets, etc.), Christmas ornaments, items for adults (scarves, book marks, head bands, belts, tote bags, wallets, cell phone carriers, gift tags, luggage tags, coasters, placemats, sewn paper stationary), small, practical gifts that you would like to receive as well as ones for quilting friends and relatives that enjoy textiles. Many people still buy for themselves when 'shopping for others'. Items in the \$5 to \$25 range tend to move the quickest. Practical items, created in new trendy fabrics will be certain to catch an eye. Many websites have wonderful patterns, and are on sale also. Website ideas for boutique items can be found on our Members Patchwork News page on our website. Share patterns/time with a friend. Read the pattern details carefully as many patterns state that not more than 12 items may be sold. Some state that nothing may be sold so be careful! Hope these ideas get your creative juices flowing.

Quilt Show Submission Forms: Forms for submitting quilts to the show are available on our guild website in the 2010 Quilt Show section. For those without internet access, copies will be available at our guild meetings or by calling Mary Ann Karpinski at 508-747-0629. The deadline for submitting forms for each of your quilts is July 15th! (No exceptions!) Your quilts don't have to be finished until September, but we need your forms by July 15th in order to have time to get them typed up for the show booklet. We need one form for every quilt you are submitting for the show, except for challenge quilts.

Challenge Quilts: We hope you all have started working on your challenge quilt "*Water, Water Everywhere but Not a Drop to Drink!*" Are you having fun? The challenge quilt section of our show is always fun for viewers. Rules for the challenge are available on our webpage and at each guild meeting. Challenges will be revealed at our September 11, 2010 guild meeting and judged by your quilt guild peers. All the challenge quilts will then be displayed at our quilt show for others to enjoy. If you have any questions about the challenge please call Mary Ann Karpinski at 508-747-0629 or send her an email at maktjk9@aol.com.

Stay Tuned!! These are just a few of the areas where we need your immediate assistance. Other show committees will also need your help along the way to make our 2010 quilt show a success. We can't put on this quilt show without each and every one of you. *Many hands make light work!* Again, thanks to all of you who have already volunteered to help with this immense undertaking. We know it will be a great show!

We're Going Green!

Please remember to bring your own coffee cup or travel mug to the guild meetings to cut down on trash. The church prohibits the use of styrofoam on the property and we would also like to do our part to help the environment. If we bring our own cups/mugs we will save the guild money and save the Earth – such a deal!!



Missing Books:

Pat Sudimack, Guild Librarian

We are on the hunt for a book that has been out for a long time. Look on your bookshelves to see if you have the book "*Cotton Candy Quilts*". Whoever borrowed it from our guild library forgot to sign your name. There are also a few other books that are past due. Please remember to return your books so others may enjoy them. Please see Pat Sudimack if you have any books or quilting DVDs you'd like to donate to the guild library.

Charity Quilts:

Charlene Shultz and Sharon Ducey, Charity Quilt Co-Chairs

Thank you to everyone that stayed after our February meeting to help make charity quilts and those that took kits home to make quilts. Special thanks to Liz McGuire and Donna Gardner for preparing kits for charity quilts. They collected fabric and prepared kits over the winter for the workshop. Special thanks to Sharon Ducey for the yummy soups. We also want to thank those that dropped off already finished charity quilts at the meeting. They will certainly give someone in need lots of comfort. Remember charity quilts are needed all year long so *keep on quilting!* Quilts of all sizes and patterns are accepted.

Hospitality Reminder:

Laurel DelCastro, Hospitality Chair

This is a reminder to all! As part of our responsibility as guild members, each of us is asked to sign up for the Hospitality Team at least once during the year. Hospitality is not just supplying the treats but is setting up and cleaning up after the break, as well. If you are not a baker, you can still be part of it by signing up for paper products (no Styrofoam products are allowed to be used in the church facilities) or juices and cream. Please see Laurel DelCastro during one of the meetings to sign up to help with hospitality. You can also email her at saltmedo@comcast.net or call her at 781-837-0067 to volunteer.

Block of the Month:

Mary Nagle, Charity Quilt Chair

Congratulations to those that have won the blocks so far this year and in years past. Remember we'd love to see the quilts you've made with any blocks you've won. If you were unable to attend a meeting and want a copy of the block of the month they are available on our webpage. If you can, please make 3 blocks – one for the raffle, one for charity quilts and one to keep. If you make all the blocks through the year and keep one each time for yourself you'll have a wonderful sampler quilt at the end of the year.

Room Set Up and Breakdown:

Do you come to meetings and wonder who set up all the chairs? It's your fellow guild members. Please come early and help set up chairs or stay late and help clean up the meeting room. It is everyone's responsibility at the end of the meeting to put their chair away and make sure the area where you were seated is left clean. Thank you!

Getaway Idea

Submitted by Anne Marie Stanton

Looking for a "pieceful" getaway!?! Five bedrooms, steps from Falmouth Heights beach, everything you need for a fabulous week or weekend of sewing Nirvana! For rates, recommendations and availability, call Anne Marie Stanton at 781-308-3111 or see their blog for more photos: <http://leewoodhouse.blogspot.com/>



History of the Herring Run Quilters' Guild Name Badge

Written by Tracey Mackenzie, Guild Historian

When this guild formed in February 1989, a badge was designed from our logo. The badge was to be made by our guild members to be worn as our name tag. The original 4 colors for the badge were: muslin for the background so that your name can be printed in the name space and 2 solid colors (no prints) of the quilter's choice for the H&R and crossover for the fish. We selected solids so that the design is clear. The borders of the badge are also the quilters' choice, but it had to be a blue print to represent the waters of the Herring Run. Early badges had the same look, but each quilter chose her own solid colors and blue print for a unique looking badge.

And that's a small bit of history of our guild. Please support our guild and buy a new guild logo pin from membership. The pins are available at the check-in table at guild meetings for \$5.00.



Speaking of Name Badges....

Do you really want to keep paying \$1.00 each month for not having your name badge? Are you tired of people coming up to you at guild meetings and saying "I don't know your name, but..."? Even though we love taking your money, please make your name badge and wear it each month so we all can get to know each other by name. Directions for making a Herring Run Quilt Guild Badge are available on our website in the Meeting Information section or see Sharon Ducey or Olivia Baldwin at the check-in table at our meetings.

What's Up At The New England Quilt Museum?

Christine Moriarty, HRQG Rep to the Museum

Opening Reception for

Kinder Komforts: Amish Crib Quilts

Visit the New England Quilt Museum on Saturday, March 6 for the opening reception for Kinder Komforts, an exhibition of Amish crib quilts. An exhibition of Amish quilting unlike any other, curated by Bettina Havig, Kinder Komforts shows a new facet of the tradition to explore. Made for hard wear, these antique quilts, though crafted with exquisite workmanship and traditional Amish color palettes, are much more free in their style and composition than full-scale works from Mennonite communities, since they were not intended to be heirlooms. Indeed, part of the significance of the exhibition is the rarity of these quilts, most of which were demolished with use. Collected largely by Sara Miller, herself a member of the Old Order Amish community for much of her life, these quilts cast a new light on Amish quilting, offering the unexpected with charm and warmth. The reception will be at 1pm and will feature a lecture by Bettina Havig "The Amish Lifestyle & Their Quilts," followed by light refreshments.



Spider Web Amish Crib Quilt, collection of Sara Miller. Photo by Lisa Bisson.

Support for this exhibition is provided in part by [Eastcoast Quilters' Alliance/A Quilters' Gathering](#).

"An Appreciation of Amish Color" Lecture by Gerald Roy

April 17, 1pm

Visit the New England Quilt Museum on Saturday, April 17 at 1 pm for a lecture by noted quilt designer and historian Gerald Roy. Mr. Roy shared some insights on Amish color with us as a preview of his lecture: "The understanding and appreciation of Amish quilts is not always immediate. Sometimes it is necessary to change stereotypical prejudices formed through past experience. As children we are taught that 'dark and dull is evil or depressing' so we believe it. The good cowboy always has a white hat, the bad black. We are told that certain colors "go together" and others don't, so we believe it. Pink and orange don't go together so 'go up and change.'

The color of Amish quilts is the result of a culture different than ours; a culture that observes different traditions, habits, and observances; a practical and simple culture. Practical in terms of clothing and attire means choosing fabrics that don't show dirt but conform to religious requirements; plain and simple. The Color of Amish Quilts reflects the fabrics accepted by that culture. A variety of cultural differences occur from one community to the other. As these differences occur some are reflected by slight variations evident in their clothing and therefore their quilts.

Appreciating Amish Quilts is first; opening your minds to a different aesthetic and second letting go of traditional rules of color. There is no right or wrong, good or bad, just what works and what doesn't. Come and see for yourself. "

Need a Road Trip?

January 30 - April 19, 2010:

Exhibit by Nancy Crow ---Crossroads/New and Recent Quilts
Fuller Craft Museum, Brockton, MA

March 6, 2010:

16th ANNUAL BENEFIT AND QUILT SHOW
Second Congregational Church, Cohasset, MA
10:30-2:00p.m, Admission \$15 (includes show & lunch)

March 13 and 14, 2010:

THIMBLE PLEASURE QUILT GUILD SHOW
Blackstone Valley Regional Voc-Tech School, 65 Pleasant Street (off Rte. 140), Upton MA
\$5 admission, free parking and wheelchair accessible
For more information visit: www.thimblepleasures.org

Saturday, March 27, 9 to 5 and Sunday, March 28, 10 to 4:

MAPLE LEAF QUILTERS 25th FESTIVAL OF QUILTS at the College of ST. Joseph, Rutland, Vermont
Highlights: Invitational Quilter-- Jane Masenas and exhibit of antique scrap quilts, including "vintage butterfly" quilts. Admission: \$6

April 15, 10 – 6, April 16, 9 - 5, April 17, 9 - 5:

MACHINE QUILTERS EXPO, Rhode Island Convention Center
Admission \$10 per day, Multi-day pass \$18, Classes April 12-17

Many Starts, Mini Finishes

Written by Bee Neeley Kuckelman

Submitted by Lorraine McDermott and Sis Connolly

There once was a quilter named Min.
Whatever she'd see, she'd begin.
A large quilt, a small quilt,
A doll quilt, a wall quilt.
I'll finish these later," said Min.

"Now what shall I start on today?
I guess it will be applique.
Some birds in a group,
I'll frame with a hoop.
Today, though, I'll put them away.

"I think I will make a new vest,
In silk, or would cotton be best,
Trapunto I'll do,
Then Sunbonnet Sue!
But now I will give them a rest.
"A tote bag I've wanted to sew,
And then I'll try quilt-as-you-go.
A Radiant Star
For next year's bazaar –
Just when they'll be one, I don't know."

"For Christmas I've projects galore –
A tree skirt, a wreath for the door.
I'll make a soft box,
And red quilted socks,
And what's not completed, I'll store."

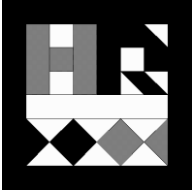
"Is anything finished?" asked Son.
Her answer could only be "None."
So Min made a vow:
She would not allow
More new projects – well, maybe just one.

SPEAKING OF QUILTS--

"Few objects, born of necessity and taking such a functional form, have been elevated to such artistic heights.
---Gail Binney



***And remember.... KEEP ON QUILTING! Our show is just SEVEN months away!!!!
YIKES!!!!***



***Herring Run
Quilters' Guild***

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HRQG Meets at the Church Hill United Methodist Church,
630 River Street/Church Street, Norwell, Massachusetts,
on the first Saturday of the month, September through
June, unless otherwise noted.