

HERRING RUN QUILTERS' GUILD

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COORDINATOR'S LETTER

Hi Ladies,

It's getting to be that perfect quilting weather -- that little nip in the air. If you're a gardener, hopefully yours has been put to bed for the winter, leaving more time for quilting and quilt related things.

Many of us were able to attend A Quilter's Gathering in Nashua, perfect inspiration for a long winter. At this show we had the treat of seeing two beautiful quilts by Kathy Rich and the slice quilt of Arena Farms by the Coastal Quilters of which Janet Dignan, Ann Marcin and Penny Miles are members. Beautiful work ladies!

We started off our guild year being truly inspired by our first program with Anne Gallo and Susan Raban. A last minute booking but the Program Committee did a wonderful job coming through for us as usual. Then we saw some completed dolls from Sandi Bard's October class. And surely there will be beautiful landscapes from Carol Ann Grotrian's class for November. I hope everyone is looking forward to the upcoming trunk shows of Mary Ann Karpinski and Sue Hart. Two very talented quilters!

Next month we will not only have our annual Holiday Luncheon but will be celebrating the 20th anniversary of Herring Run. If you're not a cook or don't have time to make an appetizer or entree, bring a beverage, some dinner rolls or a bowl of olives, etc. In celebration of our anniversary, it would be fun to find those quilts/items that we made in classes over the last 20 years for show and tell.

In these current times the local food pantries are especially low. If we could all bring an item for those in need it would be wonderful. They are not only in need of food but also cleaning supplies, laundry detergents and paper products. And please don't forget the pets!

The Quilt Show is getting closer! It's nice to see people stepping forward to help out and hope the effort will continue to fill those spots remaining. It should be a wonderful show with the help of everyone. The raffle quilt is beautiful and the raffle tickets are ready. Hope everyone is working on their challenge!

Happy Thanksgiving!

Susan Bernard



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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

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR DECEMBER MEETING IS SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12TH, NOT DECEMBER 5TH!

Upcoming Meeting Information:

Submitted by Debra Hayes, Denise Fitzgerald and Joan Palmer, Program Co-Chairs

The Program group is looking for guild members to help out with programs. If you would like to join the Program Committee or have ideas for programs at future guild meetings, please see one of the Program Co-Chairs.

December 12, 2009 - Our very own Mary Ann Karpinski will thrill us with a trunk show of her wonderful quilts. Please remember our December meeting will be our holiday luncheon and a celebration of our guild's 20th anniversary. Everyone is requested to bring in a brunch/appetizer item, not desserts. We will have a delicious cake to celebrate our anniversary. Paper products and drinks are also appreciated. We also will accept contributions for the local food pantry. One request was for pet food in an effort to help struggling families keep their pets during this hard time.

January 2, 2010 – Sue Hart, one of our members, will WOW us with a trunk show of her quilts. After her trunk show we have several things going on which you can sign up for...all FREE of charge. Charlene Shultz will be teaching how to make an “Envelope Purse” and Laurel DeCastro will be teaching the “Show-off Tote Bag” in three sizes. We’re also looking for a group of volunteers to make the prize ribbons to be used at our quilt show in September. And yes, once again we will be making Herring Run name badges. You will have the opportunity to sign up for these groups at the December meeting. If you are interested in signing up and won’t be at the December 12th meeting email Denise Fitzgerald at derefi@comcast.net or call her at 781-826-0469 and she will get the supply list to you.

February 6, 2010 - Annual Charity Quilting Day! We’ll have a short meeting and then start quilting. We’ll be there all day having fun, laughing, eating, and creating. Plan on spending as much time as you can to help us create charity quilts. If you can’t bring your sewing machine that day we can always use help with sorting fabric, cutting, ironing and layering quilts. Donations of fabric and batting are always accepted. Kits will also be available. Remember, the more the merrier so plan on spending as much time as you can with us making charity quilts. It’s always a fun day and a great way to get to know other guild members. If you need ideas on charity quilts to make in advance or want to cut your fabric in advance, check out our Charity Quilting page on our website for quilt ideas.

March 6, 2010 – To be announced

April 3, 2010 – Back by popular demand...Michelle Kincaid will do a Poppy Quilt workshop. To view pictures of the poppy quilt, please go to our Herring Run Quilt Guild webshots album at <http://home-and-garden.webshots.com/album/572185055XOjppC>

May 1, 2010 – Sarah Ann Smith will do a trunk show. Her class will be Balinese Applique. For more information on Sarah Ann Smith visit her website at <http://www.sarahannsmith.com>.

June 5, 2010 – Our annual guild yard sale!! Start cleaning out your sewing rooms and collecting items to sell.

2010 Quilt Show News:

Mark your calendars!!! Our next quilt show is scheduled for Saturday, September 18 from 10:00-5:00 and Sunday, September 19 from 10:00-3:00 with set-up on Friday afternoon, September 17 from 4:00-8:00. The theme of our show will be “***With These Hands***”. There are still lots of jobs available to help make our show a success. We can’t do it without the help of everyone in the guild. We still need volunteers to help with Program Ads, the Silent Auction, Decorations, Demos & Lectures and Refreshments. If you would like to volunteer for any of the committees please see Sue Hart or Nancy Robertson at one of the guild meetings. To make this show spectacular we also need your quilts. ***Please keep quilting!!!*** Quilts of all sizes and designs will be accepted. More details about the show will be communicated at future guild meetings.

2010 Challenge:

Directions for our 2010 Challenge “*Water, Water Everywhere but Not a Drop to Drink*” are available at each meeting and on our webpage. Challenges will be revealed at our September 11, 2010 meeting and displayed at our September 18 & 19, 2010 Quilt Show. If you have any questions about the challenge, please contact Mary Ann Karpinski at maktjk9@aol.com or 508-747-0629.

Raffle Ticket Time, Ladies!

Submitted by Anne Marie Stanton and Linda Molloy, Raffle Ticket Sale Chairs

At our December meeting expect to pick up your raffle tickets for the 2010 Raffle Quilt, "New York Blues"! Each member is expected to sell at least two books of tickets to support the quilt - but that doesn't mean that's all you can have!!! These tickets make great holiday gifts, stocking stuffers, thank you gestures.....The possibilities are limited only by your imagination!! 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 Mary Ann Karpinski, Kathleen Lavallee, Deb Hayes, Betsy Jackson, Linda Molloy or Anne Marie Stanton. The more exposure, the better!! (Maybe we should try You-Tube?!)

Hospitality:

Submitted by Laurel DeCastro, 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. Also, to help keep expenses down, it would be helpful if we bring our own mugs or travel mugs to use for coffee and tea so we can save the paper ones for emergencies and guests. We did it in the past and it worked fine. Thank you to those of you who have signed up already. Please see Laurel DeCastro 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.

Please remember our December meeting will be our holiday luncheon and guild anniversary party. Everyone is requested to bring in a brunch/appetizer item, not desserts. Paper products and drinks are also appreciated. We will be having a cake to celebrate the guild's 20th Anniversary.

Set Up and Breakdown of Meeting Room:

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!

Congratulations!!!

Submitted by Tracey Mackenzie, Guild Historian

Slice quilts!!! "Arena Farms" was at "The Gathering" in New Hampshire. Did you see it? What a wonderful way to make a group quilt. Two Herring Run quilters, Penny Myles and Janet Dignan made slices of this amazing quilt. Also "Boston's Fenway Park" was at the 2009 Houston Quilt Festival where it was awarded a 3rd place rosette. Penny Myles and Anne Marcin (our guilds' biggest Red Sox fan) each made a slice. These Herring Run quilters created these slice quilts as members of the Coastal Quilt Artists. The slice quilts are featured in a three page spread in the December/January 2010 issue of Quilter's Newsletter on pages 38-40. Congratulations to all the Coastal Quilt Artists!! For a close-up view of the "Boston Fenway Park" quilt go to http://www.bobbiesullivan.com/cqa_fenway.htm.

Guild member Kathy Rich had two quilts hanging at "The Gathering" in New Hampshire called "Stars over Mendon" and "Fresh Bouquet". Both quilts are just wonderful and have plenty of quilting. Kathy has become a very good machine quilter and her work is "perfection". I enjoyed the quilt show and the hunt to find both of her quilts. Congratulations Kathy!

The following guild members had quilts in the 2009 Marshfield Fair. All of them won prizes!!

- Pat Sudimack – 3 first places and 1 third place
- Laurel DeCastro – 3 first places
- Sheila Berry – 2 second places
- Christine Moriarty – 1 first place
- Lois Roberts – 1 first place
- Lorraine McDermott – 1 first place, 1 second place and the North River Art Society Special Award
- Tracey Mackenzie – 5 first places and 1 third place
- Barbie S. Coyne – 1 first place and 1 third place
- Renee Roberts – 2 second places
- Delores Mackenzie – 2 first places. Dolores was also awarded the “Saftler Award” for outstanding hand sewing for her yo-yo quilt. She received a blue rosette and a gift certificate of \$25 to Saftler’s of Whitman.

Congratulations to all the Herring Run quilters on a job well done!!!

If we have any more winners out there or have any items you’d like to be included in our historic archives please send the information to Tracey Mackenzie, at 213 Woodland Dr., Hanover, MA 02339. Tracey is also compiling a scrap book of historic guild information. The scrapbook will be available for viewing at future guild meetings.

Are you making a Dear Jane Quilt or wanting to start one?

Submitted by Norina Perry

Norina Perry is looking for guild members to network together on the making of a Dear Jane quilt. Norina has not started the quilt yet, but has the CD and is taking a class at Quilt University. It would be helpful to network with others that are currently making or would like to start making the Dear Jane quilt. If you would like to get together to share ideas please contact Norina at dancingwoman06@comcast.net or 617-347-0460.

Have you been to the Sister’s Oregon Quilt Show?

Submitted by Christine Moriarty

Has anyone been to the quilt show at Sisters, Oregon? Christine has checked out their website, but would like some firsthand information and observations. Please contact Christine Moriarty at 617-328-7927 or christinemoriarty@hotmail.com if you have any words of wisdom on a visit to Sisters.

Signature Quilt at MGH:

Submitted by Joyce Archer

If you haven’t already seen it, it’s worth a trip to the Norman Knight Nursing Center for Clinical & Professional Development on the third floor of the Founders Building at Mass General Hospital. That’s where the ‘signature quilt’, a gift from the MGH School of Nursing alumnae, has found a permanent home. More than 480 signatures of MGH School of Nursing alumnae dating back to the class of 1920 were collected on the quilt. The finished quilt is 80” x 100” and was adapted from a design in “Great American Quilts” by Beverly Cosby. If you’re ever at MGH look for the quilt. It’s fantastic.

What's Up At The New England Quilt Museum?
Submitted by Christine Moriarty, HRQG Rep to the Museum

A great showplace for a permanent collection of antique and contemporary quilts, plus special exhibitions. Senior discount on Tuesdays, with docents available @ 11 and 2. Yard sale every day, magazines for \$0.25, or 6 for \$1, books as low as \$3. Members of Sustaining Guilds get in free on the fourth Sunday of the month (show your HRQG card). Gift Shop has fabrics. Parking garage and several places for food within a block of museum. Free parking on weekends in lot behind museum.

HOURS: Tuesday - Saturday 10 - 4 year round, Sundays - 12 - 4 May through December, Closed - January 1 -18, 2010. Admission - \$7 Adults, \$5 seniors and students

Lowell Quilt Museum is located at: 18 Shattuck Street, Lowell, 978-452-4207. www.nequiltmuseum.org.

Less than a tank of gas away--worth the visit!

Recipe Corner:

**Grammy's Gingerbread submitted by Joyce Archer
(from Wally's Mother years ago)**

Make your own or 1 pkg. gingerbread mix
1/2 cup brown sugar-packed
2 tblsp. flour
2 tblsp. melted butter
1/2 cup chopped pecans
dash of cinnamon

Prepare gingerbread mix as directed--pour into 9" square pan. Mix the brown sugar, flour, melted butter, pecans and cinnamon well -- and sprinkle over the batter. Bake as pkg. directs. Could take a bit longer. Serve (best slightly warm) with whipped cream--1/2 pt. heavy cream or whipping cream, 1 1/2 tblsp. sugar (+/-), 3/4 tsp. vanilla--beat the cream-- gradually add the sugar and when almost whipped add the vanilla and blend. I usually add a tad of unflavored gelatin--keeps the consistency or use prepared!!

If you have a favorite recipe you'd like to share with the guild, please send it to Mary Ann Karpinski at 9 Grenovin Lane, Plymouth, MA 02360 or email: maktjk9@aol.com and we'll include it in the newsletter and on our website.

Membership:

The guild membership list was recently emailed to those that have email addresses. For those that don't have email, copies are available at the check-in desk at our guild meetings.

Block of the Month:

Mary Nagel has been handing out some wonderful blocks this year. Please remember to make extras and hand them in to Mary so we can use them for charity quilts.

Library:

Please remember to return your books so others may enjoy them. There are some books that have been out for a long time. Look on your bookshelves to see if you have any quilt books that belong to the guild. Please see Pat Sudimack if you have any books or quilting DVDs you'd like to donate to the guild library.

Monthly Raffle:

Please see Joy Lavery or Edith Neil at one of the guild meetings if you would like to be one of the shoppers for our monthly raffle prizes. Congratulations to those that have won the raffles so far this year. You lucky ducks!!

Guild Pins:

Guild pins are available for just \$5 at each guild meeting. Please see Tracey Mackenzie or stop by the check-in desk to buy your pin. Pins from previous years are also available for \$3.00.

Name Badges:

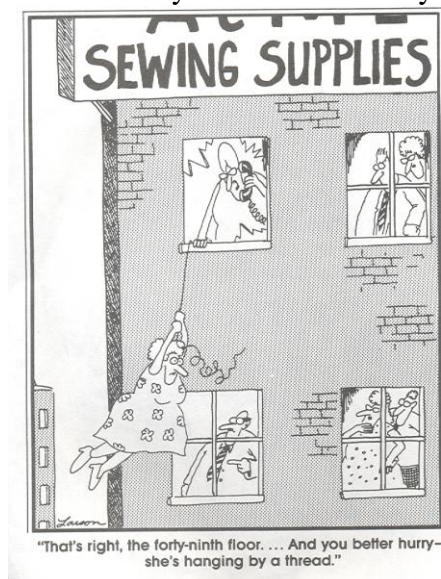
Please help us to become a more welcoming and friendly guild by making your name badge and wearing it each month so we all can get to know each other by name. Do you really want to keep paying \$1.00 each month for not having your badge? If you haven't made your badge yet, there will be classes on how to make the badge at our January meeting. What a perfect time to get that badge made.

Website:

Mary Ann Karpinski is continuing to expand our website: www.herringrunquiltguild.com. Please continue to check the website for updates. If you have anything you'd like added to the site please send it to Mary Ann at maktjk9@aol.com.

On a Lighter Note:

Submitted by Christine Moriarty



We wish you and yours all the very best this holiday season and many happy stitching hours in the year to come.