



HERRING RUN QUILTERS' GUILD

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COORDINATOR'S LETTER

Hi Ladies,

Well, I hope everyone has dried out from this strange weather we've been having. Seems to be good for the flowers but not so good for vegetable gardens, at least not mine. Maybe these dog days we're in now will help. Cooler days more conducive to quilting are not far off.

It's almost time for guild meetings to start for the year. Our first meeting of the year will be on September 12th. Even though it is an off year-- no show and no get-a-way, I'm sure it will be creative and wonderful year. There will be (as usual) great programs and lectures, raffles, charity, block of the month, inspiring show & tell, fellowship, etc., and of course, snacks.

The show committee and raffle quilt committee will be working diligently in preparation for the show. It gives each of us a whole year to think about our personal part in the show by finding that perfect pattern, fabric or inspiration and completing it (or many) by next September, or, if you are not one to display your work, there are many other ways to participate in the show. Think about trying a new job or helping in a different way. There's lots of stuff to do. The hope is everyone will help in some way.

Also think about how to participate at guild meetings. Take a class that is out of your comfort zone for color or technique. Participate in the Charity Workshop. If you tend to shy away from block of the month--make one. Bring in a new, old or favorite recipe, we'll eat anything! Or even just sit in a different place and talk to someone new. GET INVOLVED!

There will be board meetings and show meetings and I encourage people to attend just to see what's going on.

Even though summer usually proves to be a very busy time, I hope you were able to visit a few shops, take a class or perhaps go to Vermont or Images. I look forward to seeing all the summer creations at show & tell.

Susan Bernard

**HRQG Board
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

HRQG Meeting Minutes

Membership:

Special thanks to Sharon Ducey and Olivia Baldwin for putting in the extra effort over the summer months to wrap up membership by September. **Great Job!!!**

Block of the Month:

Mary Nagel has more in store for us as she continues to chair the Block of the Month in the coming year. We look forward to seeing the fun quilt project she comes up with for us this time around.

Charity:

Charlene Schultz and Sharon Ducey will be coordinating charity quilts for the 2009-2010 year. Our charity quilting day is scheduled for February 6, 2010. Please mark your calendar and plan to spend the day with us making charity quilts.

Historian:

Tracey Mackenzie will be our new Guild Historian. If you have any items you'd like to be included in our historic archives please send them to Tracey, at 213 Woodland Dr., Hanover, MA 02339

Hospitality:

All Board and Committee Members, please remember to bring food for the September meeting!!

Laurel DeCastro will be the new hospitality coordinator. She'll be seeking volunteers for set up and clean up, as well as for food donations throughout the year. ***As a guild member, everyone is responsible for bringing a goodie to at least one guild meeting.***

Library:

Please remember to return your books so others may enjoy them. Donations are always accepted. Please see Pat Sudimack if you have any books or quilting DVDs you'd like to donate to the guild.

Guild Pins:

Guild pins are available for just \$5 at each guild meeting. Please see Tracey Mackenzie.

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.

Recipe Corner:

Recipes submitted by guild members will be posted on our webpage under a new link called "**Recipe Corner**". It's under construction so please bear with us as we add more recipes. For those members that don't have access to the web, there will be copies of the recipes at the registration table at guild meetings. If you have a favorite recipe you'd like to share, please send it to Mary Ann Karpinski at 9 Grenovin Lane, Plymouth, MA 02360 or email: maktjk9@aol.com.

Block Contest Winners:

Submitted by Tracey Mackenzie

The following Herring Run Quilters had their "Sunbonnet Sue" blocks chosen for the 2009 "Peggy Beals Quilt Block Contest" quilt: Lynn Anastos, Delores Mackenzie, Tracey Mackenzie, Lois Roberts and Renee Roberts. The quilt will be quilted at the Marshfield Fair by volunteers and be raffled off at the 2010 Marshfield Fair. ***Congratulations to our Herring Run Quilters!!***

Road Trip:

Submitted by Edith Neal

In July I took my annual trip to Missoula, Montana to visit with family. My parents live in Hamilton, MT which is south of Missoula, and I have a number of siblings in the area. I am originally from Dillon, MT

so these trips are a time to re-connect with my home town and with the family. While in Montana, I always find time to visit some of my favorite quilt stores. After all, there are not enough quilt stores in MA!!!! I really enjoyed the following shops:

Vicki's Down Under Quilts, Missoula, MT (www.vickisquilts.com) – This shop is aptly named as it is in basement of a fitness club. Just think, you could work out and then shop for fabric. What more could you want. There was lots of fabric lining the walls, and it was a lot to take in. The owner was friendly, and very willing to give assistance. I would definitely go back to see what else she has added.

No. 1 Ladies Quilt Shop, Dillon, MT - Going to Dillon was in effect going home. There were no quilt shops when I was growing up there. The owner of this shop greeted us warmly and made us feel welcome. There was a good selection of fabrics, and one of the things I like about the shop was that it was arranged by color. She also had sample quilts displayed featuring the various lines of fabric in the store.

Blackfoot Trading Post, Bonner, MT - This was a very interesting shop. Some of you may remember the wall hanging that I made featuring wolves. Well, this shop had that same pattern made up in lap size quilts. The quilts featured everything from deer, to bears, to cats. It was quite exciting to see that pattern used in this fashion. The shop features the scenic type fabrics, and all kinds of coordinating fabrics to go with them. She also carries some interesting patterns. I purchased a pattern called “Scenic View” by Lisa Moore. The pattern includes a lap size quilt, as well as a table runner using scenic fabrics. You can see her patterns at www.quiltswithatwist.com.

Deer Country Quilts, Seeley Lake, MT (www.deercountryquilts.com) – The drive to this shop is worth it. Once you turn on to Highway 83, you are facing the mountains. If you stayed on the road long enough, you would eventually arrive at Glacier National Park. Every turn of the highway brings a new view, and you just want to stop and take pictures. There are several lakes on the way up, and each one is more beautiful than the next. Deer Country Quilts is in a beautiful log cabin building. The staff is very friendly, and the store is very inviting. If you love flannels, there is an excellent selection of everything from the traditional baby type prints to more mature patterns and colors. There are also wonderful orientals and a nice selection of batiks. There are lots of samples displayed along with the fabrics used to create them. Of all the shops that I visited, this one is my favorite, and I make a point of visiting it each year when I am in Montana.

Happy quilting – and may you all have great road trips!

Monthly Raffle:

A big thanks to all the shoppers and all the ticket buyers who made Sheila Berry and Christine Moriarty's stint as chairpersons for the Monthly Raffle a success. In two years the raffle brought in a thousand dollars for our guild; and it was fun!

The June raffle was a little different in that no tickets were sold. Participation required only to guess the amount of buttons in a bottle. The best guess was made by a very excited Mary Nagle. She not only brought home the decorative bottle but a gift certificate for Tumbleweeds.

Thanks again, and keep supporting the Monthly Raffle.

We happily welcome Joy Lavery and Edith Neil as the new monthly raffle coordinators!

New England Quilt Museum:

The current exhibit at the museum is **Massachusetts-Our Common Wealth: Quilts from the Massachusetts Quilt Documentation Project**, curated by Vivien Sayer; July 17 through September 20, 2009. This groundbreaking exhibition will bring together quilts from all across Massachusetts, truly representing the fascinating history of this unique American art form, as seen through the lens of Massachusetts history. Also featured in the permanent collection rooms will be contemporary quilts by Massachusetts artists.

Upcoming Meeting Information:

September 12, 2009 - Kitty Kurpiewski will lecture on "Using your Stencils to the Max" and present a workshop on using quilting stencils as a base for applique elements or embroidery. ***Kitty will be vending at the show so bring your wallets!*** Denise Fitzgerald will be sending out a supply list to those that have signed up for the workshop.

October 3, 2009 - Sandi Bard will present a trunk show with a Q&A. Her workshop will be Katrina and Snowflake (a 24" doll). Participants in the afternoon workshop will need to construct the body of the doll prior to class. Betsy Jackson has sent out directions for the doll to those that have signed up. The class will focus on making the face and clothing for the doll. There is still one opening for this class. Please email Debra Hayes (debhayes1@verizon.net) if you are interested in filling that spot. Workshop fee is \$30.00 and \$10.00 for the pattern.

November 7, 2009 - Members so enjoyed Carol Ann Grotrain's landscape class at the Get-A-Way Weekend that we have asked her to return! Signups for her class will start at the September meeting. In this class you will learn how to take a photo of your choosing and make it into a quilt. This will be an all day class beginning at 9 AM with a break for her lecture at 11 AM.

December 12, 2009 - Our very own Mary Ann Karpinski will thrill us with a trunk show of her wonderful quilts. There will also be a Secret Santa Christmas member grab bag. More on this in September. Also remember that December is our annual holiday buffet so start looking for your favorite recipe for a treat you'll want to bring to the meeting.

January 2, 2010 - Before we begin our in house member's workshop, Sue Hart will WOW us with a trunk show of her quilts. We will be looking for members to sign up to teach a workshop. Please see one of the Program Chairs at one of the meetings to sign up.

February 6, 2010 - Annual Charity Quilting Day! 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. It's a fun day. Bring your machines if you can. If not, we always need people to cut and iron. If you have stash you'd like to donate, please bring it along. 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.

Information on the March 6, April 3, May 1 and June 5 meetings will be posted once they have been confirmed.

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.

2009 Challenge:

We hope you have had fun creating your challenge items using a fabric you like for your color inspiration. Please remember to bring your challenge item with you to the September meeting so we can all enjoy them during Show & Tell. If you haven't had time to finish your challenge item completely, bring it along as is. We all like to see what you're creating even if it is a UFO. If you have any questions about the challenge, please contact Mary Ann Karpinski at maktjk9@aol.com or 508-747-0629.

2010 Quilt Show News:

The raffle quilt committee has been busy putting the NY Beauty raffle quilt together. Thank you to everyone that made blocks. The quilt is gorgeous. We will be ready with the dimensions of the quilt soon. Anyone who might be interested in bidding on the quilting job, please contact Anne Marie Stanton at 781-826-5933.

Helpful Hints from www.marthastewart.com:

Storing Quilts:

To protect your heirloom quilt when it's not on display, store it in a cool place with good air circulation. Fifty-percent relative humidity is ideal, but difficult to achieve; if a room's humidity level is comfortable for you, it should be fine for your quilt. Note that quilts should never be stored in the basement or attic. Acid-free tissue paper and acid-free boxes, which are chemically neutral, will shield the textile from materials that might leach acids into the fabric -- wood, for instance. Vintage quilts should never be stored in plastic, which does not allow the fabric to breathe and can trigger the growth of mildew and mold.

Folding a Quilt How-To:

The folding method described below will help to reduce strain on the quilt.

It's important to pad folds to prevent fiber breakdown (sharp creases cause stress on the quilt). To do so, create acid-free tissue-paper logs that are as long as your quilt is wide: Lay a single sheet of tissue paper flat and loosely accordion fold it. Still holding this piece, loosely accordion fold another piece of tissue, and then add a third. Repeat with a fourth piece, folding halfway, then roll up accordion-folded pieces in this half; twist ends to secure.

To fold, begin by laying quilt flat on a clean work surface. Cover middle third with a layer of acid-free tissue paper. Place a tissue-paper log on either side of this paper -- parallel to short sides of quilt -- and fold sides of quilt over them. Repeat, placing shorter tissue logs a third of the way in from sides and folding over. Place quilt in acid-free box lined with acid-free tissue paper. (If the quilt doesn't fit exactly into the box, adjust folds.) We also included a desiccant in the box to absorb excess moisture.

Attach a photograph of the quilt to the box for easy identification. Two to three times per year, take quilt out and refold in a different direction to prevent permanent creases. You should also replace acid-free tissue paper every three years.

Aging & Friendship:

Author unknown

I would never trade my amazing friends, my wonderful life or my loving family for less gray hair or a flatter belly. As I've aged, I've become kinder to myself, and less critical of myself. I've become my own friend. I don't chide myself for eating that extra cookie, or for not making my bed, or for buying that silly cement gecko that I didn't need, but looks so avante garde on my patio or for buying that piece of fabric just because it was pretty. I am entitled to a treat, to be messy, to be extravagant. I have seen too many dear friends leave this world too soon; before they understood the great freedom that comes with aging.

Whose business is it if I choose to read or play on the computer until 4 AM and sleep until noon or stay up all night quilting? I will dance with myself to those wonderful tunes of the 60 & 70's, and if I, at the same time, wish to weep over a lost love ... I will. I will walk the beach in a swim suit that is stretched over a bulging body, and will dive into the waves with abandon if I choose to, despite the pitying glances from the jet set. They, too, will get old.

I know I am sometimes forgetful. But there again, some of life is just as well forgotten. And I eventually remember the important things.

Sure, over the years my heart has been broken. How can your heart not break when you lose a loved one, or when a child suffers, or even when somebody's beloved pet gets hit by a car? But broken hearts are what give us strength and understanding and compassion. A heart never broken is pristine and sterile and will never know the joy of being imperfect.

I am so blessed to have lived long enough to have my hair turning gray, and to have my youthful laughs be forever etched into deep grooves on my face. So many have never laughed, and so many have died before their hair could turn silver.

As you get older, it is easier to be positive. You care less about what other people think. I don't question myself anymore. I've even earned the right to be wrong. So, to answer your question, I like being old. It has set me free. I like the person I have become. I am not going to live forever, but while I am still here, I will not waste time lamenting what could have been, or worrying about what will be. And I shall eat dessert every single day (if I feel like it).

MAY OUR FRIENDSHIP NEVER COME APART ESPECIALLY WHEN IT'S STRAIGHT FROM THE HEART!

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL AT OUR SEPTEMBER 12TH MEETING!

ENJOY THE REST OF YOUR SUMMER!

HAPPY STITCHING!