

2010 Herring Run Quilters' Guild Challenge

The theme of our 2010 challenge is "**Water, water everywhere but not a drop to drink**". Your creation does not have to look like an ocean, lake or river. Use your imagination. It can be over the water, under the water, by the water, indoors or outdoors, real or imagined, fun or serious. Maybe it's rain or a pool or the fabrics or the blocks you use choose that speak to you.

Have fun and be creative!

BASIC RULES OF THE CHALLENGE:

- **#1 RULE: HAVE FUN!!!**
- **Use your imagination!** Your creation can be traditional or contemporary.
- **Item Selection:** We would like your challenge to be a small quilt or wallhanging, **not** a tote bag, pocket book, vest or jacket.
- **Methods of Construction:** You are free to use whatever construction or quilting methods work best for your creation (i.e., machine piece, hand piece, paper piece, applique, etc.). We encourage you to challenge yourself. Your creation can be as complicated or as simple as you like.
- **Quilting Requirement:** We would like you to create this item yourself, so no professional quilting unless you own your own long-arm machine. You can hand or machine quilt your item.
- **Finished Size:** Finished size is your choice, but no smaller than 12" and no bigger than 120" outside perimeter/circumference (i.e., square, rectangle, hexagon, or circle, etc.). For example, a square that equals 120" would be 30"x30". If your item is larger than the 120" total size you will be disqualified. Space is limited at the quilt show.
- **Fabric Requirement:** There is no limit to the total number of fabrics or kinds of fabrics used.
- **Embellishments:** Embellishments are optional.
- **Hanging Sleeve:** The quilt back must have a hanging sleeve.
- **Label:** Make sure you put a label with your name on the **back** of your creation so it cannot be seen during judging. Give credit to the source that inspired you. We need the label so we can return the challenge item to you after the show.
- **Due Date:** Your ***finished*** item is due at our September 11, 2010 guild meeting for judging by your quilt guild peers. Ribbons will be given to the winners. ***Only fully completed items will be accepted.*** All challenge creations will then be displayed at our September 2010 quilt show in our special "challenge quilt display" for others to enjoy. If you are planning on giving your challenge item to someone as a gift, please know you will not get it back until after our September 2010 show. Please plan accordingly.

If you have any questions about the challenge, please see Mary Ann Karpinski at a guild meeting or send her an email at maktjk9@aol.com or call her at home at 508-747-0629.

HAVE FUN! WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE WHAT YOU CREATE!