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HERRING RUN QUILTERS' GUILD, INC.

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COORDINATOR'S LETTER

Greetings to all the HRQG members!

The Christmas season is upon us. I don't know about you but as I've gotten older the days and weeks seem to fly by faster and faster. Remember when you were young and after Thanksgiving it seemed an eternity counting down the days until Christmas Day. I also remember that coloring books, a few board games and sweet treats were the pleasures of the holiday. Times have changed but there are some things that remain constant even in today's fast paced life style.

The joy and sometimes heartache of family and friends remains a constant and the close connections we've made along life's journey prove to be irreplaceable. Old friends are near and dear but new friends often add a different dimension to our lives. Ones that come to mind are quilters and their love and deep interest in the art of making beauty in the form of fabric.

As you know my mission this year is #1 enjoying the art of quilting and #2 meeting NEW friends within the HRQG. With that in mind I'd like to introduce you to the following members:

Norina Perry - I had the pleasure of meeting Norina on November 4, 2010 during a bus trip to the Gathering in NH. She has been a member of HRQG for 15 years. We managed to see each other a few times within the confines of the quilt exhibit and the vendor's areas. It was fun to compare the purchases we made - all in the name of QUILTING!! She also stated that she was getting married the following weekend and that Margot Driscoll (HRQG member) would be singing a solo. I look forward to getting to know Norina better in the coming months and to have the opportunity to meet Margot.

Carol Fisher - Carol has been a HRQG member for three years. I first met her briefly while taking a class with Dawn Jackson at Tumbleweeds a few years ago. On the same November 4th bus trip Carol and I sat together and talked about quilting and the wonderful women we've met along the way. She informed me that her love of quilting began 14 years ago when her husband had a stroke and remained at home under nursing care. One of his nurses, Doris Carroll, a new member of HRQG, learned that Carol had no particular hobby to devote her time and talents. The next thing Carol knew she was presented with fabric and a beginner's manual. Since that time Carol has become accomplished in the art of quilting and applique'. I'm also looking forward to meeting Doris at a future HRQG meeting.

May each and every HRQG member and their families be truly blessed this Holiday Season and may 2011 be the year that brings love, peace, joy and good health to each and every one of you.

Best wishes,
Janie



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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. ***Please make sure to check our Meeting Information Section to confirm dates of meetings.***

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.



Please remember to mark your calendars!

Our January meeting is January 8, 2011 (second Saturday) due to the New Year's Holiday. The remaining meetings are held on the first Saturday of each month.

Upcoming Meeting Information:

Debra Hayes, Susan Bernard, Clare Corbett and Elaine Cristoferi, Program Co-Chairs

With the coming of the New Year we have many interesting workshops scheduled. Photos of the projects will be available at the sign-up desk for you to peruse. Signups for March 2011 and forward will begin in January, so don't forget to bring your checkbooks to the first meeting of the new year

January 8, 2011

Remember we're meeting on the SECOND Saturday due to the New Year's Day Holiday being on the first Saturday. January will be a "Finish it up day". We have several HRQG members who have agreed to provide inspirational assistance to help you finish your UFOs. If you have a quilt you just can't finish because you don't know what to do or need help with color inspiration, bring it along. You may also just bring a project and sit and sew for the day. Please bring your sewing machines or hand work and your own refreshments. Plan on spending the day working on some of your UFO's and getting to know more of the guild members.

Fiona Wysocki and Liz McGuire will also do a paper piecing class for those that want to help make our upcoming raffle quilt and don't know how to paper piece.

Debra Hayes wanted to share this to inspire you to finish your UFO's. Don't know if any of you are avid blog readers, but Pat Sloan has a series "Be a UFO Buster". See her blog for 12 useful tips:
http://patsloan.typepad.com/pat_sloans_corner/12-ufo-buster-tips/.

February 5, 2011

Charity Quilting Day!!! More details on plans for the day are farther down in the newsletter. Quilts give children and adults lots of comfort when they need it. Please plan on spending the day with us making charity quilts. Many hands make light work. It's also a great day to spend time to get to know others in the guild.

March 5, 2011

Karen Eckmeier will give a trunk show and powerpoint lecture. The afternoon workshop will be a fun collage workshop, *Happy Villages*. This is a no sew class. A detailed supply list will be ready for January signups. Bring lots of fabric scraps! The cost of this workshop will be \$35. Explore the freedom of fabric collage! No seams to piece or match, no lines to trace. Just free form cutting of step and window shapes. Step by step your little village will magically come to life. Finished size 16 1/2 inch square "Half Day Workshop (leave your sewing machine at home for this introduction to fabric collage. Projects can be completed at home either by machine or by hand).

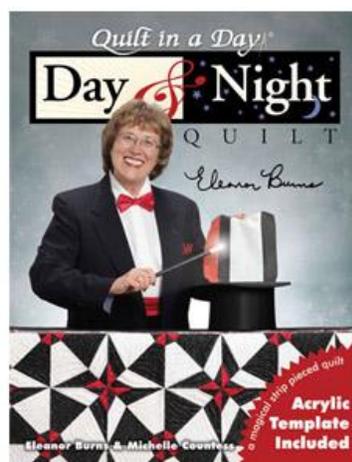


Sample of collage

April 2, 2011

A trunk show will be given by Ann's Fabrics in Canton. Details to follow. The afternoon class will be an Eleanor Burns, Quilt in a Day- Day and Night Table Runner sponsored by Ann's Fabrics. The Program Committee has worked with Ann to offer several different price points for this class. For the Gold and Silver packages you will need the pattern book which includes a specialty ruler. Ann has even gone further to discount the packages. She will provide 3 different color ways: 2 batiks and a soft yellow and blue Eleanor Burns' fabric. Fabric swatches will be available for you at January meeting. See Eleanor Burns website for a short night and day technique video:

http://www.quiltinaday.com/shoponline/books_display.asp?i=20490



Picture of book table runner pattern will come from

The prices for the class are:

- Gold package: pattern book, piecing fabric, backing fabric \$ 67.36, 25% discount- \$ 50.52
- Silver package: pattern book, piecing fabric \$ 49.90, 20% discount, \$ 40.00
- Bronze package: piecing fabric only \$ 24.95, 15% discount, \$ 21.20

May 7, 2011

Adele Scott will give a lecture called "My Favorite Products, Tips and Techniques." Adele was one of the vendors at our recent Quilt show. The lecture will be a fast moving, fun lecture/demo on a wide variety of topics, from sewing machine aids to specialty threads, appliqué tricks to no-waste flying geese. We'll solve problems, save time and make sewing more enjoyable. Adele's class will be a Large Bargello Tote Bag.

<http://adelescott.com/pattern.html> Learn an easy Bargello method, reversible strip quilting, strip prairie points, bound seams and easily sewing over thick bulky seams. Totally pre-cut kits are available in many colors.

This is a six hour class. We are requesting members to purchase a pre-cut kit so that we may get right to work! The cost will be \$45.00. Adele will be providing fabric swatches for you to pre-order. We may not be able to finish the bag in the allotted time. However, if you have basic sewing experience you will be able to finish binding, etc. at home.

Large Bargello Tote Bag
Intermediate level



Sew Much Faster
Adele Scott Design Studio
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June 4, 2011

Our annual guild yard sale!! Start cleaning out your sewing rooms and collecting items to sell. It's also our end of the year brunch so start thinking about a yummy dish to bring.

Charity Quilts:

Vivian Cardinal and Joanne Joyce, Charity Quilt Co-Chairs



Plans for the February 5th Charity Workshop are moving ahead. We hope most of you will set that day aside to join us making quilts for a great cause. We will have many kits assembled with coordinating fabrics and several simple patterns available, or you can use your own creativity and inspiration. We have lots of fabric available. If you are already working on a charity quilt at home please bring it along and join us. We will have a large roll of batting available for anyone to use for their charity quilts.

Please plan to bring your sewing machines, irons, ironing boards and cutting and sewing supplies. We will have sign-up sheets available at the January 8th meeting, to make sure we have enough supplies on hand.

We ask that you bring your own lunch. The committee will supply some delicious sides and desserts for all. We will also collect completed quilts at any meeting, we already have 15 quilts donated this year!

Looking forward to a wonderful day of quilting camaraderie! If you have suggestions on where to donate quilts please contact our Charity Quilt Chairs, Vivian Cardinal (781-293-2524 or vivcard@comcast.net) or Joanne Joyce (508-362-3446 or jjoyce22@verizon.net).

CONGRATULATIONS!!

The drawing was held from the list of 10 guild members available for the free guild workshop. These guild members attended 2 out of 3 workshops to be eligible to win a free workshop in 2011. And the winner of the free workshop is....Kathleen LaValle!

2012 Challenge

Mary Ann Karpinski, Challenge Quilts



After an almost unanimous vote at our November meeting, the theme of our 2012 challenge is **“Make Me Laugh”**. We all seem to take some things too seriously lately. The object is to create a challenge quilt that makes the viewer laugh out loud, giggle a little or at least smile. *But please keep it clean. Have fun and be creative! Please note we have a new size requirement. All challenge quilts must be a 22” square!* Your **finished** challenge is due at our **September, 2012** guild meeting for judging by your quilt guild peers. Ribbons will be given to the top five winners. All challenge creations will then be displayed at our September 2012 quilt show in our special “challenge quilt display” for others to laugh at and enjoy. The rules for the challenge are available on our webpage at http://www.herringrunquiltguild.com/2012_challenge and were also sent via email to those in the guild that have email addresses. If you did not get your copy of the rules they will be available at the registration desk at future guild meetings. We hope that everyone will make a challenge and have fun!
Laughter is the best medicine!

Update on New Tax Status

Liz McGuire, Treasurer

We are officially registered as a non-profit corporation with the Massachusetts Secretary of State's office. Liz filed our first annual report with the Secretary's office on November 30th. The report is always due on November 1st but all our filings this year will be late because we're in the midst of the process.

As a newly formed corporation, we applied for and were assigned a new EIN (federal identification number) which is now being used on all documents and submissions. Liz then forwarded back this number to the MA Secretary's office and it's now in their database.

We've submitted our application for tax-exempt status to the IRS. Liz doesn't know how long it will take to hear back. Once we get a Determination letter, then we have to do the same for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. We'll be able to file our first federal "tax return" online after the first of the year. We may not have the status yet but can file as tax-exempt with "application pending."

Guild By-Laws Updated

The Guild by-laws were updated in order to conform with Massachusetts filing requirements for non-profit status. The changes were voted on at our November meeting. Below are the changes that were made:

- Guild name – add Inc.
- Officer titles – Chairman and Vice Chairman to President and Vice President, Secretary to Clerk. In addition, we're required to have no fewer than 3 directors who are the committee chairmen. List of officers and directors will be updated yearly.
- Article IX on Disbanding will read as follows: "In the event that Herring Run Quilters' Guild, Inc. ceases to exist, the disposition of money and assets shall be decided by a vote of the general membership. The disposition of the remaining Guild funds will be to one or more non-profit organizations with particular attention to those devoted to quilting."

A copy of the HRQG by-laws is available on our webpage at http://www.herringrunquiltguild.com/guild_by-laws. If you do not have a computer you can request a copy from Mary Ann Karpinski and she will print off a copy for you or have it available at a future guild meeting.

Thank you!



Thank you to everyone that donated items for the Norwell Food Bank at our December meeting. All donations were happily accepted by the Food Bank.

Are you missing a pin?

Someone loaned Clare Corbett a tiny log cabin pin last year and she wants to return it, but has forgotten who loaned it to her. If you're the owner of the pin please contact Clare at aprilshowers26@yahoo.com or 781-843-2968.

What's Up At The New England Quilt Museum?

Christine Moriarty, HRQG Rep to the Museum

If you're looking for something to do over the holiday's check out the current exhibit *African-American Quilts Today: A Celebration of Motherhood, Sisterhood & the Matriarchs*. This special exhibit will be closing on December 31st.

Also on display until December 31: *Blue & White Quilts* from the Permanent Collection of the New England Quilt Museum. Thirteen antique quilts reflecting the popularity from 1830-1930 of blue and white quilts made with colorfast dyes from the indigo plant. The simplicity of the color scheme provided a wonderful canvas for fine hand quilting.

Mark your calendars for the following 2011 Exhibitions at the New England Quilt Museum:

Please note the museum will be closed the first 2 weeks in January. The galleries are closed between exhibitions. The museum shop is open. Please check their website to confirm hours and days they are open and to get directions <http://www.nequiltmuseum.org/>.

January 20 - April 9: *New England SAQA: No Holds Barred*, Opening reception scheduled for January 29, 1pm

April 14 - July 10: *One Foot Square, Quilted & Bound*

July 14 - October 16: *Maine's Quilt Heritage: Quilts from Maine Quilt Documentation Project*

October 20 - December 31: *Patience to Raise the Sun: Art Quilts from Haiti & Their Power to Change Women's Lives*

In addition to the current exhibitions, the museum always has several permanent collection quilts, including many historical works, on display in the permanent collection rooms. Displays of permanent collection quilts change whenever the current exhibition changes, so visitors have the opportunity to see new exhibits from the permanent collection several times a year.

Antique Quilts

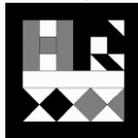
Christine Moriarty, HRQG Rep to the Museum

Do you have an antique quilt that was made in MA or is now owned by a MA resident? The NE Quilt Museum invites you to be part of the Documentation Project. The museum cannot determine the value of the quilt, but has a list of appraisers. The project determines the age of the quilt and pattern, will give you information on the care, and then photograph it. One copy of the information, including the photo, will be kept by the museum, and one copy will be given to you. The cost is \$15 for nonmembers and \$10 for members of the Museum. The time involved is about 20 minutes

You and your quilt will become part of the history of our state, and will make a contribution to the literature on quilting in America and the lives of New England women. It also provides a record of proof for insurance purposes.

Antique quilts may be brought into the museum on the third Friday of every month. To schedule an appointment email them at Questions@NEQuiltmuseum.org or call their library at 978-452-4207, ext.15.

History of Guild Logo Pins
Tracey Mackenzie, Guild Historian



This time Tracey will tell you about the history of our guild's logo pins. The logo of our guild was designed by Rose Perry. After our first show in 1990 the guild decided to have a logo pin made. Tracey found a company called "The Pin Place" that made custom pins. The guild members selected white for the background and blue and green for the letters. We ordered 200 pins and sold them for \$3.00 each as a fund raiser for the guild.

In 1994 we had to reorder our pins so we selected an Amish color theme of black, pink and turquoise to match our Amish friendship sampler raffle quilt.

In 1996 a new set of pins were ordered. This time we ordered two different sets of pins – off-white, red and green known as the Christmas pin and gray, dark turquoise and cranberry to match our gray and cranberry sampler raffle quilt. Most of these pins were sold out, but ask Membership if some are still available.

Our current guild pin was ordered after the 2008 quilt show. The colors are a lilac background with yellow and orange letters. They are available from Membership for \$5.00. Please support the guild and buy and wear a HRQG pin.

Guild Getaway Weekend - March 25-27th, 2011

Spaces are still available for our guild getaway weekend March 25-27, 2011. Join us for a weekend of quilting, shopping and fun in Portsmouth, NH!! Friday night Janet-Lee Santeusanio from the Machine Quilters Expo (MQX) will do a trunk show for us. Saturday a mystery quilt class will be available for those that want to participate. If you don't want to do the mystery quilt you can spend the weekend working on your own projects. Denise Fitzgerald is also arranging for local shops to give us discounts and for demonstrations on Saturday night. If you would like to join us for this fun filled weekend of quilting and friendship we need your deposit to save your place. Send \$50.00 to Denise Fitzgerald at 39 Dana Drive, Hanover, MA 02339 or see Denise at one of our meetings. Please make your check payable to "Herring Run Quilters' Guild". We have opened up the weekend to non-guild members. If you have a friend you'd like to bring along for the weekend, please let Denise know. If you have any questions about the getaway, please contact Denise at 781-826-0469.

Special Thank You!

To all HRQG members: Dennis and I would like to thank you all for your cards and prayers for the loss of his Dad. We greatly appreciate your thoughtfulness and all the support you have given to both of us. May you all have a happy, healthy holiday season.

Dennis and Sue Hart

Website Recommendation

Submitted by guild member, Nancy McLain

Nancy has recently been shown this site: www.missouriquiltco.com. It has many tutorials that are quick and enjoyable, plus patterns, a blog, downloads, etc. You might like it too.

New Quilt Shop Coming Soon!



“Creating Inspiration, Inspiring Creativity”

Heart in Hands is a new quilt shop that will be opening in mid January at 435 Columbian Street in Weymouth. Partners, Libby Flanagan, Stacey Drew and Jan Byron have more than 20 years in fabric retail and many more as avid quilters and sewers. The store will carry high quality fabric, notions, books patterns, and gift items. A large sun-filled classroom space adjoins the store and will be used for quilting classes, sewing classes, and Yoga classes and as meeting space. A “stash exchange” remnant area is also in the works, so start cleaning out now to begin the New Year building a new stash. Look for us on Facebook (Heart in Hands) and check out our website www.heartinhandsquilts.com in the New Year for updates and specials.

Hospitality

Nancy Quilty, Fiona Wysocki, and Ginny Boddie, Hospitality Co-Chairs

If you have a special recipe you'd like to add to our guild cookbook, please send it along to Nancy Quilty at nqvqjmq@aol.com or bring it to one of the guild meetings and hand it in at the refreshment table.

Please remember every guild member is responsible for bringing food to at least one meeting during the year, not just our December or June luncheons where everyone brings food. If you have not signed up to bring food to a meeting, please stop by the refreshment table sign up. If you are inspired to cook right before a meeting and haven't signed up to bring food, that's OK. Bring it along. We all love to eat!

Baltimore Exhibit at IQF

Written by Marilyn Swenson and Sue Hart

The International Quilt Festival (IQF), held yearly in Houston TX is the largest annual quilt show, sale, and quilt making academy in the world. The show attracts more than 53,000 people from around the globe to Houston each year.

A special exhibit, *Baltimore Album Review II*, featured the work of many talented members of Guilds in MA as well as all over the country. The quilt titled “*Happiness is in the Journey*” was designed by Elly Sienkiewicz and featured blocks made by HRQG members Suzanne Fox, Betsy Jackson and Sue Hart, and many other Massachusetts women who took appliqué classes with Elly at Heartbeat Quilts.

The quilt titled “*Our Summer Journey*” designed by Marjorie Lydecker and Marge Farquharson, featured the work of many Bayberry Quilt Guild members as well as some HRQG Quilt Guild members. Betsy Jackson and Sue Hart contributed blocks for this quilt. In addition to the designers many of Marjorie's students at Heartbeat Quilts and friends took part in this quilt.

These two quilts plus 10 others are featured in Elly's new book “*Beloved Baltimore Album Quilts*”.

Congratulations to our guild members for having their Baltimore Album blocks included in this history making exhibit!



A Quilter's Dream Come True!

Author Unknown

'Twas the night before Christmas,
And the quilts were not made.
The threads were all tangled, the cookies delayed.
The stocking weren't hung, the pantry was bare.
The poor weary Quilter, was tearing her hair.
Stacks of fat quarters, tipped over in streams.
Visions of Log Cabins, had turned into dreams.

When what to her wondering eyes should appear,
But a bus full of quilters with all of their gear.
They went straight to work with just a few mutters,
Sorting and stitching and brandishing cutters.
The patterns emerged from all of the clutter,
Like magic the fabrics arranged in a flutter.
Log Cabins, Lone Stars, Flying Geese & Bear Tracks
Each quilt was a beauty-even the backs.

Her house how it twinkled, her quilts how they glowed.
The cookies were baking, the stockings were sewed.
Their work was all done, so they folded their frames,
And packed up their needles, without giving their names.
They boarded the bus, and checked the next address.
More quilts to be made, another quilter in distress.

She heard one voice echo, as they drove out of sight,
Happy quilting to all and to all a good night!

Copied from the website: <http://www.quiltersbee.com/christmas-poems.htm>

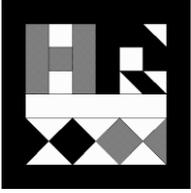


We wish you all a safe, healthy and happy holiday season!

Hope to see you all at our next meeting on January 8th!

***And please remember a little bit of wisdom from our November speaker, Concessa Shearer ----
"Finished is better than perfect!"***

***Have fun with your quilting. Life is too short to stress about it.
Happy stitching everyone!!!***



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