



# HERRING RUN QUILTERS' GUILD, INC.

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November, 2013

## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

My favorite thing about quilters is how wonderfully generous they are; well, maybe I should not over generalize since my experience with quilters is mainly limited to the members of the Herring Run Quilters' Guild, so I will revise that to say that I marvel at the generosity of Herring Run quilters. I wish I had counted last month during show-and-tell how many items were made to be given away, to friends and family, but also to complete strangers as comfort quilts, or for service people and their families, or for sheltered animals, or for the sick. We see this month after month.

And as President of the guild, I see how much of yourselves you give to the guild. We have a terrific leadership team that organizes the many things that we do. Just at a single meeting hospitality arrives early to get coffee started, set up chairs, and lay out a beautiful and delicious spread for our enjoyment; membership, programs, quilters basket, and block-of-the-month set up around the room; committee chairs report on happenings recent and upcoming and recruit volunteers for future projects; members welcome guests and new members and share patterns and helpful hints. And between meetings you work at home expressing hope and concern to the afflicted, addressing financial and business matters, writing for and assembling the newsletter, planning the show, making the raffle quilt and other items for sale at the show, keeping the guild connected to its membership and to the larger community, planning programs, designing the blocks-of-the-month, making quilters baskets, organizing the getaway, making and distributing comfort quilts and the kits to make them. The list goes on and on. Take a moment to think about the many ways that your friends make our guild so successful and remember to thank them once in a while.

My thanks to each and every one of you who give so generously of yourselves, your time, and your resources. You make my job a pleasure.

And while I'm on the subject of generosity, I want to remind you all that, as in the past, we will be collecting food items for donation during the holidays. Since I know we will be feasting at our holiday party in December thanks to the delicious contributions of the half of our membership whose last names begin with A-L, I know we will want to remember those who suffer from hunger.

Happy Thanksgiving.

Mary

***\*\*\*Please remember our December meeting is December 14<sup>th</sup> not the 7th!!!\*\*\****



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Herring Run Quilters Guild meetings are held on the first Saturday of the month (unless otherwise noted) at 9:30 AM at the United Methodist Church in Norwell, MA. **Please make sure to check our Meeting Information Section on our website to confirm dates of meetings.**

**Check us out on the web!**  
[www.herringrunquiltguild.com](http://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](mailto:maktjk9@aol.com).



**Please remember to mark your calendars for the meeting dates for the 2013-2014 year!**

Our dates for meetings for the 2013-2014 guild year are September 7, October 5, November 2, December 14 (second Saturday), January 4, February 1, March 1, April 5, May 3 and June 7. All meetings start at 9:30AM.

If for some reason we need to cancel a meeting or the venue needs to be changed, we will send out an e-mail alert to notify the membership and the reason for the change. This information will also be posted on our website at [http://www.herringrunquiltguild.com/meeting\\_information](http://www.herringrunquiltguild.com/meeting_information). The Executive Board will be responsible for notifying, via telephone, any member who does not have a computer/e-mail address. All members will be notified between 8:00AM and 8:30AM the day of the canceled scheduled monthly meeting if not before. Members need to check their e-mail messages prior to leaving for a meeting.

## **Upcoming Meeting Information**

Janice Barclay and Janet McGinty, Program Co-Chairs

**December 14, 2013 (second Saturday):** Amy Ropple will be doing a presentation at our December meeting on “Art Quilting”. She calls her work “Jewelry for your Walls”. She presents mixed media textiles – quilted, painted, embroidered and hand embellished works of art. We'll also be having our holiday buffet and collecting non-perishable food items for the local food bank.

**January 4, 2014:** Kathy Rich will guide us through a Mystery Quilt Workshop.

**February 1, 2015:** Comfort Quilts Day! Plan on spending the day with us making comfort quilts for those in need.

**March 1, 2014:** Diana Annis from Norton, MA will present a trunk show highlighting her redwork quilts as well as some of her other creations.

**April 5, 2014:** Sharon Mayers will present a lecture/trunk show “Piecing with Poppers”. The afternoon workshop focuses on the Piecing with Poppers technique. Learn Sharon’s technique for adding narrow sashing strips to make your blocks “pop”. (\$30 fee) Sign up during the Jan. and Feb. meetings.  
<http://www.piecingwithpoppers.com/index.html>

**May 3, 2014:** Debbie Wendt is presenting a lecture entitled “The Egyptian Tentmakers Appliqué”. She began teaching quilting while living in Cairo, Egypt. You can go to [www.wendtquilting.com](http://www.wendtquilting.com) for a look at her work.

**June 7, 2014:** TBA

**NOTE:** In order to reserve your spot in a workshop, fees are due when you sign-up. If you have any questions, please contact Janice Barclay or Janet McGinty.

### **\*\*\*IMPORTANT INFO FOR MYSTERY QUILT PARTICIPANTS\*\*\***

**Janice Barclay will have Step 1 of the Mystery Quilt instructions at the December meeting. Please be sure to pick-up your copy so you'll have the fabric requirements. If you cannot attend the meeting, please have a friend pick them up for you.**

## **Hospitality**

Kathleen LaVallee and Anne Marie Stanton, Hospitality Co-Chairs



Our December 14<sup>th</sup> meeting is our annual holiday buffet. Those with last names beginning with the letter's A to L are requested to bring food/drink items. Those with last names that begin with M to Z will bring food for the June meeting. Remember you don't have to bring enough to feed an army.

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 to 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!

## *Food & Personal Hygiene Items for the Food Bank*



In the spirit of the holidays, we will be collecting non-perishable food and personal hygiene items at our December 14<sup>th</sup> meeting to donate to the local food pantries. Please help with this worthwhile cause and bring in what you can. If every member brings at least one item we'll help lots of families in the area. We would appreciate it if you could make sure to double check the expiration dates on any items you donate.

## *2014 Quilt Show Update*

Sue Hart, Nancy Robertson and Cathy deVeer, Quilt Show Co-Chairs

Planning for the 2014 show has officially begun! The Show Committee has had its first meeting, and all but one slot has been filled. We still need someone to take charge of door prizes for the show. This involves writing to or visiting various shops and so on, and asking for donations of items for the show. Charlie DiSante did it last year and has provided a ton of helpful information for the next person. No need to do it alone, ask a friend or 2 to help. Just let Cathy, Sue or Nancy know and we'll get the information folder to you.

The deadline for show entries will again be July 15 - no entries will be accepted after that date. You don't have to have your quilts done by then, just entered. We will require a photo of each quilt, even in an unfinished state, and the measurements of each quilt. This really helps us to plan better where to hang the quilts, which speeds up the whole process. There will be more on this when we pin down what the categories will be. There will probably be a limit of 3 quilts, plus a challenge quilt, as in previous years. More on that later too.

Other things to be thinking about while you're sewing: making items for the Boutique, making or donating something for the Silent Auction [this time we will only be auctioning 25 items], selling raffle tickets [including thinking of places where the quilt can be taken along and tickets sold -i.e., do you have any connections to winter or spring house tours, where the quilt could be on a bed, and we can sell tickets there?], places we can publicize the show - places to put book marks or postcards, and posters later on. Also, keep working on your "silver" challenge!

Keep sewing, quilting, embellishing, dyeing, and all that other good stuff and we'll be sure to have another wonderful show. And especially, tell all your friends to save the dates [Sept. 20-21, 2014] so we can have record crowds!

Thanks, Nancy, Sue and Cathy

## *Raffle Tickets!!!*

Anne Marie Stanton and Elaine Cristoferi, Raffle Ticket Sales Co-Chairs

### ***PLEASE SELL RAFFLE TICKETS!!!***

This is how we make most of the money to keep us going for another two years! The raffle quilt this year is spectacular so it should be easy to sell tickets! There is a guild requirement that each member sells two books of tickets. Tickets are available at our guild meetings. Price is \$1 each or 6 for \$5. The tickets make a great holiday gift.



## *Quilt Show Committee Chairs*

A special thank you to the following guild members that volunteered to chair the different committees for our 2014 quilt show. All these people will need your help at various times during the year to coordinate the show and also help during the show. We can't have a great show without *EVERYONE'S* help! **Remember....many hands make light work!**

Quilt Show Co-Chairs – Sue Hart, Cathy deVeer and Nancy Robertson  
Admissions – Rosemarie Gentile  
Basket Raffle – Sharon Ducey and Nancy Bussing  
Boutique – Charlie DiSante and Ann Selig  
Challenge – Mary Ann Karpinski  
Decorations – Jean Baker  
Door Prizes - ?? – *We still need a volunteer!*  
Hostesses – Janice Barclay  
Installation/Hanging – Sue Hart, Cathy deVeer and Nancy Robertson  
Kids' Activities – Laurel DeCastro  
Publicity – Cathy deVeer  
Quilt Intake/Return – Edith Neil  
Quilt Labels – Mary Ann Karpinski  
Raffle Ticket Sales – Anne Mare Stanton and Elaine Cristoferi  
Refreshments – Anne Marie Stanton  
Ribbons – Tracey Mackenzie  
Silent Auction – Martha Cook  
Vendors – Marty Post

## *Quilt Show Silent Auction*

Martha Cook, Quilt Show Silent Auction Chair



Please consider donating an item for the 2014 quilt show Silent Auction. The auction benefits our preferred philanthropy to help combat cancer, not the guild. Given that we have a 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary (Silver) theme, please keep in mind we'd like to have 25 items, worth at least \$25 each. The items can be quilt themed or not, pink or silver or not, made by hand or purchased. I will also be requesting quilt squares as that has been a very popular auction item. I will let you know soon the size and style for those. Thanks, Martha Cook

## *2014 Challenge*

Mary Ann Karpinski, Quilt Show Challenge Quilt Chair

We hope everyone is having fun creating their 2014 Quilt Show Challenge **“CELEBRATING SILVER”** in honor of our 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Hopefully the silver fabric isn't too challenging. ***Have fun and be creative!*** **All challenge quilts must be a 25” square!** Your ***finished*** challenge is due at our **September, 2014** 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 2014 quilt show in our special “challenge quilt display”. The rules for the challenge are available on our webpage at [http://www.herringrunquiltguild.com/2014\\_challenge](http://www.herringrunquiltguild.com/2014_challenge). If you have any questions about the challenge please see Mary Ann Karpinski at the next guild meeting or contact her at [maktjk9@aol.com](mailto:maktjk9@aol.com) or 508-747-0629.

## *HROG Quilt Show Raffle Baskets*

Nancy Bussing and Sharon Ducey, Quilt Show Raffle Basket Co-Chairs



After a successful showing at the last quilt show, the raffle baskets are back for this coming 2014 show. In accordance with our 25th anniversary, we want to have 25 beautiful raffle baskets but we need everyone's help. We would like all members to contribute to the baskets this year in some way. We will have a sign up sheet at the December meeting for you to pick your favorite theme for a basket, grab a friend or friends and start building your basket. Some possible themes could be: beach, children's, spa day, guy's, Italian, Mexican, quilting, coffee, tea, dog, cat, seasonal (Christmas, Halloween, Spring, Valentine's Day etc.) pick your favorite color and many more. Pick what you love and go with it. Don't forget to solicit businesses you frequent to ask for donations or gift cards, use discount coupons during the upcoming year and take advantage of seasonal clearances. We can also use donations of large baskets and cellophane wrap since all baskets need to be beautifully wrapped in cellophane with a bow and list of contents. We would like all baskets to have at least a value of \$50. To start the baskets off, we would like to collect a fat quarter from every member (of high quality fabric, please) at the guild meetings until June. Watch it grow every month and hope that you win it at the show! Any questions, email Nancy at [njbussing@hotmail.com](mailto:njbussing@hotmail.com) or Sharon at [sharon\\_ducey@yahoo.com](mailto:sharon_ducey@yahoo.com).

## *Comfort Quilt Day February 1, 2014*

Vivian Cardinal, Wendy Morgan, and Debbie Luoma, Comfort Quilt Committee Co-Chairs



Please plan on spending February 1, 2014 with us for our Comfort Quilt Workshop to make quilts for those in need. We have many kits assembled with coordinating fabrics and several simple patterns available, or you can use your own creativity and inspiration and use your stash from home. If you are already working on a charity quilt at home please bring it along to work on. We will also collect completed quilts at any meeting if you are unable to join us on February 1st.

Please bring your sewing machines, irons, ironing boards and cutting and sewing supplies. We will have sign-up sheets available at the January 4<sup>th</sup> meeting to make sure we have enough supplies on hand. If you can't bring your sewing machine there may be quilts available to sew bindings or labels on or quilts to sandwich so bring hand sewing supplies and pins. We ask that you please bring your own lunch.

Looking forward to a wonderful day of quilting camaraderie!



## *Sunshine Information*



Do you know of someone in the guild that has had a personal loss or is seriously ill? Please pass this information on to our Vice President, Jennifer Brown at [catdog2007@comcast.net](mailto:catdog2007@comcast.net) or by phone at 781-925-0754 so she can send cards, flowers or donations from the guild. Please make sure you give Jennifer the full name, address and information on where to send a donation if one is requested.

## *Guild Getaway Weekend in 2014*

Denise Fitzgerald, Getaway Coordinator

We have 50 people signed up so far for our guild getaway weekend scheduled for Friday, April 11 to Sunday, April 13, 2014 at the Sea Crest Beach Hotel in North Falmouth, MA. <http://www.seacrestbeachhotel.com/>. Last chance to sign up will be the January meeting. This was such a fun time last year we hope you can join us. If you need a roommate see Denise at the guild meeting. The hotel room rate for two is \$119 per night plus taxes. The fee for quilting in the conference room is \$125 each which includes 3 meals and one snack as well as the conference room rental. Your approximate cost for the weekend will be \$244 plus room tax, plus lunch on Saturday and Sunday which is not included ~~plus whatever you spend if you go out fabric shopping ☺. Your reservation for your hotel room is made directly to the hotel as well as payment for your sleeping room. The other fee is paid to the guild. If you've paid your \$50 deposit you will owe the guild an additional \$75. Details for making hotel reservations will be given out in January. Any questions can be directed to Denise at [derefi@comcast.net](mailto:derefi@comcast.net).

## *UFO Challenge*

Betsy Jackson and Mary Ann Karpinski, UFO Challenge Co-Chairs

Thank you to everyone that signed up to participate in the UFO challenge again this year. It's been wonderful to see all your finished quilts and to hear the stories about them. If you've been encouraged to finish some of your projects and want to play there's still time. Just bring your list of UFO's to the next meeting or email it to Mary Ann Karpinski at [maktjk9@aol.com](mailto:maktjk9@aol.com). Remember there is no penalty if you can't finish your UFO before each meeting, but remember the more quilts you finish the more times you'll be entered into the drawing we'll be doing in June. And remember, if you don't want the quilt when you're finished with it, think about donating it as a comfort quilt.

The numbers that have been pulled so far are: October #8 and November #4. If you can't make it to a meeting the numbers will be posted on our website at [http://www.herringrunquiltguild.com/ufo\\_challenge](http://www.herringrunquiltguild.com/ufo_challenge) within a week of the meeting so you can keep up with the challenge.

## *Farm Day*

Submitted by Nancy Robertson

Due to lack of interest, the guild did not participate in Audubon's Farm Day in October. We do want to thank Jennifer Brown, Gina Szwedko and Doris Carroll for all they did to prepare for the day.

We had planned several activities for children to do at Farm Day, and now have all the supplies for these activities. Laurel DeCastro has volunteered to organize a table of things for kids to do at our 2014 quilt show with the items we had originally collected for Farm Day. They are things that kids can do standing or sitting and do not require a class, just some helpful guild members! As we get closer to the show Laurel will be asking for your help.

## *Quilt Labels*

Submitted by Jean DeLiberio

Looking for an easy way to make quilt labels? I send a piece of Kona cotton or other plain material with a typed page with the text I needed on my labels to The Business Center, 3 Webster Square, Marshfield, MA 02050, phone: 781-837-8511. The price of a 8" x 11" sheet is \$6.99 and a 11" x 17" sheet is \$12.99.

## [Apricot-Ginger Scones](#)

Submitted by Anne-Marie Stanton



Quite a few people asked for the recipe for the scones that were served at a recent guild meeting so here you go.

3 ¼ cups flour  
1/3 cup sugar  
2 ½ tsp. baking powder  
½ tsp. baking soda  
½ tsp. salt  
1 stick butter, cold and cut into little pieces  
1 ½ cups diced apricots  
¼ cup crystallized ginger (you can use fresh, but increase the sugar)  
1 cup buttermilk  
Grated peel of one lemon (optional)

1. Mix together dry ingredients
2. Add in butter, and work in to the flour mix until it is incorporated and resembles crumbs
3. Add in apricots and ginger; mix
4. Add buttermilk and lemon rind; mix until blended
5. Turn mixture out to well floured area and kneed 5 – 6 turns. Add extra flour as you need to keep it from sticking to everything!
6. Cut dough in half, and shape each half into a circle that is about ½” thick
7. Cut into wedges and place on cookie sheet. You can brush with butter and sugar, or not, depending on desired level of sweetness!
8. Bake at 375 degrees for about 25-35 minutes, or until lightly brown. Check to make sure the bottoms aren't burnt!!
9. Enjoy!!! These are good with pears and cream cheese!

## [What's Up At The New England Quilt Museum?](#)

Diane Wilson, HRQG Rep to the Museum

- **October 10-December 28, 2013:** ROOTS OF MODERN QUILTING, *Nothing New Is New*
- **January 16-April 12, 2014:** QUILT JAPAN, *The 11th Quilt Nihon Exhibition*
- **April 17-July 6, 2014:** CHARMED, *Every Piece Is Different*
- **July 10-October 5, 2014:** DOWN BY THE OLD MILL STREAM, *Rhode Island Quilts*
- **October 9-December 31, 2014:** HUMOROUS QUILTS, *Keeping Us In Stitches*

**Remember:** The New England Quilt Museum offers free admission for all New England Quilt Museum Auxiliary and supporting quilting guild members, (that means all of us!), on the 4th Sunday of each month from 12 to 4pm. For more information on other exhibits at the New England Quilt Museum visit:

<http://www.nequiltmuseum.org/>

## [A Visit to the New England Quilt Museum](#)

Submitted by Virginia Mills

Charlie DiSante and I visited the New England Quilt Museum in Lowell. We had a lovely day and enjoyed the many quilts displayed there. We are pictured at the gift shop which was very interesting! Later we had lunch at a Greek restaurant right around the corner. We both encourage others to make a day to visit this Museum.



## [Potholder Quilt at Scituate Historical Society](#)

Submitted by Nancy Robertson



Pam Weeks, who gave the lecture on Civil War potholder quilts at one of our meetings, came down to the Scituate Historical Society where I volunteer. Several years ago when we were cleaning out one of our historic houses, I looked in an old trunk and saw a wedding dress. When I tried to pick it up, it crumbled. But under it I saw something pink. It was a potholder quilt, although I didn't know the term at the time. It's pink and white with squares about 12" square, each one a complete little quilt with quilting and binding. As Pam explained, these were then sewn together. We think ours is a gift for someone, possibly a family member from an extended family. The date says 1879, so it's a bit newer than the ones Pam talked about,

but she was happy to see it all the same. She pointed out that some of the names are stamped, which she said was common in the 1800's. Some are handwritten, and sadly, many of those have faded so much we couldn't read them. One person embroidered her/his initials. There are men's names on the quilt too, but we don't know if they actually made their squares or just put their names on them. The one really unique thing she noticed about it was one square covered with yoyos. She said they are the earliest dated yoyos she's seen! There are many different quilt patterns represented, appliquéd and pieced, and some are machine quilted, some by hand. There is no batting. South Scituate is included in one square, which is now Norwell, but then it was part of Scituate. Many of the names are old Scituate names, but one block has "Salem, Mass." on it. Needless to say, we have a lot of research to do on this quilt! Pam is planning to include our quilt in her book which is due to come out next year.

## [Jane Stickle Quilt](#)

Submitted by Pat O'Leary

Pat Clemons and I visited the Bennington Vermont museum in September and had the chance to see the Jane Stickle quilt up close! Jane's brother was a tailor providing her with his remnants! It was wonderful to see this spectacular piece of history!



**HELPFUL HINT!~~ MEASURE TWICE, CUT ONCE!! ~~**

Using the same brand of ruler regardless of size when measuring and cutting will keep your pieces consistent. Square up and align pieces before sewing together. Pin or use a stiletto to help pieces fit together as you stitch. If necessary to ease, place larger piece on bottom so feed dogs can help. Make it a habit to re-trim each pieced unit to the correct required measurement. And make sure your rotary blades are always sharp!!

**NASA Astronaut Karen Nyberg Invites Quilters to Contribute a Star Block**

Submitted by Cathy deVeer

International Space Station Expedition 37 Flight Engineer Karen Nyberg of NASA, a lifelong lover of sewing, is inviting fellow crafters to join her in stitching together a global community space quilt.

Nyberg, who is in the final weeks of her mission aboard the orbiting laboratory, recently shared a star-themed quilt block she was able to complete during her limited free time in space. She is now inviting quilters from the public to create their own star-themed quilt blocks to help celebrate her mission and passion for the quilting arts.

"Now that I've tried my hand sewing in space, I can say one thing with certainty: it's tricky," Nyberg said in a video sent down from the space station. "This is what I've made. It's far from being a masterpiece, but it was made in space. I'm inviting all of you to create your own star-themed quilt block. We'll be combining them with my block to create a quilt for next year's 40th anniversary International Quilt Festival in Houston. I can't wait to see what we make together."

Nyberg's complete video and other video clips of her quilting aboard the space station will be featured in a NASA exhibit at the 39th annual International Quilt Festival Thursday through Sunday, Nov. 3 at the George R. Brown Convention Center in Houston. Sewing and quilting include many of the principles and technical skills used in developing equipment for spaceflight missions. The exhibit will include sewn samples from spacesuits and parachutes, a cargo transfer bag and other soft goods from NASA's Johnson Space Center in Houston.

The deadline for submitting a block for the quilt is Aug. 1, 2014. For more information about where to send your block, visit: <http://www.quilts.com>

Nyberg and The International Quilt Festival will collaborate on having the squares stitched together for display at the 40th annual International Quilt Festival in 2014 and at other public displays. The Houston festival is the largest annual quilt festival in the world, attracting more than 60,000 guests annually.

Nyberg arrived at the space station with Fyodor Yurchikhin of the Russian Federal Space Agency and Luca Parmitano of the European Space Agency in May. The trio is scheduled to return to Earth Nov. 10.

- For Nyberg's complete biography, visit: <http://go.nasa.gov/np5ICw>
- For more information about Nyberg's personal sewing hobbies visit: <http://go.nasa.gov/CraftyKaren>
- To see video of Karen describing sewing in space and showing the quilt square in space, visit: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N0c1CijmH7o>
- For more about the 39th annual International Quilt Festival, visit: <http://www.quilts.com>
- For more information about the International Space Station, onboard research and crew members, visit: <http://www.nasa.gov/station>

## *Excerpts from the 2011 Fons & Porter, Love of Quilting “Welcome to the Fair” booklet*

Submitted by Laurel DeCastro



### **HOW TO MAKE YOUR NEXT QUILT A WINNER**

1. Give your quilt strong visual design and color impact. Judges tend to overlook quilts that won't be crowd pleasers.
2. Use your best workmanship on every aspect of your quilt. Pay special attention to your binding, for example. Poor workmanship on that last, important step can be the deciding factor in a competition.
3. Use a print fabric for your quilt back. Judges take a quick look at the back of each quilt. A print that somewhat camouflages those less than-perfect stitches may help.
4. Submit a clean quilt. A quilt entered in competition should be free of soil, pet hair, and smoking odors. It should have no tears, split seams, or visible markings.

### **TIPS FOR ENTERING QUILT CONTESTS:**

1. Read and follow all rules. Observe the deadlines. Make sure your quilt meets the size constraints. Failing to comply with entry rules or incompletely filling out the entry form may disqualify your quilt.
2. Give credit where credit is due. Name your source of design; if you began your quilt in a workshop, hired someone else to quilt it, or adapted a commercial pattern, include that information on the entry form.
3. Enter your quilt in the correct category. Don't assume your quilt will fall into the same category in all competitions. Read category descriptions carefully and choose the one that best suits your quilt. You may qualify as an amateur at one show, but be classified as a professional at another.
4. Make sure slides for a juried show are high quality; include an overall view and the required details. Hang the quilt vertically for the photograph, and make sure no distractions, such as hands, feet, pets, or children are in the frame. Ideal lighting is overcast daylight. Choose the areas for the detail shots carefully.
5. Don't be overly sensitive when you read the comment sheets. The judges' decisions are final; take the comments as an opportunity to improve your quilt making skills. Judges don't have time for lengthy critiques of each quilt, and numerical scores are irrelevant unless you know each judge's scoring range.
6. If appropriate, make changes to your quilt before entering it in another show. Many a strong quilt can be made even more competitive by taking comments to heart. Adding more quilting or redoing a section of the binding may move your quilt into the winner's circle.



### Janome Memory Craft 4800QC

Submitted by Diane Burke

Janome Memory Craft 4800QC sewing machine for sale for \$400. The machine offers a generous amount of decorative and utility stitches, including a block and script alphabet. It is gently used and I have had it serviced recently. Comes with cover and manual.

Go online and visit:

<http://content.janome.com/index.cfm/Machines/Retired/MC4800QC> to see all of the accessories that come with the machine. This is a great machine to take to classes too. A local sewing store has the same machine for sale for \$500.00.

If you are interested please contact guild member Diane Burke at 781-337-4305 or [dcburke33@comcast.net](mailto:dcburke33@comcast.net).

### Janome Horizon 7700QCP

Submitted by Christine Miller

The Janome Horizon 7700QCP has 250 stitches, numerous feet, lockstitch, needle up/down, auto thread cutter, large LCD screen, 1000 stitches per minute, speed control, automatic plate converter, 5 LED lamps, adjustable knee lifter and so much more.

Included with the machine (in its original box) is the Janome sewing table which the machine fits directly in and sits flush with the table, an extra large acrylic extension table, a thread spool stand that attaches to the back of the machine, an acufeed foot, an acufeed foot with the needle plate, an acufeed stitch in the ditch foot and a Tutto extra large rolling sewing machine case (red).

Owner's manual and instructional DVD included. The machine was purchased in August, 2011 and has had yearly maintenance by an authorized Janome dealer. I am asking \$1,700.00 for the whole package. What a great Christmas gift this would make.

If you are interested please contact guild member Christine Miller at 781-424-0269 or [chris697@aol.com](mailto:chris697@aol.com).

*We wish all of you a safe, healthy, happy and stress free holiday season!*

