

HRQG Newsletter

February 2012



President's Message

from Laurel DCastro

As 2012 begins, I have been reflecting on my good intentions to see if I have accomplished anything on my "to do" list. I can honestly say that I have. One was to go to the Houston International Quilt Festival which was one of the first things I wanted to do after retiring from teaching five years ago. Everyone who loves quilting should go; it is amazing. I have also finished three quilt tops, which are just waiting to be quilted, and there are several almost completed projects. I really want to finish those UFO's, but something new always catches my eye.

My quilting hobby has gone from just that, an occasional hobby, to a lifelong learning experience, especially since I joined HRQG back in 1989 or 90. Not only have I met many wonderful HRQG friends but many internationally known professional quilters, such as Marjorie Lydecker, Jenny Rayment, Deb Tucker, and Joan Shay among others. These wonderful instructors tweaked my interest in color, techniques, and patterns which have broadened my quilting horizons. I am now not afraid of flying geese, prairie points, or even paper piecing. Though I may not be proficient in

them, at least I'm trying. I have made some New Year's Resolutions; maybe you have too.

- 1.) Try to sew every day or at least spend time in the sewing room organizing, sorting, or reading quilting magazines
- 2.) As Nancy Zieman says, "When sewing for yourself and those you love, remember to sew at least one gift per year for someone you've never met."
- 3.) Use my stash more.
- 4.) Take advantage of the workshops at HRQG.
- 5.) Challenge myself to learn new techniques, use a new color, etc.
- 6.) Actually read my magazines and on line subscriptions.
- 7.) Finish my UFO's and the kits I have piling up.

My challenge for all of you this year is to challenge yourself to tackle a new technique, use a new tool, or find a new pattern you've been afraid to try. Take that leap, not just a step, out of your comfort zone. It's a new year, so let's see where quilting will lead us.

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Upcoming Programs

from Cathy Rich

March- Pat Delaney will be here with a lecture and class, "Hue can do it." This class is filled, and if you did not get your class supply list please see me at the Feb. meeting. Also let me know if you need a color wheel.

April- Cathy Miller, the Singing Quilter, will be entertaining us with an hour long program of her songs. We will be having a half day (3 hour) workshop on Mock Mola. We will be having a sign up in February for this class with a fee of \$35.00. It is limited to 20 students. More info on Cathy Miller and the Mock Mola class can be found at www.singingquilter.com

May- Brenda Hall is a certified teacher for Judy Niemeyer, and she will be giving us a trunk show on Friday evening. We will have an all day workshop after a quick meeting on Sat. More details will follow. More info on Brenda Hall can be found at www.quiltworx.com. Sign ups will start at the March meeting.

Guild Dues

from Mary Ann Karpinski
and Charlie DeSante

The Membership Committee will be collecting dues at our April and May meetings. Your annual HRQG membership dues of \$25.00 must be paid by May 31, 2012. Per our HRQG By-Laws, members whose dues remain unpaid after May 31st will be notified by the Membership Chairman and after June 30th will be automatically dropped from membership unless otherwise voted by the Executive Board.

Please remember to stop by the membership table to pick up your memberships card. While there, you can also purchase one of our guild pins.

New England Quilt Museum

The first exhibit of the year, *Campaigns & Commemoratives: Quilts for Presidents*, features political textiles used in quilts to support the campaigns of everyone from President Washington to President Obama.

As part of the museum's 25th Anniversary, they are presenting the Silver Threads Quilt Challenge. For more details, go to <http://nequiltmuseum.org/silver-threads-quilt-challenge.html>.

Also, this from the museum's website . . .

“As a gift to you in our Silver Anniversary year, we are offering FREE ADMISSION to the museum on the 25th day of each month (as long as the 25th falls on a day we are normally open)”.

Marshfield Fair - Quilt Block Contest

from Lynn Anastos . . .

It's time to start working on a square for the Marshfield Fair Peggy

Beals Quilt Block Contest. Okay, the deadline is June 1st, but it will creep up on you before you know it!

The theme for 2012 is "Trip Around the World" but don't just think of lots of little squares going around and around. Let your imagination run wild! Remember last year the HRQG dominated, so let's do that again!

The rules are simple: a 12 1/2" block (appliqued, paper pieced, pieced, machine or by hand - but not just fused) sent to: PBQBC, c/o Marshfield Fair, P.O. Box 5, Marshfield, MA 02050. If you want further details, ask around for a member who has submitted a block in the past. A copy of the form, details, and tips will be available somewhere at our meetings.

In the News



Anne Marcin and her group's work with the non-profit organization Wrapped Up in Sports was featured in an article in the Jan. 9th issue of the Patriot Ledger. The full page spread contained photos of Anne with her teammates Cyndi Meaney, Maureen Anderson, Rachel Meaney, and Jackie Lahy. Some of their sports-themed quilts were recently delivered to families living on the Hanscom Air Force Base.

In addition, the Coastal Quilt Artists (CQA) of which Anne is also a member has a wonderful five page

spread in the latest issue of Quilting Arts Magazine (February/March) #55. Janet Duncan Dignan and Penny Myles are also part of that group and belong to HRQG. It features five of their award-winning "slice" quilts.



Quilt Show in 8 Months!!!

from Sue Hart and
Nancy Robinson

Time really flies when you're trying to finish a quilt for the show. So as September races closer, here are some things to keep in mind:

- Everyone may enter **3** quilts, plus a challenge quilt into the show. This includes all class quilts, small group quilts, etc. Please enter quilts even if you are a beginner as it's so much fun to see them hanging there! If you think your skills need more work, then be inspired by other quilters as you will inspire other beginners.
- The deadline for putting in the paperwork for quilts you are entering is **July 15**. The forms will be available on the website and at meetings soon. People like to read about why you made the quilt and so on. Be sure to give credit to designers, quilters, etc. if it's not all your work. The info should be concise, but interesting!
- Read about the **challenge quilt** elsewhere in this newsletter and on the guild website and then make one. It's fun!
- Work on smallish items for the Boutique to sell. You can either choose to give all the money to the guild or keep a percentage for yourself. Save nice, plain bags with handles for the Boutique. Find more info and ideas from Susan Riley elsewhere in this issue.
- Make or find an item you can donate to the **Silent Auction** which benefits breast cancer research. Small wall hangings, kits, books, baby quilts, totes, etc. You are also encouraged to make a **pink and white 9" friendship star block**. Joy Lavery will be happy to accept these blocks at any of the meetings.
- Be thinking about areas where you would like to help at the show. It's good if you can help in more than one place. Each committee will have sign-up

sheets at future meetings, usually with 2 hour shifts. It's fun to be at the show as much as possible, walk around and hear what people are saying about the quilts, help at the various tables [Boutique, Silent Auction, ticket sales, etc], and especially help to set up and take down the show.

- We will be raffling **themed baskets** this year at the show. If you or a group would like to put together a basket and donate it to the raffle, let Sue or Nancy know. Examples of themes might be - gardening, movies, pet related, beach, chocolate, movie night, spa, etc.
- Our "featured quilter" this time will be - you! If you have won a ribbon in another show over the past year or so, let us know. We hope to have 10 or so to feature. Unfortunately, there were so many getting ribbons at the Marshfield Fair, we're not counting those. We'll talk about whether or not fair winners can display their ribbons on their quilts at the show.

HRQG Quilt Show 2012 - Show Committee Chairs

Show co-chairs	Sue Hart svhart@comcast.net and Nancy Robertson nancyrobertson101@gmail.com
Admissions	Lynn Anastos Betsy Jackson
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Maureen Anderson

Refreshments Anne Marie Stanton

Ribbons Tracey Mackenzie

Set-up/Clean-Up Mary Parker
Kathy Rich

Silent Auction Joy Lavery
Maribeth Sayers
Debbie Luoma

Vendors Elaine Cristoferi,
Sue Hart
Etta Forti
Marty Post

2012 Challenge Quilts

from Mary Ann Karpinski . . .

Have you started working on your challenge quilt “Make Me Laugh”? The object is to make the viewer laugh out loud, giggle a little, or at least smile. Have fun and be creative, but please keep it clean! Remember 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.” The rules for the challenge are available on our webpage at <http://www.herringrunquiltguild.com/>

[2012 challenge](#). A copy of the rules will also 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!



PLEASE SELL RAFFLE TICKETS!!!

from Mary Ann Karpinski . . .

It is the responsibility of every guild member to sell at least two or more books of tickets for our wonderful raffle quilt! Raffle ticket sales are a big part of our fund raising efforts. Tickets are \$1.00 each or a book of six for \$5.00. If you have not sold tickets yet or you need more ticket books, they can be picked up at a guild meeting. Please remember to bring money and ticket stubs to the meetings for the tickets you have sold.

Sunshine Information

from Mary Ann Karpinski . . .

Do you know of someone in the guild who has had a personal loss, surgery, or is seriously ill? Please pass this information on to Mary Ann Karpinski at maktjk9@aol.com or by phone at 508-747-0629 so we can send cards, flowers, or donations from the guild. Please make sure you provide the full name, address, and information about where to send a donation if one is requested.

Hospitality

by Mary Ann Karpinski . . .



Each member is asked to sign up to help with Hospitality at least once during the year in addition to our December and June meetings. This means not just supplying the treats but setting up and cleaning up after the break. If you are not a baker, you can sign up to bring paper products or juices and cream. (Please be mindful that no styrofoam products may be used in the church facilities) Also, to help keep expenses down, it would be helpful if we each would bring our own mugs to use for coffee, tea or juice.

Thank you to those of you who have signed up already. Please stop

by the Hospitality table at the next meeting to sign up.

Quilters Newsletter

from Lynn Anastos . . .

It's January and I am cleaning the quilt room. Translate that to "moving things from one place to another in hopes it will look better". The one thing that has to go is my 20+ year collection of the Quilters Newsletter Magazine. Who am I kidding when I say I am going to go through them and pick out favorites to make "sometime."

So if you are interested in a complete set starting somewhere in the 80's, I will tie them up in chronological order and bring them to the next meeting, or we can meet and I will give them to you for hours of pleasure. I also have a lot of AQS magazines if anyone is interested.

Looking forward to hearing from you, who ever you may be! I can be reached at 781-925-9235 or see me at the next meeting.

Quilter Wanted

Over the holiday Martha Cook was contacted by a woman who has a friend interested in commissioning a quilt to be made from pieces of clothing. If interested, please call Joan Reid 781 - 424- 9211 for information.

Kudos

Sue Hart's beautiful quilt, "Chapters in My Life" won the Publisher's Award from The Quilter Magazine at The Gathering in Nashua, NH.



Boutique Ideas

from Susan Riley

There will be 2 major changes to the boutique this September!

1. ONLY large neon price tags will be used; please do not reuse any tiny ones that you currently have. Those teeny ones have a tendency to disappear. Tags will be available at the June & September meetings. The guild will once again receive 15% of your sales totals so filter that percentage into your final price.

2. All efforts to protect your items from theft will be taken; a disclaimer for loss will be added to your inventory sheet this year. All vendors know that some loss will occur.

I find that many people still buy for themselves when "shopping for others." Items in the \$5-25 range tend to move the quickest. Practical items, created in new trendy fabrics will be certain to catch the eye.

Many websites have wonderful patterns. Read the pattern details carefully as many patterns state that not more than 12 items may be sold. Some state that no items may be sold that were made from the pattern! Please find a few ideas listed below.

Make some for the HRQG and some for yourself to sell at the Boutique. THIS IS YOUR CHANCE! Enjoy the following sites to jump start your creative juices.

Browse through Martha Stewart's web pages and magazines and your favorite blogs. Most blogs have PDF downloads of clever projects for free. Browse through Etsy.com to see what others are creating; check out their tutorials!

Browse through your November/December quilting & crafting magazines stash for **ornaments** for all holidays.

Sewing Aids: scissor cases, small needle/thread caddies, small zippered bags, pincushions, etc.

Items for Children: aprons/smocks, baby blankets, bibs, burp cloths, pillowcases, hair clips, tooth fairy bags/ pillows, fabric balls, finger puppets, crayon carry cases, felt

dolls, fleece softie toys, bracelets, etc.

Adults: scarves, book marks, head bands, belts, tote bags, wallets, cell phone carriers, gift tags, luggage tags, coasters, placemats, sewn paper stationary

Mark your Calendars

March 30 -31, 2012 Spring Quilt Show, Quinobequin Quilters, Needham Masonic Lodge, 1101 Highland Avenue, Needham, MA

April 11 - 14, 2012 - MQX East
<http://www.mqxshow.com/MQX/East/Home/index.cfm>

April 21 - 22,2012 - Narragansett BayQuilters' Assoc. Quilt Show North Kingstown, RI
www.nbquilts.org

August 9 - 11, 2012 - The Lowell Quilt Festival, IMAGES
<http://www.lowellquiltfestival.org>

Did You Ever Wonder...

by Charlie DiSante

Did you ever wonder where the door prizes come from when we have our quilt show? Someone at a recent guild meeting explained to me that when you go to other quilt shows, you can make contacts with the vendors there and ask them to make a donation. (They don't really

want to pack up all those unsold items!) Guild members may also donate new or unused items they have purchased.

Quilt Blogs

When you have a moment, pour yourself a cup of your favorite beverage and check out these quilt blogs.

My Joyful Journey

<http://bbquiltmaker.blogspot.com/>

Ann Fahl's Color and Quilts

<http://annfahl.blogspot.com/>

Artfabrik

<http://artfabrik.blogspot.com/>



Newsletter Submissions

If you have an article, favorite quilting websites or blogs, tips, suggestions, or information that you would like to submit for the next issue, please email it to jesmith28@comcast.net or mail it to Janice Smith, 28 Webb Street, Weymouth, MA 02188.

So it won't be too taxing to remember, the deadline for submissions for the next issue will be the ever dreaded **April 15th.**