

**The theme of the Herring Run Quilters' Guild
September, 2018 quilt show challenge is:**

“Tea Time”

The names of teas are exotic and inspirational. Your challenge is to create a quilt with tea as its theme and to interpret the name of one of those exotic teas in your design. You don't have to be a tea drinker to join our challenge. Browse the shelves at the grocery store or search online and pick a tea name that motivates you. Use your imagination and have fun. ***You must include the name of the tea somewhere in your quilt so we know what inspired you.*** We encourage everyone in the guild to participate in this challenge.

Basic Rules of the Challenge:

- **#1 RULE: HAVE FUN!!!** Use your imagination! Your creation can be traditional or contemporary.
- **Item Selection:** Your challenge must be a small quilt or wall hanging, not a tote bag, pocket book, vest or jacket, etc.
- **Finished Size:** Your challenge can be any finished size you want... ***BUT...***there is always a but...***it can be no wider than 25” and no longer than 25”.*** Your challenge does not have to be square. If you make your challenge in an odd shape, please remember they are hung at the show so make sure it will hang straight and not fold over on itself.
- **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, machine appliqué, hand appliqué, machine or hand quilt, etc.). We encourage you to challenge yourself and be creative.
- **Fabric Requirement:** You can use whatever fabrics you want in your challenge. There is also no limit to the total number of fabrics or kinds of fabrics used in your challenge.
- **Embellishments:** Embellishments are optional.
- **Hanging Sleeve:** The quilt back must have a hanging sleeve. We may use pins to hang your quilt at the show, but we'd like the sleeve in case we decide to hang them on a rod or rope.
- **Label:** Make sure you put a label with your name on the back of your challenge. Give credit to the source that inspired you. *Please cover up your label with a piece of paper before handing it in for voting at our guild meeting so it's a secret as to who made it.*
- **Due Date:** Finished challenges are due at our September, 2018 guild meeting for judging by your quilt guild peers. All guild members attending the September, 2018 meeting will have the opportunity to vote anonymously for their favorite challenge quilt. Challenges will then be hung at our show for attendees to vote on their favorite. Ribbons will be awarded for the guild favorite and the top favorites of the show viewers.

**ALL QUILTS ENTERED IN THE CHALLENGE WILL BE DISPLAYED AT OUR
SEPTEMBER, 2018 QUILT SHOW!!**

If you have any questions about the challenge please contact Mary Ann Karpinski at maktjk9@aol.com or 508-747-0629.