



HRQG Newsletter February 2019

Presidents Message

January 2019

Hi All,

Can you believe that we are already a month in to the New Year! So far this winter we have not had much snow – but who ordered that cold weather!!!. Hopefully that will change real soon – we all know what they say about New England weather. But, what could be better than spending a cold day in your warm, comfy sewing room working on your latest quilt. That 2020 quilt show will be here before you know it and we want to have lots of beautiful quilts to display.

Thanks to Jen Cannizzarro for creating such a wonderful mystery quilt. The sewing machines were humming as we worked on each clue. We all had a good time checking out the fabrics being used by each member. There was a rainbow of colors and designs including jewel tone batiks, soft pastels, reds and oranges, and a bright southwestern theme. The reveal of the finished quilt drew a roomful of oohs and aahs!!! We really look forward to some wonderful show and tell presentations in the next few months featuring the mystery quilt.

We have some fun and interesting programs coming up. The Comfort Quilt workshop is always a wonderful afternoon of sewing and friendship. Hope you will come and participate in this annual tradition. Stay warm, keep on quilting, and have a safe, happy and healthy new year.

Edith Neil

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Program Committee Announcements

At our March meeting, Beth Helfter from Eva Paige Quilts will give a lecture and trunk show titled, "Oompah! Accordion Sewn Half Square Triangles". Beth is a scrappy quilter who is funny, energetic, and gives an exciting lecture. The lecture will be followed by a 3 hour workshop, Introduction to Accordion Sewn Half Square Triangles, during which Beth with

teach us her technique. The cost of the workshop is \$25, and participants can choose to purchase a precut kit for \$8 if they do not want to cut their own fabric.

In April, Sheri Cifaldi-Morrill from Whole Circle Studio will visit us. Sheri is a modern quilter whose colorful quilts have received awards at QuiltCon, Paducah, and the Quilt Alliance. We're mixing it up and have scheduled a full day class on Friday, April 5, when we will make the Big Island Sunset. The cost of the full day class is \$75, plus the cost of the pattern (\$11.95). Sheri will return on Saturday for a lecture and trunk show.

Jen Cannizzaro and Denise Fitzgerald



Quilters Getaway

2019 GETAWAY WEEKEND!!

Getaway Update - April 26-28

I will continue to collect money for the Getaway Weekend at the February meeting.

The cost is \$150 which includes work space for three days, 2 buffet breakfasts, one dinner, snacks and beverages throughout the week-end. *Room opens on Thursday evening.*

We will be having a Collage Class with Mary Cannizzaro -cost to be determined as yet.

Please sign up at the meeting.

The Sturbridge Host Hotel and conference center will be our hosts. Room cost for each night will be \$125 + taxes for a double. Please make your reservation early for handicap accessible rooms as they are limited.

If you are new to the guild and plan on going please inform me of any diet restrictions.

I will have sign-up sheets for people looking for a roommate.

Any Questions? Please e-mail me

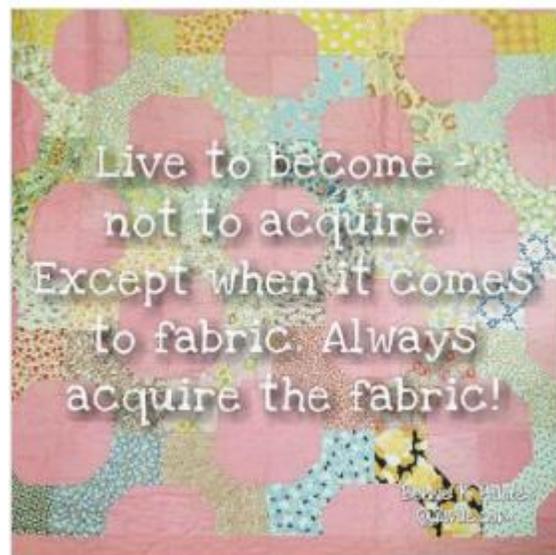
at derefi@comcast.net

Denise Fitzgerald

Hospitality

You don't realize how much work goes into this committee until you have worked it! So please consider helping out with chores, and bringing snacks or drinks for us all to enjoy at least once a year. You can mark items that are gluten free or allergy specific, and that always helps.

And if the spirit moves you, bring copies of the recipe to share...because someone may ask!! The committee can always use more goodies and helping hands. And remember, if we don't contribute, no one snacks!



From The Comfort Quilts Committee

Many, many thanks to all of you for your generous gifts of time and talent in the making of these quilts. We look forward to another fun workshop day in February, and encourage everyone to stay!

Vivian and Debbie



From the Quilter's Basket Raffle:

There is a request for baskets or anything that could be used to hold our monthly raffles. We would really appreciate the donations!! And if you find new items that you have never used, or packs of fabrics, etc., bring them in and we will put them to good use!! !

Thank you,
Gina and Kristen

Block of the Month

Block of the month plans are coming along nicely. Thanks to all who have been participating! Please remember to use any bright colors you wish. For background fabrics use white or white-on-white fabric. If you miss a month, the plans are available in the website. Block on!

Katy Welch

Guild Webpage

Submitted by Mary Ann Karpinski
Have you checked out our guild webpage lately? www.herringrunquiltguild.com. What would you like to see on our guild webpage to make it more interesting or more informative? If you have any suggestions please send them to Mary Ann Karpinski at maktjk9@aol.com. Thanks.
You should also look at the Show and Tell page! We try to keep it up to date, and the link is on the web page!

The UFO Challenge Continues

It was determined that we all still have lots of UFO's (unfinished quilt projects), WIPs (works in progress), NFUFO (nearly finished UFOs), BBUFO (barely begun UFOs), PIPS (projects in process), WISPs (works in slow progress), WIVPs (works in very slow progress), PIGs (projects in grocery sacks) stashed in our closets, under the bed or in drawers or bags. We started them because we liked them but for one reason or another we put them aside to finish at another time. Wouldn't it be nice to see those quilt projects completed instead of hiding them away for a few more years?

Write down the names of eight of those unfinished projects on a list numbered 1 through 8. Make 2 copies of the list and hand one copy to Mary Ann Karpinski at the September or October guild meeting. Starting at the October meeting Mary Ann will pull a number and announce it at each meeting. For the next month you are to work on the quilt on your list that corresponds to that number and try to finish it (at least in completed top form) for show & tell for the next month. Think how proud you'll be standing up at show & tell when you tell everyone "I finally finished this quilt!" The applause alone will make it worth the work. For every quilt you finish on your list your name will be entered into a drawing. In June, we'll pull 4 names and give the winners a special prize. The more quilts you finish the more times you'll be entered into the drawing. And remember, if you don't want the quilt when you're finished with it, you can think about donating it as a comfort quilt.

If you have any questions, please call Mary Ann Karpinski at 508-747-0629 or email at maktjk9@aol.com.





Newsletter Submissions

Please send articles, news, favorite quilt websites, tips, and other quilt related items for the newsletter to:

Anne Marie Stanton at 19 Washington Street, Pembroke MA 02359 or to: amisha123@aol.com
Deadline for submissions for the May newsletter will be **April 25, 2019!**

Guild Meetings

The Guild meeting dates remaining for 2018 - 2019:

February 2, 2019

March 2, 2019

April 6, 2019

May 4, 2019

June 1, 2019

All meetings begin at 9:30, and are held at:
United Hill Methodist Church
11 Church Street, Norwell MA
In the Church Hall (follow the fabric)

And a thought for 2019...

The Herring Run Guild was founded in **February 1989** by Michele Jones and Kelly Cummings.

The meeting was held at the Lidia Drake Library in Pembroke.

A few of the original members still belong to the guild.

Suzanne Fox

*(Pssst....That means it's our 30th anniversary!!
Maybe we should have a party!?!)*



Currently at the New England Quilt Museum...

<https://www.nequiltmuseum.org/index.html>

(In case you are looking for the page)



The Pilgrim/Roy Collection

JUST FOR THE FUN OF IT

Quilts from the Pilgrim/Roy Collection

January 15 - March 30, 2019

Gallery Talk with Gerald E. Roy · Sat, February 9 at 1 pm



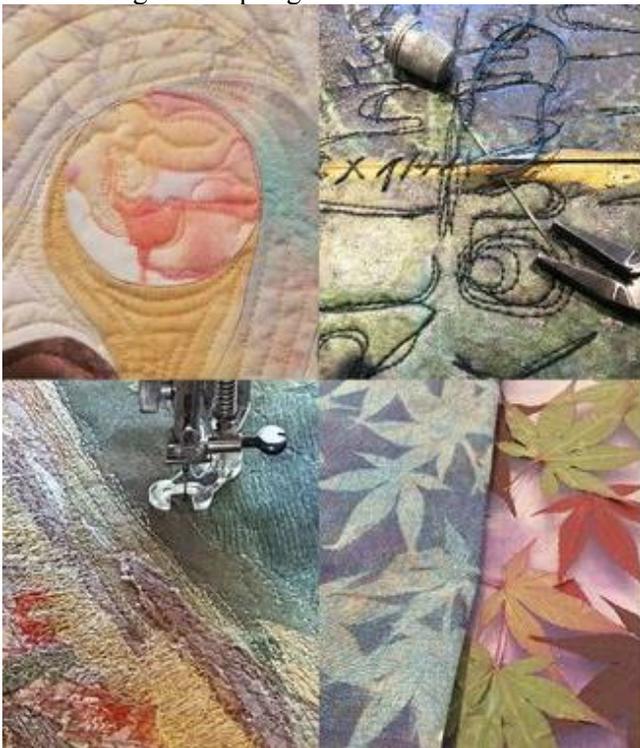
Mending Gold: When Will It Be Enough . Brooks Harris-Stevens . Ann Arbor, MI

Guns: Loaded Conversations

Studio Art Quilt Associates

January 15 through April 27, 2019

And coming in the spring.....



Explorations II: Inside the Quilt Artist's Studio

April 2 - June 23, 2019

Need a Road Trip?!!

Keepsake Quilting Shop Update –Pt 2

Not once but twice I have walked into the hallowed halls of Keepsake Quilting this fall.

Like the proverbial kid in a candy store, I don't know where to go first and, of course, I want it all.

Not too long ago the store was sold - can't remember to whom but it doesn't make any difference- it's still my all time favorite place to shop. But there have been some changes. Where they once had quilts hanging for sale they now have a huge- I mean HUGE- display of Christmas fabrics. It doesn't seem possible there could be that many different designs. Choosing a few is a daunting task that could take hours!

They have a good selection of books but not an extensive offering of non-fabric support materials.

I guess they have the basics but nothing that shouted out "But me! Buy me!" which, in my case, works well. What I do wish they'd reinstate is their fabric/themed challenge they use to have.

I entered a couple of times- I'd like to try again.

Besides rack after rack of every color imaginable (30? 40? off-whites for example????), lots of novelty fabrics, they now have batiks beyond your imagination. I've already used the word huge twice so how about plethora? Immense? I have to admit it was actually overwhelming. Again, if I had to decide on just a few.....

And now for the bonus. Where there use to be a knitting store at the front of the building, they have added a new store, Pineapple Fabrics where everything is pre-cut - kits, squares of different sizes, coordinated fabric yardage, bindings - with their own line of fabrics. There's even a room for husbands and others to wait with newspapers, magazines, and a television.

So, my quilty friends, Road Trip!!!

- Lynn Anastos

And Lynn sent this description and coupon along as a follow up to her post from last newsletter:

Alice PINEAPPLE PACK®

Hi, we wanted to tell you more about the Alice Pineapple Pack®. It's made of 5 different Bonus Quarters® (more on that later), giving you approximately 1 1/2 yards of fabric for only \$14.99 plus a free pattern! The Alice packs were the first Pineapple Packs we created and the number of Pineapple Patterns you can make with an Alice has over 20 options.



There's quilts, bags, pillows, table toppers, fireside stockings and more. The Alice Pineapple Pack® is so versatile because of the Bonus Quarter®, our unique version of a Fat Quarter. It's 3" larger on one side measuring 21" x 21" and gives you more to work with to create your own unique projects! Just look for the following label when you're shopping at the Pineapple Fabrics & More storefront at 12 Main Street, Center Harbor, NH 03226.



5 - Bonus Quarters
(21" x 21")

\$14.99



"Alice"



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FABRICS.COM

100% Cotton
Do not prewash.
Cut size may vary slightly.

Recent Alice Pineapple Packs

Quilt Shows



Join us.....

**MQX Quilt Festival
New England**

700 Elm Street
Manchester, New Hampshire

New England's Premier Quilt Festival & Conference

Join us April 10-13, 2019

Hands All Around 17th Quilt Show (April 6-7, 2019)

Saturday, April 6 and Sunday, April 7, 2019 the Hands All Around Quilt Show will be returning to the [UMASS Amherst Campus Center](http://www.umass.edu).

<http://www.handsacrossthevalley.org/quilt-show/>

Quilters' Connection Quilt Show "Creative Expressions in Fabric "

May 17 - 18, 2019

New location!

St. James Armenian Church

465 Mt. Auburn Street

Watertown, MA 02472

quiltshow@quiltersconnection.org

And for more listings:

<http://quilterstravelcompanion.com/quilt-shows/massachusetts-quilt-shows.php#September>

Announcing! New Column!!

You Know You're a Quilter If....

Last newsletter, Christine Moriarty suggested a new column for the newsletter: "**You Know You're a Quilter If'**

Her first entry was, 'You know you're a quilter if your sewing machine is running and your vacuum isn't.'

So, I promised that we would have a new column this month. My addition: 'You know you're a quilter if you have a stash and it isn't "illegal."'

So ladies, send in your best suggestions to end the sentence. "You know you're a quilter if.... Let's see what makes us tick!!

Do Good, Give Back

NICU QUILTS

The Neo-natal Intensive Care Unit at Tufts Medical in Boston really appreciates quilters. The staff uses small quilts to cover isolettes, giving those preemies a sense of sleep time and waking times. These can be quickly assembled as the

sizes are 24" x 24", 24" x 36", and/or 44" x 44". The tops can be made from a simple, colorful nursery print or a preprinted panel. The backing must be a very dark fabric. A traditional three layered quilt can be used, or I have used a solid dark fleece for the backing and eliminated the batting. The quilting need only be practical; however, this could be a chance to practice some fancy stitching. Please give donations to ETTA FORTI. She is our contact with Tufts Medical. Thanks in advance for your time and effort.....Christine Moriarty

From our members

Thank you all so much for your thoughts, prayers and cards as I was recuperating from surgery. It was a long haul and the mail became a highlight as Michael My Mailman left cards every day. You all are very special to me and I thank you from the bottom of my heart.
-- Lynn Anastos



A final thought from the editor...

Why not try something new? Challenge yourself to use a fabric you just loathe, or use a pattern you swore never to touch....and put your own spin on it. We can't grow as people without trying new things, or challenging what we already know, so why would our art be any different? In the depths of winter, give yourself permission to not only go outside the box, but maybe leave the neighborhood! So what if it looks like crap?! You can always cut it up to be something else (like the inside of a dog bed!), but I think it would be better to share with your quilty friends so maybe they will also be inspired to stretch a bit! And as any exercise guru will tell you, stretching is good for you! Happy winter everyone....spring will be here for the next newsletter! ☺

Disclaimer:

I am not a professional, but I do try pretty hard!

Every now and then something gets past me...Like last news letter saying *August*, rather than *November*. Sorry about that. I am sure you all figured it out!

Thanks to everyone who sent me a submission, and sorry if I left anything out! Practice makes perfect.....



Reminder, next issue:
May, 2019! When it will be WARM!! ☺