

## ***President's Message***

Welcome back to another year at Herring Run. I can not believe that the summer is almost gone. Time flies when you're having fun ... quilting that is. This looks like an exciting year ahead for HRQG. Our guest speakers have much to share with us, so I hope you will take advantage of as many classes as possible. We can always learn a new skill to add to our repertoires or to just broaden our horizons. Besides, we have lots of fun.

Since we do not have a quilt show until 2012, you have plenty of time to create those masterpieces, and with Mother Nature's fall palette we will have even more inspiration.

Plus, we have the cookbook to work on, the beautiful raffle quilt to sell tickets for, comfort quilts to make, and of course friendships to make and to renew. With all this, we have an exciting year ahead.

Before I conclude this letter, I want to take the opportunity to say thank you to Janie Matthews, Sue Hart and, especially, Liz McGuire for all the work that went into getting our Herring Run Quilters' Guild registered as a non-profit corporation at both the state and federal levels. It took many, many hours of Liz's time to research, make phone calls, and hold meetings with CPAs and the HRQG executive board to make this happen. So on behalf of all the members of the guild, I thank them for their diligence and patience. It was an important step for our guild, as well as, a necessity for us to be in compliance with the laws. Now that is behind us, and we move forward.

Laurel DeCastro

## ***Reminder***

Our September meeting is the **second** Saturday of the month due to the Labor Day weekend. Please bring patriotic pieces for show and tell to this meeting in honor of the anniversary of 9/11.

## ***In This Issue***

Christine Moriarty gives us pointers for a fun quilt getaway to New York. Edith Neil writes about her trip home to Montana and the quilt shops that she visited. There are committee updates, and you can also read about the noteworthy accomplishments of some of our talented members.

## *Red, White, and Blue*

September 11th will mark the tenth anniversary of 9/11. As stated in the spring issue of the newsletter, we will be collecting red, white, and blue quilts at our September meeting to donate to a local veterans' hospital or veterans' home. A finished quilt size of 50"x60" would be fine in any pattern that you choose. You don't need to use specifically patriotic fabric. Look in your stash and make a scrappy quilt in red, white, and blue. Let's show our veterans we still remember and appreciate their service to our country.



Laurel DeCastro made the quilt pictured above.

## *Comfort Quilt Committee*

by Vivian Cardinal & Joanne Joyce

The Comfort Quilt Committee was busy this summer organizing the beautiful quilts that our members made this past year. At the September meeting we will have all the details of where they were donated.

We continue to gratefully collect cotton fabric donations and look forward to seeing more completed quilts from the kits provided in the coming year.



## *HRQG Cookbook*

Our guild is publishing a cookbook, and we need your recipes. If you have a special recipe that you would like to have included, please send it to Nancy Quilty [nqvqjmq@aol.com](mailto:nqvqjmq@aol.com) or give it to her at one of our meetings. If the recipe comes directly from a cookbook, please include the name of the cookbook.

## New York! New York!

by Christine Moriarty

Time is running out to see a swell exhibit of quilts in New York hosted by the American Folk Art Museum, <http://www.folkartmuseum.org/>. Masterworks from their collection are shown at their main location, 45 West 53rd, through October 16, 2011. Hours are Tuesday - Thursday, Saturday and Sunday, 10:30 - 5:30. Friday hours are 10:30 - 7:30. They are closed on Mondays. Admission is \$12, \$8 for seniors. #212 265 1040

At the branch location, 2 Lincoln Square (Columbus@66th Street), also from their collection are star patterned quilts which will be on display through September 25, 2011. The hours are Tuesday - Saturday, noon - 7:30, Sunday, noon - 6. It is closed on Mondays. The admission is free. #212 595 9533.

I have never driven to the city; I have only travelled by bus or train. Both leave from South Station and take approximately the same amount of time. Peter Pan/Greyhound is reliable and brings you to Port Authority Station. I prefer Amtrack Coach as it is very comfortable, has a Quiet Car, and it brings you to Penn Station, the heart of things. The train, however, is twice the price of the bus.

If you are an AAA member, you can use your card to gather information on hotels, the subway, and obtain a map of Manhattan. You can call or google bus and train schedules.

This could even be a fun, but tiring, day trip.

If you go, stop by The City Quilter, <http://www.cityquilter.com/>, which is within walking distance of Penn Station. It is located at 133 West 25th, (between 7th and Avenue of the Americas). The hours are Tuesday - Friday, 11:00 - 7:00, Saturday 10:00 - 6:00. 212 897 0390

### ***Question ????????????***

Who was Laurel DeCastro's very first quilt teacher? The answer can be found later in this newsletter. (Hint: This person probably wouldn't enjoy visiting a certain stadium in New York.)

## ***Refreshments***

Just a friendly reminder . . . each member of the guild is expected to sign up to bring refreshments to one of our meetings during the course of the year. This is in addition to our December and June meetings to which we all bring food.

When you sign up for a particular month, you are also expected to come early to help set up for that meeting and to stay after the meeting to help clean up.

## ***Quilt Fun New England***

Would you like to know about upcoming quilt shows, shop hops, quilting retreats, workshops, etc? If so, then sign up for the Quilt Fun New England newsletter. Just google “Quilt Fun + Facebook” and you will be brought to the Quilt Fun Facebook page. You do not have to be a member of Facebook to sign up. Just locate “Join My List” in the top left hand corner. Click it and you will go to a page where you can enter your email address. That’s all there is to it.

Do you have a favorite quilting site that you would like to share with other guild members? Just send me the link along with a brief description, and I will include it in the next issue. My email address is [jesmith28@comcast.net](mailto:jesmith28@comcast.net)

## ***New England Quilt Museum***

If you are planning to visit the New England Quilt Museum, speak to Diane Willson, our liaison to the museum, as she has a number of passes available.

## ***Raffle Quilt Update***

by Liz McGuire & Fiona Wysocki

The raffle quilt top is ready to go to the quilter!

We’d like to express our sincere appreciation to the many HRQG members who assembled blocks. It was a heck of a block, and we can’t thank you enough! We’d also like to thank our team who helped us with the sample blocks, testing the instructions, cutting the fabric for kits, pulling off all that paper and assembling the flying geese borders. Our thanks go out to Donna Gardiner, Edith Neil, Maribeth Sayer, Janice Smith, Rosemary Stephen and Deb St. Cyr. We couldn’t have done it without you!!

## *Program Notes*

by Kathy Rich and Sue Hart

**Sept.** - Marge Lydecker will present a lecture “Not Patience, Perseverance” and also a workshop on Broderie Perse Applique. There is a \$5.00 kit fee to be paid directly to Marge. The class is going to be upstairs so if you'd like, you may want to bring your Ott light. This class still has three openings. The class fee is \$25.00 Come that day with simple sewing supplies.

**Oct.** - Beth Helfter from Eve Paige Quilt Designs will present a lecture, “Perfection is Overrated” and conduct a class on her Winter Whites. It’s a great way to start getting ready for the holiday season. The class fee is \$45.00 and includes a pattern. We need at least ten people to sign up for the class, or it will have to be cancelled.

**Nov.** - Betsy Jackson, a long time quilt guild member, will give us a trunk show. There is no class that day because that is the weekend of The Gathering, and we know many people will be heading north after the meeting.



**Dec.** - Sue Riley will present a program on her apron collection.

## *Quilt Show*

by Sue Hart & Nancy Robertson

Can you believe it is only just over a year until our next show?? I hope we all remember how quickly that year flies by, so keep quilting! At our September meeting, we will be starting to ask for people to sign up as heads of show committees, especially the ones which need to begin working right away. Sign up sheets will be available. Please be thinking about taking on one of these jobs, either alone or with a friend. We will be meeting over the next year to make sure everything runs as smoothly as it has in the past, and with luck and a lot of hard work it can be our best show ever! Also, be prepared to sell, sell, sell those quilt raffle tickets. This year's quilt will be a knockout, so it shouldn't be too hard to sell more tickets than ever!

## *Wrapped Up in Sports*

Wrapped Up in Sports is an organization dedicated to making professional sports team-themed quilts for children in need. For the past few years, Anne Marcin has been working with this group. With the assistance of others members in our guild, Anne was able to deliver thirty quilts to the organization in April. She has about thirty-five more ready to go with a goal of 100 for the year. If you would like to help Anne reach this goal, please speak to her at one of our meetings or email her at [FrenchieAnne@hotmail.com](mailto:FrenchieAnne@hotmail.com)



By the way, if you didn't guess it already, Anne was Laurel Decastro's first quilt instructor at a night school class in Marshfield many years ago.

## *Noteworthy*

**Penny Myles** has a quilt, "Under the Indigo Sea" 2011 on exhibit at the Brush Art Gallery in Lowell. The exhibition features the work of thirty-one quilt artists from across the United States and Canada. The theme of the exhibition is "The Sea," and it runs through September 10th.

The **Coastal Quilt Artists** have received notice that their quilt has been accepted into the group quilt division at the 2011 International Quilt Festival in Houston, Texas, in November. The subject of the group's piece is **Copley Square**.

**Lynn Anastos** had two wall hangings juried into the Images Show held in Lowell in August.

**Kathleen Lavalley's** quilt "Bob's World" was accepted into the Mancuso International Quilt Show

## **Peggy Beals Quilt Block Contest, 2011**

by Lynn Anastos

The following members had their quilt blocks chosen for the Marshfield Fair's Peggy Beals Quilt Block Contest, 2011: **Lynn Anastos, Phyllis Boothroyd, Liz Carreiro, Mary Merritt, Nancy Walty, Doris Carroll, Tracey MacKenzie, Renee Roberts, and Marybeth Sayers.** **Nancy Walty** received a blue ribbon for her square. Of the twenty squares selected by the judges, nine were made by HRQG quilters.

The quilt top with the squares will be quilted during the Marshfield Fair, August 19th through the 28th. The theme for this year was “Catch a Summer Star.” The theme for the 2012 quilt is “Trip around the World,” and detailed information will be available at various HRQG meetings throughout the year.

### ***“Make Me Laugh” - 2012 Challenge***

Our “Make Me Laugh” challenge is due at our September, 2012 meeting. Please remember that all challenge quilts must be a 22” square. Have fun and be creative! Instructions for the challenge are available on our website. If you have any questions about the challenge, please contact Mary Ann Karpinski at [maktjk9@aol.com](mailto:maktjk9@aol.com) or #508-747-0629.

### ***Sunshine Information***

Do you know of anyone in the guild that has had a personal loss or is seriously ill? Please pass this information on to Mary Ann Karpinski at [maktjk9@aol.com](mailto:maktjk9@aol.com) or phone #508-747-0629 so we can send cards, flowers or donations from the guild. Please make sure you give her the full name, address, and information on where to send a donation if one is requested.

### ***Montana Quilt Shops***

by Edith Neil

In July, I make my annual trip to Montana to re-connect with my family. The weather this year was absolutely beautiful with Montana living up to its nickname of “Big Sky Country.” Of course, no trip to Montana would be complete without checking out a few of the quilt shops in the area.

Vicki’s Down Under Quilts, Missoula, MT ([www.vickisquilts.com](http://www.vickisquilts.com)) – This shop is in the lower level of a fitness club and has a great selection of fabrics. Vicki is very friendly and loves to visit with her customers. I found some beautiful batik here that I am now using in a mystery quilt.

Quilter’s Corner, Deer Lodge, MT ([www.quiltsinmontana.com](http://www.quiltsinmontana.com)) – One of the attractions in this historic town is the old prison which offers guided tours. The quilt store is in an old bank building. There are lots of samples on display and many patterns and kits are available.

Patchwork Quilts, Hamilton, MT – This shop had been open only a few months. This store, too, carried a beautiful selection of fabrics. Their patterns were interesting, and I spotted some that I had not seen before. I will definitely go back next year and spend more time checking out this store.

Hokey's Fabric Shoppe, Stevensville, MT – This shop had opened since my last visit to Montana. The owners are Eileen & JC Jackson, a husband and wife team. JC is a former Navy Seal and farmer who is in charge of all things technical/mechanical in the store. He'll teach you to run a long-arm and then rent you time on the store machine for you to do your own quilts. My sister and I learned from Eileen that the fabric store is not their "main" business. They actually own a company called "Dream Catcher Blankets" ([www.weightedblanket.net](http://www.weightedblanket.net)). Their son is autistic, and as with many autistic children, he had trouble sleeping at night. After a great deal of research, they came up with a weighted blanket that worked for him. They have discovered that there is a market for this type of blanket, and they now produce about fifteen blankets a week that are shipped all over the world. The blankets are also used by hospitals in the MRI Unit and can be effective for people who have restless leg syndrome.

As you can see, I thoroughly enjoyed my annual trip to Montana.



The Sorenson Clan  
Edith with her mom and dad and seven of her eight siblings.

## *Upcoming Quilt Shows*

The following information was submitted by Christine Moriarty and Mary Ann Karpinski.

**Silver City Quilt Guild** - September 17 and 18 - Friedman Middle School, 500 Norton Avenue, Taunton, MA . . . Hours 10 - 4. [www.silvercityquiltguild.org](http://www.silvercityquiltguild.org)

**Bennington Quiltfest** - September 17 and 18 - Mount Anthony Union Middle School, 745 East Road, Bennington, VT . . . Hours 9 - 4. [www.benningtonquiltfest.com](http://www.benningtonquiltfest.com)

**Squanicook Colonial Quilt Guild** - "Autumn Festival of Quilts" - September 24 and 25 (10 -4), North Middlesex Regional HS, Rt. 119 - Main Street, Townsend , MA - [www.SCQG.org](http://www.SCQG.org)

**Southford Falls Quilt Guild** - September 24 and 25 (10 - 4), Shepardson Community Center, 1172 Whittemore Rd., Rt.188, Middlebury, CT [www.southfordfallsquiltguild.com](http://www.southfordfallsquiltguild.com)

**Cheshire Quilters Guild** - October 8, (10-5) and October 9, (11-3)- Keene Recreation Center, 312 Washington St., Keene, NH.

**Champlain Valley Quilters' Guild** - "Once Upon a Time" -October 8-9, (10-4), The Field House of Shelburne, 166 Athletic Drive, Shelburne, VT. [www.cvgvt.org](http://www.cvgvt.org)

**Rising Star Quilters** - October 15, (10-5) and October 16, (11-4) - Carey Hall, 1605 Massachusetts Ave., Lexington, MA.

**Proper Bostonian Quilters** - October14 (6-8), October 15 (10-6), and October 16 (11-4) - Monsignor Donahue Hall, St. Theresa School, 40 St. Theresa Ave., West Roxbury, MA.

**Cochecho Quilters Guild** - "Seams Like Yesterday" - October 15 and 16 (10-4) - Rochester Community Center, 150 Wakefield Street, Rochester, NH - [www.cochechoquilters.org](http://www.cochechoquilters.org)

**Cape Cod Quilters** - "A Harvest of Quilts" - October 22 (10 -5) and October 23, (12 - 5), Cultural Center of Cape Cod, 307 Old Main street, So. Yarmouth, MA 02664 [www.CapeCodQuilters.com](http://www.CapeCodQuilters.com)

## *From the Editor*

If you wish to submit anything for the next issue, please email me at [jesmith28@comcast.net](mailto:jesmith28@comcast.net) or snail mail it to Janice Smith, 28 Webb Street, Weymouth, MA 02188. Of course, I will always be happy to take articles at any guild meeting.

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