

# HRQG Newsletter

## Spring 2013

### President's Letter

Ladies,  
Spring has finally sprung and everything is in bloom. I hope the colors of spring are inspiring you to get out your pretty fabrics and create beautiful quilts for our 2014 quilt show. It will be here before we know it.

It's hard to imagine my year of being guild president is coming to a close. At some points it seemed as if it was going to be a long year and at other times it flew by. I want to thank all of you for encouraging me along the way.

Special thanks to the guild board and all the committee chairs for their hard work to make this year run smoothly. I couldn't have done it without your help and commitment.

We hope that everyone who attended our guild getaway in March had a good time at the Sea Crest Resort, a beautiful spot on the water in Falmouth. It was wonderful to see all the quilts that people were creating and to see new friendships building throughout the weekend. I saw many new ideas that I want to try in the future, and I hope those new-formed friendships continue to grow.

When I originally suggested the UFO Challenge I wasn't sure if it was going to work, but you all came through. Thank

you to those who played along. It has been inspiring to hear all the stories and see all the quilts that have been completed. I hope you will continue on this journey to get those projects out of your closets and get them finished.

All my best wishes to Mary Parker and her new team. I look forward to seeing what fun they have planned for us for next year. Remember, they can't do it all alone. Please step up to help them when they request your assistance. We can't have a great guild without everyone's help.

Thanks again for a wonderful year. Keep on quilting! Quilts are like friends - a great source of comfort. The love of quilting is our common thread.

*Mary Ann*

### Board Members

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## **My First Quilt Guild Retreat**

by Charlie DiSante

With my car loaded with what seemed to be my whole sewing room, it was a short ride to snag my roommate. With her sewing room added, Susan Riley and I headed for the Sea Crest Resort in Falmouth for my first ever quilt retreat. With Susan as co-pilot, (my goodness she did seem to enjoy telling me what to do) we arrived on Friday morning to an already bustling room. Pretty soon we heard the hum of voices and laughter and then another hum as we started putting together all those small pieces of fabric into larger ones.

My first project for the weekend was to make a lap quilt for a dear uncle who is struggling with chronic leukocyte leukemia so that I would then take on Monday to New Mexico. Little did we know what would transpire at the Boston Marathon that day.

As soon as I mentioned the lap quilt project to Susan (and everyone else who listened,) I felt surrounded by my own cheering squad. By the middle of Saturday morning I had birthed (as in the method of sewing on the backing of the quilt and turning it inside out instead of the binding method) my Uncle's gift and was ready for the next project.

As I started on the bag class, I found myself envious of the girls who had taken the Seascape bag. I had taken the class to make a simple tote, had dedicated time to complete it, and could then re-start the challenging paper pieced Sunflower Illusions quilt. No, that one is not done but there's always next time!

And meanwhile, so much stitching being done, so many machines humming along, and projects being completed or started. Periodically, our fearless leader Denise Fitzgerald stopped us to draw numbers to see who would be able to select a prize and snatch a piece (or three) of candy on our way.

I, for one, would love to go on another retreat, and next time I hope not to have to make a memory quilt for a loved one but, what better place was there to do it, in the welcoming embrace of fellow quilters. Thanks ladies and thanks

Denise and all who had a part in this retreat for a job very well-done.

## HRQG Dues Are Due

Please remember that annual dues are \$25.00 for Active Members and must be paid by **May 31st**. If you have not paid your dues yet, please send a check made payable to "Herring Run Quilters' Guild, Inc." to Virginia Mills, 8 Beacon Road, Hull, MA 02045.

Per our by-laws: "Members whose dues remain unpaid after the June meeting shall be notified by the Membership Chairman and after June 30th shall be automatically dropped from membership unless otherwise voted by the Executive Board." Please make it easier on the Membership Committee by paying your dues ASAP. We have a waiting list of people who would like to join us so please pay your dues so we know you still want to be part of the guild.

## Program for June 3rd Meeting- "Fun and Games"

Kathy Rich and Sue Hart have something entertaining planned for our June meeting. Your hard hitting, investigating reporter/editor was able to get the inside scoop on what they have planned, but I'm not telling!!! Just come prepared to have some fun and please remember it the turn of members whose last names begin with the letters **M -Z** to provide the refreshments for this meeting.

## Quilting Arts TV

Did you know **Quilting Arts TV** can now be seen in our area on the WGBH Create channel at 6:00am and at noon on Tuesdays and Thursdays? You can also get program notes and free EBooks at their site [http://www.quiltingdaily.com/blogs/qatv\\_series\\_1000/home.aspx](http://www.quiltingdaily.com/blogs/qatv_series_1000/home.aspx)

## The Quilters' Connection - 35th Annual Quilt Show

The Quilters' Connection ([www.quiltersconnection.org](http://www.quiltersconnection.org)) will hold its 35th annual quilt show - Friday-Sunday, May 31 – June 2, 2013 at the Arsenal Center for the Arts, 321 Arsenal Street, Watertown, MA on Friday & Saturday 10-5, Sunday 10-3

Admission is \$8 at the door, \$5 in advance

\*\*\* Over 200 quilts on display  
\*\*\* Guild Member Boutique  
\*\*\* Guided Tours and Demonstrations of various quilting techniques

For more info e-mail: [quiltshow@quiltersconnection.org](mailto:quiltshow@quiltersconnection.org).

## Comfort Quilt Thanks

from Mary Anne

Special thanks to Marty Post for making all the wonderful labels for our comfort quilts and for volunteering at every meeting to sew labels on our comfort quilts. We truly appreciate all your hard work, Marty. THANK YOU!

## Raffle Quilt Thanks

from Mary Anne

Special thanks to Linda Nicholson for her very generous donation of all the fabric and the pattern for our upcoming raffle quilt. We also want to thank everyone who took time during the getaway to help applique the pieces on the squares so we could get the top together. The top will be revealed at our June meeting for all to enjoy.

## Lily Pad

Kathy Rich's quilt, *Lily Pad*, was awarded second place for Edge to Edge Quilting at



MQX - New England. Kathy's quilt was

among the winning quilts featured on *The Quilt Show's* Daily Blog. <http://www.thequiltshow.com>

For those not familiar with this online quilting community, The Quilt Show featuring Alex Anderson and Ricky Tims posts something interesting and quilt related each day on the "Daily Blog." One day back in April, they had a slide show of the winning quilts from MQX East.

While you do not need to subscribe in order to access the shows, lessons, and some other special features, anyone can visit the Daily Blog for free without joining.

## May Meeting Notes

In May, we enjoyed a wonderful talk by Janet-Lee Santeusanio, one of the co-founders of MQX-East and MQX- West.

She graciously provided our guild with the following information.

### Applying Borders

"After the body of the quilt has been pieced, gently press before adding borders. The logical place to measure the finished top is along its outside edges, and this is a useful measurement. However, measurements should be taken *across the center* in two or three places for both the width and length. If these measurements are different from that of the outer edge, accidental stretching has occurred. To keep the finished quilt as straight and square as possible, you must measure the centers.

## **To Make a Border with Straight-cut Corners**

Determine the length of the quilt border by averaging the distance of two or three *center* measurements. Cut two borders that length and pin them to opposite sides of the quilt matching ends and centers and easing in the fullness. Sew and press.

Determine the width of the quilt border by averaging the distance of two or three center measurements. Cut these borders that length and pin - easing in the fullness. Sew and press.”

For those who were unable to attend the meeting, here are a few notes that I jotted down during her talk.

1.) When entering a quilt in a show, read the rules carefully and underline key instructions for submitting your entry.

2.) When stitching in the ditch, she recommended using monofilament thread.

3.) Don't be afraid to tell your long-armed exactly what you want.

4.) On a white background, the use of a cream thread can be “stunning.”

5.) If you have a pet, be sure to use a lint roller on your piece before submitting it. She joked about how many quilters fail to do this simple step.

Finally, she encouraged all of us to not be afraid to enter juried quilt shows.

## **Out and About**

Until we meet again in September, here are a few places to go.

### **New England Quilt Museum - April 18 - July 7 - SILK! - Luxurious Antique & Contemporary Quilts**

For more info about this and other special events and lectures, visit <http://www.nequiltmuseum.org>

### **East Coast Quilters Alliance 3 - A Quilters' Sampler**

Fri., May 31 and Sat., June 1  
Courtyard by Marriott  
Nashua, NH  
[www.aquiltersgathering.com](http://www.aquiltersgathering.com)

### **Vermont Quilt Festival**

June 28-30  
Champlain Valley Expo  
Essex Junction, VT  
<http://www.vqf.org>

### **BAYBERRY QUILTERS OF CAPE COD 32nd Annual Quilt Show: "My esCape"**

Thurs., Aug. 1, 2013 - 9:30AM-4PM  
Fri., Aug. 2, 2013 - 9:30AM-4PM  
Sat., Aug. 3, 2013 - 9:30AM-3PM  
Cape Cod Regional Technical High  
School  
Harwich, MA

### **Ladies of the Lakes Quilters Guild Quilt Show**

Fri., August 2, 2013 - 10am-5pm  
Sat., August 3, 2013 - 10am-4pm  
Kingswood Regional High School  
Wolfboro, NH

## Pillowcases and Stars

At our last meeting, Anne Marcin spoke about the quilts and stars which are given to the family members of soldiers being deployed. She mentioned that sometimes teenagers who are present are reluctant to take quilts, but they are interested in taking a pillowcase. Anne is asking for pillowcases that are made of fabrics geared toward teenagers. Along with each pillowcase, please include two 6 and a half inch squares of the same fabric as the pillowcase so she can make a star to be given to the family member being deployed.

## Sea Crest Resort Photos

Each morning began with a delicious buffet breakfast.



We were all delighted to meet the other three Beauguard sisters



Here's Sheila Berry, the first raffle winner, with her basket of goodies.



What are these ladies studying?



It was this fun and colorful quilt.



In Charlie's article about the retreat, she mentioned that she "packed her entire sewing room." Here's evidence that she wasn't the only one.



You can find a Stack & Whack Wonky Block Tutorial and others at "from the blue chair" <http://www.fromthebluechair.com/2010/08/stack-whack-wonky-block-tutorial.html>

Amy's blog shares tips and tricks for free motion quilting at **Amy's Free Motion Quilting Adventures** <http://freemotionquiltingadventures.blogspot.com>

It's been featured before in the newsletter, but it's worth mentioning again. **The Free Motion Quilting Project** <http://www.daystyledesigns.com/365project.htm> offers over 365 quilting designs arranged by order of difficulty and by design type. You can find a quilting design to fit any project.

## Quilting Sites

Pour yourself your favorite beverage, relax, and check out some of these fun and interesting quilt sites.

If you like art quilts, visit *Fiberactions*, <http://fiberactions.blogspot.com> which is the really cool blog of ten fiber artists from all over the United States who challenge each other to create a quilt based on a theme. Every two months a new theme is chosen and the results are posted on this blog.

Explore dyeing fabric and surface designs at Australian textile artist, Lisa Walton's blog **Dyed and Gone to Heaven** <http://fiberactions.blogspot.com>

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This is my last issue as editor of the HRQG newsletter. It's been great fun, but now I'm handing it back to Mary Ann. Please send any articles or items for the next issue to her at < [maktjk9@aol.com](mailto:maktjk9@aol.com) >

Thanks!

Janice Smith

