

HERRING RUN QUILTERS' GUILD, INC.

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COORDINATOR'S LETTER

Greetings to all the HRQG members!

Can you believe that Spring is FINALLY here and the tulips and daffodils are beginning to make their way through the cold soil. I can hardly wait to see them in full bloom.

This February many of us had the pleasure of participating in a wonderful Charity workshop conducted by Vivian Cardinal and Joanne Joyce. These two ladies deserve a round of applause for the work they did putting together so many kits to sew that day or to take home. We are truly fortunate to be able to share in this yearly tradition that brings so much joy to both the givers and the receivers of our HRQG quilts.

March came in like a lamb and with it the HRQG Getaway in Portsmouth, NH. Fifty eight members and friends enjoyed an atmosphere of laughter and the constant hum of sewing machines. Even though our economy has taken a periodic downturn, the local quilt and fabric shops managed to lift our spirits and encouraged us to think of new and creative ways to heighten our skills. Sunday morning a group got together to participate in a Strip Pieced Quilt. A prize to be presented to the person who finished FIRST!!! Needless to say, the experience was lively and fun. The members who were fortunate enough to attend this getaway weekend were continuously nourished by our fellow quilters. Thank you, Denise Fitzgerald for a job well done.

Laurel and her nominating committee have been working hard to put together the 2011-2012 Executive Board. They'll be asking YOU the members of HRQG to step up and take a position in one of the empty committee positions. Coming from one who knows, you'll be pleasantly surprised at both the experience and the friendships you'll encounter.

Remember that "One grain of sand can't do much but a combination can build a castle".

Janie



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Herring Run Quilters Guild meetings are held on the first Saturday of the month (except for our September and December meetings) at 9:30 AM at the United Methodist Church in Norwell, MA. *Please make sure to check our Meeting Information Section to confirm dates of meetings*.

Check us out on the web!
www.herringrunquiltguild.com
If you have anything you'd like added or changed on our website please send it to
Mary Ann Karpinski at maktjk9@aol.com.

IMPORTANT !!! Remember to Pay your Guild Dues!!!!

It's that time of year again! Your annual **HRQG membership dues of \$25.00 must be paid by May 31, 2011.** 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 (per the HRQG By-Laws). If you are unable to attend the April or May meeting to pay your dues, please send your check, made payable to "Herring Run Quilters' Guild, Inc.", to Caren Wheelwright, 11 Riverview Drive, Cohasset, MA 02025.

IMPORTANT!!! PLEASE READ!!!



The Herring Run Quilters' Guild is important to all of us. The Guild is something we all joined because we have a love of quilting. We come to the meetings once a month to learn, share ideas, make new friends, and to have fun, but to make this all happen we need help to keep things running smoothly and to keep the meetings interesting. This is the time of year where we ask for people to step up to the plate and sign up to chair committees for the guild for the coming year (September 2011 to June 2012).

We want to thank in advance those that have already volunteered to chair the following Committees: Block of the Month, Charity, Historian, Hospitality Monthly Raffle, Website, Web Photos, and Quilt Museum Rep.

We have a few committees we still need volunteers to chair or assist with. We can't, as a group, let the same women volunteer over and over. It is not fair, and it makes things stale! We need new ideas, new perspectives and new energy - that only happens when things are shaken up a bit with new personalities. If you are a new guild member, what better way to get to know folks!? You have to find out names, and everyone gets to learn yours! You get to ask for help! You get to help make our guild fun! If you have been a member for a few years, but have held off volunteering to chair or help with a committee because of other obligations, stage fright, whatever, maybe this is the time! Many of us have WAY too many things on our plates, but we get it done. Of course, there is always personal circumstance that would make it impossible, but if that is not the case for you, what the heck? Give it a shot! It's not a full time job. It's only a few hours of your time each month or every few months. After a year, you can say, "Next!", but in that year, you will have learned new skills, met new friends, and made a contribution to an organization you love. It would be wonderful if people behind the scenes organized everything for us but that, unfortunately, is not how life goes. If we want it to happen, we as guild members have to make it happen. OK...off the soap box...here's where we urgently need your help!

- We need someone (or a group of people) to volunteer to sign up to coordinate guild Programs. We have a list of ideas of a few people for you to contact for future programs so you won't be going into this blindly. Please think about signing up to chair Programs either alone or as a team. If there is something you'd like to see happen at a guild meeting what better way to make it happen. Ask a friend to help you on the committee, or make a new friend by asking someone to help you. You won't be stepping in to do this job cold turkey without any help. We will gladly walk you through what worked or not worked in the past.
- We need someone to do the guild Newsletter. You don't have to write it all yourself. You get articles from committee chairs and members of the guild, type them up into one document and email the newsletter to those that have email and snail mail the newsletter to those that don't. This is done only 4 times a year so it's not a full time job!
- We also have one person for Membership and one person for the Library but need one more for each committee to help these people out.

We can't have a successful guild without *everyone's* participation and assistance. If you have any questions about what these jobs would entail or you'd like to step up to the plate and volunteer or want to help one of the other committees that already has a chairperson, please contact Laurel DeCastro at 781-837-0067 or email her at jiggysmom769@gmail.com. Job descriptions for these committees are available on our website at: http://www.herringrunquiltguild.com/hrqg_board_committees. Please consider helping out. *Many hands make light work!*

Upcoming Meeting Information:

Debra Hayes, Susan Bernard, Clare Corbett and Elaine Cristoferi, Program Co-Chairs

We still have some great lectures and workshops on the horizon to finish out the Guild year.

April 2, 2011

A trunk show will be given by Ann's Fabrics in Canton. The afternoon class will be an Eleanor Burns, Quilt in a Day- Day and Night Table Runner sponsored by Ann's Fabrics.

May 7, 2011

Adele Scott will give a lecture called "My Favorite Products, Tips and Techniques." The lecture will be a fast moving, fun lecture/demo on a wide variety of topics, from sewing machine aids to specialty threads, appliqué tricks to no-waste flying geese. We'll solve problems, save time and make sewing more enjoyable. Adele's class, Large Bargello Tote Bag, will be a full day class starting at 9AM and take place in the lower classroom. Those in the class will break for her lecture. Learn an easy Bargello method, reversible strip quilting, strip prairie points, bound seams and easily sewing over thick bulky seams. Totally pre-cut kits are available in many colors. This is a six hour class. We are requesting members to purchase a precut kit so that we may get right to work! The cost will be \$45.00. You will need to purchase a fabric kit of precut fabric, Adele has many beautiful selections to choose from.

June 4, 2011

Our annual guild yard sale and brunch!! Sort through all your fabrics, patterns, books and other goodies which have lost your attention and bring them in to sell to other guild members. Remember one women's trash is another's women's treasure! Each member is also requested to bring their favorite brunch item to share.

Below is a little update on classes for the Fall. More detailed information to come. Signups will commence in May for September and October classes.

September 10, 2011

(Note the meeting is the second Saturday due to the Labor Day Weekend)

Marjorie Lydecker will conduct a lecture and trunk show of her wonderful quilts with broderie perse. The 1/2 day workshop, broderie perse pin cushion by Marjorie Lydecker, will be limited to a maximum of 15 participants and you will need to purchase a kit from Marjorie. Information about the kits and prices will be available at the May Meeting.

October 1, 2011

Concessa Shearer is back by popular demand. She will be teaching her One Block Wonder. Lecture TBD.

November 5, 2011

Beth Helfter will be our guest speaker and teacher. She began quilting in 1995 and designing original patterns in 2004. Her love of vivid colors and unique, forgiving piecing techniques make her patterns eye-catching and fun, and her love of sharing joys of quilting without regard to perfectionism make her lectures and classes relaxing and enjoyable. A project will be selected beforehand. Visit the Program Committee table and review the projects available and let the committee know what you would like.

Charity Quilt Update:

Vivian Cardinal and Joanne Joyce, Charity Quilt Co-Chairs



Thank you to everyone who participated in our Charity Quilting Day in February or took a kit home or brought in their own quilt to donate. What a wonderful response we have had! We have already collected 34 quilts with many more to come.

If you are working on a Charity Quilt and need batting we will be bringing the batting roll to the upcoming meetings. We also welcome any donations of fabric to be used for future kits.

2012 Quilt Show

You're probably thinking...." Why are they writing about the quilt show that won't be happening until September 2012?" Well it's never too early to get you thinking about making quilts to enter into our quilt show. If you start now you won't have that last minute rush in August 2012. It will be here before we know it. We encourage everyone in the guild to put at least one quilt in the show no matter what your skill level. In the past we've accepted 3 to 4 quilts per guild member so please keep on quilting!!! We accept quilts of all sizes and designs, traditional and contemporary. The show won't be a success without your quilts!!

Also, we'd like you to start thinking about signing up to help with one of the many show committees. The quilt show can't go on without *everyone's* help. In the very near future we'll be asking for volunteers to sign up to chair Publicity, Vendors, Admissions, Bed Turning, Boutique, Decorations, Demos and Lectures, Door Prizes, Hostesses/White Gloves, Installation/Show Hanging, Program Book, Program Book Ads, Quilt In-Take/Return, Raffle Ticket Sales, Ribbons, Setup/Cleanup, and Silent Auction so please start asking your friends or asking a new friend to help you chair one of these committees. We have packets available with helpful hints for each committee so you won't be going into any of these jobs blindly. You can sign up to chair the committee alone or with a friend or group of friends. What better way to get to know other guild members. Not all the show committees require physical labor during the show so there is something for everyone to do. *Remember many hands make light work!*

2012 Challenge

Mary Ann Karpinski, Challenge Quilts



Have you started working on your challenge "Make Me Laugh"? The object is to create a challenge quilt that makes the viewer laugh out loud, giggle a little or at least smile. But please keep it clean. Have fun and be creative! Please 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" for others to laugh at and enjoy. The rules for the challenge are available on our webpage at http://www.herringrunquiltguild.com/2012_challenge. A copy of the rules is 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!

2012 Raffle Quilt

Fiona Wysocki, Liz McGuire, Anne Marie Stanton, Raffle Quilt Committee Chairs

Thank you to everyone that has already made a block for our 2012 Raffle Quilt! We still have block kits available if you haven't made a block yet or you want to make another one. Please stop by the raffle quilt table at the guild meeting and pick up a kit. You don't need to purchase anything. The kit includes all the fabric needed along with instructions on making the block. If you are currently making a block please return it by the May meeting so the committee can start putting the quilt together.

Year of the Quilt----New York City Submitted by Christine Moriarty

The American Folk Art Museum in New York will be celebrating the glorious American art form that is quilting this year at their two locations.

The main museum, at 45 West 53rd Street, New York, NY, will display masterpieces from their extensive and comprehensive collection, both antique and contemporary. Part I of this exhibition will be on view through April 24, 2011. The galleries will be closed for installation April 26-May 8. Part II will open on May 10 through October 16, 2011.

At the Lincoln Square branch, a stunning exhibit highlighting the use of stars in quilt patterns will be on view through September 25, 2011. It is appropriately named "Super Stars".

A great day trip, via bus or train, or maybe stay over and check out a few other things New York has to offer.

Guild Cookbook

If you have a special recipe you'd like to add to our guild cookbook, please send it along to Nancy Quilty at ngygigmg@aol.com or bring it to one of the guild meetings and hand it in at the refreshment table. At future meetings we will be having taste testing's of some of the recipes.

What's Up At The New England Quilt Museum?

Christine Moriarty, HRQG Rep to the Museum

January 20 - April 9: New England SAQA: No Holds Barred

April 14 - July 10: One Foot Square, Quilted & Bound

July 14 - October 16: Maine's Quilt Heritage: Quilts from Maine Quilt Documentation Project

October 20 - December 31: Patience to Raise the Sun: Art Ouilts from Haiti & Their Power to Change Women's Lives

In addition to the current exhibitions, the museum always has several permanent collection quilts, including many historical works, on display in the permanent collection rooms. Displays of permanent collection quilts change whenever the current exhibition changes, so visitors have the opportunity to see new exhibits from the permanent collection several times a year. Please check their website to confirm hours and days they are open and to get directions http://www.nequiltmuseum.org/.

<u>Field Trip Ideas – Upcoming Quilt Shows</u>

Mark your calendars for some of these upcoming quilt shows in the New England area:

- April 9: Plymouth Country Cranberry Quilters "Country Quilt Show", First Congregational Church, 254 Main Street, Plympton, MA. Admission: \$5 for show, \$15 for luncheon.
- April 11: "A Tribute to American Civil War Quilts", Avon Library, 635 West Avon Road, Avon, CT. Admission: Free. This is an information program/lecture with Civil War Quilts as the focus. For more information visit: http://www.avonctlibrary.info/
- **April 14-16:** MQX East 2011, Rhode Island Convention Center, Providence, RI. Thursday 10 am to 6 pm, Friday 9 am to 5 pm, Saturday 9 am to 5 pm. Admission: \$10 adult, children under 12 free with a paying adult. \$22 Multi-Day Pass. Special Exhibits for MQX East 2011: "The Quilt Show" - a 30" x 108" quilt depicting how we look standing in front of an aisle of stunning quilts at a quilt show.
- April 16: Seabreeze Quilt Guild Show, Cooperative Middle School, 100 Academic Way, Stratham, NH. Admission: \$5. For more information visit: http://www.seabreezequiltguild.com/
- April 16 & 17: Northern Lights Quilt Guild 2011 Show, Richmond Middle School, 63 Lyme Road, Hanover, NH. Admission: \$6.00. Vendors, demonstrations, boutique, silent auctions, refreshments. Featured quilter" Jeanette Stillson. For more information visit: http://www.nlqg.org/
- April 29 & 30: Merrimack Valley Quilters Quilt Show "Women Making Waves", 44 Greenough Road, Plaistow, NH, \$6.00 admission. For more information visit: http://myquilters.wordpress.com/quilt-show/
- May 6 & 7: Central Vermont Quilt Show, Old Labor Hall, 46 Granite Street, Barre, VT, Admission: \$5. For more information visit: http://www.centralvermontquiltshow.com/
- June 3 & 4: Thames River Quilters "Quilts Along the Thames", Ledyard Congregational Church, 722 Ledyard Highway, Ledyard, CT. Admission: \$8, Guild members quilts, challenge quilts, boutique, demonstrations, raffle quilt, refreshments.
- June 3-5: Quilters Connection, 34th Annual Quilt Show and Sale, Arsenal Center for the Arts, 321 Arsenal St., Watertown, MA 02472, Friday 10-6, Saturday 10-6, Sunday, 10-3. Featuring: Exhibit of More than 200 Members Traditional & Contemporary Quilts! Boutique of Handcrafted Items! Silent Auction for "Where in the World" Challenge Quilts! Selection of Winner for Beautiful Raffle Quilt, Quilted by Hand by Quilters Connection Members! Admission: \$ 6.00. For more information: http://www.quiltersconnection.org/
- June 24-26: Vermont Ouilt Festival, 105 Pearl Street, Rt. 15, Essex Junction, VT, Admission \$12. For more information visit: http://www.vqf.org/

<u>History</u> Tracey Mackenzie, Guild Historian

This time Tracey will tell us the history of the HRQG "Block of the Month". In the early days of this guild (1989), it was called a "Round Robin". Here's how it worked. To participate you bought the common fabric that came with a block pattern for 75 cents. You followed the rules of the pattern and made the block and turned in the finished block at the next meeting (from Fall-Winter Newsletter 1990). The information in the newsletter

was for a pine tree block – no pattern found. Tracey doesn't know how long the guild ran the "Round Robin" like this but it was a small fund raiser for the guild. Over the years the "Round Robin" became the "Block of the Month" (per Fall 1996 Newsletter). A pattern was provided and guild members made a block to win the blocks.

As Tracey looked back through past newsletters she's seen a lot of changes in the guild, but most of all she's seen the constant promotion of quilting knowledge and friendship.

Guild Getaway Weekend

Special thanks to Denise Fitzgerald for organizing another fun getaway. There was lots of fun, food, shopping and laughter....and we got a little quilting done too. Congratulations to those that won raffle prizes. We look forward to seeing all the quilts that were created at a future show & tell. For those that participated in the quick strip quilt challenge on Sunday morning, please remember to bring your quilts to the guild meeting on Saturday so we can show them to those that were unable to attend the getaway.

Tax Status Update

Liz McGuire, Treasurer

Effective October 12, 2010, the IRS granted HRQG, Inc. federal tax-exempt status as a "social club" 501(C)7. Our first annual federal tax return Form 990-N e-Postcard was filed and accepted on January 21, 2011.

Teachers Training at "Quilt in a Day"

Submitted by Guild Member, Jean Baker

In early February I had the opportunity to trek across the country to San Marcos, CA. My destination was teachers training at "Quilt in a Day". I was delighted to leave the snow and gray skies of New England and arrive in California where it was 60⁰ (t-shirt and flip flop weather to us New Englanders). San Marcos is about 30 miles north of San Diego, nestled in rolling hills and lush green foliage.

Brimming with excitement, I pulled up to 1955 Diamond Street ready for a new adventure. The class was attended by 20 fellow quilters from all over the United States and one woman from Thailand. The diverse backgrounds included shop owners, quilting teachers and women who want to further themselves through their love of their craft. After setting up workstations we were invited to Eleanor's TV studio to experience her show. There was lots of singing, dancing, laughing and flinging fabric. She shared how she was inspired to choose different themes for her TV program.

Sue Bouchard was our excellent instructor. We were shown how to visually take our students through each step of a project and what each step should look like. We had lots of projects to do and kept us busy.

In between projects, discussions and breaks we met members of the "Quilt in a Day" family. Eleanor took us on a tour of the warehouse (with LOTS of fabric!!), her sewing studio, customer service, kit cutting and the art department. All her employees are very friendly and they really love their jobs! "Quilt in a Day" is very relaxed and very family friendly. You'll see the family dogs (Tabitha, Benjamin and Peanut) wander through and even family members (which included her new granddaughter, Kiley). Eleanor greets customers in the shop and invites them to join in the sessions in the studio. She invites the dutiful quilting husbands to join in some fun while their wives shopped.

Our discussions included students, running retreats and electronic resources available to quilters. Sounds serious, but we ended up laughing.

The second day included a night sewing session with Eleanor. The project was Radiant Star, which was just released. Lots of tips on techniques and of course, fun, food and laughter!

The last day came too quick. Lots more sewing, discussions and after lunch, graduation. After diplomas were handed out we headed outside and took our class picture around the "Quilt in a Day" sign. After many pictures there were a round of hugs and goodbyes.

We all hated to go, but we had three days of learning, sewing, laughing, dancing and flinging fabric along with making new friends. What more could you ask for?

P.S. Eleanor will be inducted into the Quilter's Hall of Fame in 2012.

Are you making a Dear Jane Quilt or wanting to start one?

Submitted by Guild Member, Norina Perry

Norina Perry is still looking for fellow guild members that are currently making or would like to start making the Dear Jane quilt so you can network together to share ideas and helpful hints on the making of this wonderful quilt. If you are interested please contact Norina at dancingwoman06@comcast.net or 617-347-0460.

<u>Sewfisticated Has a New Store!</u> Submitted by Guild Member, Pat O'Leary

Sewfisticated has a new store in the former Fabric Place location in Framingham. Visit www.sewfisticated.com for more information.

For Sale!Submitted by Guild Member, Veronica Walsh

Bernina 200 sewing and embroidery machine with BSR (Bernina Stitch Regulator). 5 years old, excellent condition, only used for embroidery. All accessories and extra hoops included....\$3,200.00. Call Veronica Walsh at 617-308-1011 if you are interested in purchasing the machine or have any questions.

75% Challenge or No-Buy Pledge!!

Do you have way too much fabric in your stash? Are you interested in a challenge to use that fabric? Janice Barclay is challenging anyone who wants to participate to sign a pledge to either make guilts where at least 75% of the fabric in the quilt comes from your stash or to pledge to only buy fabric for backgrounds, sashings, borders, bindings and backings but the rest of the fabric in the quilt has to come from your stash. If you sign the pledge you have to do this for one year (April 1, 2011 to March 31, 2012). You're still able to buy fabric (25%) for the quilt or backgrounds, sashings, borders, bindings and backings) but it has to be for a particular project, not just cause it's pretty and calls to you. During this time you are also able to buy one fat quarter a month, or save up and not buy for a few months and then get more fat quarters. Please see Janice Barclay at one of the guild meetings if you'd like to take the pledge. Your reward next April 2012? Lots of show & tell throughout the year where you can gloat that the quilt came from your stash, more room in your fabric closet and a nest egg to go buy more fabric or maybe that new sewing machine you've always wanted!

Are you a Fabricaholic? There might be help for you!

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SELF TEST TO DETERMINE IF YOU ARE TRULY ADDICTED TO FABRIC OR JUST A SMALL TIME COLLECTOR

by Fabric Collectors Anonymous

Check all that apply:
You subscribe to two or more fabric related magazines. (Yes, quilting magazines count.)
Every bed in the house has fabric stored underneath it.
You tell the salespeople at the fabric store to mind their own business when they ask you what you are
planning to make with your fabric purchase.
The trunk of your car has a least one sack of fabric that you are waiting to bring in when no one is looking
You could make outfits for the entire cast of a large Broadway musical with fabric you have already
purchased.
You buy fabric when it is on sale even though you have no idea what you will use it for.
You buy fabric when it is on sale even when you don't really like the fabric.
When you go to quilt shows you find at least one fabric in each quilt that you have in your collection.
Even when you have no money to buy fabric, you are compelled to go to fabric stores just to touch and
smell it.
You would rather shop for fabric than take a cruise to the Bahamas. (Unless there were fabric stores
available on the boat of course.)
available on the boat of course.
If you checked at least two of these questions you are a borderline fabricaholic. If you checked at least four you
are a member in good standing. If you checked five or more you are my kind of person and worthy of the title
"Fabric Queen," or "Fabric King," as the case may be. (Not all fabric collectors are women, you know!)
rabile Queen, or rabile King, as the case may be. (Not all labile confectors are wollen, you know!)

Top Ten Fabricaholic Excuses

- 10. You don't smoke, drink or gamble and this is your only vice.
- 9. Your house might get termites someday and you need enough fabric to make the tent to cover it.
- 8. You can make three skirts for less than it would cost to buy one readymade. (Of course you never actually make the skirts, but they don't need to know that.)
- 7. You plan to use the fabric for wallpaper when you redecorate.
- 6. You are working with David Copperfield on his next magic trick in which he will attempt to make Cleveland disappear.
- 5. You have volunteered to make sleep mats for every kindergarten student in the state.
- 4. You are a test site for a major fabric manufacturer to determine how long fabric can be left in a plastic sack before it disintegrates.
- 3. You are writing a book titled "One Thousand Years of Fabric," and need several samples of fabric for each
- 2. You had stockpiled fabric in preparation for Y2K and now you are stuck with it.

AND THE NUMBER ONE EXCUSE TO GIVE ABOUT WHY YOU HAVE SO MUCH FABRIC------IT WAS ON SALE!!!!!!!



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