

HRQG Newsletter March 2013



Greetings Ladies,
Even though it's been cold this winter we had been lucky with very little snow up until the latest two snowstorms. I hope everyone made it through the storms okay. We were without electricity, heat and water for three days during the first storm. It made me appreciate what our foremothers went through trying to quilt in the cold weather without lights. Our house got down to 42 degrees inside and it was very hard to do handwork because my fingers were so cold. Trying to quilt by candlelight was a challenge. I know those ski bunnies in the group are happy to get out on the slopes, but I'm happy that I can sit inside and quilt and look out at the snow after finishing all the shoveling. Yes, it's good exercise to go out and shovel, but if we stitch fast enough, doesn't that count as aerobic exercise? I hope you've found some time out of your busy schedules to quilt even if it's only for a short amount of time each week.

It has been fun to see all the mystery quilts from our January 5th Mystery Quilt Day come to life. Thanks to Kathy Rich and Sue Hart for organizing another fun mystery quilt for us. It amazes me that no one in the group had the same fabrics in their quilts. I'm still working on my mystery quilt and hope to have the top ready for show & tell in March so it doesn't sit in the pile of UFO's like the mystery quilt from 2012 that is still unfinished...sigh. Hopefully that one will also get completed sometime soon.

Thank you to everyone who stayed to make comfort quilts during our guild's Comfort Quilt Day on February 2nd. It is inspiring to see the quilts that were already finished and donated and to see all the different quilts people were working on during the day and to hear all the friendly chatter in the room. Many thanks to our Comfort Quilt Committee (Vivian Cardinal, Debbie Louma and Wendy Morgan) for all the work they did to coordinate the day and for making up all the kits that people worked on or took home to complete. Thanks also to Joyce Archer and Susan Bernard for the delicious soups they brought for us to enjoy.

Please know that all the comfort quilts you make will give someone in need a warm hug no matter what fabrics or which pattern you use.

It has also been exciting to hear all the stories about the UFO's that have been completed as part of our UFO challenge. We hope this has encouraged everyone to dig into their closets and work on quilts that have been "marinating" for a few years. Get them out and finish them so you can make room for more fabric and feel good about starting a new project.

If you're looking for some quilting inspiration, please remember to support our sister guilds in the area and visit their quilt shows. We've listed some of the upcoming shows farther in the newsletter so you can plan your future road trips.

Take care, be well, and remember any day spent quilting is a good day. If you keep your end tables and coffee tables full of quilting, you won't have to dust them.

- Mary Ann Karpinski

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Upcoming Programs

March 2, 2013 - Terri Sontra (Head Moose) from Purple Moose Designs will do a lecture on "Everything You Always Wanted to Know about Machines Needles". There will be no classes that day, but Purple Moose Designs will be vending. For more information on Purple Moose Designs visit <http://www.purplemoosedesigns.com/>

April 6, 2013 - Sue Pelland will present a lecture/trunk show, give demonstrations, and vend. Visit Sue's website: <http://suepellanddesigns.com>

May 4, 2013 - Cary Flanagan from Something Sew Fine will do a lecture on "Beginning Quilter to Professional Quilt Pattern Designer". The class will be "Cut, Shuffle & Go." The class is for the beginning quilter on up (fun for every level). For more information on Something Sew Fine visit <http://www.somethingsewfine.com/> or see Cary's blog at <http://www.somethingsewfine.blogspot.com/>

June 1, 2013 - TBA

HRQG Raffle Quilt Winner

from Mary Beth Sayers

Have you ever wondered about the person who wins the raffle quilt at our biannual show? The winner for 2012 was Beth Gilmore from Brewster, MA. Beth saw the picture of the quilt in the email sent out by HRQG member Maribeth Sayers, and immediately signed on for some chances.



Although she doesn't quilt herself, Beth and her family love quilts and can often be found cozying up underneath one in front of the fireplace. Genuinely thrilled and grateful to be the lucky winner of such a gorgeous quilt, Beth is trying to decide whether to hang it or put it on her bed.

The 2012 raffle quilt, "Six Squared", was an original design by HRQG member Fiona Wysocki, and its completion was coordinated by Liz McGuire and the Raffle Quilt Committee. Many Guild members accepted the challenge of making the complex paper pieced blocks, and Maureen Anderson did the quilting.

Although our next show isn't until October, 2014, the raffle quilt will be started soon. If you have not participated in making one, this will be your chance. As they say, "many hands make light work", and it is so much fun to hear all the "oohs and aahs" and know that you were a part of creating such a masterpiece.

New England Quilt Museum Exhibitions:

Masters II: SAQA Art Quilts

(Jan.17 -April 13, 2013)

This exhibit features works from art quilters around the world.

SILK! Luxurious Antique & Contemporary Quilts

(April 18-July 7, 2013)

For more information about the museum, upcoming workshops, or these special exhibits, visit the New England Quilt Museum website. . .

www.nequiltmuseum.org

Have you ever wanted to visit one of the really big quilt shows? Susan Riley offers her perspective on the . . .

AQS Summer Show August 2012 Grand Rapids, MI

from Susan Riley

A large AQS banner welcomed all quilters to Grand Rapids at the Gerald Ford International Airport. This show is the largest multi-year venue ever booked in Grand Rapids. On opening day, quilters formed a flash mob on the Gillette Bridge holding their quilts and then proceeded into the Grand Gallery. There were 900 splendid quilts on display. Entrance numbers were expected to reach 15,000.

EXHIBITS: 50 Japanese Quilts.

Japanese quilters created the most exquisite quilts. Impressions: use of nature, attention to detail, re-use of family's kimonos, indigo, use of farmer's old work clothes, and incredible

embellishments. The blocks in one quilt were held together with teeny ¼ " yo-yos. Tradition patterns made with clean, simple lines made them appear modern; all were most intricate.

Tent Makers of Cairo. Although they are appliquers, they are not allowed to be called this since they are men so they are called tent makers. In Egypt, their shops are tiny and all quilts are on display from floor to ceiling. Their quilts are folded in thirds so they are able to display as many quilts as possible. By Thursday morning over half of their display had been purchased.

Guild Challenges: This exhibit of many guild challenges involved aisle after aisle of sensory overload and surprises. I was astonished at the creativity and exhausted after viewing them all. I redid these aisle three or four times each time noticing new things/designs/and hidden messages.

I did not take classes but spent two days viewing this wonderful venue of creativity with a friend I had taught with in the 60's in DC. Hands down, our favorite quilt in the display was a 90" x 60" Witches Brew by Cathy Wiggins of Macon NC. There was always a crowd around this quilt featuring three witches in a dungeon creating "Three Witches Wrinkle Lotion." The ingredients list was hand embroidered (3 months to accomplish) and the supplies needed to create this lotion were surrounding the witches. A photo of this quilt can be seen on the last page of the Sept 2012 issue of American Quilter.

A Win Win Deal

from Christine Moriarty

Do you know someone at a preschool, before/after school program or daycare?

These are usually run by artsy crafty ladies. Recently, I was able to donate a shopping bag of fabrics including some precuts from lost projects to three ladies. It reduced my stash and I recycled!



Mary Ann and Kathy Rich at our December auction to help a local animal shelter.

Out and About

March 2, 2013 - 18th Annual Benefit Quilt Show & Luncheon, Second Congregational Church of Cohasset, 43 Highland Avenue, Cohasset, MA 02025. Tickets are available for \$15 by calling the Second Congregational Church 781-383-0345 or by sending a SASE to the church at 43 Highland Avenue, Cohasset, MA 02025, with your check. Ticket price includes luncheon. All proceeds benefit The Spark Center in Mattapan, serving some of Boston's most high risk children: those living with complicated medical conditions as well as those with significant family or social concerns.

**March 16 & 17 - Rhododendron
Needlers Quilt Guild's "Traditions &
Treasures Quilt Show**

Saturday 10AM - 5PM, Sunday 10AM - 4PM @ the Blue Hills Regional Technical School 800 Randolph Street Canton, MA, The show will feature hundreds of beautiful quilts, vendor booths, a boutique of quilting and craft items made by members, raffle baskets and quilt, and a children's activity area.

"The Martha Howard Quilt," the oldest American made whole-cloth quilt, will also be on display. This quilt was made 227 years ago in Canton, MA.

Quilt appraisals by appointment are available by certified appraiser, Vivian Sayre. To make an appointment, email: appraisal_req@mqq.org

March 22-24 2013 Schoolhouse Shop Hop - For information, visit <http://www.schoolhouseshophop.com/>

April 6 & 7, 2013: "Hands All Around Quilt Show"

Hands Across the Valley Quilt Guild, U Mass Amherst Campus Center, One Campus Way, Amherst, MA, 10am-4pm, Admission \$8. For more information visit www.handsacrossthevalley.org

April 26 & 27, 2013: Merrimack Valley Quilters Guild 33rd Annual Show

"Remember When", Timberlane Regional Middle School, 44 Greenough Road, Plaistow, NJ. For more information visit <http://mvquilters.wordpress.com>

May 31 – June 2, 2013: The Quilters' Connection 35th annual quilt show at the [Arsenal Center for the Arts](#), 321 Arsenal Street, Watertown, MA. For more

information visit: <http://www.quiltersconnection.org/quiltshow.html>

May 31-June 1, 2013: A Quilters' Sampler

Courtyard by Marriott, 2200 Southwood Drive, Nashua, NH

Quilts for Ghana

from Linda Nicholson

How do I get involved in these projects? Four years ago, my daughter's co-worker found out that I made quilts. She makes quilts also, and she works full time at Children's Hospital. Children's Hospital was sponsoring trips to Ghana for the Boston doctors and nurses to teach doctors and nurses in Ghana how to do pediatric cardiac surgeries. When the Boston team goes each October, they bring medical equipment, supplies, quilts for the young patients, and school supplies for a nearby school. They post a blog so we can read about their adventures and see some patients with quilts wrapped around them. There are many tug-at-your-heart stories on the blog posted by medical personal as they get to know the families of their young patients. The children love bright colorful quilts. Since we started making quilts for this group, we have made over sixty quilts. "WE" includes Anne Marcin, Maureen Anderson, Jackie Leahey, Cyndi Meaney, Janet Bernault, Nancy McLain, Laura McManus, and Anna Gregorian, and me. Once in a while a few quilters from Herring Run have donated quilts or tops, but I never wrote down their names. Thank you to all who have donated. The quilts we make are simple: a colorful top, no batting, and a flannel backing. If you have any colorful cotton material or a quilt top looking for a good home, I DO take donations!

A Special Thanks

from Gina Szwedko

I would just like to send out a Great Big Thank You!!! to Kathy Rich for all her hard work and dedication to our guild. I took part in the Mystery at the January meeting and I loved it! (I was a mystery virgin, but no more) I can't wait to do one again!!! My mother and sister enjoyed themselves also and were so thrilled to see the end product. Never did we think that we could put something together that would look that good. I'm thankful for her time and effort to make sure we have great programs!

Keep up the great work Kathy!

COOL WEBSITES

Riley Blake Designs

<http://www.rileyblakedesigns.com/how-to-videos-new/>

This site offers a number of "How to Videos" on a variety of quilting topics.

The Sentimental Quilter

<http://sentimentalquilter.blogspot.ca/>

If you love small quilts with an antique touch, then you'll love this blog.

America the Beautiful

from Lynn Anastos

A little challenge at Quilter's Faire in Palm Desert, CA, caught the eyes of Lynn Anastos and Susan Riley. For the election year, the theme was America the Beautiful - the first verse only. For \$10 you got the name of a state (blind draw) and you had to interpret the song with that state as your inspiration. Over the phone, no less, one of the employees drew Montana for Lynn and Nebraska for Susan. The quilts



were to be on the small side as hanging space was limited. People from all over the US entered and visitors to the shop and the Quilter's Faire web site voted for their favorites. Michigan won first place and Montana and Oregon tied for second. The quilts were hung from October 1st until just after Election Day.

Here's a close-up of one section from Lynn's piece.



Newsletter Submissions

Thank you to all who submitted items to this issue of the HRQG newsletter. Please send articles, news, favorite quilt websites and blogs, tips, and any other quilt related items for the next issue to Janice Smith, 28 Webb Street, Weymouth, MA, or to jesmith28@comcast.net

