

HRQG Newsletter

September 2012

President's Letter

Greetings! Where did the summer go? I hope you were able to find some time to relax, quilt, and perhaps visit a quilt show for inspiration.

The board and guild committees met in July and discussed plans for the upcoming guild year. We hope you're ready to have fun and will be inspired to learn new things. Please remember our next guild meeting is **Sept. 8th** (the second Saturday due to the Labor Day holiday). At this meeting there will be last minute quilt show organizational details and the judging of our challenge quilts "Make Me Laugh." Ribbons will be given to the top five challenge quilts, and all challenge quilts submitted will be hung at the quilt show for all to enjoy. We'll also have a presentation by a professional organizer. It will be a busy meeting.

Thanks go to our quilt show chairs and quilt show committee members who have worked hard over the summer to get things organized for our **Sept. 22 & 23** quilt show. It should be a spectacular quilt show with the quilts entered by our guild members, our challenge quilts, and other special exhibits the committee has organized. The show committees are still looking for volunteers to help with various things before, during, and after

the show. There will be sign-up sheets at our September 8th meeting. We can't have a great show without everyone's help. Even if you can only come for an hour, your help will be greatly appreciated.

I had a little time this summer to "try" and organize my sewing room. I am convinced that some of our projects need to be set aside for some time to marinate. How many of you, like me, have found an old project and thought... "When did I start putting THAT together?!?! How long has THAT been in that bag or box?!?!?" We won't talk about all the fabric stashed away or the unused tools, books, and patterns that were bought on a whim. That's for another time. I've created a challenge for those that are interested in finishing some of those projects that have been sitting around for years. There are details later in this issue. I hope you'll play along and be inspired by some of these projects.

If you have any questions or concerns about things that are happening at the guild or have a suggestion about something you'd like to see us do, please let me or one of the board members or committee chairs know. We want everyone to enjoy coming to each and every guild meeting.

I look forward to seeing you on September 8th. Enjoy the rest of your summer and keep quilting!

Mary Ann Karpinski

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HRQG Show

from Nancy Robinson and Sue Hart

Can you believe it's just a month until our fabulous quilt show!! I hope you're all busy finishing up those quilts and are sewing on the sleeves. Thanks to all of

you who are entering quilts in the show; we have over 150 so it will be wonderful! At the September meeting, we will be finalizing the sign ups for all the various jobs that need to be done to make it a successful show. Please consider signing up in several different areas. It's really fun to be at the show and watch people enjoying our handiwork. We also need people to be sitting near doorways to make sure that no one tries to take home anything that they shouldn't. This is a perfect job for you if you have some handwork, or even machine work, to do. It's also a great chance to show what we do! Everyone working at the show will be wearing a blue apron so visitors will know to whom they may address questions.

Remember that we give away magazines [in good condition, with no articles ripped out] to folks who come to the show so please start gathering the ones you will give away. Also, be making items for the silent auction and the boutique. There will be labels for boutique items at the September meeting. When you're shopping, pick up an item, or ask for one to be donated, for the door prize table. It should be new and it doesn't have to be big [one fat quarter, a spool of thread, a seam ripper, and so on will be fine.]

Bags for show quilts will be passed out at the September meeting which is a very important meeting during a show year! If you've made a quilt for the

challenge, bring that too as we will be voting on them at this meeting.

If you would like to provide a basket to be auctioned off, please make sure Sue or I have your name and the type of basket you will provide. Soon we'll ask for a list of "ingredients" in your baskets so we can make uniform tags for them listing what's inside. We don't want people trying to take them apart to see what's hidden behind something! The show committee will be meeting August 19 to iron out last minute details. We hope you are as excited about this show as we are!!

THINK PINK

from Joy Lavery

As you get ready for our fabulous quilt show, please keep the Silent Auction in mind.

Our pink and white basket is always a big hit. This year we are making 9 inch friendship blocks. The pattern is posted on the HRQG website. . .

<http://www.herringrunquiltguild.com/>

I am also looking for items that can be auctioned off. Small items do well: baby blankets, fat quarter collections, even a kit that you bought and never used, as well as books or patterns.

Please remember all proceeds go to Breast Cancer Research.

I can collect items at the September meeting or at the Friday night setup for the quilt show.

Boutique Ideas

from Susan Riley

There will be two major changes to the boutique this September!

1. ONLY large neon price tags will be used; please do not reuse any tiny ones that you currently have as those teeny ones have a tendency to disappear. Tags will be available at the September meeting. The guild will receive 15% of your sales totals so filter that percentage into your final price.
2. All efforts to protect your items from theft will be taken; a disclaimer for loss will be added to your inventory sheet this year. All vendors know that some loss will occur.

Boutique Ideas: small, practical gifts are best. I find that many people will buy for themselves when "shopping for others." Items in the \$5-25 range tend to move the quickest. Practical items, created in new trendy fabrics will be certain to catch an eye.

Many websites have wonderful patterns. Share patterns/time with a friend, but please read the pattern details carefully as many patterns state that not more than 12 items may be sold. Some state that nothing may be sold!

Please find a few ideas listed below. Make some for HRQG and some for yourself to sell at the Boutique. This is your chance to justify your stash! Enjoy the following sites to jump start your creative juices.

Browse through Moda's Bake Shop site <http://www.modabakeshop.com/> Martha Stewart's web pages, and your favorite blogs. Check archives sidebars and their Oct-Dec postings. Most blogs have PDF downloads of clever projects for free.

Browse through your November/ December quilting & crafting magazines stash.

Make ornaments of all holidays
Sewing Aids: scissor cases, small needle/thread caddies, small zippered bags, pincushions, etc

Browse through [Etsy.com](https://www.etsy.com) to see what others are creating and check out their tutorials!

Items for children: aprons/smocks, baby blankets, bibs, burp cloths, pillowcases, hair clips, tooth fairy bags/ pillows, fabric balls, finger puppets, crayon carry cases, felt dolls, fleece softie toys, bracelets, etc.

Adults: scarves, book marks, head bands, belts, tote bags, wallets, cell phone carriers, gift tags, luggage tags, coasters, placemats, sewn paper stationary.

Programs

from Kathy Rich

September: We will have Erica Salloux, a professional organizer from Living Harmony to help us get our sewing rooms in order. The Challenge quilts will also be judged.

October: Maureen Bird will talk about what to do with your stash now that

you have it all organized. Her class, "A Scrappy Trip around the World" is for confident beginners and beyond and it still has a few openings. Sign up at the September meeting

November: We are hoping for a trunk show from one of our members member.

December: We are going to have an auction with the proceeds going to an animal shelter. We will be looking for items to be auctioned. These items do not need to be just quilt related. We are looking for items such as a full set of quilt blocks, batting, services, weekend getaways, restaurant gift certificates, etc.

If you'd like to donate any items, please contact me at astitchngoodtime@verizon.net.

January: We will be doing another Mystery Quilt. The sign up will take place in October and November.

February: Comfort Quilts

March - June: TBA

COMFORT QUILTS

Do you ever wonder where the comfort quilts that we make find a home? Well, Joanne Joyce and Vivian Cardinal have distributed all of last year's quilts. They report that everyone was very happy and grateful for the quilts.

The Plymouth Area Coalition for the Homeless in Kingston received twenty-three children's quilts, one for every child currently residing there.

The South Shore Women's Resource Center in Plymouth received nine women's quilts and six children's quilts.

Five men's quilts, three children's quilts, and six women's quilts went to The Hospice of the South Shore in Rockland,

The South Shore Chapter of Quilts for Kids received six quilts.

When Joyce and Vivian delivered the quilts they were told how much it means to the people who receive them which reinforces just how important it is that we continue this work.

"CEAD MILE FAILTE"

from Christine Moriarty



(Colleens left to right: Pat Sudimack, Sheila Berry, and Christine Moriarty)

One hundred thousand welcomes - this is what greeted us at Ireland's first international quilt festival. It was held on

the charming old campus of the university in Galway, which has a quad that looks like Fenway Park with beautiful tree-lined walkways. The exhibits were located in several halls, each one with its own theme, among them: floral - beautiful, 3D - fun, miniatures - wow, home countries - team USA good show, African, Australian, European, Irish and British all great stuff. A favorite was the Chocolate Theme - very clever, happy quilts shown in a corridor leading to a tea shop that served pastries with, of course, lots of chocolate. The pub on campus was temporarily named "The Wicked Thimble" for the festival.

Going along with the welcoming theme, a request was sent out for sample squares showing the hand of friendship to be displayed in the Welcome Center. There were 350 squares sewn in panels and three of them were from yours truly!! It was so exciting to find our squares among those from all over Europe, USA, Ireland, and Great Britain. We can now honestly say that we are international exhibitors.

The quilt festival was a highlight of our two week vacation in Ireland. We travelled with three other women. They aren't quilters, so they spent the day touring the city of Galway. We had rented a cottage on the east coast for a week and another cottage for the second week just outside of Galway City.

We spent our days tooling around the country in our rented car, sightseeing, visiting friends, and dancing. Yes, we did manage to find several good pubs.

It was a grand time. If you've got about two or three hours, we (Sheila Berry, Pat Sudimack, and Christine Moriarty) can fill you in on the details and show you our pictures from this wonderful trip.

Falmouth Getaway Update -

April 12 - 14, 2013

-Denise Fitzgerald

We have thirty-five members signed up so far for the getaway weekend. The excitement is building! We are planning a mystery quilt and possibly a beach bag class. Our theme for the weekend will be nautical theme!!! More info to come.

Friday , Saturday and Sunday – We will have use of the sewing room from 8 AM till 11PM. Check-in time is 4PM so you will have to wait until there are rooms available, but you can setup in the sewing area right away. I would suggest you leave your non-sewing items and luggage in your car if you arrive early.

Friday Night –Dinner will be at 7 PM.
(included in the price)

Saturday - Breakfast Buffet (included in the price)

Lunch and Dinner on Saturday and Sunday will be on your own.

Sunday - Breakfast Buffet (included in the price)

Sewing room open all day.

Check out is 11AM

There is a Starbucks in the hotel as well as a restaurant and pub.

Sign ups for the Getaway will take place at the September and October meetings. A \$50.00 deposit is required.

Make your **room reservations** by

March 1st.

Sea Crest Beach Hotel, 350 Quaker Road, North Falmouth, MA 02556

508-540-9400

NOTE BE SURE TO MENTION THAT YOU ARE WITH THE HERRING RUN QUILTERS GROUP TO GET THE GROUP RATE OF \$119.00/PER NIGHT & TAXES
This rate applies for 1 or 2 people.

KUDOS

The quilters from Herring Run Quilt Guild again made themselves known in the Peggy Beals Quilt Block Contest at the Marshfield Fair. Six members had their blocks juried into the 2012 quilt, five of them repeat winners and one a first timer. Twenty blocks are chosen for the complete quilt. Charlene Schultz, who entered for the first time, had her block accepted and Lynn Anastos, Nancy Currie, Tracey MacKenzie, Christine Moriarity, and Renee Roberts were repeat winners. The theme was "Trip Around the World." Hopefully many of you saw the quilt at the fair this year. Many members also helped with the quilting during the fair. Raffle tickets were available during the fair and will be sold throughout the

year for the 2012 quilt which will be raffled off at the end of the 2013 fair.

Next year the PBQBC will be "The Civil War Anniversary Quilt." Start thinking about ways to interpret the theme using fabrics and colors that reflect the era so the HRQG will again have a strong showing!

Kathy Rich found a picture of her prize winning quilt in *The Quilter* this spring in an article about the MQX quilt show.

Challenge: Finish those quilt projects hidden in your sewing room!!!

from Mary Ann Karpinski

There are many names for those unfinished quilt projects we all have stashed in our closets, under the bed or in drawers or bags...WIPs (works in progress), UFOs (unfinished objects), 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). 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? I have a challenge for you!!!

Here are the rules. They're simple. 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 me at the September or October guild meeting. Starting at

the October meeting I 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 a name and give the winner 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.

Quilt Buddies

by Mary Ann Karpinski

Would you like to meet new quilters? We are looking for "quilt buddies" to take new guild members under their wings to show them the ropes regarding how our guild works. If you would like to be a "quilt buddie" please let Mary Ann Karpinski or our Membership Committee (Charlie DiSante and Virginia Mills) know and we'll match you up with a new guild member.

the show and hit quilt shops all along our route back home. Next year, we plan to hit the Maine Quilt Festival.

Looking for Quilt Mentors

from Mary Ann Karpinski

The goal of the Herring Run Quilters' Guild is to provide an atmosphere which nurtures us as quiltmakers. Our members possess all skill levels, from beginners to experts. We're looking for "quilt mentors" who would be willing to take the time to show other guild members different quilting techniques, and we are also looking for guild members who would like to be matched up with a quilt mentor. We will have the church hall available on the afternoon of our November 3rd meeting if you want to stay and sew with a mentor or you can arrange a meeting at another time. Are you willing to be a "quilt mentor" and share your knowledge of quilting or are you looking to learn from a "seasoned" quilter? Please let Mary Ann Karpinski know at one of the guild meetings if you're interested.



Pictured from left to right: Gina Szwedko, guild member; Donna Silva, our Mom; and Kristen Anderson, guild member.

Looking for Volunteers - 2014 Raffle Quilt

from Mary Ann Karpinski

It may seem early to start asking for volunteers already, but we are looking for people to help with our next raffle quilt for our 2014 quilt show. If you want to help organize our next raffle quilt, help on the raffle quilt committee, or have ideas for a quilt we can make please see Mary Ann Karpinski (maktjk9@aol.com) or Sue Hart

Vermont Quilt Show Visit

from Kristin Anderson

My sister and I attended the Vermont Quilt Festival this year with our Mom. It was the first time at the show for all of us, and we had so much fun. As a beginner quilter, I was amazed at the beautiful quilts; some were even made by seven year olds. We visited

(svhart@comcast.net) at the September meeting or email either one of us. Thank you!

New England Quilt Museum

The current exhibit at the museum is “BACKSTITCH - A 25-Year Retrospective of Advances & Milestones in Quilting. This exhibit runs through October 14th.

“GREAT QUILTS, GREAT STORIES - Treasures from the Permanent Collection” runs from October 18-December 29, 2012

Remember that in honor of the museum’s silver anniversary, there is free admission on the 25th of each month. (Note: The museum is closed on Mondays.) For more information, go to (<http://nequiltmuseum.org/home.html>).

Advice on Washing Quilts

from Susan Riley

From *Household Discoveries, 1908* comes this advice for washing quilts:

“Sometimes a heavy comforter can be washed by simply tacking it smoothly on a clean shingle roof and letting the rain fall on it. It is well to previously soak it for a 1/2 hour or more in a strong solution of common salt to prevent the colors running.” Page 218

This book was a hoot to read and exhausting when you think about ALL of the tasks for which a housewife was responsible in that era.

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A Quilters’ Gathering

Nov.1 - 4 at the Radisson - Manchester, NH (www.aquiltersgathering.com)

Note: This marks a change in venue from previous shows.

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Panguitch Quilt Festival

from Ellen Patroli

While looking up different quilt festivals around the country, I came across a wonderful story about the origins of the Panguitch-Quilt Walk festival. The town of Panguitch, Utah, was settled by fifty-four pioneer families in 1864. After the failure of their crops the first year, the settlers, hungry and desperate for supplies sent seven men forty miles away for help. The Panguitch area is made up of rocky terrain, severe climate, and sub-freezing weather for seven months out of the year. The men drove oxen teams as far as the base of the mountain, then proceeded on foot. The snow was deep, and the men sank; the going was slow and difficult.

The story deviates at this point, but one version is that the men knelt on a quilt to pray and found that they did not sink into the snow. The quilt allowed them to remain on the surface of the snow. Thus, all seven men formed a line, laying their quilts on the snow and then walking across the quilts. This procedure was repeated all the way across the

mountain, and the trek became known as the quilt walk. Parowan pioneers came to meet the men, who were fed, sheltered, and given grain.

Sources:

<http://www.quiltwalk.org/index.html>

<http://www.panguitch.org/>

Quilt Blogs

Do you have a favorite quilt website or quilt blog? If so, please send the information along to be included in the next issue of the newsletter.

If you have a moment, get comfortable, pour yourself a beverage, and check out these sites.

Amy Smart's blog, "The Diary of a Quilter"

<http://www.diaryofaquilter.com/> offers many excellent tutorials. Some of the tutorials are geared to beginner quilters, while other are for fun quilt projects.

Bonnie K. Hunter's "Quilts and Snips!"

<http://www.quiltville.blogspot.com/> offers a large section of free scrappy quilt patterns.

If you enjoy art quilts, check out Laura Wasilowski's "Artfabrik" blog - <http://www.artfabrik.blogspot.com/>

Finally, check out Vania's "Papaveri e

Fiordalisi" - <http://vania-papaveriefiordalisi.blogspot.com/>

You don't have to speak Italian to appreciate Vania's quilts and handiwork.

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Newsletter Submissions

Please send articles, news, favorite quilt websites, tips, and other quilt related items for the newsletter to Janice Smith, 28 Webb Street, Weymouth, MA, or jesmith28@comcast.net

Deadline for submissions: **Nov.15th**

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