

Herring Run Quilters Guild
Saturday, June 10, 2023
Norwell, MA

Report of Committees:

President: Maureen MacLellan

- Opened the meeting by introducing the new board and committee chairs.
- There is an opening for a Programs chair and co-chair. Please consider volunteering for this position. Maureen MacLellan and Marie Nappi will fill in the gaps temporarily.
- The Board will meet more frequently to check-in, keep up to date with what members want. Please provide feedback with your suggestions or thoughts.
- There is a poster board near the membership table with information re: fall speakers, spreadsheet of the budget and a sign-up sheet for Competitive Edge scissors sharpening (coming in the fall).
- Cheryl Schenker had volunteered to conduct an internal audit of our guild this year. Next year, we will need to do an external audit as this is done every 2-3 years.
- By-Laws: have not been updated since 2010-2011. We need to update the by-laws and then add to the MA Corporate Database and our website.
**We need volunteers (group of 3) to review by-laws, suggests changes/updates and present to the Board for review. It is important to adhere to by-laws, and make sure that our contracts have correct dollar amounts and signatures on them.
- Budget: Member dues is \$40, Associate members \$20 (entitles them to 2 meetings and newsletter, not workshops). Dues pays our rent, storage and standing fixed costs. We are running at a bit of a deficit. Board is looking at budget. Discussed eliminating the mailed/color printed newsletters as those costs are high and board decided not to mail newsletters anymore. It will be on the website, and we will have a copy at meetings.
- One of the goals this year is to keep committee updates to 20-30" to allow for more time for Show and Tell and socialization.
- Committee Chairs are asked to update their committee job description. If anyone is interested in a committee, they are encouraged to shadow a committee chair/co-chair.

- Member booklet-in process of obtaining member information. Some are having difficulty opening the email and filling it out as it came through Google groups. Maureen to send out a PDF form to make it easier to fill out and send back-you do not need to create a Google account. This will not be an electronic version stored on our website. We have many new members, and this will help identify resources for members, i.e., businesses, long-arm quilters or just to put faces to names.

Treasurer:

- Cathy deVeer reported a balance of \$17,217.77 (before all dues are in)

Quilt Show:

- Rosemarie informed us we have 3 featured quilter members to be voted on today in the library. We will choose 1 member.

Hospitality:

- To keep costs down, we have decided to go back to a potluck style at the holidays. Discussion re: having sign-up sheets for each monthly meeting, go back to the alphabet split for sign-ups, sign-up sheets for help with set up and clean up. In the past, it was mandatory for sign-up for 1 month-either to bring food, drink, cups, set up or clean up. Any idea, recommendations, please let the Board know.
- Mary Granville (Hospitality Committee) would like to start clean-up right after coffee break so that hospitality crew and enjoy the speaker and not have to wait until the end of meeting to begin cleaning up.
- Suggestion was made to pull the chair carts closer to center of room before the meeting adjourns to avoid the bottleneck of returning chairs.

Programs:

- We are doing a summer Mystery Quilt. Instructions are being emailed to members now with mystery steps to be sent out in September.
- September will be show planning, member to member training, mystery quilt steps. October and November have speakers booked and December will be Holiday party with Potluck and cookie swap.
- New England Shop Hop- Michelle Medeiros had a sign-up table to pre-order the magazine (coming out in July) from her shop. The Shop Hop passport is included in the magazine. All 58 stores are in the magazine and each store stamps the passport and gives out a 6" block. The fabric line is an autumn

color palate. It was suggested by the Shop Hop that each store will be opened on 2 Sundays during each month of the Shop Hop.

- We are still in the planning stages of trying to organize a Shop Hop trip. Anyone interested in helping to organize and plan the Shop Hop, please contact Maureen or Marie.
- New at today's meeting is member to member training. Marie Nappi will do a demonstration on Modern Quilting after the meeting.

Membership:

- We had 1 visitor, and 3 new members join today. Total membership is at 148.
- Reminder to send in your dues.

BOM:

- New BOM for the summer, "Ribbon Star" in red, white, and blue. This will be due at the September meeting.

Raffle:

- Today's raffle included a 3-tiered storage cart, storage container with (8) half yard fabrics, pattern, chocolate.

Quilt Show Raffle Quilt:

- The quilt has been pieced and we saw the preview at today's meeting. Color way are blues, yellows, and whites. We are taking quotes now for long arming. **Please submit your quote to the Quilt Show Committee. It measures 91x91, can be overall or custom quilting. We will send out a picture of the quilt to members who are long-arm quilters. We would need submissions by July 4th.

Quilt Museum:

- Not even half of our allotted passes have been used. Have 8 passes. You just need to show a license or your membership card to use pass. Currently the Japan and Red/White exhibits are going on. The Guild quilts will be shown August 4th to September 9th. Member Susan Joseph is representing our guild.

Library:

- Have a super abundance of books. Older books are on the back table for \$1 per book donations. We have some new books in library.

Getaway:

- Surveys on back table if you haven't filled one out yet. Need input/ideas as Denise will be planning the retreat over the summer.

Show and Tell:

- We are trying to allow more time for show and tell for members to be able to tell us more about your quilts instead of rushing through it. There were many, many beautiful quilts shown today from a very talented group of people.