

Herring Run Quilters Guild
Saturday, March 1, 2025
Norwell, MA.

President: The meeting was called to order by Jennifer Brown, President, at 9:30.

Attendance: 92 Members. No guests or new members.

New Location Search Update: The team has been looking into a number of locations. A number of locations have been eliminated from consideration due to things like size or cost. There are four possibilities that meet most of our criteria.

1. Pembroke Community Center – It is a lovely facility with plenty of parking but there is no storage, they price by the hour, we can't go past 3 o'clock (for a workshop), and we have to pay extra for a custodian and staff person.
2. Samoset Rod & Gun Club in West Bridgewater – The per meeting charge is more than we are currently paying.
3. Congregational Church in Hanover Center – They have a nice meeting place with kitchen and some storage. Rack storage could be an issue. They are checking on storage and pricing but think it would be comparable to what we're paying now.
4. Stay where we are – The church is voting on the sale to Grace Church in a few weeks. We've been in touch with Chuck and hope that the new owners will be in touch with us soon

We'd like to have a decision by April or May. All locations seem to be flexible on the schedule. A change in location could mean a change in insurance costs as the requirements may change.

The members were asked how many would prefer to stay where we currently are and the majority preferred this option. The biggest problem is parking.

The team was asked if they checked into Cardinal Cushing Center. They are in the process of redoing their rental agreement and couldn't commit to price or dates and we're not sure there is enough parking.

The team was asked whether we looked at the guild's demographics. Most members live in this area with a few North and South. It will be difficult finding a place that works for everyone so we are trying to stay in the same vicinity.

Storage of the racks could be an issue. Currently the racks are being stored under half the stage, all the way to the back wall. We also need space for the library.

Nominating Committee: The committee is responsible for bringing forth nominations for officers and chairs for the May meeting. They are checking with people who are currently in those positions. A number of people have agreed to return, including membership, raffle basket, getaway, quilt challenge, comfort quilts, and library.

Open positions include: Vice President, Secretary, and Hospitality. Charlene is willing to step down from the Quilt Museum if someone wants to do it. The Website needs an owner. Peg Doyle will work with whomever wants to take it over. Programs needs two or three people. The quilt show needs a chair. This is not a lot of work because there are a lot of people to support you and everyone knows their jobs.

It may seem like a lot to be in charge of a committee but it really isn't. Think of it as a way to support the community and a way of meeting new people. If people don't step up then we will lose that committee. More than one person can help if you are thinking of volunteering and if you would like to do it with a friend. You can shadow people over the next few months. Newer members please consider volunteering. If anyone is interested, they can speak to whomever is performing the role now.

For programs, we have four or five speakers a year. If a group of four or five friends want to volunteer then each can take a month. We already have leads that have been generated from the website.

Treasurer: Cheryl read a very nice thank you note from the Breast Cancer Research Foundation for the donation made with funds raised during the silent auction.

Secretary: No update.

Membership: There are currently 144 members. If you are not receiving the emails check your junk mail or let Maribeth know.

Programs Update: All information is on the website.

- March – Tina Craig will be hosting a foundation piecing class to make either a table runner or wall hanging.
- April – Pat Delaney will be teaching a turned edge machine applique technique that looks like hand work. There is one opening.
- May – Amy Friend will show you how to create a quilt using different size blocks. Bring your orphan and extra blocks. You will not need a sewing machine for this class. You will work on the layout during the class and do the sewing at home. The cost is \$32.

Block of the Month: Next month's block will be Indigo Light. Use any other color you want. You will be able to find the instructions on the website. 16 blocks were turned in today. The winner of today's blocks was Hannah Woodbury.

Raffle Basket: Today's basket includes two St. Patrick's Day pillowcases, quilt back calculation guide, quick flying geese card, Tonga Treats, Pointy Strip Star pattern, a jelly roll, needle & pin retriever, and Hershey's Kisses. Today's raffle was won by Anne Dutson.

Comfort Quilts: Thank you to Jenn for hosting last month. There were around 30 volunteers and over 20 quilt tops were completed. There will be a bunch ready for binding soon if you'd like to help with that. Jenn is happy to host again next year. We received a nice thank you note for recent comfort quilt donations.

Quilt Museum: There are currently three exhibits. "Just Wanna Copyright for Makers" and "Maker Unknown" are there until March 29th. "Fierce Planets" is there until May 3rd. On Saturday, March 25th at 11 there will be a guest speaker, Dr. Sabine Stanley, talking about planetary science.

Hospitality: Thanks to everyone for bringing food and helping with setup. Anyone interested in taking over next year talk to Gina and/or Josephine.

Newsletter: The next newsletter should be out on May 1st. You can send items now until mid-April.

Library: Feel free to sign out books. We also have some templates. Any questions ask Mary. People have generously donated books. Extra books are on sale for \$1.

Getaway: The next getaway will be Sunday, April 27, 2025 to Wednesday April 30th at the Holiday Inn Express in Sturbridge. It is full. Reservations should be done by next week at the latest. See Denise if you need a roommate. If you need to cancel, let Denise know as soon as possible as there is a waiting list.

New Business:

- There is a quilt show at Hampshire College on May 3rd and 4th. If anyone is interested in trying to organize a road trip to Amherst, tickets will be discounted if 10 or more people attend. Volunteering would involve contacting that guild to find out what we need to do to purchase tickets, then finding out if anyone in the guild is interested. Our guild meeting is the 3rd so it would have to be planned for the 4th.
- There is a free quilt show in Concord, Mass on March 22 & 23. Quilts 250 – Stitching in the Spirit of Democracy.
- A few months ago, we mentioned that Susan Riley had generously offered to donate a raffle quilt made by the guild for a show back around 1998. The quilt is to be raffled off to benefit the Parkinsons Foundation. The lovely quilt was on display for people to see. By next meeting we will be organized to raffle it.
- Four people have stepped up to make the raffle quilt for the next show.

Show and tell started at 10:15. The business portion of the meeting ended at 10:55 after which Tina Craig shared a presentation and held a workshop.

Submitted by,

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