

Herring Run Quilters Guild  
Saturday, April 5, 2025  
Norwell, MA.

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

**Attendance:** 91 Members. One new member and one guest.

**New Location Search Update:** No decision has been made. There are two locations currently being considered that meet the criteria that had been identified at the start. The criteria included things like location (within 5-mile radius), parking, kitchen, and cost. Location is of particular importance because there is concern that if we move too far, we will lose guild members.

1. Congregational Church in Hanover Center – They have a nice meeting place with kitchen and can accommodate our storage needs. We think the rent will be less than what we are paying at the current location.
2. Stay where we are – The new owners have not been able to give us any information although it seems that they would like us to stay. We are pretty sure that the price will go up.

We will need to make a decision in the next month or so.

**Job Descriptions:** Job descriptions have been reviewed. Working on the final versions. We will soon have new and clean descriptions. The plan is to put them on the website so that everyone has access.

**Nominating Committee:** The committee is responsible for bringing forth nominations for officers and chairs for the May meeting. There are still opportunities if you want to get involved. It is a great way to get experience and meet new people.

Open positions include: Vice President, Hospitality, Website and Newsletter.

All officer positions must be filled. If we don't have a VP then we can't operate as a guild. If we don't have volunteers for the other positions then we won't have those committees.

Please see Anne or Jennifer if you are interested.

**Treasurer:** There were no big expenses in March.

**Secretary:** No update.

**Membership:** There are currently 144 members. Maribeth will start taking new members in September. Annual dues of \$40 are due next month. You can pay at next month's meeting or mail her a check. Let her know if your address or email has changed.

**Programs Update:** All information is on the website.

- April – Pat Delaney will be teaching a turned edge machine applique technique that looks like hand work.
- May – There are still a few openings. 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.
- Next Year - The team is starting to plan. On your chair is a survey. They are interested in hearing from you regarding what you'd like to have for programs. They already have a few ideas.

**Block of the Month:** Next month's block will be Decorate Your Garden. You will be able to find the instructions on the website. 8 blocks were turned in today. The winner of today's blocks was Etta Forti.

**Raffle Basket:** Today's basket includes a Nantucket mini-charm bag kit, Mettler thread pack (18 colors), bundle of Riley Blake fat quarters, 2 Tonga Treats, bobbin buddies, wool pressing mat, table runner pattern, and a chocolate bunny and eggs. Today's raffle was won by Anne Dutson.

**Comfort Quilts:** There are kits in the back in the bin. Jenn is here today if you have any quilts to hand in.

**Historian:** They are proceeding with obtaining historical records. They have purchased an external hard drive which will be backed up to the cloud. Scanning of documents has started. The May newsletter will include a list of items that Rose is searching for. Someone asked if we still have the old albums. The answer is yes and they are being scanned. If you have pictures Rose will take them. She's also looking for old show programs.

**Quilt Museum:** There are two tickets available that are good until June. “Fierce Planets” is there until May 3<sup>rd</sup>. “The Art of Make Do Quilting” and selections from the “Permanent Collection” are there until June 21<sup>st</sup>. Quilt Japan will be there May 6<sup>th</sup> – August 9<sup>th</sup>. A “Summer Celebration” will be coming. “Walk in the Woods” will be there September through December.

**Website:** No updates. Peg Doyle is happy to work with anyone willing to take this over next year.

**Hospitality:** Thanks to everyone for bringing food and helping with setup. We are looking for volunteers for hospitality next year. A team would be great!

**Newsletter:** The next newsletter will be out on May 1st. The deadline for submissions is April 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Library:** No updates. Books, rulers and templates are available.

**Getaway:** The next getaway will be Sunday, April 27, 2025 to Wednesday April 30<sup>th</sup> at the Holiday Inn Express in Sturbridge. There have been some changes to the local quilt shops. Denise will send out an updated list to everyone. Please refer to this list for days and times as well as discount information.

The room will be open starting at 8 am on Sunday. It will close at 5 pm on Wednesday. If you haven't reserved a room talk to her.

There will be a pizza party on Sunday night at 6:30. Let Denise know if you have any special diet concerns. She will order a larger salad this year.

**New Business:**

- Fabric has been donated and is located in the back.
- We were contacted by Catholic Charities in Brockton. They are looking for a volunteer Friday mornings to teach sewing and quilting. If you are interested let Lisa know and she will give you their contact information.

Show and tell started at 10:10. The business portion of the meeting ended at 10:50 after which Pat Delaney held a trunk show and workshop.

Submitted by,

Lisa Monroe