



Herring Run Quilter's Guild

AUGUST 2025 NEWSLETTER

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello ladies and gentlemen of HRQG!

I hope you are having an enjoyable summer and a productive one as well. (Never too early to start stressing about the quilt show! 😊)

I am looking forward to the coming year, both as your President and a Guild member, as I know we will have an exciting year of programs and I'm very pleased with the energy level of all committee members who have volunteered to help things run smoothly. I am grateful to have their help, as well as the assistance of a very capable vice president, Anne Selig! I hope you all get to know her over the coming year, and will not hesitate to come to us with questions or suggestions to help make the year more enjoyable for everyone.

This year will not only contain good fun and new learning opportunities, it will be a year in which we prepare for our biennial quilt show which will be held in September 2026. So, you have more than a year to get your quilts ready... and speaking for myself, it will take every minute of this coming year to get MY quilts in order!! I encourage every member to submit a sample of their work for the show - it can be a full-size quilt, an art piece, wearable art, anything you're working deserves to be seen. There's no such thing as "too much of a beginner", so step outside that comfort zone and show off what you've made!

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to be the president this year, and I hope together we will enjoy the company of other quilters and have a fun filled year!

Anne Marie Stanton

Herring Run Quilters will continue to meet in Norwell each month!



We are delighted to announce that we will continue meeting at the Fellowship Center, located at 11 Church Street in Norwell, each month. Grace Presbyterian Church has welcomed us, and we look forward to gathering there for this year!

HOSPITALITY - September

The September meeting will include lunch, to be provided by the Executive Board and Committee Members. However, any of our members can bring treats if they would like to....Thank you and see you in September!

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Workshops/ Programs for 2025-26

Hello Friends,

The Programming Committee hit the ground running as we began planning a fun and creative year ahead! A big thank-you to everyone who completed our recent survey—we did our best to check as many boxes as possible based on your feedback.

We hope you're as excited as we are about the upcoming events! Keep an eye on your inbox towards the end of August for more information regarding the upcoming schedule of Visiting Artists and workshop fees.

Yours in stitching,

Catherine, Debbie, Eleanor, Jane, and Peg

MEETING DATES

First Saturday of the Month - unless otherwise noted:

September 6, 2025

October 4

November 1

December 6

January 3, 2026

February 7

March 7

April 11 (*weekend after Easter*)

May 2

June 6

July-Aug *Summer Break/No Meetings*

September 6th Workshop: Name Badge Making

We're saying goodbye to passing the basket at meetings—this one's on us!

Join us as we help you create your very own **Herring Run name badge**.



Name Tags

We'll have friendly helpers on hand to guide you through the paper piecing process. Don't worry—once you get the hang of it, your tiny badge will be done faster than a herring can flick its tail!

Special thanks to **Peg**, who has kindly offered to bring her embroidery machine to personalize each badge with your name—how's that for service?

We'll provide the fabric pieces, but please **bring your sewing machine and essential tools**.
Free workshop.

October 4th Workshop: Creating Landscape Art with Laura Rosenspan

Following her inspiring trunk show *“Real and Imagined Places,”* Laura will lead a hands-on workshop focused on creating stunning landscape pieces using fabric and thread.

Learn how to bring your scene to life as Laura demonstrates techniques for adding **texture**, **shadows**, and **reflections**—all with fabric!

Participants can work from a **landscape sketch provided by Laura** or bring their own image for inspiration. As Laura says, *“I love helping students get the effects they want.”*

Don't miss this creative opportunity to explore fabric in a whole new way!

This is a **sewing machine class and essential tools**. A supply list will be sent prior to the class.

Class size is limited to 8-10 students.

November 1st Workshop: One-Yard Grocery Bags

We're starting a new guild tradition just in time for the season of giving!

In this free workshop, we'll be making **fabric grocery bags using only one yard of fabric**. We're encouraging each member to make **two bags**:

- One for us to donate to a local food pantry - TBD by the Programming Committee
- One for you to donate to a pantry of your choice

We think it's the perfect way to give back around **Thanksgiving** and to put some of that extra fabric we all have to good use.

Please **bring your sewing machine and essential tools**.

Free workshop.



BLOCK OF THE MONTH

The BOM for September is the Moda Blockheads 5, Group 2|Block 16, “Double Star” by Joanna Figueroa of Fig Tree & Co. It is posted on our website, where you will find the pdf pattern! We are asked to use “SUMMER COLORS” for this block!



Join the Moda Blockheads Facebook group for more info and updates!
@modafabrics





Double Star
by Joanna Figueroa of Fig Tree & Co.

It's really hard for me to pick my favorites when it comes to star blocks, but this Double Star block is at the top for sure. Part of it is because I get to squeeze in two stars into one block, and part of it is because that gives me more fabrics to play with!

 @figtreeandco  figtreeandcompany.com

Cutting Instructions

Qty	6" finished block	12" finished block
4	1 1/4" squares (A)	2 1/4" squares (A)
1	3" square (B)	4 1/2" square (B)
4	1 1/4" squares (C)	2" squares (C)
1	2" square (D)	3 1/2" square (D)
4	2 1/4" squares (E)	4 1/4" squares (E)
1	4 1/2" square (F)	7 1/2" square (F)
4	2" squares (G)	3 1/2" squares (G)





QUILTER'S RAFFLE BASKET

Maryellen and I are looking forward to another successful Quilter's Raffle Basket in the year ahead.

If you have any suggestions, ideas or thoughts regarding the raffle baskets, please let us know... either email one of us or catch us at one of the meetings.

We will gladly take any donations of baskets (much needed), pre-cut fabrics, kits, notions, etc., for the raffles.

Keep us in mind if you are cleaning out your sewing rooms!

We appreciate all your support in our first year of taking on this committee,

Lynne Cleary & Maryellen Lawrence

PS: We will both be away for the first meeting in September as we both booked vacations without consulting each other first! Anne Dutson and Denise Fitzgerald have graciously volunteered to run the raffle table for the September meeting.

COMFORT QUILTS

We were gifted several beautiful quilt tops from the family of a quilter who passed away recently that need to be quilted. Comfort Quilts will supply the batting, backing and binding fabric. The tops are small to medium in size - nothing too big. If you are interested in quilting one (or more!) of these quilts, please contact Jen Cannizzaro. We will have plenty of kits at our meeting in September.



SAVE THE DATE!

The Herring Run Quilt Show will be held
Saturday, Sept. 19 & Sunday, Sept. 20, 2026
at the Boys and Girls Club of Marshfield.
The set-up will be on Friday, September 18 after 5:00
pm

We will be providing more information during the
monthly guild meetings or the newsletter.

We are looking forward to having a great show in 2026!

Donna Kymalainen
Quilt Show Chair

7. Flowers by Fat Quarter Shop



Time to plan for the Silent Auction - 2026 HRQG Show

The Silent Auction is a fundraiser to raise money for Breast Cancer Research. At our last show we raised over \$1800.00. I will be asking for donations from our members; each one will go to the highest bidder at the Silent Auction!

Suggested Items that sell best:

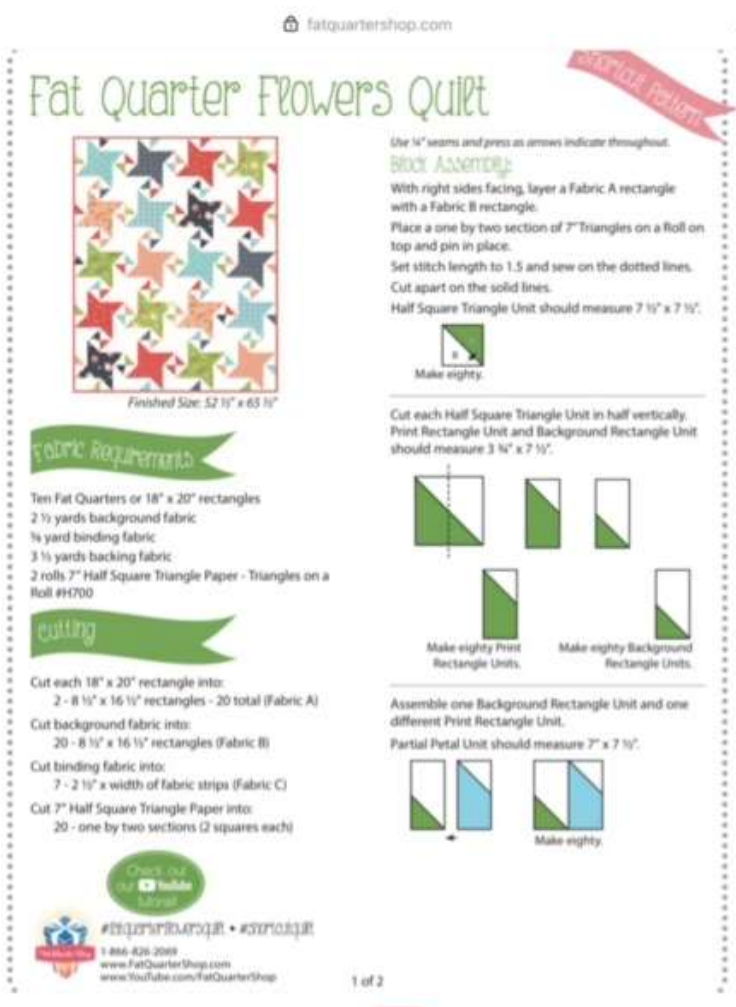
- Small items such as baby quilts, lap quilts, and wall hangings.
- Kits
- Fabric that you bought to make an item that you wanted, and then never made!
- Books, Patterns, Notions

The largest single item included in the Silent Auction is always the Basket of Blocks. We will make blocks from the "Fat Quarter Flowers Quilt" pattern, available on our Facebook page and **shown at LEFT**, for 2026, the requested fabrics for each block are white background with bright colors.

Please direct any questions to me.

Thank you for your generous donations!

Joy Lavery



FAT QUARTER FLOWERS Quilt Pattern

<https://www.fatquartershop.com/fat-quarter-flowers-quilt>

New England Quilt Museum

From Susan Conant, our NEQM Coordinator: Our Guild members are entitled to **FREE ADMISSION** at the museum from **October 21 through Oct. 25**, as well as 15% discount off any purchase made in the Museum Store.

Summer Celebration of New England Quilts 2025 is on display at the New England Quilt Museum, August 12 – Sept. 6, 2025. This event occurs every two years and shows the best of the region's quilt guilds. **HRQG's best is Kathy Rich.** She received the award for her "Fathers" quilt, which was shown at the June HRQG Meeting's Show & Tell -- Congratulations, Kathy!

On View



Quilts Japan

The 17th Quilt Nihon Exhibition

On View May 6 through August 9, 2025



Pat Pauly

Unfolding Years

On view June 24 through September 20, 2025



It's Not Easy Getting Green

Selections from the Permanent Collection

On View June 24 through September 20, 2025

New England Quilt Museum | 18 Shattuck Street, Lowell, MA

Museum Hours:

Tuesday – Saturday, 10 AM – 4 PM.

Closed Sun-Mon.

Check the website before you visit to confirm!

HRQG Members can use a free pass to visit the NEQM. We have 8 free passes annually. Just show your guild membership card and license/ID at the Museum admissions desk.

Search NEQM on YouTube for several interesting and informative videos.

The NEQM is within walking distance of several other interesting sites, including The Boott Cotton Mills Museum, As well as the Lowell Historical Society, and the National Streetcar Museum at Lowell National Historical Park.

Google for more information [Lowell National Historical Park \(U.S. National Park Service\)](#)

Unfortunately, The American Textiles History Museum in Lowell permanently closed in 2016 but can be visited online for information and archives.

The May 2025 reveal of the Mystery Quilt



NEXT MYSTERY QUILT CHALLENGE COMING SOON!

2025–2026 Mystery Quilt Challenge

Registration: September 6 & October 4 at HRQG meetings

Fee: \$10 (cash or check only)

Finished Size: 61" x 78" Join the fun and uncover the mystery—one piece at a time!

Starting **November 1**, instructions will be emailed monthly on the **1st of each month** for five months.

The **big reveal** will take place in **May 2026**—you won't want to miss it!

RHYMES WITH ORANGE by Hilary Price



Shared by Mary Bell

Challenge Quilts

The theme for our 2026 challenge is **“Making a Grand Entrance”**. Your design can be anything that is your interpretation of the theme. Use your imagination and have fun. We encourage everyone in the guild to participate in this challenge.

QUILTS ENTERED IN THE CHALLENGE WILL BE DISPLAYED AT OUR SEPTEMBER 2026 QUILT SHOW!!

- **#1 RULE: HAVE FUN!!!** Use your imagination! Your creation can be traditional or contemporary.
- **REQUIRED!** *Your challenge must be in the shape of a rectangle measuring 20" by 24 inches.* Your challenge must be a “quilt”... 3 layers including front, back and batting and quilted. Your rectangle can be either vertical or horizontal. Make sure any embellishments you add won’t droop when we hang your challenges. Also make sure your sleeve is on the correct edge on the back so we know which end is up for hanging.
- **Methods of Construction:** You are free to use whatever construction, or quilting methods work best for your creation (i.e., machine pieced, hand pieced, paper pieced, machine appliqued, hand appliqued, machine or hand quilted, etc.). We encourage you to challenge yourself and be creative.
- **Fabric Requirement:** You can use whatever fabrics you want in your challenge. Your fabrics do not all have to be 100% cotton. Embellishments are optional.
- **Hanging Sleeve and Label:** The quilt back must have a hanging sleeve. Make sure you put a label with your name on the back of your challenge. Give credit to the source that inspired you. ***Please cover up your label with a piece of paper, fabric or tape before handing it in for voting at our guild meeting so it’s a secret as to who made it.***
- **Due Date:** Finished challenges are due at our September 2026 guild meeting for judging by your quilt guild peers and subsequently will be hung at our September 2026 quilt show for attendees to vote on their favorite. All guild members attending the September 2026 meeting will have the opportunity to vote anonymously for their favorite challenge quilt. Ribbons will be awarded for guild favorite, and the top favorites of show viewers.

If you have any questions about the challenge, please contact Mary Ann Karpinski.

VISIT THE WEBSITE FOR INFORMATION

<https://herringrunquiltguild.com/events/quilt-challenges/>

BULLETIN BOARD



FABRIC SALE

**Visit the quilt fabric and supplies
yard sale at Clare Corbett's home ...**

HUGE amounts of fabrics and supplies will be available!

64 Arborway Drive, Braintree.

Friday Aug. 1, Sunday Aug. 3, 10 am – 3 pm

Friday Aug. 8, Sunday Aug. 10, 10 am – 3 pm

Contact Nancy Hunt with any questions.



Sunshine

Do you know of someone in the guild that has had a personal loss or is seriously ill? A note from the guild may bring a little sunshine.

Share news with our guild Vice President so we can send cards, flowers or donations from the guild. Please provide the full name, address, and where to send a donation if one is requested.

The Sunshine Committee will:

- (1) send a get well card to members who have been ill or who have had surgery,
- (2) send a sympathy card to members and a donation to the charity of the member's choice for a death in the immediate family (significant other, child, mother or father), and
- (3) send a sympathy card to a member who has had a death in the family other than the immediate family.

HRQG Quilters and Friends, please join us!

“Wrapped in Comfort in the Garden”

Crosstown Quilters Quilt Show

October 18-19, 2025

at Cardinal Cushing Center, Sister Shawn Gymnasium,
405 Washington Street, Hanover, MA.

Admission \$10

There will be vendors, a quilt raffle, basket raffles, handcrafted boutique items and quilts!

We look forward to seeing you there!

Joyce Hochstrasser

Crosstown Quilt Guild Publicity Coordinator



Our History

HERRING RUN QUILTER'S GUILD HISTORY

25 Years Ago - From the September 2000 Newsletter

In 2000, Guild dues were \$15, and we had \$3091.25 in the Treasury as of April 30th. The theme of the 2000 quilt show was "Quilts...Our Heritage. A journey through the timeless treasures of quilt making." The venue was Hanover High School, and admission was \$4.00. The 2000 Challenge theme was "The Seasons Sewn, A Year in Patchwork", and three challenge fabrics were required to be used. "Millennium Star" was the name of the raffle quilt.

2000 Fall programs that were announced included presentations/workshops by Ruth McDowell, Mary K Ryan, and Robin Storesund. A field trip to Maine was announced for October. The trip included quilt shops, Portland Head Light, and outlet shopping.

Digitizing Records – Update

We are still scanning the copies of Guild Newsletters that are available in the paper records. So far, we have scanned Newsletters from the years 1989 through June 2004, and 2011 through 2013. We have 2014-2016 left to scan. As you can see, we currently have a significant gap in our information.

Please, if anyone has any (even just one!) newsletters from the dates below, let Rose Perry know:

- ❖ August 2004 through May 2011
- ❖ September 2016 through April 2019

Thank you in advance!

The early Newsletters are a wealth of historical information. So, as we scan, we also are gleaning Secretary Reports, Treasurer Reports, Lists of Officers and Committee Heads, and Membership lists from the newsletters and putting them into separate files so they can be found without having to go through the newsletters.

Rose Perry
Historian



Meet the Herring Run Quilt Guild Team

Executive Board 2025 – 2026

President – Anne Marie Stanton

Vice President – Ann Selig

Treasurer – Cheryl Schenker

Secretary – Debra Hayes

Committee Chairs 2025-2026

Block of the Month – Jean Baker & Paul Church

Comfort Quilts – Jennifer Cannizzaro and Joy Lavery

Historian – Rose Perry

Hospitality – Beverly Nicholson & Hannah Woodbury

Library – Mary Bell

Membership – Maribeth Sayers and Nancy Walty

Raffle Basket -Lynne Cleary & Maryellen Lawrence

Quilt Museums – Susan Conant

Newsletter – Jennifer Ridder

Website – Elizabeth Miller

Programs – Debbie Grace, Catherine Armstrong, Eleanor Wittrup, Peg McGowan, Jane Riccardi

Quilt Show 2026– Donna Kymalainen, Anne Marie Stanton, Mary Quinlan

Getaway – Denise Fitzgerald

Quilt Challenge – MaryAnn Karpinski

Facebook – MaryAnn Karpinski