

HRQG September 6th, 2025 Meeting Minutes

President Anne Marie Stanton called the meeting to order.

The church has begun renovating, it looks lovely with many future changes to come.

HRQG has designated space to the right of the stage. Hospitality, Library and other material's storage is now located there. Quilt rack storage is unchanged, but will need to be relocated once rehab of the lower church level begins.

Additionally, we will be able to utilize the basement space for workshops.

Seating is insufficient. Sue Hart will investigate cost of purchasing additional chairs and discuss with church ownership. The guild might consider gifting to the church.

Parking continues to be an issue. Car pool if you can. Please be mindful of where you park; leaving those spaces closest to the hall for those of us who are less mobile.

Report by Committee:

Membership- currently at approximately 140. Final numbers pending as today's dues payments need to be added into the count. There are still membership openings. Membership cards are available to pick up. Please see Maribeth Sayers or Nancy Walty if you are not receiving the emailed newsletter, (often it is an incorrect email address). There are several paper copies of the newsletter reserved for those who do not have email. We had 98 members/guests at the meeting today!

Treasurer- Balance remains stable, only change is an increase in hall rental. Following the recent committee budget meeting; all committee budgets will remain unchanged.

Programs- going forward all workshop membership costs will be standardized to \$30/workshop. Payment by check or cash. Each teacher has different attendee limits. Mystery quilt will continue! Moving forward it will be organized and lead by Program Committee. October workshop, Landscape Quilting with Laura Rosenspan is sold out.

BOM-October's block is a bordered star, made up in Halloween fabrics. Check the website for block instructions. Today's blocks were won by Edith Neil.

Raffle Basket- item's included: Famore Rotary Cutter, Moda charm pack, Woven star foundation paper, Paper piecing book, Hello Fall wooden apple decoration, ceramic light up pumpkin, lint rollers, 20 strip fabric roll, and "Just my Type" charm pack. The raffle basket was won by Cathy deVeer.

Comfort quilts- easy construction kits available. See Joy Lavery or Jennifer Cannizzaro for any questions.

Historian - ongoing scanning and digitalization of records. Missing records from 2004 - 2011. Also looking for past Quilt Show programs. Contact Rose Perry if you can assist.

Quilt museum- Summer Celebration has just ended. Kathy Rich's lovely feather quilt was chosen to represent our guild. October 21-25 FREE admission and 15% off in the museum store. You must bring your HRQG membership card to enjoy these savings. Upcoming exhibitions can be found at <https://www.neqm.org/>

Website - Elizabeth Miller has been updating our website. It looks wonderful! Send any items of interest in PDF file format to Elizabeth.

Library- new location to the right of the stage stairs. It is currently "under construction." If you would like to check out a book, sign the library card and leave on the shelf. The honor system is in use.

Get-A-Way: April 26-29, 2026 in Sturbridge at the Holiday Inn Express. Room rental fee \$50 per member. Lodging cost on your own. Rooms are to be reserved under HRQG group name. Rooms contain refrigerators and microwaves. Signups to begin in November 2025. It's a fun time to sew without interruption in the company of fellow HRQG members. There are many quilt stores located nearby.

Hospitality- lots of goodies were available to partake. "Many hands make light work", assistance with set up and clean up is always appreciated.

Newsletter- next issue to be emailed is around November 1st. Submissions due by Monday, October 27th. Send all submissions to Jennifer Ridder. Please include in your email subject line, HRQG newsletter. Note: if you email from an Apple product, please covert any attachments to a pdf or word document file. All photos should be jpg format.

Quilt show- September 19 & 20, 2026.

Our raffle quilt, “In Full Bloom” was sewn together by the team of : Kathy Rich, MaryAnn Karpinski, Nancy Fleury and Donna Kymalainen. Backing and long arm quilting need to be completed.

Hoping to hold our show again at the Marshfield Boys and Girls Club. Awaiting finalization from the Boys and Girls Club.

New Business

Former member Mary Post, who passed away several months ago has donated all her Quilty possessions to our Comfort Quilt’s Committee. There are several sewing machines and a weaving frame available for sale. Contact Barbara Graceffa if you are interested.

New fabric store, Top Stitch opening on September 9th at 155 Webster St. in Hanover. The owners are former employees of Jo’Anns.

Homestead Quilting and Fabrics in Lakeville are sponsoring a bus trip on October 5th to visit some of the quilt stores in the “All New England Shop Hop”. Contact the store for additional information.

AQS (American Quilter’s Society) will be in Harford, CT in April 2026. See their website for additional information <https://www.americanquilter.com/>

Laurel DeCastro brought the Marshfield Fair Lighthouse quilt for our viewing. Members: Holly Carpenter (Judge’s Choice), Lynn Anastos, Linda Gigliotti, Jean Silva, and Ann Seligs blocks were chosen for inclusion.

Thanks to MaryAnn Karpinski and Holly Carpenter for constructing the mug rugs which were enjoyed by many children.

In celebration of next year’s Semi-Quincentennial; the fair would like to present “Quilts of Valor” to veterans honoring their service to our country.

If you have any interest in this project, contact Laurel.

Apropos, next years quilt block theme is: America the Beautiful- Scenic America.

A member of The Marshfield Chamber Of Commerce, has contacted Anne Stanton regarding their upcoming Lobster Fest Celebration. They are seeking help with organization and construction of fabric blanks to be used for individual lobster drawings. Contact Anne if you’re interested.

Submitted by Debra Hayes
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