



Herring Run Quilter's Guild

NOVEMBER 2025 NEWSLETTER

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy Fall everyone!

So here we are in November, adjusting to the new season.

At this time of year, many of us decry the shortened days, with the lack of light and falling temperatures, but there are a few pluses that salvage these fall days... The holidays are coming, with food and bright lights, crazy schedules and new holiday prints at the local fabric shop. But one of the biggest highlights for me is a bit silly, I will admit....

You can sew without sweating!! It is actually enjoyable again – at least it is to me, who does not have air conditioning, so I welcome the temperature change, and the different sunlight patterns, and the beautiful foliage, all an inspiration to get some things done. I feel my creativity again, and the desire to finish projects returns. I hope it is the same for you.

The Quilt Show is coming in ten short months. I hope you are all working on your entries and considering volunteering for a committee for the show. Many of these do not need to get rolling until closer to the show, but several are needed now. It is a lot of fun, and very satisfying to see it come together. Even if you are new to the Guild, you can volunteer with a friend or two or just ask for help from the person who held the position last year.

And my last thought is for those people who are suffering from the government shutdown. With Thanksgiving approaching, even if they vote their way out of this mess, the food banks will not recover quickly. I am glad the workshop this month is to make tote bags that can be filled with food or other donations, and I hope that we will all be grateful for what we have and share a little more than we can with others in our community.

Have a wonderful holiday season everyone!

Anne Marie Stanton

December Meeting & Holiday Party!

We look forward to a festive meeting in December! We are requesting that members with last names beginning with A-M bring food. However, any of our members can bring treats if they would like to...Please contact Beverly or Hannah (Hospitality Committee) with any questions about contributions to the menu.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Workshops/ Programs for 2025-26

Hello Friends,

**Don't be the one that says
"shoulda, woulda, coulda"...**

Here's the list of upcoming programs for 2026 – there's no time like the present to book workshops you'll look forward to!

Just a reminder - at time of registration you will need to pay by cash or check – Fee is \$30

Yours in stitching,

*Catherine, Debbie, Eleanor, Jane,
and Peg*

MEETING DATES/WORKSHOPS

First Saturday of the Month - unless otherwise noted:

December 6 Wearable Art Fashion Show

January 3, 2026 "Taking the Challenge Out of Sewing Curved Blocks" with Mary Cannizzaro

February 7 Comfort Quilts at Cannizzaro Creations

March 7 "Machine Quilting on a Domestic Machine" with Pat Delaney

April 11 "Fabric Painting with Ink Intense Watercolor Pencils" with Tracy Szanto

May 2 "Dresden Plate/Redwork Embroidery" with Sandra Cronauer-Mitra

June 6 Mystery Quilt Reveal

July-Aug *Summer Break/No Meetings*



December 6th Meeting – Join the Festivities!

Wearable Art Fashion Show

Jackets, Bags, Jewelry, Hats, Toys....share your creative works of art!

Adorn yourself or simply bring for display

Special creations from your stash, repurposed quilts, Etc.

Happy Holidays and see you on December 6th!

January Workshop

January 3rd

Workshop: *Taking the Challenge Out of Sewing Curved Blocks*

Instructor: Mary Cannizzaro

Workshop Focus: Curved Piecing Technique Class

Mary has designed a special wallhanging size quilt for this session. Mary will teach two different techniques to make the orange peel as well as the circles involved. Techniques will be taught in class and students can create wallhanging in their own time.

Blocks are 6" finished and 3 x 6" finished. Three separate units will be created with joining pieces. Mary's original sketch and her version in grunge fabrics.



<https://canquilt.com/>

- 🪑 15 seats available
- 💰 \$30 workshop fee
- 📄 Pattern is optional to purchase. Kit can be preordered but not necessary.



WHAT A GREAT WORKSHOP WE HAD AT THE NOVEMBER MEETING!

THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR EFFORTS AND WE GATHERED A LOT OF FUN BAGS FOR DONATION TO THE FOOD PANTRY!

2026 ANNUAL HRQG GETAWAY

APRIL 26-29, 2026 – Sturbridge, MA

Registration was at the November 1st meeting; The Getaway is full.



PLEASE CONTACT DENISE FITZGERALD WITH ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT THE WAIT LIST.



2025–2026 HRQG Mystery Quilt

Registration: Closed November 1

Finished Size: 61" x 78"

Thanks to all who joined the challenge to solve this puzzle—one piece at a time!

For all members who signed up: Starting **November 1**, instructions will be emailed monthly on the **1st of each month** for five months.

The **big reveal** will happen at our meeting **May 2, 2026** - you won't want to miss it!
GOOD LUCK!

Need more information? Visit our Website:

<https://herringrunquiltguild.com/events/workshops/>

BLOCK OF THE MONTH

The BOM for December is the “Christmas Star” block from Marcia Hohn. We are asked to use Christmas fabrics for this block! Bring it to the December meeting...thank you! For Each block you bring, you'll receive a raffle ticket...winning member goes home with a stack of blocks!



HRQG December BOM

QUILTER'S RAFFLE BASKET

In December, we will have two raffle baskets again. One will be home-made themed to continue Gina's tradition, and the other will be a surprise Santa gift. So, for every ticket you purchase, you will have a chance to win either basket!

If you have any suggestions for items you would like to see in the baskets, please let us know.

Thanks again to each and every one of you who help to support the Quilters Basket!

Lynne Cleary & Maryellen Lawrence



COMFORT QUILTS

The comfort quilt committee has a fun day scheduled for our February program!

We have our projects planned and look forward to spending the afternoon together. Please sign up at the next guild meeting if you plan to attend, and if you would like to make a pot of soup or a dessert, please include what you would like to make by indicating it on the sign-up sheet.

- **We've handed out over 30 kits since our meeting in June!** Let's finish these up so we can distribute them to people who need them before Christmas!

Jen Cannizzaro & Joy Lavery



NEW ENGLAND QUILT MUSEUM

<https://www.neqm.org/the-museum>

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.

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.

Questions? You may contact *Susan Conant, our NEQM Coordinator*



A Walk in the Woods

Quilt Artists Respond to Nature

September 9 through December 31, 2025



To Every Season

Works by Salley Mavor

September 9 through December 31, 2025



The Spirit Books

Works by Susan Kapuscinski Gaylord

On view September 9 through December 31, 2025

There are no borders between quilting friends.



Shared by Christine Moriarty

DECEMBER MEETING: HOLIDAY DRIVE

We will conduct a canned food drive for donation to a local food pantry...please bring a non-perishable food item(s), toiletries, or baby supplies such as disposable diapers, to the December meeting. We will have a box set up to receive donations.

We are also open to other ideas! Should any of you have another cause that is close to your heart, that we can all help support, please contact Anne Marie Stanton by November 15th - Thank you!

SAVE THE DATE!

The Herring Run Quilt Show Saturday, Sept. 19 & Sunday, Sept. 20, 2026

at the Boys and Girls Club of Marshfield.
Setup will be Friday, September 18 after 5:00 pm

**We will have sign-up sheets available at the December meeting and
Raffle Tickets will be available for pickup.**

**It is expected that each member will sell at least 4 books of tickets (\$20
worth)**

**This provides an excellent opportunity to include raffle tickets in your
holiday cards, or to use as stocking stuffers!**

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

*Donna Kymalainen
Quilt Show Chair*



7. Flowers by Fat Quarter Shop



fatquartershop.com

Fat Quarter Flowers Quilt

Use 1/4" seams and press as arrows indicate throughout.

BLOCK ASSEMBLY:
With right sides facing, layer a Fabric A rectangle with a Fabric B rectangle.
Place a one by two section of 7" Triangles on a roll on top and pin in place.
Set stitch length to 1.5 and sew on the dotted lines.
Cut apart on the solid lines.
Half Square Triangle Unit should measure 7 1/2" x 7 1/2".

Make eighty.

Cut each Half Square Triangle Unit in half vertically.
Print Rectangle Unit and Background Rectangle Unit should measure 3 1/2" x 7 1/2".

Make eighty Print Rectangle Units. **Make eighty Background Rectangle Units.**

Assemble one Background Rectangle Unit and one different Print Rectangle Unit.
Partial Petal Unit should measure 7" x 7 1/2".

Make eighty.

Fabric Requirements:
Ten Fat Quarters or 18" x 20" rectangles
2 1/2 yards background fabric
1/2 yard binding fabric
3 1/2 yards backing fabric
2 rolls 7" Half Square Triangle Paper - Triangles on a Roll #H700

Cutting:
Cut each 18" x 20" rectangle into:
2 - 8 1/2" x 16 1/2" rectangles - 20 total (Fabric A)
Cut background fabric into:
20 - 8 1/2" x 16 1/2" rectangles (Fabric B)
Cut binding fabric into:
7 - 2 1/2" x width of fabric strips (Fabric C)
Cut 7" Half Square Triangle Paper into:
20 - one by two sections (2 squares each)

Check out our YouTube channel!

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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>

Challenge Quilts

Every other year, to coincide with our bi-annual quilt show, HRQG offers a challenge to our quilters. A theme is provided, along with a specific size, then members unleash their creativity! Challenge quilts are presented at the September 2026 monthly Guild meeting, where they are judged by 100+ members of the guild. Next, they travel to the bi-annual quilt show, where they are shared with the public!

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 favorites, 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

Creativity means
allowing yourself to
make mistakes. Art
is knowing which
ones to keep.



**The Quilted Crow is closing on November
15, 2025**

626 Main Street, Bolton, MA

Tues-Sat 10-4

<https://www.thequiltedcrow.com/>

**Retiring and Permanently Closing
The Quilted Crow
on Nov 15, 2025.**

**Please redeem all Credits, Coupons, and
GC's
by Nov 15, 2025
or they will be Void.**

• HERRING RUN QUILTER'S GUILD HISTORY

Digitizing Records – Our work continues!

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



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