



Herring Run Quilter's Guild

FEBRUARY 2026 NEWSLETTER

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy Winter everyone!

Never has it felt better to have a warm quilt on your lap, am I right!?! This January has certainly the coldest I can remember, but it also means that spring cannot be far ahead. Just keep thinking about that!

We have a busy upcoming few months, starting with our annual Comfort Quilts program. It is a great way to support the community, build some new quilting skills, and socialize in a way we don't always have time for during our regular meetings. So, take advantage! Don't forget about the Quilts of Valor quilt coming up for the Marshfield Fair. If you picked up a block, please don't forget to return it by our March meeting.

And of course, the Quilt Show, taking place September 19 and 20 at the Marshfield Boys and Girls Club. We still need to fill a couple of key roles for the show, so if you are interested, the committee will be meeting before the meeting on Saturday, so please join us! Please remember to sell raffle tickets, make items/donate to the Silent Auction, and of course, make those quilts!! This is a great way to let the public know what quilting is all about. For many folks who come to the show, it is their introduction to the world we all inhabit. So put your best effort on display for all to see!

Until then, keep creating, please stay safe in this weather, and know that February only has 28 days...then on to Spring!!!

Anne Marie Stanton

2026 Annual HRQG Getaway

April 26-29, 2026 – Sturbridge, MA

All reservations for the Getaway must be made by February 18th!

Please contact Denise Fitzgerald with any questions or for more details.

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

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Workshops/ Programs for 2025-26

Hello Friends,

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

Here's the list of remaining,
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

Workshops held directly after Guild meetings

February 7 Comfort Quilts at Cannizzaro Creations
(Note: Shop relocated to 20 Corporate Park Drive, Suite 130,
Pembroke. Storefront is opposite Tomasi Nursery on Oak Street).

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

April 11 "Fabric Painting with Inktense 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*



FEBRUARY WORKSHOP – 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. Sign-ups happened at the January meeting, and the workshop has a wait list. Contact Debbie Grace if you want to be put on the wait list!

Looking forward to seeing you all on February 7th!

Jen Cannizzaro & Joy Lavery

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 are looking forward to having a great show in 2026!

Donna Kymalainen

Quilt Show Chair

Quilt Submissions: Application for Entry

The quilt show application form will be due on July 15.
A picture of your quilt will be required for submission.

Quilt Show Update – Volunteers Needed!

Refreshments: The Quilt Show Committee is looking for a couple of members to provide refreshments during the show. Please talk with Donna if you are interested.

Publicity: We would like a Guild member to be responsible for publicity for the show, including taking our raffle quilt to be displayed at shops in the area, as well as other quilt shows that may be happening prior to our show in September.

Interested? Please feel free to reach out to Donna Kymalainen via email ASAP or before the next meeting, February 7th.

HRQG Quilts of Valor ~ Marshfield Fair 2026

If you took home a packet, please bring the completed block to the HRQG – March 7th Meeting.

35 blocks are needed, instructions are available for each block, when signing up please note which # you took. Your own fabric should be used - Red, Blue & “white-white” fabric.

We are being issued “new” red backing fabric and Laurel D has donated the batting. With all your blocks, we are going to make a quilt to be presented at the Fair’s end.

During the HRQG Getaway, attendees who would like to help assemble the HEROES COMFORT QUILT will have a separate sewing session set aside during the weekend.

Thanks for your support as we participate in this worthwhile event!

Please contact Ann Selig with any questions you may have.

HRQG Marshfield Fair Quilters!

This is a reminder that the Peggy Beals Quilt block contest, *America the Beautiful, Scenic America*, is looking for your entry for the 2026 fair. Many of you have entered this contest in the past. Herring Run has always had good representation. If you want an entry form, email Laurel DeCastro, then she will email one to you. A copy of the directions and entry form is included in this newsletter.

Laurel and Pam

PBQBC Marshfield Fair

FYI!

The theme for 2027 is **Back to Basics: Your Favorite Quilt Block; A Sampler.**

We thought that we need to go back to our roots. We have not forgotten those of you who prefer pieced blocks.

The Marshfield Fair/Peggy Beals Quilt Block Contest

Contact HMQG chairperson, Laurel DeCastro, or email quilting@marshfieldfair.org for complete information & contest rules.

THE 2026 PEGGY BEALS QUILT BLOCK CONTEST

"America the Beautiful: Scenic America "



Chairpersons Pam White and Laurie DeCastro

The 2026 theme will be "America the Beautiful: Scenic America".

A quilt containing 20 winning blocks will be hand quilted by volunteers during the 2026 Marshfield Fair. The finished quilt will be raffled off in the year 2027. All entrants' names are included in the raffle.

Many Thanks to our sponsors:

New England Quilt Supply of Pembroke

Homestead Quilting of Lakeville

Cannizzaro Creations of Rockland

All About Quilts of Walpole

Theme: America the Beautiful: Scenic America

Sashing: TBD

Method: Using 100% cotton, make a traditional pieced pattern, applique, or an original design.

DO NOT back the block.

Size: Block should be 12 1/2" unfinished.

Prizes: 1st - \$50, 19 runners-up - \$15

Quilt pin for the 25th block entered.

Also: A viewers' Choice Award will be given.

Mail Entries to: PBQBC, Marshfield Fair, Box 5, Marshfield, MA 02050

Deadline: June 1, 2026

Marshfield Fair cannot be responsible for the blocks, but we've never lost one yet.

To Submit:

1. **Attach entry form to back of each block with safety pin. You may submit any number of blocks - only one can win.**
2. Photograph your block before you send it!
3. Winners and next year's information will be emailed to all participants after the fair.
4. For judges comments, check the box on the entry form and an email will be sent after the fair.
5. For return of non donated block, enclose self-addressed 6x9 envelope with adequate postage attached.
6. Blocks donated, unspecified or without return envelope as described above are made into quilts for charities.
7. The Junior competition is for youth ages 5-18. All the above rules and entry dates apply.

For complete info, email quilting@marshfieldfair.org

ENTRY FORM 2026

Name _____

Email _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Return Block

Donate Block

Judges comments

Marshfield Fair/Peggy Beals Quilt Block Contest

Tips, Comments and Tricks

Be creative with your entry!

As you create your block and before you send your block make sure:

You used 100% cotton to create your block.

You remove any visible pencil lines outlining to 12" frame or applique positions.

You use applique stitches around any motif that has been ironed on.

You have not used multiple layers of fusible product – remember, the quilt blocks will be hand-quilted, and the needle must get through all thicknesses.

You check for holes where your thread may have slipped away from the seam.

You cut away the selvage edge.

You can see your design halfway across the room. If you use too many similar colors or fabrics, your design becomes a blur. Create contrast!

You created a block following the theme.

Your block measures exactly 12 1/2". Are your seams accurate? If your pieced seams are not accurate, your block may be too small. If you applique or embroider/RedWork, be sure to cut a generous sized background.

You get your block entered in time! Quilt block entries must be **postmarked by JUNE 1**.

Other notes:

Quilt blocks travel well in a baggie slipped into a plain manila envelope.

Donated blocks are made into comfort quilts and donated to local charities.

Non-donated blocks with postage paid envelopes are sent out after the fair in September.

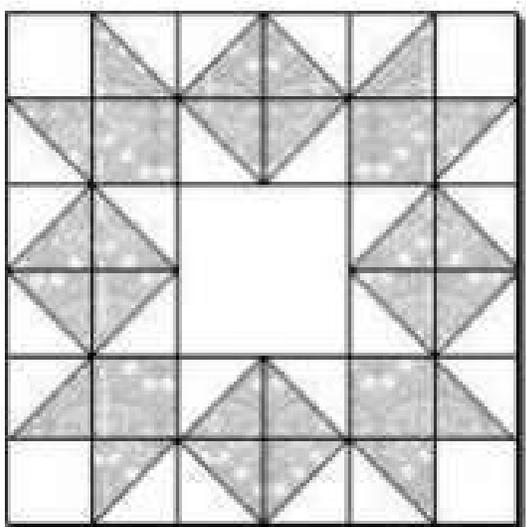
Photos of the completed "America the Beautiful" quilt will be mailed to the winners.

On a kinder, gentler note, the Country Arts Committee of the Marshfield fair is so grateful to those of you who enter. Without you, there would be no quilt and no display of blocks which so impress the visitors to the fair. Please don't let any of the above frighten you. You can't win if you don't enter, and many winners have never before entered. Send in more than one block; the last-minute "throw away" often captivates the judges.

BLOCK OF THE MONTH

The BOM for FEBRUARY is the “Love in the Mist” block from Marcia Hohn. We are asked to use RED, PINK, OR PURPLE fabrics for this block!

Bring it (one or more!) to the February 2026 meeting... For Each block you bring, you'll receive a raffle ticket and the winner goes home with a stack of blocks!



Love in the Mist

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

QUILTER'S RAFFLE BASKET

Looking forward to another basket of surprises in February! Each ticket purchased gives you a chance to win.

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



2025–2026 HRQG Mystery Quilt

Registration: Closed November 1

Finished Size: 61" x 78".

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 will not want to miss it!

NEW ENGLAND QUILT MUSEUM

<https://www.neqm.org>

18 Shattuck Street, Lowell, MA

Tuesday – Saturday, 10 AM – 4 PM

Closed Sun-Mon.

Check the website before you visit.

HRQG Members can use a free pass to visit the NEQM. We have eight free passes annually. Just show your guild membership card and license/ID at the Museum admissions desk. Our Guild members are also entitled to 15% discount off any purchase made in the Museum Store.

Contact our NEQM coordinator, Susan Conant, with any questions!

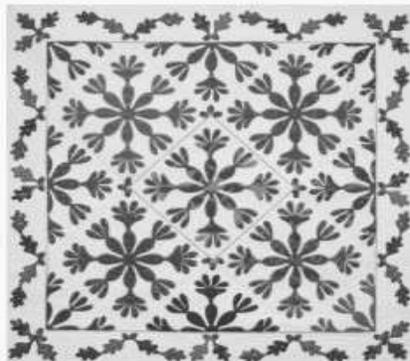
TWO WONDERFUL EXHIBITS HAPPENING NOW – JANUARY 13 – APRIL 11, 2026

On View



Blue on Blue: Quilts
from 1825 to 2025

January 13 through April 11, 2026



19th Century Blues:
The AQSG Quilt
Challenge

January 13 through April 11, 2026



Blue Quilts from the
Permanent
Collection

January 13 through April 11, 2026

7. Flowers by Fat Quarter Shop



fatquartershop.com

Fat Quarter Flowers Quilt



Finished Size: 52 1/2" x 65 1/2"

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)



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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
- Books, Patterns, and Notions
- Fabric that you bought to make an item that you wanted, and then never made!

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](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 100+ members of the guild judge them. 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

OPPORTUNITY FOR QUILTERS We received information from the East Boston Neighborhood Health Center. They are in the process of making a Maternal Health Quilt to present to Governor Healey. Twelve-inch (12x12) blocks finished, anything for mothers, bright colors of pink and blue. Any patterns that are good for babies. They need quilters/sewists to make the blocks and assemble them into quilts. DEADLINE MARCH 14, 2026. Blocks can be mailed to Mimi Gardner at NeighborHealth, 10 Gove Street, Boston, MA 02128. **For details and any questions, please contact Mimi Gardner directly:**

Mimi Gardner, MPH LICSW
VP-Chief Equity Officer
20 Maverick Square
East Boston, MA 02128
(617) 569-5800 office ext 4045
(617) 981-3136 cell
NeighborHealth (formerly E. Boston Neighborhood Health Center)

OPPORTUNITY TO BUILD YOUR LIBRARY! FREE! Collection of Quilter's Newsletter magazines, from 1970 through 2001. They are stored in 16 3-ring binders. Whole collection must be taken. First come, first served. Contact Rose Perry if interested.

GIVING OPPORTUNITY: Linus Project: During the month of February, you may drop off new quilts or blankets at Top Stitch Fabrics in Hanover...they are offering a 20% discount to sewists who donate a blanket.

AQS Quilt Week New England - coming to the Connecticut Convention Center in Hartford, CT, April 8-11, 2026. Visit website: <https://www.americanquilter.com/quiltweek/show/new-england-2026/>

Thank you to all who donated items to the Food Pantry outreach at the December meeting. We delivered 6 bags to the Rockland Food Pantry before the holidays, and they were very appreciative! ~Jennifer R.

HISTORY OF HERRING RUN QUILTER'S GUILD

HRQG 30 Years Ago – From the Spring 1996 newsletter (published late February 1996)

- Current membership was 128 quilters, with a wait list.
- The balance in the treasury was \$5,601.00.
- The charity quilt workshop scheduled for the February meeting was cancelled due to snow and was rescheduled to the March meeting.
- The Block-of-the-Month was called “Round Robin,” and the February block was *Country Cousins*.
- Get-Away Weekend plans were being finalized, to take place in March at the Sheraton Tara in Braintree. Four workshops were offered with Carol Doak, Helen Weinman, and Mary Golden.
- Sadly, it was announced that Kathleen Weinheimer passed away on February 17, 1996.
- Programs scheduled for the remainder of the guild year included Sandra Muncey’s lecture on New England quilts, and Dorothy Bosselman’s lecture and workshop on Amish quilts.

Rose Perry, Historian



Remember this in 1996?