



Herring Run Quilter's Guild

May 2026 Newsletter

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Good Day, One and All in the Quilters Universe,

We are coming to the end of another year in our quilt calendar, and I think it has been a lovely year. I hope you all agree.

This coming month will see the latest change in our leadership, and I know they will bring a fresh energy and new ideas to our group - take advantage of all the wisdom and creativity you find! There are always ideas you have not considered, techniques you have not tried, and people you don't yet know.

Become one of those (sometimes) annoying people who knows everyone's name.

Be open to running a group (even if you are scared to death!).

Volunteer for a project. It is rewarding, trust me.

I was recently on the Getaway and was talking with the other women about my Birthday Block (almost finished finally!!) Group. When I described it, I was amazed how no one knew what it was or had ever participated in groups like it. It was great fun, sometimes frustrating because I wasn't "good" at a new skill. But still I got to know new people in the Guild and try things that stretched my comfort zone. And now I have blocks from that group, including one from Clare Corbett, that I will treasure forever.

You never know what a new experience will bring you unless you try it. I had not thought about being President of the Guild until I DID think about it....and I am glad I did. I hope you all agree. And please support our new leadership with the same consideration and enthusiasm you gave me.

Enjoy your summer, make those Show quilts!! And try something new.

Thank you,

Anne Marie Stanton

QUILTERS' RAFFLE BASKET

Thanks to every one of you who have supported the Quilters Basket this year.

Your donations are much appreciated and benefit the entire guild!

A special thank you to Anne Dutson, Denise Fitzgerald and Joy Lavery who have willingly stepped in and covered the Saturday raffle when we have been away. We do like to travel...often together!

There will be a special surprise raffle for the last meeting of the year!

Don't miss out on the opportunity for 2 chances to win.

Please let us know if you have any suggestions or ideas for future baskets.

Lynne and Maryellen

PS: Below is a picture of our recent travels to the AQS show in Hartford.
Pictured left to right: Anne Dutson, Lynne Cleary, Maryellen Lawrence and Denise Fitzgerald



From your Programming Committee

Catherine, Debbie, Eleanor, Jane, Karen and Peg

We have a very exciting workshop season coming up!
Believe it or not the 2026-2027 calendar of events is already planned!
It's going to be a fun year!!

In September 2026, we will be implementing a policy that you must pay to reserve your spot at a workshop. All workshops will continue to be \$30 each.

This Season's remaining Workshop

Workshops held directly after Guild meetings

June 6 Annual Mystery Quilt Reveal!

July-Aug *Summer Break/No Meetings*

Stay tuned for the 2026-2027 SCHEDULE!



We would like to thank Jane Ricardi and Karen Campbell for all their help this past season, as well as helping to organize the upcoming season. Their presence will be missed on the committee.

- **The Programming Committee will need some new volunteers for the coming year.**
- **We have planned the schedule all the way through to June 2027. For the 2027-2028 season, we should begin planning this Fall or early Spring.**

If you are interested or have a group of friends that would be interested in joining this committee, please stop by the Programs table at the next meeting.

*We will create a binder with all the "How-To" information for working on this committee.

I have to say that many hands have made light work! ~Debbie G

PLYMOUTH PUBLIC LIBRARY

Imagine: A World of Quilts

Exhibit is open April 16 – June 30, 2026.

Several HRQG members have their quilts shown in the exhibit!

**Gallery Reception will be
Thursday, May 7 from 5-7 PM at the
Main Library
132 South Street Plymouth, MA 02360**



SAVE THE DATE!

**The Herring Run
18th Biennial 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.

[Link to 2026-Quilt-Show-Entry-Form](#)

Quilt Show Volunteers still Needed!

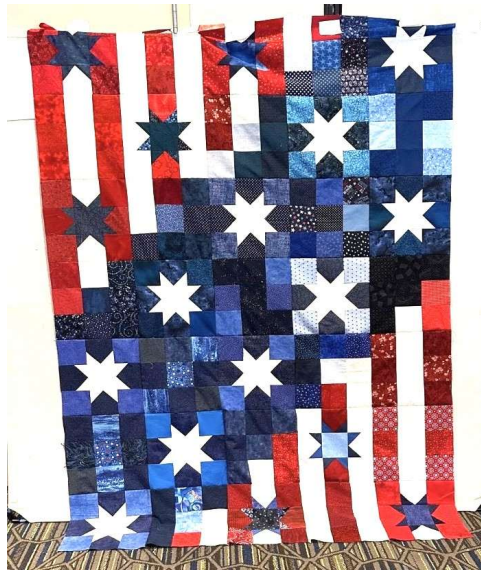
Interested?
Please reach out to Donna Kymalainen

HRQG Quilts of Valor ~ Marshfield Fair 2026

**During the HRQG Getaway, attendees helped to sew and assemble the
VETERANS QUILT OF VALOR for the Marshfield Fair!**

**Thank you to all who made squares and stitched at the Getaway! Cannizzaro Creations will provide
longarm quilting...see the top below, as posted on Facebook after the Getaway**

(Photo Credit –Ann Selig via Facebook)



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 also included in this newsletter.

Laurel and Pam

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 ½". 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 MAY is the “Dorothy’s Star” block from Marcia Hohn. We are asked to use BRIGHT COLOR fabrics for this block! For Each block you bring to the May Meeting, you’ll receive a raffle ticket and the winner goes home with a stack of blocks!

At press time, the June Block is unavailable

Dorothy’s Star



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

BULLETIN BOARD

New quilt shop called the Fab Lab opened recently in Acton, MA. You can find them online at <https://iheartfablab.com> Thank you, Susan Conant for this suggestion!



COMFORT QUILTS

We have a number of Comfort Quilts ready for distribution to local charities! If you have a relationship with a charity that would like to receive Comfort Quilts, please email Jen Cannizzaro, then we can plan arrangements with them.

Thank you to everyone who has donated time and quilts to this worthy cause!

Jen & Joy



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!

CURRENT EXHIBITS

On View



Tiny Pieces – Vast Visions

Works by Deb Cashatt, Susan J. Lapham, Niraja Lorenz and Irene Roderick

On view April 14 through June 27, 2026



Soul Stories

Threads of Existence

On view April 14 through July 18, 2026



Quilts with Tiny Pieces from the Permanent Collection

On view April 14 through June 27, 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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 www.YouTube.com/FatQuarterShop

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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>

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>

History of HRQG – Memories!

May 2026 – by Rose Perry

This month, I would like to include some photo memories from HRQG's past.

HRQG members always enjoyed the trip when we hired a bus to take us to Meredith, NH, for lunch at the Corner House (best lobster bisque ever!) and shopping at Keepsake Quilting. Here's a group photo from a trip on April 24, 1993.

Sadly, neither place exists there anymore.



And considering the Guild's participation in Quilts of Valor, coordinated by Laurel DeCastro, below is a photo from October 2011, with Laurel and patriotic quilts for the West Roxbury Veterans Administration Hospital.



Keeping with the Patriotic theme, Anne Marcin has been working on a National Guards quilt project since 2011. These quilts are for the children of the National Guard troops who are deployed all over the world.

Below is a January 9, 2012, Patriot Ledger article about Anne and her group back then. See next page for larger images of the articles.



Quilting FOR SOLDIERS



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Quilting trends in America

\$3.6 billion is the amount quilting enthusiasts spend on their craft annually (up 9% from 2006)

16.38 million is the number of quilting households in the U.S. (down 14%)

21.3 million is the total number of quilters in the U.S. (down 23%)

\$219 is the average annual expenditure for quilting households (up 27%)

1 million is the number of "dedicated quilter" households in the U.S., or households that spend more



Local women's craft helps military families to stay connected

By Patrick Ronan
THE PINNACLEDGER

A HOLBROOK deep-rooted love for the Boston Red Sox helps keep Anne Marcin and her mother connected despite living more than 3,400 miles apart.

Marcin was born in France and now lives in Scituate. Her mother was born in Scituate and now lives in France.

"When I was growing up in France, my mother's two favorite topics were horses and the Red Sox," Marcin, 52, said. "My sister was bored with those two, but I loved them both."

Marcin's passion for the Sox was the basis of her most recent charitable endeavor. Along with several other local women, Marcin helped create 100 sports-themed

quilts for military families.

Two weeks ago, Marcin delivered 70 of those quilts to the non-profit organization Wrapped Up in Sports, which then delivered the blankets to families living on the Hanscom Air Force Base.

The 36-by-48-inch quilts featured mostly Red Sox logos and the ballplayer's names, which were cut off the fronts and backs of T-shirts. There were also some Patriots, Celtics, Bruins and New England Revolution-themed quilts.

Each quilt was accompanied by 6-inch quilted squares containing patriotic stars. The stars were for the servicemen and women to hold onto, while the sports quilts were given to their children.

The quilt combos are designed to help parents and their kids feel more connected when the adults are deployed.

Marcin got the idea to make these keepsakes after she attended a "Quilathon" at

Fenway Park last year. She said it's somewhat serendipitous that her Red Sox quilts serve to unite families, considering that the Sox have always helped bring her and her mother together.

Every summer, Eleanor Cheviguard, 93, flies in from France to visit her daughter in Scituate, where she can watch the Sox games.

"She always plans to stay in Scituate until the World Series is over in October, just in case the Red Sox make it," Marcin said.

Marcin, a registered nurse, is one of five women who get together in Holbrook every weekend to make quilts for various charitable causes. The group consists of Marcin, Maureen Anderson, Jackie Leahy, Cyndi Meaney and Meaney's teenage daughter Rachel.

They have donated quilts to the Fisher House for military families in West Roxbury, the state's Department of Children

and Families, and the Conquer Cancer Coalition of Massachusetts.

"When you love to quilt, you make them and you make them, and there's only so many you can make for your family and friends," Cyndi Meaney, a Bridgewater resident, said. "So the best thing to do is donate them to charity."

Although the women set out to help other people in need, Marcin said her favorite hobby also benefits her own family. Her 18-year-old son recently had a cyst surgically removed from his back and has been bed-ridden with recurring ailments.

To ensure that her son doesn't get lonely during his recovery, Marcin set up a quilting station outside his room.

"I'm just there quilting away," Marcin said. "If he needs me, I'm right there."

Patrick Ronan may be reached at pronan@ledger.com.