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President's Message

I am pinching myself to make sure I am not dreaming! We are finally meeting after a very long hiatus! It will be incredible to to be "back on track," seeing everyone's smiling faces, smelling the coffee and tasting the goodies and, most importantly, excited to see Programs.

It was an unbelievably hot summer! Now a drought! My lawn is burnt to a crisp. It was so hard to water enough with the three-day water ban and now a total water ban. I do have some interesting weeds that have popped up, though.

The Barnstable County Fair was an astounding success for Holly Berry members who won silver bowls and ribbons. Many of us can cross an item off our "bucket list"—seeing Peter Noone of Herman's Hermits. It is amazing how we can remember every song and every word to each song after so many years! We will be making a donation this year to the Fairgrounds.

The 2022-2023 raffle quilt is in the last stages of planning and will be introduced at the September 8 meeting. Thank you, Penny, for finding a fun pattern using batik scraps; members will enjoy making blocks for it.

Members kept busy during our "hiatus" quilting, knitting, crocheting, organizing and decluttering their sewing spaces, reading or catching up on seasons of *Outlander, Downton Abbey,* etc. When it was okay to go out, I saw the Elvis movie. I was not a crazy Elvis fan, but this movie is a must see, that is for sure. Austin Butler, who portrayed Elvis, is incredible and there was total silence in the theater during the last couple of minutes.

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A BIG THANK YOU to everyone for being so supportive and generous with your patience and with all the beautiful comfort quilts. I probably have said this a million times before, but Holly Berry is so lucky to have each and every one of you. That is what makes us so successful!

Over and out, and looking forward to 2022-2023!

—Gail

Mark Your Calendars…

...with these confirmed Guild meeting dates:

Meeting Days	Project Days
September 8	September 15
September 22	
October 13	October 6
October 27	
November 10	
December 8	

Upcoming Programs

Holly Berry Programs for Fall 2022

Welcome back! We hope everyone is looking forward to getting back to guild meetings after our long hiatus due to Covid. We hope everyone stayed healthy and the heat this summer didn't get to you. Thank goodness for air conditioning!

Our fall schedule is all set and we're working on the spring 2023 schedule. Please note in order to provide more time for our speakers throughout the year, there will be no show & tell on dates that we have scheduled speakers or workshops.

September 8, 2022
This meeting will be filled with lots of different things so we can catch up with what everyone has been up too.

- We hope that everyone that won a prize, ribbon or bowl at the Barnstable County Fair will bring in their items to show us. We want to see it all, not just the quilts. We want to see your latest project for show & tell.
- We'll also have our monthly raffle. If you haven't paid your dues, please bring in your membership form and money.
- The block and instructions to complete our 2023 raffle quilt will be provided at this meeting.
- There will be no free table at this first meeting, but there will be other times throughout the 2022 -2023 year that we will have the free table. Please save fabrics of one-half yard or larger for Comfort quilts. (See page 4.)
- You can sign up at this meeting for the 2022-23 mystery quilt with Penny Bartlett. (To see some of this year's mystery quilts, go to page 3.)

September 22, 2022
Janet Elia will do a presentation called "Quilting the Journey." Janet will give a fun-filled, informative talk sharing her quilts and discuss the inspiration and techniques used to make each one. Janet has been juried into many large quilt shows and has won numerous awards for her quilting, applique and embroidery. Some of you may know Janet from the Quilt Corner Studio in Sandwich. Her presentation includes a short slide show (20 minutes) and a showing of 15 – 20 quilts. Prepare to be inspired!

October 13, 2023
Guild member Penny Bartlett will do a show & tell of her mother's wonderful quilts. We will also have the monthly raffle.

October 27, 2023
Happy fall and Happy Halloween! We would like all guild members to bring in their fall- and Halloween-themed quilts, wall hangings, and table runners to share them with us. Even if your fall or Halloween item was made many years ago, or you brought it in for show & tell before, we'd love to see it to be inspired for a great fall. We will also have show & tell of the quilts you've recently completed and our next "challenge" will also be introduced.

November 10, 2023
Ways & Means!! Remember to bring in your crafty items for others to take a chance on to win. Please tie like items together. Remember—no magazines. If you have pieces of fabric ½ yard or larger, please hold them aside for the Comfort Quilt Committee. We will also be having our monthly raffle.

December 8, 2023
Happy Holidays! We will have a catered luncheon (price TBD) along with a monthly raffle, show & tell, and games! For those with a Secret Sister, remember her with a special gift.

Remember: If the Falmouth Public Schools cancel for inclement weather, so will the Holly Berry Quilters.

—Mary Ann Karpinski
Programs Co-Chair

It's a Mystery!

Thursday, June 9, was our long-awaited reunion luncheon featuring a Show and Tell of our exceptional mystery quilts. The quilts were made from a Debbie Caffrey pattern for jelly rolls, which she calls "worms." The project was organized by Penny Bartlett, who sent out six sets of directions to the mystery makers. Here are some of the outstanding results. Congratulations to all the participants!

Bringing Comfort to Someone in Need: Comfort Quilts

Thank you to all that made comfort quilts in the last few months. We need to have a good supply for the holidays as the Service Center always takes quite a few. We had kits at our end-of-the-year party, so when you complete them, just let Micki or me know. Remember we have batting, and some backings are available.

If you have fabric that you wish to donate for future comfort quilts, we can pick it up from you or you can bring it to our first meeting. Our fabric stock has been depleted and so donations are welcome. Children's and baby fabric is sometimes our main focus, but remember there is an adult population that are isolated and would appreciate a nice comfort quilt as a Christmas gift as well. Do not bring fabric donations into the meeting. Please place your donations for comfort quilts in the back of Jeanie's Toyota SUV (white Rav4 with black roof), parked each meeting at the beginning of the walk way.

We will continue to make up kits and include patterns which you can or can not use your choice. Thank you to all the members for their continued support and generosity on these beautiful comfort quilts that we have been able to distribute.

—Jeanie and Micki

Teddy Bears for the Holidays

Last December, a number of our members participated in a pilot program for the benefit of children served by the Salvation Army in Hyannis. The organization provided (gasp!) naked teddy bears and guild members dressed them all in sweaters, pants, pinafore, hats—you name it! Many bears also were returned with their own child-size or bear-size quilts, and our ongoing Comfort Quilts project provided quilts for all the others.

This year, we will have about 20 bears who would like to come to your home, be fitted for a cheerful outfit, and be paired with a quilt to cuddle under with their child. If you want to work with a partner, with one person dressing the bear and the other making the quilt, that's fine. If you prefer just to make the quilt, you can dress the bear in a Build-a-Bear costume or a preemie outfit.

If you would like to be part of this project this year, please email Eileen Mattingly at eileenmattingly@yahoo.com to reserve your bear. Bears will be distributed at the September 8 meeting.

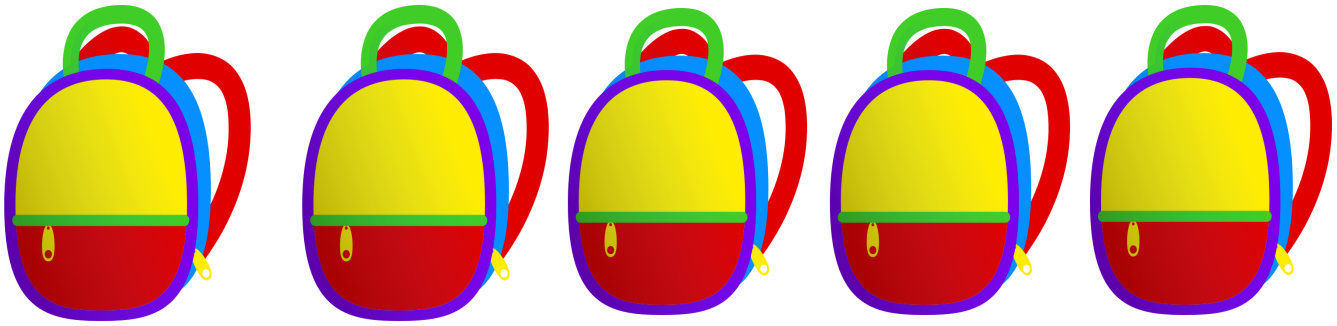
Member News

FALMOUTH SERVICE CENTER FRESH START PROGRAM

101 children received backpacks filled with supplies and gift cards on August 22nd. In addition, 42 backpacks were filled for the seven schools to be given to children who need supplies, etc. 40 were filled for Cape Cod Collaborative in Osterville for special needs children Cape wide and 40 for distribution on August 23rd to families who did not sign up in advance. The total number of backpacks distributed was 223.

Many thanks to those who donated to help make this program work. The final total from Holly Berry members and the guild was $1,650 and one backpack. The generosity of Holly Berry members always amazes me.

—Micki Tor



MONTHLY RAFFLE

The monthly raffle benefits our members. At the end of every year, gifts are purchased for members in good standing with proceeds from the raffle. A member in good standing equates to dues paid and quilt raffle tickets purchased.

The monthly raffle takes place at the first meeting of each month so hopefully all members will participate.

Tickets are $1 for one ticket and $2 for three tickets.
Some great items have already been purchased for upcoming raffles. There have been some great end-of-year gifts in the past, so please support the monthly raffle.

—Micki Tor

Member News, cont.

Raffle Quilt Winner

Our Raffle Quilt winner was Jeannie Lamb. Jeannie was a Holly Berry Member but moved off Cape to be closer to her daughter.

Jeannie and her daughter go to the Dedicated Quilters Weekend and she still supports us by purchasing many tickets.

Needless to say, she was thrilled!

Hospitality: So Much to Look Forward to

Coffee/tea and refreshments will be provided at 9:00 a.m. before meetings start and will also be available at break time. The cost is $.50. We encourage members to bring their own mugs.

A sign-up sheet will be circulated at the first meeting for members to sign up to bring a refreshment to a meeting. You will receive a reminder telephone call before the meeting.

We have two luncheons during our Guild year. The Holiday Luncheon will be held on December 8, 2022 and will be catered. More details will follow. A sign-up sheet for desserts and appetizers will be circulated before the luncheon.

Our second luncheon will be held at our last meeting on June 8, 2023. This is a Pot Luck Luncheon and a sign-up sheet will be passed around for main dishes, appetizers, salads, desserts and beverages. This is fun because we get to taste food and goodies made by our talented members.

—Maryann Bowman
—Linda Maddaluno
—Becky Pitruzzello
—Pat Wahlburg

In Memoriam: Cindy Campbell

Some Thoughts on My Friendship With Cindy Campbell

Cindy and I met twenty-four years ago when my husband and I moved to the Cape. She and her husband had moved to the Cape two years prior. We met at the YMCA, where we were both in the water aerobics class. I remember first connecting with her over a book we were both reading at the time, and we discovered very quickly that we both loved to quilt. Sandy O'Shaughnessy was also in the aerobics class and became interested in quilting through Cindy. We all later became members of Holly Berry. The picture above was taken after the three of us had returned from a quilt tour in 2008 to the famous quilt show in Sisters, Oregon. What a wonderful week we had!

Cindy and I shared so much together. Of course, there was our love of quilting, but we were also always recommending books to each other that we had read, we walked together for years until Covid hit and cancer struck us both, and most important of all we shared our Christian faith. She was a gift to me from God, and I know she felt the same way about me. I will miss her terribly, but we know we will be together again.

—Midge Reed

Fabric Recycling

There is a new state law that goes into effect on November 1, 2022, that bans the disposal of textiles in household trash. As quilters we know that in addition to the socks with holes in them, old underwear, and blouses that no longer fit, we generate a fair amount of scrap fabric & batting in our quilting activities. Now all of this material will have to be recycled.

There are a number of places to do this. Bay State Textiles has convenient drop-off boxes where we can dispose of this material. The material needs to clean, dry, and bagged. Hand in Hand Thrift shop on Sandwich Road (part of the Falmouth Service Center) will accept single bags during their donation hours; please let the volunteer know that your bag goes directly to recycling. Five of the seven public schools in Falmouth (East Falmouth, Morse Pond, Mullen-Hall, North Falmouth, and Teaticket schools) have donation boxes in front of the school. The money raised from the sale of the fabric goes to the schools, or Falmouth Service Center (Hand in Hand). Other towns are likely to have donation bins at their schools.

Besides old clothing and fabric scraps, they accept sheets, towels, pillows, shoes, purses, small rugs, and other fabric items. Any usable clothing is sold overseas and the rest converted to rags. Here is a link to what they will\ and will not t accept: https://www.baystatetextiles.com/what-we-do-dont-accept/

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Let's be good citizens & keep fabric out of the waste stream & help the environment.

—Deborah Winograd

Quilters Win Big at the Fair

We are so proud of our talented Holly Berry members. Here are some photos from the 2022 Barnstable County Fair and a list of winners in the categories of quilts, needle art, and arts and crafts:

Corey Barrett
Joan Carpenter
Nancy Devere
Lorraine Haynes
Lynne Kinch
Sue McDonald
Sue Moore
Marge Overholtz
Louise Prussack
Karen Schlueter
Micki Tor
Cathy Williamson

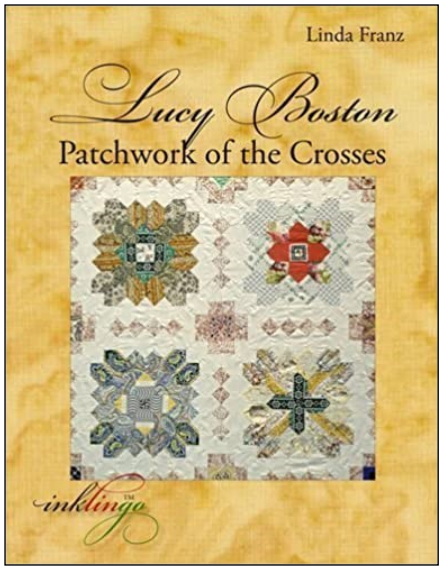
Be sure to pin your ribbons on your quilts for our upcoming Show and Tell! Congratulations!

See these and other winning quilts at our September 8 meeting!

Book Review

Lucy Boston: Patchwork of the Crosses

If you would like to try your hand at English paper piecing, check out *Lucy Boston: Patchwork of the Crosses* by Linda Franz.



Google "Patchwork of the Crosses" and you will find pages of blocks and quilts using elongated hexagons (also called "church windows" or "honeycombs") and related geometric shapes for English Paper Piecing (EPP) a technique explained below.

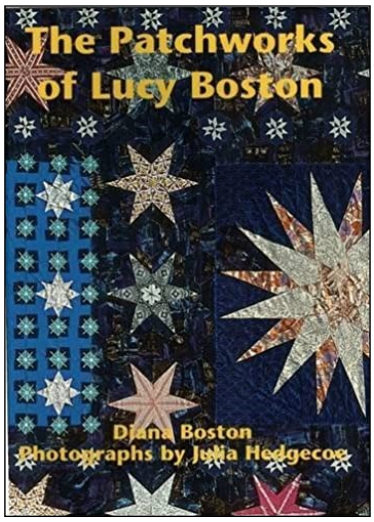
International award-winning quilter and innovator Linda Franz popularized this technique in her book, *Lucy Boston: Patchwork of the Crosses*. Lucy Boston was a painter, a writer, a volunteer nurse in World War I, and author of a well-known series of children's books. She also created masterful combinations of fussy-cut scraps, making them into patchwork blocks and quilts in the 1960s and 1970s. She was still sewing into her 90s, but had difficulty threading needles, so children from the town would come over to thread them for her.

Fussy cutting refers to a technique that involves selecting small sections of repeated fabric patterns, basting them onto cardstock cut into 90- and 135-degree hexagons and then whipstitching them together. The process is like fitting together pieces of a puzzle for a new and unexpected outcome. But it is slow.

Patchwork of the Cross (POTC) Techniques:

Linda Franz points out her initial interest in Lucy Boston's designs but she worried about the labor-intensive process involved in EPP. "I fell in love with Lucy Boston and her designs and also because I could see that printing the shapes on fabric with Inklingo (described below) would allow more quilters to make their own variations. English paper piecing is too slow and too difficult for many quilters, but I knew Inklingo would make it possible to combine hand and machine piecing with some fussy cutting so more quilters would enjoy it."

How slow? Making the 88″ x 99″ quilt on the book's back cover requires 56 blocks of 24 hexagons each, which means you need 1558 hexagons. Franz chose to come up with alternatives with Inklingo, Franz's invention of a method of printing shapes directly onto fabric or printing out the hexagons with registration marks on cardstock. Both ways allow for very accurate preprinted seams and instead of the traditional EPP whip stitch used to connect hexagons a much quicker running stitch by hand or hybridizing hand and machine goes quickly.



Reprinted several times, *Lucy Boston: Patchwork of the Crosses* is in demand. Linda Franz wrote it with the help of Lucy's daughter-in-law, Diana Boston, with photographs by Julia Hedgecoe.
This book, as well as a companion book by Diana Boston, *The Patchworks of Lucy Boston,* is available on Linda Franz's website, which also has many helpful tutorials. You can find the Lucy Boston page at https://www.inklingo.com/site/product-category/lucy-boston/. You may also purchase a computer program that will allow you to print the Patchwork of the Crosses templates right on fabric.

—Deborah Bisacchi
Guild Librarian

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Deadline for the winter issue is
December 10.

Quilt Shows Coming Soon

Autumn Festival of Quilts
September 17 & 18, 2022
Hawthorne Brook Middle School
64 Brookline St.
Townsend MA
http://squanicookquiltguild.com/index.html
Admission: $7.00

Herring Run Quilters' Quild 16th Biennial Quilt Show: With These Hands 2022
September 24 – 25, 2022
Boys and Girls Club of Marshfield
37 Proprietors Drive
Marshfield, MA 02050

https://www.herringrunquiltguild.com/
Admission: $7; under 12 free

Merrimack Valley Quilters Annual Show — Starstruck
September 30 & October 1, 2022
Hope Community Church
11 Hale Street
Newburyport MA.
https://mvquilters.org/
Admission:$10.00

The ART of the Quilt
October 1 – 2, 2022
Lincoln-Sudbury Regional High School
390 Lincoln Road
Sudbury MA 01776
https://www.waysidequilters.org/index.html
Admission: $7

Crazy Quilters of Cape Cod Open House
October 8, 2022
Gus Canty Community Center
790 Main Street
Falmouth MA
https://crazyquiltersofcc.wordpress.com/events/
Free admission

Quinobequin Quilters Quilt Show
Oct. 21 - 22, 2022
Needham Masonic Lodge
1101 Highland Ave
Needham MA 02492
https://www.quinobequin.org/
Admission: $10; Under 12 free

Cape Cod Quilters
November 12-13 2022
Cultural Center of Cape Cod
307 Old Main St.
South Yarmouth, MA