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President's Message

One quarter of the 21st century is in the books and time marches on…

Holly Berry Quilters, after 40 years of being a guild, continues to do charity work through our deeds and keeping our hands busy. This year alone we have given teddy bears and quilts for the Salvation Army. Comfort quilts were donated to many organizations, as well as hats and pillowcases. In September, Micki Tor headed the Fresh Start program through the Falmouth Service Center.

Just the thought of "What can we do?" can make a difference to ease our neighbors' burdens and brighten their day.

Penny Bartlett asked that question and got our guild to donate paper products: toilet paper, paper towels, and diapers over the last 2 months to the Falmouth Service Center.

Gail Goraj had the suggestion of making placemats for the Elder Services: Meals on Wheels, that has a satellite location at the Mashpee Senior Center serving East Falmouth, Mashpee, and Cotuit. They can be made from fat quarters or scraps to the

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Mark Your Calendars…

with these confirmed Guild meeting dates:

Month	Meetings	Sew Days
January	8, 22	15, 29
February	12, 26	5, 19
March	12, 26	5, 19

Member News

President's Message, cont.

size of 12"x18." We did this years ago, so it is a good project to revisit. We will discuss this at the next meeting in January.

We are looking forward to all the inspirational programs we will have for the second half of the year.

It's wonderful that our guild members have such a giving spirit and that they ask the question "What can we do?"

—Marge Overholtz

Ways and Means

Our Ways and Means event, spearheaded by Pat Wahlberg and Deborah Winograd, was as usual an important part of our fundraising for events and programs in the coming year. As noted in the Treasurer's Report on the next page, the event made almost $3,000. Generous donations of fabrics, kits, and notions from our members and their equally generous craving for new additions to their stash guarantee success each year.

2026 Raffle Quilt: Ruby Jubilee

Our Ruby Anniversary Quilt, the 2026 raffle quilt, was a collaboration among many members of our guild. The center medallion is the result of a class some members had with Ginny Radloff of Appletree Fabrics, a Judy Niemeyer certified instructor, in March of 2025. The pattern, from Quiltworx.com, is "Pocket Compass," and was made by Marge Overholtz.

Penny Bartlett and Conny Doty helped with the arrangement of the 12" squares around the medallion and helped Deb Winograd with the composition and printing of the label. The crisscross stars designed by Lori Holt that "anchor " the four points of the pocket compass were made by Penny Bartlett. The various 12" squares were made by several Holly Berry Quilters, putting their unique spin on our Anniversary quilt. Longarm Quilting was done by Ellen Whelan, who was suggested by Karen Schlueter.

Tickets are already available for purchase and every member received tickets with their membership. Additional tickets are available from Marilyn DeCoste at the meetings for $20.00 for four books of six tickets.

—Marge Overholtz

Member News, cont.

In Memoriam

Anna Barrow
January 23, 2025

Nancy DeVere
October 25, 2025

Kathleen O'Grady
November 11, 2025

Treasurer's Report

September 2, 2025 to December 31, 2025

Checkbook Balance $10,281.24

Income:

Membership: $1450.00
Raffle Quilt Tickets: 1442.00
Ways & Means: 2825.50

Expenses:

Program: $100.00
2026 Raffle Quilt expenses: $467.01
Business expenses: $150.49
Comfort Quilts batting: $150.00
Donations: $200.00
Fabric printing: $100.05
Membership expense: $15.60
Luncheon: $142.59

—Penny Bartlett

Hospitality Committee

Happy New Year to all! 2025 flew by and it's hard to believe it's 2026!

2026 is a memorable one as it is the 40th anniversary of Holly Berry Quilt Guild. Something to be proud of!

Thank you to everyone for making the holiday luncheon a great success. The Roche Brothers food was wonderful and the appetizers and desserts were delectable delights. We are so lucky that our members love to cook and bake on top of quilting.

A sign-up sheet for January–March will be passed around at the December 8 meeting for members to sign up to bring a treat to a meeting. Sweet treats are always a hit; however fruit is also popular. We are always making New Year's resolutions to eat healthy, for as long as that lasts!

When you sign up for hospitality, you will receive a reminder email the Sunday or Monday before the meeting. Please feel free to contact Pat Wahlberg if you forgot to note the date you signed up for.

Coffee and tea are available at 9:00 a.m. and during the break. You are encouraged to bring your own mug.

Another sign-up sheet will be circulated in March for the April–May time period. The year-end potluck luncheon is June 11, and a sign up sheet will be passed around. This includes everything from desserts to salads to appetizers to main dishes and drinks.

Thank you for everything!

—Gail Goraj, Mary Ann Bowman, Lisa Gregoire, Maureen Malmgren and Pat Wahlberg

Winter Programs Calendar for 2026

[Note: All events are on Thursdays. Check out speakers and/or their organization by clicking on the weblinks.]

January 8 - Meeting: "All About Rulers" Several members will demonstrate rulers they find most helpful in accomplishing some of the basic blocks of quilting with accuracy and speed, plus members' show and tell.

January 22 - Meeting: Sandra Cronauer-Mitra. Trunk show on "Adding Redwork- Style Embroidery to Your Quilts." https://www.quiltsbysandra.com/

February 8 – Sew Day Class: Ann Giuggio – "Two Big Totes" pattern from ByAnnie. This is an all-day class with master bag maker and teacher, our own Ann Giuggio. Participants will be able to make one bag and possibly begin on a second during the class. https://www.byannie.com/shop/pba310-two-big-totes-13343?category=8#attr=4300

February 12 – Meeting: A Valentine's Day celebration. Each year the Entertainment Committee organizes a lovely event with tea and treats. There will be a members' show and tell including a focus on Valentine's Day pieces.

February 26 – Meeting: We welcome **Jessica Whritenour,** Executive Director of the 300 Committee of Falmouth, https://300committee.org/ for an "out of the box" talk about the town's premiere land conservation non-profit which has preserved over 2,600 acres of land for public use, restoration of fragile wetlands and the restoration of the Coonamessett River Greenway.

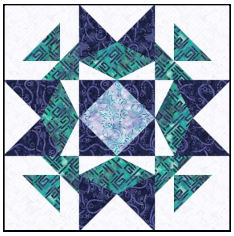
March 5 – Sew Day Class: Timna Tarr. The quilter and fiber artist will teach an all-day class on various techniques to make her well known appliqué circles https://www.timnatarr.com/

March 12 – Meeting: Barbara Graceffa (AKA "Secretary of the Interior"), quilter, designer, decluttering consultant, etc. "7 Easy Steps to Achieve Color Harmony" talk and demonstration. https://sec-interior.com/

March 26 – Meeting: Adele Scott, Cape Cod's own well known quilter and workshop leader will talk about her favorite "Tips & Tricks." https://www.adelescott.com/

—Conny Doty

Holly Berry Quilt Guild Rules!



Our first program of the year, on January 8, featured a demonstration of quilting rulers by members Marge Overholtz, Kim Keith, and Conny Doty. They showed us the multiple uses of the Tucker Trimmer, the Wing Clipper, the Wedge Star, the Rapid-Fire Lemoyne Star, and other rulers designed to assure accuracy.

For more information about these tools, you can go to the Facebook page for Deb Tucker's Studio 180 at https://www.facebook.com/DebTuckerStudio180Design. This page features videos by Deb Tucker and up-to-date information about Studio 180 products, plus a stunning array of completed quilts.

Similar information and free downloads, including instructions for all her products, can be found at the Studio 180 website at https://studio180design.net/.

Holly Berry Donations, September–December 2025

Haven't we been busy! Here is the list of our donations in the last third of 2025, and a few photos. Many thanks to all who participated in these projects.

<u>To: The Falmouth Service Center</u>

* 31 quilts (age appropriate for 0-2 years)
* 68+ hats/scarves
* 1 van-load of toilet paper and paper towels
* 1 can-load of diapers

<u>To: Child and Family Services of Cape Cod</u>

* 20 quilts

<u>To: Belonging to Each Other</u>

* 8 quilts
* 8 pillowcases

<u>To: Veterans (Hyannis)</u>

* 5 fleece quilts
* 8 hats

<u>To: Salvation Army (Hyannis)</u>

* 38 teddy bears and other assorted animals
* 38 children's quilts
* 17 bear-size quilts
* 2 small sleeping bags for teddy bears

—Pat Arcese and Deborah Winograd

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Holly Berry Donations, September–December 2025. cont.

Meals on Wheels Placemats

Happy New Years, Holly Berry Members! We are going to kick off the new year with a fun placemat project for the Elder Services Meals on Wheels Program, based out of the Town of Mashpee Senior Center. This Meals on Wheels location covers Mashpee, East Falmouth, and Cotuit, with between 85 to 100 clients, depending on the day.

Kathy Webb, whom I've known for years, is the Nutrition Site Manager and oversees the Meals on Wheels Mashpee location. She is quite excited about the placemat project. We decided that March is a good date to do it.

I am asking members to make at least two place mats in order to reach our target numbers. Fat quarters, 2 1/2"-wide strips or any other fabric pieces work. There are many free patterns online or you can design your own. The most common measurement for a place mat is 12" x 18"; however a nice size to fit a plate and glass comfortably is 13 1/2" or 14" x 18 1/2". I have several to show during a short presentation at the January 8 meeting.

I will need the place mats at the March 11, 2026 meeting. I will then make arrangements with Kathy to present them to her and take some photos for Kathy, us, and the senior center. This is a great winter project so let's have fun with it!

—Gail Goraj

A Thank You for the Teddy Bears from the Salvation Army:

We would like to thank the Holly Berry Quilt Guild for the donation of the Teddy Bears this year. We are grateful to your group for the beautiful clothing, quilts and blankets included with the bears. They truly are a work of art. We know that these bears brought smiles to a lot of children's faces this Christmas. Thank you all for your generous donation.

One Mom came in to pick up her 2-year-old daughter's gifts one afternoon. She also took a pink tricycle for her, so we asked her if she would like a teddy bear for her little girl and she said yes. I asked her what her daughter's favorite color was and she said purple. I asked her to close her eyes, and I showed her the purple teddy bear, and she fell in love with it. We all couldn't stop smiling, seeing her joy. Thank you.

Wishing you all the blessings in the world this Christmas and in the New Year.

Sincerely,
Janice M. Vintro
Feeding Program Assistant

Holly Berry Quilt Guild Officers, 2025-26

President Marge Overholtz
Vice President Lorene Shapiro
Secretary Michele Allen
Treasurer Penny Bartlett

Chairpersons

Comfort Quilts Pat Arcese, Deborah Winograd
Photos Pam Mulveyhill, Mary Ann Karpinski
Historian Pam Mulveyhill
Hospitality Gail Goraj, Mary Ann Bowman, Pat Wahlberg, Ann Giuggio, Maureen Malmgren
Librarian Ann Giuggio
Ruler Lending Library Conny Doty
Membership Deborah Winograd
Newsletter Eileen Mattingly
Monthly Raffle Micki Tor
Mystery Quilt Penny Bartlett
Programs Conny Doty, Claire Allen, Kim Keith
Website Gail Goraj
Raffle quilt 2025-26 - Marge Overholtz, Penny Bartlett, and Conny Doty
Raffle Quilt Permitting/ Printing of tickets/ Oversight Marilyn DeCoste
Secret Sister Donna Mattison Earls
Sunshine Karen Lovely
Ways and Means Pat Wahlberg, Deborah Winograd
Finished Product Auction - Mary Ann Karpinski
Accuquilt GO Cutter, Dies Penny Bartlett
Fabric Photo Printing Deborah Winograd
Barnstable County Fair Michele Allen, Dottie Sullivan, Lisa Gregoire, Karen Schlueter
Nominating Committee - OPEN

Upcoming Quilt Shows

Exploring the World of Fibers 2026

Jan. 10 - Feb. 1, 2026
Nye Gallery @LexArt
130 Waltham Street
Lexington, MA
https://www.lexart.org/exhibit-information/world-of-fibers

Thimble Pleasures Quilt Guild Show

March 14-15
Blackstone Valley Regional Technical High School
65 Pleasant Street
Upton, MA
https://thimblepleasuresquiltguild.blogspot.com

Quinobequin Quilters Quilt Show

March 27 - 28, 2026
Needham Masonic Hall
1101 Highland Ave
Needham, MA 02494
https://www.quinobequin.org/quilt-show

AQS QuiltWeek – New England

April 8 – 11, 2026
Connecticut Convention Center
100 Columbus Blvd.
Hartford, CT 06103
https://www.americanquilter.com/quiltweek/event/landing/eventid/41

Marathon Quilters Quilt Show: A Thread Runs Through It, Celebrating the Guild's 30th Anniversary

April 11 – 12, 2026
Hopkinton Center for the Arts
98 Hayden Rowe St
Hopkinton, MA 01748
https://www.marathonquilters.com/show.html

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