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President's Message
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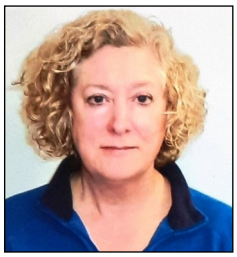


It's starting to look like spring. We are all looking forward to seeing the sun and better weather after this winter. There's still many enjoyable activities planned for the group before our June luncheon.

We will have guest speakers- Adele Scott, Janice and David Jones, and Salley Mavor.

Cindy Harris will be teaching her very popular Sweatshirt Jacket class, and several members have signed up for the Rhode Island Shop Hop.

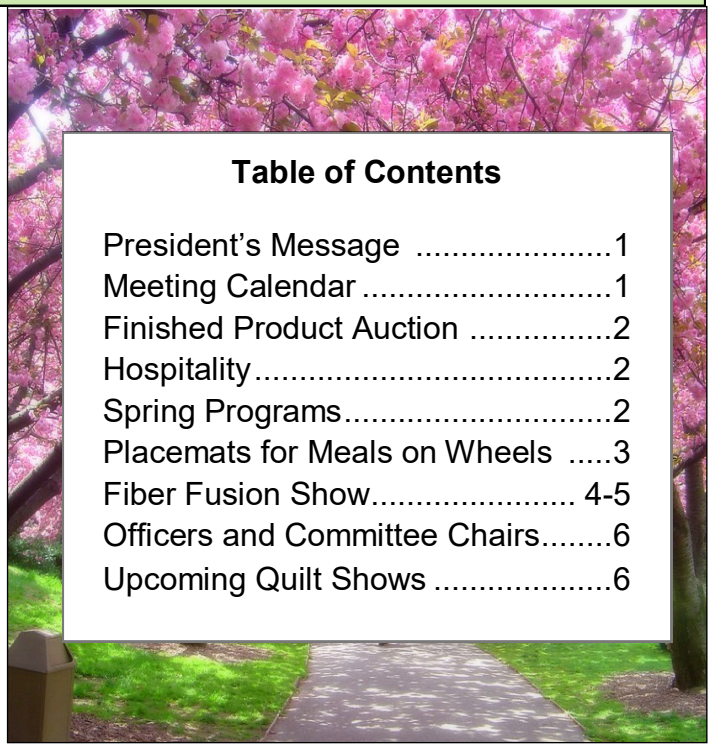
The Finished Project Auction is always a fun way to raise money for our programs for next year. Members always surprise us with their amazing talents.

Our June luncheon is when we reveal the Mystery Quilt and Secret Sister. We also sample great food though our Hospitality committee and members.

Please remember the Fair in July, participating in two ways: by entering quilts or other crafts and by being a Volunteer at the Adult Exhibit Hall. The fair was established in 1844. It has been held annually ever since, with few exceptions. Volunteers are a big part of making the fair work.

Let's enjoy this Spring and have a wonderful Summer.

—Marge Overholtz



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Mark Your Calendars…

with these confirmed Guild meeting dates:

Month	Meetings	Sew Days	Special Events
April	9	2	16, 30
May	14, 28	7, 21	
June	11	4	

For more information about Special Events, see the Programs calendar on page 2.

Finished Product Auction

Our May 28th meeting is our annual Finished Product Auction. Please dip in to your creative mind and create something that can be auctioned off to other guild members. Proceeds from the auction go towards our program budget.

Your donated item can be any crafty thing you like to do. Ideas of things that sell well at the auction are placemats, table runners, tote bags, makeup bags, jewelry, knitted or crochet items, scarves, paintings, framed photos, aprons, wall hangings, pottery, ceramics, wooden items, etc. These are just a few suggestions.

Think about what you would like to buy and have fun creating. All items should be new and brought to the meeting on May 28th. Plan on bringing cash or your checkbook to the meeting and having fun bidding on your favorite item.

—Mary Ann Karpinski

Hospitality Committee

Yikes! We cannot believe we are in the second part of the quilt guild year. Time flew by and it was certainly memorable with the nor'easter.

Thank you to members for signing up to bring a snack to meetings. We are lucky to be able to enjoy the delectable treats at the meetings to enjoy with a cup of coffee or tea. Before we know it, the June luncheon will be here.

A sign-up sheet will be circulated starting in April for the luncheon that includes everything from main dishes to drinks. When you sign up for hospitality, you receive a reminder email the Sunday or Monday before the meeting.

Thank you to everyone for your generosity!

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

Spring Programs Calendar for 2026

(Please note all dates are on Thursdays.)

March 12 - Due to illness, the speaker for this meeting Barara Graceffa unable to present. Business meeting and planning for next season.

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

April 9 - Meeting: Janice and David Jones - Trunk show "Seeing the Everyday in an Abstract Way." https://www.janicemjones.com/teaching.php

April 16 - Class with HollyBerry's own Cindy Harris who will teach her most requested class on making a beautiful sweatshirt jacket with stencils and fabric.

April 23 - NO MEETING (Fairgrounds has room scheduled for other activity)

April 30 – Shop Hop Bus Trip: 4 Rhode Island Shops included in the itinerary.

May 14 - Meeting: Salley Mavor - Well known fiber artist, children's book author, and stitcher extraordinaire (& Falmouth resident) will give a presentation about her work including her most recent book *My Bed.*

May 28 - Meeting - Annual HollyBerry Made Products Auction

June 11 - Meeting - Final meeting of the season, and luncheon

Sew Days: March 19, April 2, May 7, May 21, June 4

Holly Berry Quilter Guild/Meals On Wheels Placemat Project

In January, I proposed a Meals on Wheels Placemat Project to members. I asked members to make a placemat or two for participants in the Elders Services Meals on Wheels Program based in Mashpee that covers Mashpee, East Falmouth and Cotuit residents.

Never in my wildest dreams did I expect the volume of placemats that members made! I received 216 placemats. It was so much fun to see all the creative and colorful placemats when I was ironing on labels. So much fun! The placemats will be divided between the Mashpee Wheels on Wheels and Sandwich locations.

When I delivered 108 placemats to Mashpee, Kathy Webb, the director of the Meals on Wheels program (which is a 501-3C) in Mashpee, told me they serve approximately 95 clients a week. She is passionate and loves her job where nutritious, healthy and balance meals are delivered to clients who cannot prepare their own meals, cannot get out to shop, and have no family members to help.

Cape Cod has 12 Meals on Wheels sites and delivers about 1200 meals daily, all accomplished on a tight budget, and relies on grants, funding and donations. Meals on Wheels has been doing this on the Cape for 50 years. There is a $4.00 charge for a meal; however, if someone cannot afford it, they still are delivered a meal and a volunteer to say hi and brighten their day.

Needless to say Kathy and the volunteers were so excited and overwhelmed by our donations. Another nice little tidbit of information is that our member Cindy Harris volunteered at Meals on Wheels in Falmouth years ago, and then became the director. Now her daughter is following in her footsteps!

As we all know, Holly Berry members are an unbelievably generous group.

Thank you!

—Gail A.Goraj

The placemat project was one which had a great deal of appeal for Guild members. The 20+ inches of snow we had in the last few weeks was also a great incentive to sew!

Highfield Hall Presents Fiber Fusion Show

While working for thirty years in her career as a legal assistant, Holly Berry Guild member Lorraine Gentile Haynes spent much of her spare time as an artist. Having trained at the Museum School at the MFA and at the Massachusetts College of Art, she began her art endeavors as a silversmith and eventually developed skills as a printmaker. It was only when she moved to Cape Cod in 2015 that her love of fabric, inherited from her seamstress mother, began to shape her art—she became a textile artist.

This transformation happened when she moved to Southport and met a group of quilt artists there. She learned that, like silversmiths and printmakers, quilters assembled various materials, found ways to layer them, and followed design principles common to all three techniques.

Lorraine's husband Ric is a painter, and one year she accompanied him to Alabama, where he was showing some of his work. There she visited Gee's Bend. Almost all of us are familiar with the work of the Black quilters who used recycled materials like worn work shirts and even flour sacks to make quilts for their families. [For more information about these quilters, see https://www.soulsgrowndeep.org/gees-bend-quiltmakers.] Lorraine was influenced by their free-flowing designs and fabrics; she even had a lesson on binding corners from one of today's quilters in Gee's Bend, Mary Ann Pettway.

When she returned, she began to collect and sort fabrics as various as men's shirts and Japanese prints into bins. Her work with textiles progressed and she has joined a group called Fabric Fusion. These five women and several invited artists are now having a fascinating show at Highfield Hall. All the artists work with recycled materials, from fabric to cut paper to old ball gowns. Many of Lorraine's fabrics are donations from friends, items left on the Holly Berry free table at meetings, and fabrics she purchases at the Woods Hole Library sales.

There are sculptures, wall hangings, a vessel constructed from old quilts that reflects Australian aboriginal art, and of course quilted pieces. The exhibit can be seen at Highfield Hall in Falmouth until June 14. Every Saturday from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. there will be an artist from the group to meet with visitors and answer questions. Lorraine will be representing the group on April 25 and May 9.

The Canis Major Constellation quilt below represents the Dog Star, the brightest star in the Southern Hemisphere sky. It is made from fabrics inspired by Australian aboriginal art.

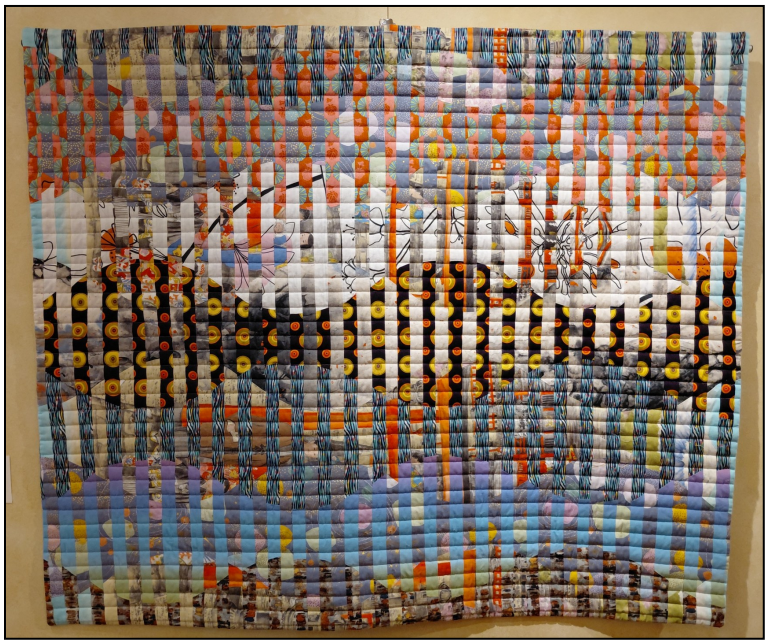
The exhibit is appropriately called "Second Chances," for several reasons. The works in the show are constructed from recycled materials that now have a second chance to be meaningful. The artists themselves have come from careers in various fields and now have time to pick up artistic work again that may have lapsed because of the demands of raising a family and working. And for Highfield Hall, it too has a second chance because of its past deterioration and now its renaissance as an historic home and a museum.

Should you be unable to attend the Highfield show, the Fiber Fusion group is also exhibiting at the Cotuit Center for the Arts from October 3 to November 8. There will be several artists there whose work was not included at Highfield, so even if you have attended the spring show at Highfield, you may wish to put this on your calendar.

More images of Lorraine's work appear on the next page.

Highfield Hall Presents Fiber Fusion Show, cont.

"Fractured Frequencies" is a quilt that Lorraine made last year. It uses cotton remnants cut in free-form curves and strips and then re-sewn together.



This is "Urban Kaleidoscope," for which Kona cotton fabric remnants provided the materials.

"Smoke & Embers, a more traditional quilt pattern, was created from bits of already cut fabric given to Lorraine by a friend.

This simple quilt made of used shirt fabric reflects the significant influence of Gee's Bend quilters in Lorraine's development as a textile artist.

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Raffle quilt 2025-26 - Marge Overholtz, Penny Bartlett, and Conny Doty

Raffle Quilt Permitting/ Printing of tickets/ Oversight Marilyn DeCoste

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Fabric Photo Printing Deborah Winograd

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Nominating Committee - OPEN

Upcoming Quilt Shows

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

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

Chelmsford Quilt Guild Biennial Quilt Show

May 16-17, 2026
Chelmsford Senior Center
75 Groton Road,
North Chelmsford, MA
https://www.chelmsfordquiltguild.com

Proper Bostonian Mini Quilt Show

May 29-30, 2026
Boston Public Library West Roxbury Branch
1961 Centre St., West Roxbury, MA
https://properbostonianquilters.org

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