

Bits & Pieces

Holly Berry Quilters' Guild

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To be announced

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Mary Rys, Pat Arcese

Presidents Message



Happy New Year!

I hope that your holidays were happy. As we approach the new guild year, the Programs Committee is hard at work planning some interesting presentations for us. They have to build in weather contingencies, and 'short notice' fill ins – an interesting and often frustrating job! Thank you Programs Committee for the great programs in the fall and for the hard work you are putting in planning our Winter/Spring meetings. I'm looking forward to all of them!

Did you give any of your creations away this Holiday Season? I'll bet that the recipients loved them! I actually managed to finish two little girl backpacks – one for my grandniece and one for a special little girl in my extended family. They were thrilled with them, and it made my heart sing... A feeling that I know many of you experienced, too!

Some housekeeping items need to be taken care of as we begin 2016.

- The blade sharpener, which lives on the library cart, must be used in the fairgrounds building. It is an expensive little gadget and needs oversight to ensure that it is oiled and maintained properly. We have members who have taken on this responsibility, and more of us need to know how to care for this device.

- Again a reminder to respect the Show and Tell time. Often there is info about a creation that is not heard because of conversations taking place at the same time. Please give your attention to the projects that your guild sisters have brought to show you.

- Coffee and tea drinkers are reminded to bring a mug or cup to meetings to reduce the throw aways.

- Think about volunteering for a committee or officer position for 2016-2017. Be a part of the process, it's very rewarding!

- As of 1 January 2016 our Guild meetings on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of January thru May and the 2nd Thursday in June are all reserved at the fairgrounds. The Project Days on the 1st, 3rd, and, if appropriate the 5th Thursdays are reserved for the time being. I will stay in touch with the fairgrounds as we move into springtime to ensure

the availability of the room on the project days.

- Speaking of project days, have you attended one? It is a great time to work on a project: quilting, knitting, and other handwork. Often there is assistance with a project going on, and there have been lively discussions about a project or pattern. Swing by and see what it's all about. Wendy, in charge of the fairgrounds has been very generous allowing us the space until 3.30 on most project days.

I look forward to seeing everyone on the 14th as we begin the 2nd half of our Guild Year. Bring your Show N Tell on the 14th. We'd love to see what you have been working on over the holiday break.

Pam

Schedule for Winter-Spring 2016 Cape Cod Fairgrounds

Program Meetings— 9:00 AM

January 14 & 28
February 11 & 25
March 10 & 25
April 14 & 28
May 12 & 26
June 9

Project Days

1st, 3rd, and if appropriate, the
5th Thursday of the month

Schedule subject to change.



RECIPE CORNER

Ham and Potato Soup

Anne Ford

- 1 1/2 pounds potatoes, peeled and diced (Yukon Gold Preferred)
- 1 medium onion, diced
- 2 medium carrot, diced
- 2 rib celery, diced
- 8 ounces smoked ham, diced
- 3 cloves garlic, sliced
- 3 tablespoons butter
- 1/4 cup flour
- 4 cups chicken broth
- 2 cups water
- 1/2 cup heavy cream
- salt and pepper to taste
- cayenne pepper (optional)

Directions

1. Melt butter in a stockpot over medium heat until golden brown. Stir in carrot, celery, onion, ham, and garlic; cook and stir for 5-6 minutes, until the vegetables soften and the onions are translucent.
2. Stir in flour; cook for about 3 minutes. Stir in chicken broth, 1 cup at a time. Add water and stir to combine. Turn the heat to high and bring to a simmer. Simmer on medium low for 15 min., stirring occasionally.
3. Taste the soup for salt and pepper and add more if necessary. Stir in potatoes; cook for 15 minutes, until potatoes are tender. Skim fat if desired.
4. With a potato masher, mash the soup a few times, leaving plenty of whole chunks of potato. Season with salt and pepper to taste, add cayenne if desired, and add cream. Stir to combine and heat through.

(Note: If freezing, omit cream and add about 2 tbsp. of Fat Free or regular cream per serving after defrosting). Based on Chef John's Recipe on allrecipes.com.

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Information and Programs for Winter and Spring 2016



Happy New Year Holly Berry Quilters.

Welcome back for the second half of our year and an exciting program line-up.

Jan 14th

Perfect your flying geese using the Wing Clipper Ruler

UFO Challenge : Complete Three UFOs by June to enter into a gift bag raffle.

Members - Bring your Flying Geese units to be trimmed and your Wing Clipper Ruler and we will show you how to use it.

UFO Challenge – Bring in a note card with Three UFOs listed to be turned in at the meeting. There will be a gift bag raffle for anyone that completes the challenge.

Magazine Swap - Table One (Jeanie's table) bring your magazines for swapping. if you have removed anything, please clip the upper right corner of the cover magazine.

Knitting or Quilting magazines are welcome.

Jan 28th

Ways n Means- Please package up your things, no magazines, mark the yardage of large pieces of fabric.

Members – There will be no show 'n tell due to the length of the program.

Feb 11th

Woven Wallet (using 2 1/2" strips) Demo

Members- Materials for Wallet Demo/Workshop: 3- 2 1/2 inch strips length-wise and 3 - 2 1/2 inch strips width-wise OR 1/4 yd. fabric A and 1/4 yd. to coordinate B. 1- 2 1/2 strip for binding, 1/4 yd. for lining/pockets, and 3/4 yd. Pellon 987F fusible fleece, 2+ magnetic buttons.

Feb 25th

Quilted Star of Fairhaven will be here with the new Spring & Summer fabrics. They will be doing some demos.

Members: There will be items for sale.

There will be no show 'n tell due to the length of the program.

Mar 10

Working with Wool by Mary Rys

Members - More info to follow.

Magazine Swap - Table two - (Kathleen O'Grady) bring your magazines for swapping. if you have removed anything, please clip the upper right corner of the cover magazine.

Knitting or Quilting magazines are welcome.

Mar 25

Cindy Campbell - Ruched Flowers. Hands on demo

Members - 12" Ruler, marking pen erasable, strong quilting thread, sharp needle, fabric strips 1 1/4 x WOF

Apr 14

Fabric Boxes/ Origami style paper boxes

Members - Bring in a calendar for the paper boxes, ruler, #2 pencil and paper scissors.

Apr 28

Tips & Tricks

Members – Bring a notebook

Magazine Swap - Table Three (Pat Arcese) bring your magazines for swapping. if you have removed anything, please clip the upper right corner of the cover magazine.

Knitting or Quilting magazines are welcome.

May 12

Dimensional Summer Table Topper

Members - more info to follow

May 26

Finished Project Auction

Members – Bring in your finished projects to be auction off.

There will be no show 'n tell due to the length of the program.

Jun 9

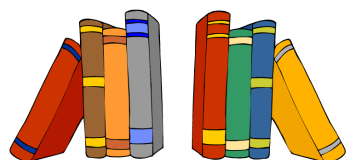
Luncheon
UFO Challenge
MQ reveal

Members – More luncheon info to follow.

Please return any rulers or library books that you may have borrowed.

Bring in your Mystery Quilt.

Bring in your completed UFO Challenge projects.



Library Update

Thanks to Gail Goraj, our library chairperson, we now have a complete list of the books that are in our library. We were able to upload that information into a website called:

hollyberry2.libib.com

Holly Berry Guild members can view the jacket of most the books in our library (in alpha order), and, by clicking the small square box under the picture of the jacket of the book, you will open a screen which shows the name of the book, the author and in most cases, a description of the contents of the book. While a few books that had to be manually entered will not show a picture of the jacket or a description of the contents, it will list the title and author. Users of this website are not required to sign-in. Sign-in is only necessary for the administrators who will add and delete books from this site.

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Thank you Gail for all your hard work. We can now browse for the book we need at our leisure.



Quilting Fun Facts

1. **Where Did Quilts Come From?** Originally, the Chinese and Egyptians were the first to sew three layers of fabrics together to form the quilt.
2. **How Did Quilting Become Popular In America?** The pilgrims brought quilting over to America from Europe. This craft was a way for women to get together and talk and make quilts for the rough winters. The first quilts did not have the popular patchwork appearance you see today. This did not surface until the 19th century.
3. **What Have Quilts Been Used For?** In addition to using as blankets to keep you warm, quilts have had many uses. As early as the 11th century, quilted fabric was used inside armor to give warriors padding and protection. In the 18th century, women had quilted skirts and petticoats and men had waistcoats of quilted material. They are also used as decorative wall hangings in many homes.
4. **How Have Quilts Changed Over The Years?** Quilts were made by hand, with a needle and thread until using a sewing machines became popular in the mid 1800's. They have much sentimental value and is a family tradition in many homes, passing the art from generation to generation. With technology, using photos on fabric has currently become popular.
5. **Which Quilts Are Considered The Most Popular?** Quilts made by the Amish are considered the most popular and are most collected. The Amish quilts are often made with solid colors of varying shades as they feel printed fabrics are too "showy."

10 Different Ways to cut a FAT QUARTER

Six 6.5" Squares

Nine 6" Squares

Twelve 5.5" Squares

Twelve 5" Squares

Sixteen 4.5" Squares

Twenty 4" Squares

Thirty 3.5" Squares

Forty-two 3" Squares

Fifty-six 2.5" Squares

Ninety-nine 2" Squares

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8 Resolutions Quilters Make (But Rarely Keep!)

1. To pull fabric from your stash instead of buying new yardage.
2. Keeping your sewing space neat and organized.
3. Finish your works-in-progress before starting a new quilt.
4. To finally make a quilt for yourself.
5. Starting your holiday projects and gifts earlier.
6. Do your own quilting instead of sending it to the quilters to be finished.
7. Stop promising you'll make a quilt for your [friend's sister, neighbor's nephew, etc]
8. Make more time for quilting.

Well, who knows...maybe this year we'll be successful at a few of them!

2016 UPCOMING EVENTS

ONGOING EVENTS

American Textile History Museum

491 Dutton Street, Lowell, MA 01854

www.athm.org

New England Quilt Museum

18 Shattuck St, Lowell, MA 01852

www.nequiltmuseum.org

2016 SPRING & SUMMER EVENTS

March 11, 12, 13, 2016

Dedicated Quilting Weekend (DQW)

Shoreway Acres, Falmouth, MA

For information contact:

Penny Bartlett or Pam Mulveyhill

DQWCapeCod@gmail.com

March 2016 TBD

Biennial Quilt Show

presented by Thimble Pleasures Quilt Guild of Mendon MA

Blackstone Valley Technical High School on

Pleasant St, Upton MA

Quilt boutique, raffle quilt, vendors and 200+ quilts

www.facebook.com/ThimblePleasuresQuiltGuild

April 1-2, 2016

Quinobequin Quilters Biennial Quilt Show

Needham Masonic Lodge

1101 Highland Ave, Needham, MA

www.quinobequin.org/quilt_show

April 7-9, 2016

Original Sewing & Quilt Festival

DCU Center

50 Foster St, Worcester, MA 01608

www.sewingexpo.com

MQX Quilt Festival New England

APRIL 6-9 2016

Show Information:

The Center of NH / Radisson Hotel

700 Elm Street, Manchester, NH 03101

MQX cont'd

Classes begin **April 6, 2016**

Public Quilt Show **April 7-9, 2016**

\$12 admission, good for all show days

Public Quilt Show Hours (\$12 good for all show days)

Thursday, April 7 - 10 am to 6 pm

Friday, April 8 - 10 am to 5 pm

Saturday, April 9 - 10 am to 5 pm

On site parking garage

Validated parking \$5 for the day

(bring parking ticket to admissions for validation)

<http://www.mqxshow.com/MQX/East/Home/>

May 6-7, 2016

Chelmsford Quilter's Guild Biennial Quilt Show 2016

Friday, May 6: 10am—7:00 pm

Saturday, May 7: 9am - 4pm

Grace Community Church

275 Billerica Rd, Chelmsford, MA

www.chelmsfordquiltguild.com/show.shtml

June - September 2016 TBD

Row By Row Experience, Check website for updated information

www.rowbyrowexperience.com/massachusetts.htm

June 24-26, 2016

13th Bi-Annual Quilt Show 2016

The Shining Tides Quilt Guild, Silver Anniversary

Friends Academy

1088 Tucker Rd., North Dartmouth, MA

June 24-25—10 am to 4pm, June 26—10am to 3:00 pm

Admission \$7; 3-day pass \$11, family package available

Parking free, handicap accessible, lunch/snacks available

www.shiningtidesquiltguild.com

July - August 2016 TBD

Bayberry Quilters of Cape Cod Annual Quilt Show

Cape Cod Technical Regional High School

351 Pleasant Lake Ave, Harwich, MA 02645

www.bayberryquiltersofcapecod.com

Contact: suzyq@capecod.com, Admission \$7

My biggest fear about
dying....

That my husband will sell
all my fabric for what
I told him I paid for it.

Why buy it
for \$7 when you
can make it yourself
with \$92 of
craft supplies.

A Sewciopath
is a person with
an antisocial
sewing disorder.
They think mainly
of their next
project and seldom
feel guilt about
buying fabric
- they can never
seem to get
enough!

Keep Your
sewing machine close
and your
seam ripper closer