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President's Message



Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, and joyful holiday wishes to all of you! I am so sorry I was unable to join you for our holiday luncheon. Members have told me, though, that it was really enjoyable, with delicious food and an amazing show and tell of teddy bears and holiday-themed quilts.

Many thanks to those of you who cooked up your special holiday treats to share for dessert and especially to our hospitality committee of Maryann Bowman, Linda Madaluno, Becky Pitruzzello, and Pat Wahlberg who organized everything so well. Thanks too to Marge Overholtz, who kept things running seamlessly.

We look forward to a happy New Year, full of exciting quilt projects, renewed and new friendships, and multiple opportunities to learn new ideas. Our programs for 2023 are wide-ranging, from very practical how-to demonstrations to inspiring trunk shows by master quilters to our own Show 'n' Tell achievements. (Maybe our New Year's resolutions should also include a few of those UFOs we've been promising ourselves to get to for months or years!) The year will also be filled no doubt with generosity, as members pick up comfort quilt kits or donate from their own stash to complete cheerful and warming quilts for those less fortunate.

May you have a wonderful holiday season with your beloved families and friends! See you in January!

—Gail

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Mark Your Calendars...

...with these confirmed Guild meeting dates:

<u>Meeting Days</u>	<u>Project Days</u>
January 12	January 19
January 26	
February 9	February 2
February 23	February 16
March 9	March 2
March 23	March 16
April 13	April 6
April 27	April 20
May 11	May 4
May 25	May 18
Luncheon	June 8

New and Exciting 2023 Programs

Let's hope 2023 is a Happy New Year! We've put together an exciting line-up of programs for the upcoming months that will inspire your quilting and crafting creativity. Mark your calendar today!

January 12 - Mary Ann Karpinski will give an in-house demonstration on string quilts, flip and sew quilts and quilt as you go. We will have a free table so bring in anything you'd like to pass along. Just remember if your stuff is not taken by the end of the meeting it's your responsibility to take it back home. If you've participated in any kind of quilt round robin, bring your quilts to show us. This may be a future project for the guild. Also bring along your show & tell.

January 26 - Penny Bartlett and Louise Prussack will give an in-house demonstration on using the 60° ruler with striped fabric and how to make four patch kaleidoscope blocks (stack & whack blocks). We'll also have a free table and Show & Tell.

February 9 - Valentine Tea Party and show & tell of members spring-themed quilts

February 23 - Trunk Show by our talented guild member, Cathy Williamson

March 9 - For our "out of the box" meeting, we will have a talk by Carol Cameron from McKnits on her process of dyeing yarn. Carol will also be vending some of her beautiful yarns. (<https://www.etsy.com/shop/mcknits>)

March 23 - Diana Annis from Norton will give a trunk show on the history of Red-work.

April 13 - Pat Harrison will do a trunk show entitled "From Then Till Now—100 Pounds of Quilts" (<https://www.oceanwavesqc.com>)

April 27 - Michelle Banton will present a trunk show called "Looking Great, Dresden Plate" (www.littlepupdesigns.com)

May 11 - Finished Product Auction

May 25 - Heidi Profetty will do a trunk show on her Mosaic Quilts (<https://www.heidiproffetty.com/>)

June 8 - Year-end Party, Mystery Quilt and Challenge Quilt Reveal

—Mary Ann Karpinski
Programs Co-Chair





Holiday Luncheon



The Holly Berries' Christmas luncheon on December 8 was a resounding success thanks to the efforts of our hospitality committee, our talented bakers, and our own good cheer at being able to celebrate together again.

Maryann Bowman, Linda Maddaluno, Becky Pitruzzello, and Pat Wahlberg put together a lunch which featured salad, rolls, chicken in a rich sauce, rice pilaf, and green beans. Many members stepped up to fill a table overflowing with homemade baked goods—brownies, cookies, cupcakes, cheesecake, and more. There were so many goodies that members were encouraged to take some home to family members.

There was entertainment as well, in the form of an extended Show and Tell and a game called Left, Right, Center, which involved lots of quilt-related items. Show and Tell took place before lunch, with lots of charming teddy bears (see p. 4) and many holiday-themed quilts. After lunch, many members stayed to play the game. We were sorry that our president Gail Goraj was unable to join us, but vice president Marge Overholtz did a masterful job as emcee for all the various activities.

We look forward now to very merry and meaningful holidays and a full and joyful 2023!



Teddy Bears for the Holidays

What child wouldn't want a cuddly teddy bear for the holidays? And who better to supply them than the members of our quilt guild? Starting with eighteen teddy bears from the Salvation Army in Hyannis, members dressed all the bears in a wide variety of outfits, ranging from the ballerina in pink satin and net tutu to the sturdy hockey player, complete with skates. Some clothing was hand-sewn; some were clothing for preemie babies who are the same size; some even came from a thrift store that Sandy Cahalane manages. We even have a few leftover outfits to start with in 2023!



The bears also have quilts and crocheted afghans to give to their new young owners. Some were made by the same members who dressed the bears; others were small comfort quilts made by other members and provided for the bears by Jeanie and Micki. In addition to the eighteen original bears, there were five donated bears added to the original batch, for a total of 23 bears, 23 child-size quilts, 10 bear-size quilts, and even a matching pillowcase!



Bears and quilts were shown at the luncheon on December 8 to the delight of the members attending. They went back to the Salvation Army office in Hyannis a few days after the luncheon, and Major Dorie and her staff were thrilled to receive them. They will all be given out to children from underprivileged families for the holidays, and will be well-loved. Thank you to all the guild members who participated in so many ways! What a great job you did!



Member News

Looking for a Long Arm Quilter?

Clip this list of long armers in the area and keep it handy:

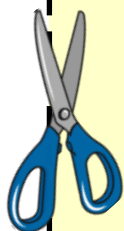
Maryann Bowman
684 West Falmouth Highway
West Falmouth, MA 02574
508-548-2924

Joan Carpenter
27 Joyce St.
East Falmouth, MA 02536
508-548-6768

Creative Longarm Partners
Kate and Tom Wellen
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Tom- 508-451-0190

Marietta Gladding
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Sandwich, MA 02648
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Dawn Gauthier
Dawn's Quilting
64 McClelland Road
Halifax, MA 02338
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Happy birthday, Mary!

Mary Rys recently turned 93 years young, and her Holly Berry quilting friends threw a small party for her. Hope you blew out those candles and made your wish come true, Mary!

Raffle Quilt Reveal



For the 2023-2024 raffle quilt, the pattern "Radian" by Slightly Biased Quilts has been chosen. The pattern uses flying geese blocks but sets them in a modern setting. A rich solid cobalt blue has been chosen for the background. For the "geese" bright, saturated primary and secondary colors will be used. The background fabric squares will be ready for members sometime early next year. We hope that all members will participate!

—Deborah Winograd

Editor's Note: To see photos of the full quilt, go to the Slightly Biased Quilt webpage at <https://shop.slightlybiasedquilts.com/collections/pdf-patterns/products/copy-of-free-exponential-pdf-quilt-pattern-automatic-download>.



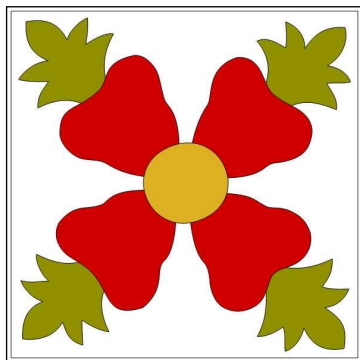
We Love a CHALLENGE, Don't We?!

Holly Berry Quilt Guild 2022-2023 Challenge

"Can you smell the flowers?"

Do you have a stash of floral fabrics? Do you have a flower pattern you've always wanted to try? Do you like the challenge of creating your own floral design? Go wherever your imagination takes you! We encourage everyone in the guild to participate in this challenge.

#1 RULE: HAVE FUN!!! Use your imagination! Your creation can be traditional or contemporary.



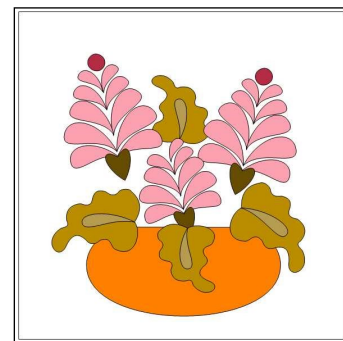
REQUIRED! *Your challenge must include at least one flower somewhere on the front of your quilted item.* Your flower(s) can be pieced, appliqued, a floral fabric, modern or contemporary.

Item Selection: Your challenge can be a quilt, wall hanging, table runner or tote bag but it must be a "quilt"...3 layers including front, back and batting and quilted.

finished size you want.

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 appliquéd, hand appliquéd, machine or hand quilted, etc.). We encourage you to challenge yourself and be creative.

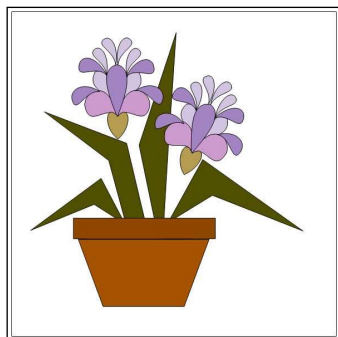
Finished Size: Your challenge can be any finished size you want.



Fabric Requirement: You can use whatever fabrics you want in your challenge. Your fabrics do not all have to be 100% cotton. There is also no limit to the total number of fabrics or kinds of fabrics used in your challenge.

Embellishments: Embellishments are optional.

Due Date: Completed challenges will be revealed at our June 8, 2023 guild meeting.



If you have any questions about the challenge, please contact Mary Ann Karpinski at maktjk9@aol.com or 508-747-0629.

Quilting and the Environment: A SAQA Show at NEQN

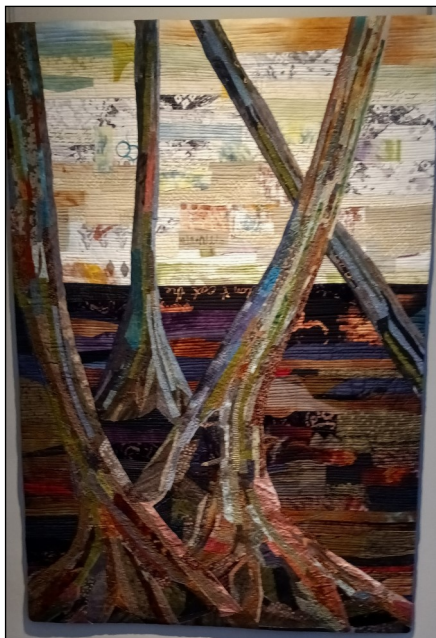
In addition to exhibiting its own collection of antique and modern quilts and showcasing individual artists, the New England Quilt Museum in Lowell, Massachusetts, often hosts group shows with particular messages for the viewer. The show currently running until the end of 2022 is a case in point. The Studio Art Quilts Association show "SUSTAINABILITY: Solutions to Improve Our World" will be showing at the Museum until December 31.

The theme of the show is human society's interconnectedness with nature; the two- and three-dimensional works quilts in the show focus on how we can meet our own needs and still preserve the earth for future generations. If you are interested in protecting the environment or innovative quilting, this show is for you. Here are a few sample works from the exhibition.

From colonial times, quiltmakers have salvaged otherwise unusable bits of leftover fabric or worn clothing in piecework to make warm quilts for their families. Others used applique, especially broderie perse, to add beauty while making the most of a small piece of fabric.



Kat Puente uses *Sunlight Power*, a quilt made with fabric, paint, and yarn, to drive home the need for greater use of solar power and the clean energy it will provide to our homes and businesses.. She points out that solar energy is supposed to be providing 50% of our power needs by 2025. Just think—someday your sewing machine could be running on star power!



Cedar Swamp #5 by Pat Bishop portrays a family property, once used for cutting wood and now allowed to remain in its natural state. The densely quilted work is made from recycled linens and clothing that have been hand-dyed, stamped, discharge-dyed, machine quilted, and thread painted.



Laura Fogg made *Catch of the Day* mainly from plastic bags from our own trash. She points out in her commentary that if we each re-used each plastic bag once, only half as many would end up polluting our oceans.

The New England Quilt Museum is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Museum website is at www.nequiltmuseum.org.

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Challenging
the Boundaries**

November 16 - January 13, 2023

Menino Arts Center

26 Central Avenue,

Hyde Park (Boston) MA 02136

<http://www.hpaa-mac.org/>

Free admission

Gallery Hours: Wednesdays, Thursdays,
Fridays, 10 am – 2 pm. call to confirm**Rhododendron Needlers
Quilt Guild****A Community of Quilters****March 18-19, 2023**

Blue Hills Regional Technical High School

800 Randolph St.

Canton MA

<https://www.rnqg.org/>

Admission: \$10

**Hands All Around 18
Quilt Show****April 22 - 23, 2023**

Robert Crowne Gymnasium

Hampshire College, 893 West St-Route

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Amherst, MA

<http://www.handsacrossthevalley.org/>Admission: \$10; 12 and under free, Stu-
dents and Military \$5

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