



# BITS & PIECES

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## President's Message



It's been more than a decade since I was president of the Holly Berry Quilters. There's been many changes in the guild and wonderful executive boards members. Past Presidents Pam Mul-

veyhill, Jeanie Weinrich, and Gail Goraj who kept us going through covid. I was steadily the Vice President after my "term" as president back then, until this year. Our secretary for many years was May Reed taking notes and recording our history, Michele Allen has taken over that task recently. Penny Bartlett and Midge Reed were our treasurers for many years. Our chairpersons have rotated through the years also.

Programs is a big responsibility, but also brings big rewards from having informative guest speakers, as well as in-house talent, sharing their skills. Mary Ann Karpinski did a fantastic program this last year with nine speakers giving trunk shows or demonstrations of their talents. We've usually have had two or three members take on the program position. Hospitality has been four people for a while with Becky Pitruzzello, Maryann Bowman, Linda Maddaluno and Pat Wahlberg getting us many delicious treats to get us through the meetings.

We have done many charitable causes through the years and continue in that endeavor, whether it was drawstring bags or quilts for the Falmouth Service Center and more recently the

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Habitat for Humanity on Cape Cod. Holly Berry Quilters are generous. Many thanks to Jeanie Weirich and Micki Tor for being the force behind our comfort quilts. They organized kits that made it easier to put our sewing efforts into action.

Instead of going through each committee and writing a book on how wonderful everyone is in their positions as chairperson, I just want to say that doing these tasks are part of the pleasure of being in the guild and getting to know the members. It's also what keeps us going. Should be another great year ahead of us!

One more note: After discussion last year and due to increasing costs, the Holly Berry membership dues are going up to \$25.00, effective September 2023.

*—Marge Overholtz*

## Member News

### Bourne Centennial Quilt



In the September Issue of the *American Quilter* Magazine, there is a six-page article about the Bourne Centennial Quilt that Shirley Ladetto worked on. Some of the other original quilters may have also been members of Holly Berry.

Tumbleweeds Quilt Shop has ordered extra copies of the magazine.

### Holly Berry Membership Dues

Dues for membership in the Holly Berry Quilt Guild will be \$25 going forward. Still the best deal in town!

### Mark Your Calendars...

...with these confirmed Guild meeting dates:

| Month     | Meetings | Sew Days      |
|-----------|----------|---------------|
| September | 14<br>28 | 21            |
| October   | 12<br>26 | No sew days   |
| November  | 9        | 2<br>16<br>30 |
| December  | 14       | 7<br>21       |

### Hospitality: So Much to Look Forward to

Coffee/tea and refreshments will be provided at 9:00 a.m. before the meeting 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 14, 2023, 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 13, 2024. 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.

- Gail Goraj
- Maryann Bowman
- Ann Giuggio
- Pat Wahlburg



**Member News, cont.**

**A Fresh Start  
For Cape Cod Children**

A donation of \$2,265 and 2 backpacks from members and from the Guild was made to Falmouth Service Center Fresh Start program. This donation helped with the purchase of backpacks and school supplies. Mashpee and Falmouth children are eligible for this program.



This year backpacks were filled for 154 children—grades K-12, seven schools

in Falmouth each receive eight filled backpacks for any needy child whose family has not heard of our program. The distribution of these backpacks is determined by the School Adjustment Counselor. In addition we anticipate 60 which will be given out to late registrants and 30 will go to Cape Cod Air Base. This brings the total to 300.

To all who made contributions, whether large or small, many thanks. Each year at this time, I find myself in awe of your generosity. Give yourselves a big pat on the back. You deserve it.

*—Micki Tor*

**Comfort Quilts**

If you have any completed comfort quilts, please bring them to the planning meeting or one of the September meetings so that we can get a feel for what we have and what we need for this holiday season.

Thank you for the support that the membership has given us in keeping this program going.

*—Jeanie & Micki*

**Look Familiar? A New Raffle!**

This lap size quilt, from the "leftovers" of the Holly Berry Quilters raffle quilt for this year, will be raffled off at our first meeting to our members only. Tickets will be \$5.00 each, and the money from the bonus raffle quilt will go into the Holly Berry Quilters treasury.



**Habitat for Humanity in Chatham**

The Guild presented two additional quilts this summer to the Habitat for Humanity homes in Chatham. Volunteers for Habitat have built over 165 affordable homes on Cape Cod in the last 30 years.



The two families that moved into the Chatham homes helped to build them themselves.

## Member News, cont.

### A Very Happy Winner

The Guild received a thank-you note and the photo at right from a very happy Lorraine Gentile Haynes. Our 2023 raffle quilt has found a good home!

*Dear Quilting Friends,*

*I had a lovely surprise on July 21st when I received a call notifying me that I had won this year's raffle quilt! I picked it up late yesterday at the Fair and when I got home I immediately tried it on my bed. It is perfect! Thank you all! I feel blessed to be associated with you and now, if I can't sleep, I can count my lucky stars.*

*Enjoy the rest of the summer and I'll look forward to seeing you in September.*

Lorraine



## A Look Ahead: Fall Program Planning



What new and exciting techniques are we going to learn at our meetings this fall? What new insights about design will we gain? Here's a quick preview of the plans that Program Chairs Deborah Winograd and Conny Doty have for us in the months ahead:

September 14. Our welcome-back meeting will include an extensive Show and Tell of the quilts, wall hangings, and other projects that we have completed this summer. A special feature will be a look at the quilts that were entered in the Barnstable County Fair and recognition of the ribbon winners.

September 28. Ruth Wilcox is an art quilter who lives in West Barnstable; she works and teaches at Tumbleweed Quilt Shop. She has an art degree from Rhode Island School of Design & makes art quilts that include salvaged fabric and notions and a number of interesting techniques.

October 12. Christine Meyers provides an introduction to the techniques of long-arm quilting and will be vending fabrics from her shop, the Quilt Corner Studio,

October 19. Full-day workshop with Heidi Proffetty on making mosaic tiles with fabric. More information will be available at the first meeting.

October 26. Our own Penny Bartlett explains and demonstrates how to use the Guild's AccuCutter and its dies to facilitate your quilting by speeding up the process of marking and cutting.

November 9. Ways & Means will be a fabric tag sale this year. Fabric will be sold in individual pieces priced by size. Please bring in the fabric you will donate before the November 9 meeting so we can measure and price it. Patterns, notions, and books are also welcome.

December 14. Time to be of good cheer as the holidays approach! It's our annual holiday party, with lots of goodies and companionship.



## Scenes from the Barnstable County Fair, 2023

According to the Cape Cod Fairgrounds website, the Barnstable County Fair brings together “[s]izzling entertainment, thrilling rides, fabulous food, animals, agriculture and the world’s largest Demolition Derby converge for seven days each July.” But many of us are willing to forgo the Demolition Derby and the fried Twinkies to spend more time at the quilt exhibit where quilters from all over the Cape show off their best efforts and, sometimes, come home with ribbons. A dinner for volunteers was held after the fair closed to thank them, and many of our members attended.

Holly Berry quilters made dramatic modern quilts and elegant traditional ones. Other members of the Guild proved that they were not only quilters but devotees of other forms of needlework. Dottie Sullivan’s

stuffed animals were irresistibly cuddly. Karen Schluter’s Christmas ornaments, some in traditional patterns and others adorned with appealing kittens, were a big hit, as was Marge Overholtz’s bluebird, based on her drawing.

The quilt that probably attracted the most attention from visitors, both young and old, was Sue Moore’s “Brown Bear, Brown Bear” based on Eric Carle’s children’s book of that name. Even teenagers’ faces lit up when they saw this quilt based on a childhood favorite.

Here are a few scenes from this year’s Fair for you to enjoy. No doubt they will inspire you to start planning your blue-ribbon-worthy quilt for the 2024 Fair.





## Scenes from the Barnstable County Fair, Cont.



### Holly Berry Ribbon Winners — Congratulations!

| Name                    | Ribbon/Award      | Project/Category   |
|-------------------------|-------------------|--|
| Penny Bartlett          | Blue ribbon       | Paper-Pieced Item, Any Size                              |
| Penny Bartlett          | Second place      | Quilt: Machine-pieced/appliqued, machine quilted by self |
| Nancy DeVere            | Honorable mention | Quilt: Machine-pieced/appliqued, professionally quilted  |
| Nancy DeVere            | Blue ribbon       | Original fabric doll                                     |
| Lorraine Gentile Haynes | Third place       | Quilt: Machine-pieced/appliqued, professionally quilted  |
| Sue McDonald            | Blue ribbon       | Mixed techniques – wall hanging                          |
| Susanne Moore           | Special Entry     | Memories   |
| Susanne Moore           | Blue ribbon       | Quilt: Baby/youth size                                   |
| Marge Overholtz         | Second place      | Group project  |
| Karen Schlueter         | Second place      | Quilt: Machine-pieced/appliqued, professionally quilted  |
| Karen Schlueter         | Blue ribbon (2)   | Needlework Angel and counted bead ornaments              |
| Karen Schlueter         | Second place      | Kitty Cat ornaments                                      |
| Karen Schlueter         | American Pride    | Beaded star ornament                                     |
| Dottie Sullivan         | Blue ribbons (2)  | Stuffed animals (sewing category)                        |

**Holly Berry Quilt Guild Officers, 2023-2024****President** Marge Overholtz (508) 524-5374**Vice President** Lorene Shapiro (508) 878-4410**Secretary** Michele Allen (860) 305-2284**Treasurer** Penny Bartlett (508) 477-8559**Chairpersons****Comfort Quilts** Micki Tor and Jean Weinrich**Historian** Pam Mulveyhill**Hospitality** Gail Goraj, Pat Wahlberg, Ann Giuggio, Mary Ann Bowman**Librarian** Ann Guiggio**Ruler Lending Library** Susan Jenkins**Membership** Deborah Winograd**Newsletter** Eileen Mattingly**Monthly Raffle** Micki Tor**Mystery Quilt** Penny Bartlett**Programs** Deborah Winograd and Conny Doty**Raffle Quilt 2023-24** Deborah Winograd and Gail Goraj**Raffle Quilt 2024-25 - OPEN****Raffle Quilt Permit and Printing of tickets**  
Marilyn DeCoste**Person Overseeing Raffle Quilt Tickets** Marilyn DeCoste**Secret Sister** Donna Mattison Earls**Sunshine** Karen Lovely**Ways & Means - OPEN****Organizing Bus Trips - OPEN****Accuquilt GO Cutter (Electronic, Manual, and Dies)** Penny Bartlett**Barnstable County Fair** Cindy Harris, Karen Schlueter, Michele Allen, Dottie Sullivan**Finished Product Auction - OPEN****Fabric Photo Printing** Deborah Winograd

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[hollyberryquilters@gmail.com](mailto:hollyberryquilters@gmail.com)**Quilt Shows Coming Soon****"Sewing Mends Our Souls"****2023 Marathon Quilters Quilt Show****September 16-17, 2023**Hopkinton Center for the Arts  
98 Hayden Rowe Street  
Hopkinton MA 01748<https://www.marathonquilters.com/>Admission: \$7.00 (\$6.00 with coupon);  
12 and under are free**Silver City Quilt Guild****September 23 – 24, 2023**500 Norton Ave  
Taunton MA 02780<https://www.silvercityquiltguild.org/>

Admission: \$10

**Merrimack Valley Quilters  
Annual Show "Summer's End"****September 29 – 30, 2023**Hope Community Church  
11 Hale Street  
Newburyport MA<https://mvquilters.org/quilt-show/>

Admission: \$10.00

**Crazy Quilters of Cape Cod  
Annual Quilt Show****October 7, 2023**Gus Cauty Community Center  
790 Main Street  
Falmouth MA<http://www.crazyquiltersofcapecod.com/>

Free admission

**Hammersmith Quilters Show:****Around the Block****November 4 - 5, 2023**Saugus Senior Center  
466 Central ST

Saugus MA 01906

<https://hqsaugus.org/index.php/event/hammersmith-quilters-guild-quilt-show/>

Admission: \$6.00; Age 12 and Under free