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President's Message



Summer is finally here. Hope many of you will be able to get sand between your toes and enjoy a refreshing swim in the ocean or picnics with family and friends. Some of

you will be going on vacations to far-off lands. May your travels be easy and may your adventures be the type you hope them to be and not unexpected ones.

The Barnstable County Fair will run from Monday, July 17 to Sunday, July 23rd with many activities and events to entertain everyone from young to old. Hopefully the quilt section of the adult exhibit building will be just as successful as last year. We have so many talented quilters in Holly Berry Quilt Guild that it would be great for us to share that craftsmanship with the people that come to the fair. There were so many members that won ribbons and the silver bowl; it should be the same this year if some of our show 'n' tell quilts are displayed at the fair this year. Remember to go to enter your quilts on July 12 from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. Can't wait to hear how everyone does this year!

We will be having a planning meeting on August 24 at 10:00 a.m. for committee members to plan our budget for the next year. Anyone who wishes to participate can join us. Then the next time we will meet will be on September 14 for our first meeting in the fall. Enjoy your summer, and keep on sewing, HB Quilters!

—Marge Overholtz

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Mark Your Calendars...

...with these confirmed Guild meeting dates:

August 24: Meeting on Budget
 (10 a.m. in our usual meeting room)

Month	Meetings	Sew Days
September	14 28	21
October	12 26	19
November	9	2 16 30
December	14	7 21

Member News

New Honorary Members

The Holly Berry Quilt Guild has a special category of membership for honorary members. An honorary member gets newsletters and communications. She stays on the email list to receive news of Guild events. She may come to meetings if she wishes, but does not have to pay the membership dues.

Mary Rys, Kathleen O'Grady, and May Reed were recently named honorary members of the Holly Berry Quilters Guild. We thank them for their friendship and for all that they have done to support the Guild.

Barnstable County Fair

The Barnstable County Fair was named the "Best Local Event of 2022" by the *Cape Cod Times*, and this year's event promises to be just as entertaining. The fair, which runs from Monday, July 17, to Sunday, July 23 features a broad selection of attractions, from roving magicians and jugglers to a petting zoo with horses, mini horses, sheep, alpaca, cattle, dogs, goats, and rabbits to daredevil exploits by high divers and motorcyclists. More information about the fair can be found at the fair website at

<https://capecodfairgrounds.com/barnstable-country-fair/>.

For quilters, one of the best parts of the fair is the quilt exhibit. Many of our members have a chance to exhibit their skilled pieced and appliqued quilts and other projects. If you wish to be an exhibitor, coordinator Michele Allen has reminded us that the drop-off time for quilts, needle art, knitting, and crocheting is Wednesday, July 12, from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Fairgrounds Adult Exhibit Building. You may submit one entry per category. If you bring address labels with you to put on your exhibitor entry card, you won't have to write your name twice on each card.

The pick-up time will be Monday, July 24, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Entry card stubs must be presented when picking up items.

If you are interested in helping out by sitting with the quilts in the Adult Exhibit Building, both to safeguard them and to answer visitors' questions, please call Michele Allen at (860) 305-2284 to arrange a day and time.

Good luck to all the Holly Berry members who are entering their quilts and other needlework!

Bayberry Quilters 40th Annual Quilt Show



SHOW HOURS

Wednesday, August 2: 12:00 – 7:00 pm
– New! Early Evening Hours

Thursday, August 3: 9:30 am – 4:00 pm

Friday, August 4: 9:30 am – 3:00 pm

Admission: \$12

Habitat for Humanity

Habitat for Humanity is a well-known organization established by former President Jimmy Carter. Habitat volunteers build houses for people in need of shelter; even teenagers can participate and learn valuable skills as they help others. The Habitat ReStore in Falmouth accepts gently used furniture and household items which are then re-sold at reduced prices. The proceeds fund home building and home repair projects. For more about donating, volunteering, or shopping, see <https://www.restorecapecod.org/>.

Holly Berry Quilters have supplied quilts for newly-built Habitat homes in Falmouth. The first quilt, for homeowner Brittany and her son Jackson, was presented by Nancy DeVere. The second was presented to homeowner Sharon and her two teenage children by Marge Overholtz.



Spring Luncheon

June 8, 2023, was our last meeting until fall, and therefore brought mixed feelings. There was pleasure at seeing so many quilting friends in attendance, appreciation for the delicious food arranged by our outstanding Hospitality Committee and donated by members, and inspiration from the variety of completed quilts and quilt tops in our Show and Tell. Secret Sisters were identified and thanked. At the same time, there was a little sadness at the thought that we would not all be meeting again until September. [Be sure to mark your calendar for the meeting dates on the first page of this newsletter!]

Show and Tell on June 8 was special because members brought their Mystery and Challenge quilts in addition to their individual projects. There is not enough room here to record all the marvelous quilts and other objects we admired, but you can see all Pam Mulveyhill's photos of the quilts on our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/132067107871>.

Here are a few of the individual projects; mystery quilts and challenge quilts can be found on the following pages.

Enjoy your summer and keep quilting! We will look forward to seeing each other again in September.



Mystery Quilts

Penny Bartlett is the one who decides upon our Mystery Quilt. She passes the "clues" monthly and the final product is revealed in June and September. Each quilter chooses her own fabric to complete the project. When they stand together in different fabrics in the same pattern it is striking!

—Pam Mulveyhill



Challenge Quilts

The theme for the 2023 Quilt Challenge was "Can you smell the flowers?" Quilters were asked to think about the floral fabrics in their stash, the flower patterns they have always wanted to try, or the ones they could dream up themselves. The challenge required at least one flower somewhere on the front of a quilted item. It could be a quilt, wall hanging, table runner or tote bag but it had to be a "quilt": 3 layers, including front, back and batting, and quilted. Here are a few of the results.



Photos on pp. 5-7 are by Pam Mulveyhill.

What is a ShopHop?



Shop Hop: Learn, Enjoy and Give Back

Shop Hop is a familiar term to many quilters. These unique events serve many purposes, benefiting quilting and sewing businesses, hoppers, and local communities.

Shop Hops can vary in size from just a few shops in an area or region all the way up to a statewide event. Shop Hops are events meant to bring new customers to stores, and to expose customers to new stores.

Many of us have our “own” store. A place that’s convenient, familiar, and that carries the stuff we like. But there is a whole world of new and different fabrics, notions, equipment, and personalities you’re missing out if you don’t occasionally branch out. A shop hop provides quilters with a specific plan to do just that.

In a day when brick & mortar retail locations are dwindling across the nation, a Shop Hop works to promote and support quilting and sewing stores, so we can touch and feel the fabric *in person* for a long time to come. Most quilters “get this” and understand how important it is to support these places if we want them available in our communities.

For Shop Hoppers, it is also about making memories. Many quilters hop together with friends, family, or their favorite “quiltie.” They’re not just shopping; they’re making memories as they travel around an area together. They not only get to see and enjoy sewing stores, they also enjoy traveling through large and small towns, discovering parts of their home (or a new place) they’ve never visited before.

The towns and cities that hoppers travel through also offer many treasures along the way. Small town main streets still exist and can evoke many fond memories of years ago. Shop hopping can also support these towns as hoppers take a break to enjoy lunch or dinner at a quaint restaurant, or someone along for the ride visits a local antique store, or boutique while hoppers are visiting a sewing store.

Hops are also about other kinds of fun. Most offer some sort of reward for visiting the participating shops like prizes or discounts. And of course you get to express your creative side when you return home to create something beautiful with the items you picked up along the route.

The All New England Shop Hop is coming to New England for the first annual shop hop during the months of September & October 2023. This unique hop offers the opportunity to explore 56 participating stores across the states of Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Connecticut. Start your adventure by picking up the All New England Shop Hop Magazine in stores mid-July. This is a great resource to help you navigate the hop and something you can use all year long as you travel through New England.

Whether you hop to learn, enjoy, or give back, we hope that you’ll mark a few days on your calendar to explore New England and all that its sewing industry has to offer. To learn more, visit www.AllNewEnglandShopHop.com and join the Facebook Group www.Facebook/groups/AllNewEnglandShopHop

Holly Berry Quilt Guild Officers, 2023-2024**President** Marge Overholtz**Vice President** Lorene Shapiro**Secretary** Michele Allen**Treasurer** Penny Bartlett**Chairpersons****Comfort Quilts** Micki Tor and Jean Weinrich**Historian** Pam Mulveyhill**Hospitality** Pat Wahlberg, Becky Pitruzzello,
Mary Ann Bowman, Gail Goraj**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** Mari-
lyn DeCoste**Secret Sister** Donna Mattison Earls**Sunshine** Karen Lovely**Ways & Means** Mary Ann Karpinski - **MORE
NEEDED****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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Connecticut College Student Center

Mohegan Avenue, New London, CT

www.clamshellquiltguild.org

Admission \$10/one day, \$15/multiple days

Flower Power –**Juried Quilt Exhibit****Aug. 5 to Sept. 16, 2023**

The Brush Art Gallery and Studios

256 Market Street

Lowell MA 01852

<https://thebrush.org/>

Free admission

Silver City Quilt Guild**September 23 – 24, 2023**

500 Norton Ave

Taunton MA 02780

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

Admission: \$10

Merrimack Valley Quilters**"Summer's End"****September 29 – 30, 2023**

Hope Community Church

11 Hale Street

Newburyport MA

<https://mvquilters.org/quilt-show/>

Admission: \$10.00

Crosstown Quilters**Wrapped In Comfort Quilt Show****October 14 – 15, 2023**

Abington Senior Center

441 Summer Street

Abington, MA 02351

<http://www.crosstownquilters.org/>

Admission: \$7; Children under 12 admitted free

Rising Star Quilters**34th Annual Quilt Show****October 14 – 15, 2023**

Robbins Memorial Town Hall

730 Massachusetts Ave

Arlington MA 02476

<https://www.risingstarquilters.org/show.html>

Admission: \$8.00; 12 years and under free