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President's Message



We had a little scare last month when it was announced that Joann Fabrics was going through Chapter 11 bankruptcy proceedings. They are re-grouping, and some stores may close. There's a new

owner; I'm not sure who or what corporate interest bought them. Hopefully the store on the Cape will stay. We have lost so many stores to corporate raiders—a sign of the times.

When we have these gloomy overcast days, I think "Great day to sew!" Then when the sun comes out and the wind dies down, the outdoors is calling me and I find myself thinking of yard work that needs to be done.

Hopefully, all our members are thinking about doing a craft or sewing project to bring for the finished project auction. (It doesn't have to be something you made yourself.) Also, I hope you will be as generous in buying items. The money funds our programs that have been so wonderful. We would love to keep the momentum going.

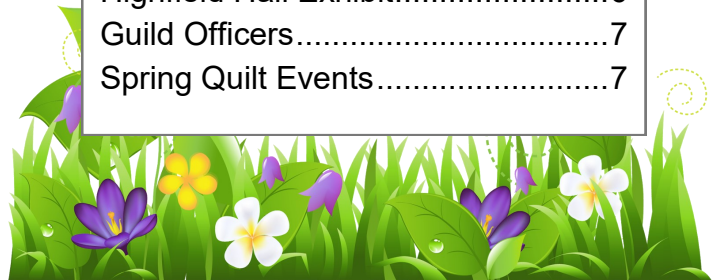
We also have the Cape Cod/ Barnstable County Fair in July. Michelle, Karen, and Cindy will be looking forward to having volunteers and seeing lovely quilts to enter at the fair!

Everyone, enjoy the rest of your spring and have a great summer!

—Marge Overholtz

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Mark Your Calendars...

...with these confirmed Guild meeting dates:

Month	Meetings	Sew Days
April	11	4
	25	18
May	9	2
	23	16
June	13	

What's Ahead? Upcoming Meeting Programs and More

Scheduled Programs

April 11 - **William Krier**, master basket maker, Trunk show at the meeting followed by an afternoon workshop for 20 members who will each complete a small basket and learn the basics of basketry.



April 25 - Member **Eileen Mattingly**, an introduction to Electric Quilt 8 quilt designing software. Learn how you can use EQ8 to design blocks, design full quilts, print applique templates and cutting instructions for rotary cutting, and estimate fabric requirements with ease.



May 9th - **Lorraine Haynes** - our own guild member and well known local fiber artist will do a trunk show. She currently has a show with her husband Ric at the Cotuit Art Center until April 20th. For more information, see

<https://artsonthecape.org/explore/ric-and-lorraine-haynes-and-cape-cod-can>

May 23 - **Finished Product Auction** - internal fund raiser for our guild. Members provide handmade items (They don't need to be quilty) for members to bid on. It's always a lively meeting.



June 13 - The final meeting before summer break will feature a **Potluck luncheon** [see note at right], a show-and-tell for **Mystery Quilts** and much more.

Still Looking for More to Do?

Narragansett Bay Quilters Association (<https://nbqa.org/>) will host a **quilt show** on Saturday and Sunday, April 27 & 28 at the West Warwick Civic Center, 100 Factory St., W. Warwick RI. The show will run from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and admission is \$10. Our recent presenter **Tina Craig** will be showing there as well as **Pat Harrison** who did a trunk show for us last year; they are both from the Ninigret Quilt Guild.

An interesting and affecting essay from the current *New Yorker* "Piecing for Cover: At Our Darkest Moments, Why Do So Many of Us Take Up Quilting?" is at <https://www.newyorker.com/culture/the-weekend-essay/piecing-for-cover>. If you are not a subscriber, you can access it with a temporary subscription or see the March 30, 2024, issue at your local library.

Some weblinks for recent and upcoming speakers:

Janet Elia - <https://janetanncreations.blogspot.com/>

Tina Craig - <https://seasidestitches.com/>
<https://www.instagram.com/seasidestitches/>

Lorraine Gentile Haynes
<https://www.instagram.com/lorraine.gentile.haynes.art/>

A Note from the Hospitality Committee

Thank you to members that contributed to the refreshments at the Tea Party, which was a delightful success. The flower printed plates and napkins matched well with Cindy Harris' teacups and saucers.

The year-end Potluck Luncheon will be held on Thursday, June 13th, the last meeting until September. A sign-up sheet will be passed around at the last meeting in April and at the May meetings. Categories will be main dishes, appetizers, salads, desserts, and beverages. This is always a popular luncheon as we have so many talented cooks and bakers. Please remember to put a sign on your item if it contains any nuts. Again, a big thank you for your support!

—Gail Goraj, Mary Ann Bowman,
Ann Guiggio, Pat Wahlberg

Member News



This colorful lap quilt was one of two that Marge Overholtz delivered to Habitat for Humanity of Cape Cod, to go in turn to two new homeowners. Sandra Harrison, Volunteer and Community Relations Manager for Habitat, called them "incredibly beautiful."



Did you know that the West Falmouth Public Library has a program that lends out American Doll kits? Each kit contains a doll, her original clothing, a fold-out bed with a blanket and pillow, and a hair brush. Along with these items children will find the first book in the American Girl series and a booklet about their time period.

Holly Berry members are helping by making historically accurate clothing that are placed in see-through bags for children to choose from to change up the doll's appearance. If you would like to participate, free patterns for American Girl doll clothes are available at <https://sunshineandhairbows.com/2022/07/07/free-18-doll-clothes-patterns/>



Our 2024 raffle quilt has pride of place on the wall at Quilt Corner Studio. Thanks to all who participated in piecing, assembling, and quilting it and to the Quilt Corner for displaying it so vividly.

2024 Challenge Quilt



"It's All in a Name"

Our challenge for 2024 is "It's All in a Name." Using the first letters of your name, find colors that correspond with those letters and make something using those colors. You may use your first, middle and last name. You may also include your maiden name or confirmation name if you need to use lots of colors.

If you search online for "colors that begin with...", you'll find colors you never knew existed. You can make anything you want, like a quilt, wall hanging, table runner, tote bag, etc. Challenges will be revealed at our second meeting in September. If you have any questions, let Mary Ann Karpinski know. Have fun!

Preemie Quilts Needed

Mary Ann Karpinski has a contact that is collecting small quilts for the NICU (Neonatal Intensive Care Unit). If you would like to make little quilts for babies in the NICU, the size requirements are below.



Please make the quilt tops cheerful and use dark fabrics for the backing of the quilts. The NICU puts the quilts over the incubators and isolettes to help block out the bright lights so the babies will sleep. Also don't

heavily quilt them; the light shouldn't shine through the needle holes. We know it's hard to not put something brightly colored on the back of a baby quilt, but they really prefer the darker colors to block the lights.

Preemie size: 24" x 24"

Incubator and isolette sizes:

24" x 36" or 44" x 44"

Comfort Quilts

The Comfort Quilt Ladies will be bringing kits to meetings for the rest of the year. We ask that you take a couple of kits with the intention of returning completed items in the Oct/Nov time frame. This will allow for holiday distribution. The size of the quilts can be smaller than the three-yard quilts as many go to the two-years-and-under population.

The kits will not all have directions but we will have a few different sets of directions available. The amounts of fabric in the kits will vary. Some will have enough for backing and some will not. Upon completion of your tops, you can contact Penny asking for the appropriate size batting.

Remember we ask that every member does at least one Comfort Quilt each year. Last year the quilt distributed 120 completed quilts.

There are many saleable items that will be available that have been donated and will have a price of 1/3 original cost; there are also \$1 fat quarters. Please support us with purchasing these items. There will be a transition with new members taking over our responsibilities with comfort quilts and we would like to make it a smooth transition without major quantities of fabric. Two containers with measured amounts of fabric will be kept by us and brought to the Ways and Means in October for all members to make purchases.

We would like to thank the members for all they have done to make our Comfort Quilt years a big success.

—*Jeanie, Micki,
Joan, and Cathy*

The Thornton Burgess Commemorative Quilt



Born in 1874 in the village of Sandwich, Thornton Burgess grew up to become the author of more than 170 children's books and 15,000 stories, marked by a gentle love of nature and a sense of whimsy. His beloved characters include Peter Rabbit, Danny Meadow Mouse, Jerry Muskrat, Chatterer the Red Squirrel, and many, many more. His influence remains on Cape Cod, most notably at the Green Briar Nature Center in East Sandwich.

To commemorate the 150th anniversary of his birth, Liz Henry was asked to create a quilt that reflects the themes of Burgess' work. She enlisted the assistance of Shirley Ladetto, and the two women designed and sewed the quilt pictured above. The patterns were designed by Ruby Short McKim, a quilter who was a contemporary of Burgess. A book with the original "Quaddy Quilty Bedtime Quilt" patterns and a panel which shows the designs printed in color are both still available from the McKim Studio at www.mckimstudios.com.

The quilt is currently on display at the Sandwich Library, at 142 Main Street in Sandwich. Be sure to stop by to see it!

Holly Berry member Shirley Ladetto and her friend and fellow quilter Liz Henry created the quilt in honor of the author Thornton Burgess.



Local Events Worth Exploring

A quilt exhibit called *The Language of Pattern: The Quilter's Lexicon* showcases historic traditional quilts along with contemporary quilts that reflect traditional patterns. Highfield Hall, 56 Highfield Dr, Falmouth. (Now until May 12) See page 6 for more information.

An exhibit by member Lorraine Gentile Hanes and her husband Ric, who is an artist. Cotuit Center for the Arts, 4404 Falmouth Rd, Cotuit. March 23-April 20

Three quilt exhibits at the Cahoon Museum of Art, 4676 Falmouth Road (Route 28), Cotuit

- Small Quilts, Big Stories: Selections from the Collection of Julie Silber (June 19-September 15)
- Joe Cunningham: Quilts for These Times (June 19-September 15)
- The Quilted Cahoon (June 22-September 15)

The Barnstable County Fair dates are July 22-July 28 2024. Please consider entering one of your creations.

The Joys of Collecting: Old Treasures and New at Highfield Hall

The Highfield Hall Museum in Falmouth is currently presenting a quilt show entitled "The Legacy of Pattern: The Quilter's Lexicon." The lexicon or dictionary is the treasury of quilt patterns that centuries of quilters have created in both appliqué and piecing. The show presents numerous quilts from the late 19th century to contemporary quilts. As Highfield's brochure points out, some were made as art pieces, others just to keep the quilters' families warm through cold winters. A few examples are shown below.

Quilts were borrowed from both well-known contemporary quilters like Victoria Findlay Wolfe and from local owners who have kept these treasures safe. Most were in exceptionally fine condition. Several members of our Holly Berry guild lent antique quilts and the guild itself lent our portable quilting stand. The guild is graciously thanked in the brochure accompanying the exhibit.

The show will run Tuesday-Saturday until May 12.



The Grandmother's Flower Garden (above left), made in New York around 1929, is one of the two antique quilts lent by Marge Overholtz. It is an excellent example of a traditional pattern based on hexagons with hundreds of small pieces..

This Dear Jane quilt (above right) by Eleanor Mueller, Penny Bartlett's mother, was made using patterns developed by Jane Stickle in 1863 as she waited for relatives to return from the Civil War.

The Conway Quilt, also by Eleanor Mueller, is a modern example of the style of Baltimore Album quilts, popularized in the 1840s. The Dear Jane and Conway quilts were lent by Penny Bartlett.



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** Gail Goraj, Pat Wahlberg, Ann Giuggio, Mary Ann Bowman**Librarian** Ann Giuggio**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** - Jeanie Weirich and Marge Overholtz**Raffle Quilt Permit and Printing of tickets**
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"Up, Up and Away Quilt Show"****May 4 – 5, 2024**

Elks Lodge #61

440 Tiffany St.

Springfield MA

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

Admission: \$10

North Parish Quilt Guild**Annual Auction and Sale****May 8, 2024**

Union Congregational Church

148 Haverhill St.

N Reading, MA 01864

<https://northparishquilters.wordpress.com/>

Free admission

Chelmsford Quilters' Guild, Inc.**Biennial Quilt Show 2024****May 18 – 19, 2024**

Chelmsford Senior Center

75 Groton Rd

North Chelmsford, MA

<https://www.chelmsfordquiltguild.com/>

Admission by cash or check only, no credit cards

Quilters Connection 2024 Quilt Show**May 18 - 19, 2024**

Arlington Town Hall

730 Massachusetts Ave.

Arlington, MA 02476

<https://www.quiltersconnection.org/QCindex.html>

Admission: \$10

Quilts after Covid Quilt Show

Was: April 6 - 7, 2024

Now: June 1 - 2, 2024

Tewksbury Senior Center

175 Chandler Street

Tewksbury, MA 01876

<http://www.tewksburypiecemakers.com/index.html>

Admission: \$8; Children under 12 are free

Looking for our quilt library?

Go to the website at <https://www.libib.com/u/hollyberry2//124993>. You can also link to this through our Holly Berry website. At this site you will see all the books, rulers, and AccuQuilt Go cutter dies that our guild library has to offer.

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