



Marathon Quilter's Newsletter

Happy spring! Our next guild meeting will be on Tuesday, April 9, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. for greetings, 7:00 p.m. for the formal start at Faith Church, 146 E. Main Street, Hopkinton. Please join us for, among other things, a demonstration by Anthony Ferranti about taking care of one of our favorite machines.*

April Meeting

We will be having Anthony Ferranti give us a demonstration on how to clean and maintain sewing machines. Nancy will also show us how to make the folded fabric ornament balls that were such a big hit at our show. She will have kits available for us to make the ornaments at the meeting or take home and make so we can help Nancy and Yvonne build our inventory for PolyArts 2019 and sell more of them. Please help! Finally, before the evening is over, we will hold our annual business meeting as well as vote for the guild's choice to represent our guild at the New England Quilt Museum's Celebration of Quilts. Please be sure to read the details of the meeting under the President's Corner below.

Block Bee participants should bring Yvonne's blocks to the meeting. Anne is April's Queen Bee, so she will give out the instructions for her requested block at the meeting.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Happy Spring! As the world wakes up from its winter slumber, everything/everyone is busying themselves with activity. We have much to cover in the April meeting, so please read through the newsletter to familiarize yourself with upcoming events, opportunities and tasks that our Guild is planning.

Regards,

Nancy

Summer Celebration of New England Quilts

As part of our Supporting Membership status with the New England Quilt Museum, we are now eligible to participate in this cool summer opportunity:

Summer Celebration of New England Quilts
The Best of the Region's Quilt Guilds
August 7 – September 8, 2019
A Free Community Festival

The Summer Celebration of New England Quilts will feature a gallery exhibition of exceptional quilts made by the Museum's Supporting Guilds. All Supporting Guilds are invited to submit one quilt, selected by their membership, for inclusion in this special exhibition.

Entries must exemplify excellence in design, construction, and finishing. The quilts will not be judged, but a Viewers' Choice Award will be presented. The winning guild will be invited to display its members' quilts in the Genre Gallery of the New England Quilt Museum in 2020.

Given that Kerry's "Best of Show 2018" Harry Potter quilt exceeds the size dimensions listed below (and the suggestion from the NEQM was that you submit a "Best of Show" from your most recent show if you had one for your Guild), we will have a call for an entry from you (one entry per member) for our membership to vote on. So here is the heads-up info on what we want you to BRING TO THE APRIL MEETING to VOTE ON at the APRIL meeting.

Please read the info below and if you have a quilt that you would like to enter to represent our Guild in this summer exhibit:

- 1) Please email me telling me the info (name, pattern, dimensions, name of top piecer and name of quilter).
- 2) Please bring your quilt to our April Meeting VOTE. We will vote by ballot, and the results will be tabulated during the meeting and announced before the meeting ends.

***If you cannot make it to the meeting and want one of your creations to be entered, please contact Nancy (nancyb88@hotmail.com), so she can get it and have it at the meeting to be voted on.

Please review the following instructions before completing the Quilt Entry Form:

1. Only Supporting Guilds of the New England Quilt Museum (NEQM) are eligible for this exhibition.
2. Entries must consist of two layers of fabric with a middle layer of batting. It must display quilting by machine and/or hand. Quilting is defined as a running stitch that passes through top, batting and backing. Tied quilts are not permitted.
3. NEQM will not accept entries made prior to 2015. No kits please.
4. NEQM reserves the right, for whatever reason, to reject any quilt submitted.
5. Due to limitations in the Museum's gallery space, quilts should be no larger than 80" wide and 88" long, but no smaller than 24" wide and 24" long. Quilts will be hung as space permits.
6. All quilts, regardless of size, must have a 4" hanging sleeve sewn to the upper back of the quilt.

7. All quilts must have a label on the back with the title, guild name, quiltmaker's name, address, and phone number.

Please contact Nancy with any questions.

Annual Meeting Agenda:

In conjunction with our by-laws, we will hold our Annual Meeting on April 9, 2019.

During that meeting we will cover the following agenda items:

- Nominating Committee Presentation – (Nancy)
- 2019-20 Budget Process Presentation – (Nancy, Kerry, Colleen and Cathleen) process, expenses, savings options, revenue options,
- 2019-20 Membership Dues Discussion (Cathleen and Colleen)
- Other – topics suggested from membership

1) Nominating Committee Presentation – (voting to take place at the May meeting)

- Additional nominees from the floor will be entertained at the April business meeting.
- The nominating committee shall prepare paper ballots and be responsible for the tally.

Nominating Committee:

Officers = Executive Board = President, VP/Secretary and Treasurer

Operating Board = Executive Board and the following:

Programs: Cathleen, Colleen have volunteered for 2019-20

Historian: **Need a new volunteer for 2019-20

1. Photographically document guild activities.
2. Maintain scrapbook of guild activities.
3. Create and update a slide show of guild activities for the guild web site and social media.

Hospitality: **Need new person for 2019-20

1. Create a schedule for the year for refreshments at meetings.
2. Send reminders to the scheduled person.
3. Ensure the room is clean after the meeting.

Newsletter: Cathleen has volunteered to continue on for 2019-20

Web Mistress: Dawn has volunteered to continue on for 2019-20

Ad Hoc Committees:

Charity Quilts - Lynn and Becky have volunteered to continue on for 2019-20

Open Sew

Our next Saturday Open Sew is April 27, 2019 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in Room 218 at Faith Church. Fee for members is \$10. Please rsvp with Jean (jeanber65@hotmail.com) and

let her know what you can bring for ironing and cutting stations. Thank you for helping us plan the details ahead of time!

Shows and Announcements

Please send notices of shows and announcements, which do not have to be only about quilts but can be about any fiber art, to Cathleen (csdinsmore@gmail.com) if you think our guild would be interested in hearing about it.

Starts April 3, 2019. Class runs for 8 weeks on Wednesdays from 1:00 - 4:00pm -

The Umbrella Community Arts Center, 57 ORNAC, Concord, MA (just across Rte. 2 from Emerson Hospital) is extending our "*Organizational Partners Special Discount*" to all guild members when registering for the Color Your Quilts class. See

<https://theumbrellaarts.org/class/color-your-quilts> and

<https://patch.com/massachusetts/concord/statement-colors> for more information.

What: A quilt class focusing on use of color in quilts. Learn more about the role of color in making visually successful quilts. This class combines theory with a practical "hands on" project. Become more confident in your use of color in all your future projects.

How to Get the Discount: Simply use this code: QG-2019 when registering for the Color Your Quilts class to get 12% off. If you have trouble registering or have questions, email Danielle Moriarty at danielle@theumbrellaarts.org.

New England Quilt Museum - Please check out the monthly newsletter for events and exhibits: www.nequiltmuseum.org.

2019 PolyArts Booth

Please find the IDEA form at the end of this newsletter. If you have anything you've made that you'd like to sell at PolyArts and donate half of your selling price to our guild, please fill out the form and give it to Nancy.

Check out the guild's new **Member Only** pages on our website. When you visit <http://www.marathonquilters.com>, you will see a new link on the navigation menu that says "Members Only." Click on the button to open the Members Only page and enter the password you receive in your email.

Marathon Quilters on FACEBOOK

Join Marathon Quilter's Facebook Group. . . Search for Marathon Quilters and submit a request to join. This is a great place to share pictures of what you are working on, inspiration or ideas you think the group would be interested in and ask questions of the group.

HAPPY April **BIRTHDAY** to Jean, Kelsey and (me) Cathleen!!!

*The image on the first page is a fraction of "Ms. MacDonald Had a Farm" made by Hanging by a Thread Group in Chehalis, WA. This quilt won third place in the APWQ Quilt Show 2013 in Tacoma, WA in the Pictorial Large category. According to the owner of Dragonfly Quilts and blogger Maggie Ball, "This quilt was great fun and what really appealed to me was the creativity of the fabric choices on the animals. Who would think to use Kaffe Fassett fabrics on a goat! This is a happy quilt and it made me smile. The label said, "The topic is appropriate for these ladies whose lives are rooted in the colorful farming community in the Boistfort Valley in Washington." Visit <http://www.dragonflyquilts.com/weblog/?paged=30> for the complete quilt image and more.

2020 Quilt Show Planning Teams

Following the 2018 Show, the following teams were determined to be needed to make another successful quilt show. Some members have already contact us to volunteer to fill spots, but there are plenty of areas where we could use more hands, idea and time. Please consider volunteering to join a Show Team.

2020 Quilt Show Co-Chairs – Colleen Barnes and Nancy Burdick

These people will make sure each team is completing the agreed-upon tasks, keeping the teams on track for meeting deadlines and providing help when requested.

Show Grant Writer – Jean Bertschmann

This volunteer will apply for a Cultural Council Grant (<http://www.hopkintonma.gov/home/government/boards/cultural>) the September before the show is scheduled, apply for a grant from Middlesex Savings Bank (<https://www.middlesexbank.com/community-and-us/community-support/Pages/howwe-give.aspx>) a few months before the show, and look into other possible grants.

HCA Contract Negotiator and Point of Contact – Cathleen Dinsmore

This volunteer will meet and negotiate with the HCA, serve as the point of contact with the HCA.

Raffle Permit Application Specialist/Report Filer (Treasurer) – Kerry Crewsell

This volunteer will apply for a raffle permit from the town clerk, and obtain a non-profit spot at PolyArts both for the 2018 show and for a spot at the 2017 PolyArts to sell boutique items.

(<http://www.hcam.tv/polyarts/RulesandRegulationsforHopkintonPolyartsFestival.pdf>).

She will also make sure the proper fees are paid to the HCA after the show, the raffle report filled out and submitted to the town clerk within 10 ten days, and the tax paid to the State Lottery Commissioner for the raffle ticket sales. She will also arrange for show liability insurance.

Co-Chairs – Colleen Barnes and Nancy Burdick

These volunteers will work with the guild president to oversee the putting up and taking down of the show. The co-chairs will arrange for the pre-show member potluck on Friday evening and decide with the Show Team whether to invite another guild to vote on quilt favorites. All questions and discussions relating to the overall show should go through the co-chairs. At the conclusion of the show, the co-chairs will be responsible for reviewing and revising the show notes and forwarding them to the next chairperson and to the guild president.

Show Teams:

Show Team/Detail Team – Colleen Barnes (NEED MORE INTERESTED VOLUNTEERS)

This team will also be responsible for the quilts and quilt projects being collected, readied, and hung for the show with the help of the Detail Person(s), prepare quilt descriptions and quilt tags, prepare signs for the show (directions within the space and Do Not Touch

remove any tags, pin on the quilt descriptions, and again check for threads and lint. These detail people will also carefully review the quilt descriptions ahead of time for typos and overall appearance. The Detail Team will make “Do Not Touch the Quilts” and “No Eating” signs for the show and schedule people to walk around during the show to enforce this rule and to carry the white gloves. This team (or a volunteer from this team) will also create the ribbons for the vote winners of the Show.

Vendor Team – Colleen Barnes (NEED MORE INTERESTED VOLUNTEERS)

This team will be responsible for contacting vendors, preparing contracts and collecting fees. For the 2016 show, the fee for member vendors was \$25 for a spot; for outside vendors, \$50. (These fees were very low because the venue was new and our show was relatively unknown. More can be charged for the next show.) The Vendor Team will also determine the best set up for the vendor location and help them with set up and take down. Vendors may include past speakers/presenters at our guild and perhaps even a quilt appraiser and other creative people to draw additional visitors to our show. Vendors and anyone else at the show are to be reminded that candy, food and drinks other than water are not allowed in the area of the quilt display.

Quilt Hanging Designer – Colleen Barnes

This volunteer will have the dimensions of the quilts and figure out how to arrange them at the show along with the other items and areas of interest at the show. The Hanging Designer will work in consultation with the other teams as needed and schedule others to help with hanging the quilts, setting up the show and taking down the show. This person will determine how and where to display those quilts that will be for sale (not the ones in the boutique), so they are easily identified.

MQ Boutique Team – Yvonne Powell, Margaret Driscoll, Nancy Burdick

This team will decide what items related to needle arts will be made by the guild, provide instructions as needed, and make sure enough items are collected both for the PolyArts Saturday in 2019 and then for the 2020 Quilt Show. They will also encourage the guild members to donate sewing-related items they no longer need that someone else might like and schedule some sewing dates to make items to sell at the boutique. They will plan the display and plan staffing for the show. They will price ahead of time the merchandise to keep all pricing consistent, set up and take down the boutique.

This team will also arrange for scheduling of staffing, setting up and taking down of the booth at 2019 PolyArts and for the show year (2020).

Publicity Team – Nancy Burdick (NEED MORE INTERESTED VOLUNTEERS)

This team will be responsible to get the word out to the local community and to the quilting community using news articles, ads, online options and printed materials. Make sure the HCA and other websites have the current raffle quilt photo for advertising the show. This team will plan and determine how to advertise the show and distribute flyers to quilt shows, businesses, local town offices and libraries, etc. This team will also obtain yard signs from Staples that can be used from year to year and set them next to a Poly Arts sign all over Hopkinton. Duties will also include making a video about the guild to be distributed with the publicity if the team decides to do this and making and distributing bookmarks with a \$1 coupon for the show. The Publicity Team will be responsible for obtaining a

permit from Parks & Rec to display a sandwich board on the Common to advertise our show.

Raffle Quilt Team Leader – Lynn Marquedant

This team will be responsible for planning for the design of the raffle quilt. The team will be responsible to find a pattern, purchase material and arrange for guild members to sew the quilt starting in 2019. The quilt is to be at least double-bed sized with a “Wow!” factor of intricacy, difficulty and interest, i.e. something that quilters would not think they could easily make themselves. This team will also produce raffle tickets and arrange for their sale by going to quilt stores and elsewhere with the quilt. The team can start selling tickets and displaying the quilt at various venues as soon as possible. The team will need to keep a careful record of the cost of expenses and material pertaining to making the quilt and displaying it, the amount of money received, and the person who won the raffle quilt. Wherever the raffle quilt is displayed, the charity poster should be displayed next to it along with publicity bookmarks and membership forms.

Raffle Baskets Team – Michelle Lung, Dawn Stewart

This team will be responsible to put together quality raffle baskets and business donations. They will gather appropriate donations from members, vendors and businesses. They will prepare tickets and ticket boxes for the show, sit next to the basket display and sell tickets or arrange to have others do so, and contact the winners and possibly deliver baskets after the drawing. This team will need to keep a careful record of the cost of expenses in putting together the raffle baskets, the amount of money received from selling raffle basket tickets, and the names of the winners of each raffle basket valued over \$25.

Yard Sale Team – Cindy Ramos (NEED MORE INTERESTED VOLUNTEERS)

This team will be responsible for collecting and storing donated materials from members and donations to the guild. The team will arrange, price and maintain the area during the show and keep track of the sales.



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Marathon Quilters

2019 Collective PolyArts
Booth

IDEA form

September 14, 2019 45th PolyArts Hopkinton

The 2019 will offer you a chance to sell your quilting creations through a Collective booth – 50/50 split with the Guild. In order for us to plan ahead to best use the space and offer a variety of items for sale, we need you to share your IDEA “entry” with us.

Tell us what you would like to offer for sale at the booth. This is not the entry form – it is an IDEA form.

Official entry forms will be made available once we determine we have enough space and variety for the booth. That form will ask for dimensions and other info as well as pricing. * We will offer assistance with pricing to maximize sales.

Please submit this form as soon as possible via email to nancyb88@hotmail.com or hand deliver to Nancy.

Name:

Email:

Category- Check one of the following:

Wall quilt -

Bed quilt –

Lap quilt –

Baby quilt –

Holiday Quilting product – (tree skirt, stocking, table runner, etc).

Bag or purse –

Other -