



Marathon Quilter's Newsletter

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, December 10, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. at Becky's "Yellow Barn" (Studio on the Hill, 1038 Washington St., Holliston. Keep reading for more details. This will be our holiday potluck meeting, so I hope all of you will be able to make it!*

December Meeting

Our December potluck will be at Becky's Yellow Barn starting at 6:30 p.m. If you need to contact Becky on the way, her phone number is 508-429-8815. Please bring a dish to share and a copy of your recipe for the new Marathon Quilters' cookbook.

As a reminder, we will be doing a block exchange at the December potluck. Please bring six 10 ½ inch square blocks made from strip sets. The theme is winter. We will swap blocks and then find out what the project will be! If you need instructions on how to make the blocks, please see the attachment to Colleen's November 13, 2019 email to our yahoo group or look for her email on our website.

In addition, we will again be doing a Yankee sock swap. Fill a holiday-themed sock with sewing/quilting items to swap, anywhere from \$10-\$20 total. Please be sure to include the matching sock! Socks can be any style or thickness that you think is fun (and can be found in craft stores or department stores).

As always, we will make time for Show and Tell.

President's Corner

Happy December to you all. This time of year is often full of religious, social and family celebrations. My hope is that you are each a part of some wonderful gathering and that all of your gifted fiber creations are warmly received by their recipients.

I found this little poem to share with you all.

Enjoy the season!

Nancy

'Twas the night before Christmas, Quilters version

'Twas the night before Christmas,
And the quilts were not made.

The threads were all tangled, the cookies delayed.
The stocking weren't hung, the pantry was bare.
The poor weary Quilter, was tearing her hair.
Stacks of fat quarters, tipped over in streams.
Visions of Log Cabins, had turned into dreams.

When what to her wondering eyes should appear,
But a bus full of quilters with all of their gear.
They went straight to work with just a few mutters,
Sorting and stitching and brandishing cutters.
The patterns emerged from all of the clutter,
Like magic the fabrics arranged in a flutter.
Log Cabins, Lone Stars, Flying Geese & Bear Tracks
Each quilt was a beauty-even the backs.

Her house how it twinkled, her quilts how they glowed.
The cookies were baking, the stockings were sewed.
Their work was all done, so they folded their frames,
And packed up their needles, without giving their names.
They boarded the bus, and checked the next address.
More quilts to be made, another quilter in distress.

She heard one voice echo, as they drove out of sight,
Happy quilting to all and to all a good night!

Author Unknown

Please consider talking with our current Board and Committee leaders and potentially volunteering for any of these open 2020-2022 positions which make our guild function smoothly. Without officers, we are no longer a guild, and without the committee chairs we are

no longer an interesting group to visit. The duties of these positions are listed in our **By Laws**.

Officers/Executive Board	Sept. 2018- June 2020	Sept. 2020 ~ June 2022
➤ President	Nancy Burdick	
➤ Vice President	Cindy Ramos	
➤ Treasurer	Kerry Creswell	
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➤ Spring Retreat	Jean Bertschmann	
➤ Quilt Show Chair	Colleen Barnes	
➤ Raffle Quilt Chair	Lynn Marquedant	
➤ Raffle Baskets Chair	Dawn Stewart, Michele Lung	

NEQM Guild Membership Liaison Update – NEQM Annual Fund

The New England Quilt Museum has sent a mailing asking for support for their NEQM Annual Fund. Given that our Guild has not been active in the NEQM Guild Membership, we have not participated in the Annual Fund during my time in the Guild. Making a contribution is worth discussing, so please bring your thoughts on this to the December potluck.

Regards,

Nancy

Upcoming Shows and Announcements

The Davis Art Gallery, 44 Portland St., Worcester: Stitched: Knot What It Seams. October 25, 2019 through January 3, 2020. Visit <https://davisartgallery.com/Upcoming-Show.aspx>.

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 December BIRTHDAY !!! ... Becky, Joann, Nancy and Susan

*The quilt image is from the book *PICTURE PIECING BY CYNTHIA ENGLAND*: "Ever visited a place or seen a picture that took your breath away? Became so inspired, that you felt compelled to recreate the vision in fabric? But... where to start? Let award-winning designer Cynthia England guide you through the process she developed."

<https://www.arcoirisametro.com/en/products/books-patterns/picture-piecing-by-cynthia-england/?ref=9780972096300#.XeBwZdV7nb0>.