



### Dec. Meeting

Mark your calendars! We want to see you on zoom. Tuesday, Dec. 8, 2020 at 7:00 pm. (details on page 2)

### From the president

Seasons Greetings Quilters

Now that we're in the middle of the holiday season and with COVID numbers on the rise - please be safe. I know we are all busy and stressed but it's important to remember self care.

Self care is as simple as taking a break, nap, doing something you enjoy cooking, cleaning, being creative, sewing, doing something you enjoy, remembering to breathe and drink your water

To finish the year I have a joke: What happened when you cross a snowman and a vampire? You get a frost bite! Haha

Cindy

### December from the programs team

- ❖ Secret Holiday Exchange Reveal
- ❖ Holiday/Winter Challenge Reveal - create using seasonal fabrics.
- ❖ Back to Basics (BOM) Reveal - instructions provided for next month's block
- ❖ Show & Tell

Secret Holiday Gift Exchange -The 7 Guild members who said "I'm in" were contacted with details on who they were secretly sewing/crafting for. Members were asked to deliver their creative gifts (secretly) to their person before the Dec 8th meeting so that the gift reveal could be shared during the zoom call.

Holiday/Winter Challenge - At our September meeting the challenge was given to make something seasonal to be revealed at the December meeting. There is still time. .

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BOM Share - Last month, the block was the Calico Puzzle block. Remember you can use 3.5" pieces or 2.5" pieces. Here is a link to a pdf of directions.

[http://www.miamicountyquiltguild.com/March\\_BOM\\_-\\_Calico\\_Puzzle.pdf](http://www.miamicountyquiltguild.com/March_BOM_-_Calico_Puzzle.pdf)

**Change is HERE!!** . . .after years with marathonquilters@yahoogroups as our email for the guild, the guild decided to use Groups.io. We have tested and found it very similar to Yahoo Groups. Our new email will be marathonquilters@groups.io. Members have been sent an invite to join. Once you accept the invitation you will be able to send and receive emails from the group. If you have not received the invite, contact Dawn at Dawn@DLStewart.com. This will be the last month the newsletter will go out via yahoo groups. If you get two newsletters then you are set as one was sent to each email.

Tips when replying to a marathon quilter email

- If you want everyone to get the response, click reply.
- If the reply only needs to go to the sender, go to the bottom of the email and you will see a link to click to reply to the sender.

### **Zoom**

Each month, prior to the meeting date, you will receive the link to the meeting from mail2@dlstewart.com. Watch for it and if you haven't received it by the morning of the meeting send an email to Dawn@DLStewart.com.

Then it is as simple as clicking the link in the email.

\*Tips for a better zoom experience

Make sure that the light in the room is in front of you instead of behind

Turn your mobile device to landscape for a full picture

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## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

December Birthday Girls - Becky Macdonald, Nancy Burdick, Joann Artz, and Sue Schiavi

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**New England Quilt Museum -THE QUILTED CANVAS III—Still Here!**

Works by Judi Blaydon, Rhoda Cohen, Nancy Halpern, Jan Myers-Newbury

On View Now Through February 6, 2021. **Check with Nancy for the Guild's pass.**

### Upcoming Activity

Polaroid Quilt Block tutorial - Jan 2021 Meeting

Last month, Nancy showed her "Polaroid Quilt Block" lap quilt. It was made from 3.5" square fussy cut novelty fabrics (think "I Spy Quilt") and each square was framed to look like a Polaroid picture (3.5" squares of novelty fabrics with 1" rectangles sewn on left, right and top and 1.75" rectangle on the bottom). She sewed her Polaroid pictures onto black Kona and then tilted the 6.5" ruler to cut each square so it looks like the pictures were just thrown out onto a table. She quilted it with a large stitch in a serpentine pattern and it is ready for gifting. At the January 2021 zoom meeting, we will see her demonstrate how to make a block and what you can do with different sizes and different fabrics to make quilts, pillows, fabric books and more! (If you want to get a sneak peek, check out this YouTube tutorial.) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eLZKIOY9Cuk>

Preparation for the January 2021 Polaroid Quilt Block Swap:

Start going through your novelty fabrics and fussy cutting them into 3.5" squares.

Look through your white fabrics so that you have what you need on hand.

Following the January tutorial, we will explain the Swap details (how many squares, how to swap them, etc.).

\*They are very simple to make and if you chain piece the white outer strips to the centers, rather than making the block one at a time, you can make a bunch really quickly. Basically you need a white fabric such as Kona Snow and a variety of fun centers of novelty prints or anything else you want to use. \*\*We will only be swapping the novelty squares, since individual taste will determine Polaroid border width, background color and final block size.

### Upcoming Events

**SAVE THE DATE** - Our 2020 quilt show is rescheduled for September 11 and 12, 2021.

**Check us out on the Web** - [www.marathonquilters.com](http://www.marathonquilters.com)

*Quilt Picture*  
*Patchwork Quilts from Russia*  
*Wait, Wait, My Darling...by N.K. Fedotovskaya*  
*Marie Webster Quilters Hall of Fame, Marion, IN.*