



## Marathon Quilters Newsletter

April, 2023

### **President's Corner**

As I enjoy the sunshine today, I am reminded of how necessary it was to cancel our March meeting due to the weather forecast. Let's hope that the sun and mild temperatures is what we get as we ease into April. Thanks to the volunteers who have committed to lead activities for our membership next year. I hope others will consider joining these folks or look for opportunities to help out whenever there is an ask put out. Our April meeting will include a fabulous trunk show called the "Quilt Clinic", the Memory Quilting with Words challenge reveal and Show and Tell as well as an update on what is going on and what needs to be picked up as we move closer to our 2023 Quilt Show. I hope to see as many of you as possible at the meeting . . . along with your Challenge Reveal, NEQM Summer Exhibition entry for voting and some Show and Tell finishes.

Regards,  
Nancy

### **April 14 Program - "Mistakes Quilters Make and How to Fix Them"**

"Nurses" Lynn Thibault and Nancy Sullivan will team teach a presentation designed to diagnose and treat all kinds of quilt related conditions such as UFO resuscitation, thread and tension pains and piecing headaches. Their trunk show will be educational and entertaining. Nancy and Lynn are members of the Material Girls Quilt Guild

## **2023-24 Guild Leadership Roles**

### **Programs**

Great news! Michelle B and Mary Anne F have each volunteered to work on Programs for the next guild year. If one or two more members would please join them that would be fabulous. Anyone else willing and interested? A group approach is what we have employed this year and across the four of us - Linda, Colleen Michele and Nancy - we each took responsibility for scheduling a few meetings and things have been varied and easily managed. With the Sept, Dec and June meetings primarily social gatherings, that leaves 7 meetings (only 6 meetings if we can successfully re-schedule Sue Pelland's trunk show). Please contact Nancy prior to the April meeting or at the meeting if you can join Michelle and Mary Anne. (Michelle will not be attending the April meeting but I did speak with her by telephone and she approves this message).

### **Charity Quilts - Sandy S.**

Thank you Sandy S. for agreeing to lend your enthusiasm, creativity and organizational skills to our charity quilt program/comfort quilt program for next year. Sandy will be sharing her plans for charity quilt open sew's, etc. over the course of newsletters and (when needed) emails.

### **Refreshments - Colleen Barnes**

Thank you Colleen B for volunteering to organize the refreshments sign-up list for next year.

### **Treasurer - Linda G.**

Many thanks to Linda G for volunteering to take up the role of Treasurer.

### **Refreshments**

Sandy Scordato has agreed to supply refreshments for the April meeting. She had been ready to do so for the March meeting but it was thankfully cancelled before she turned her oven on. So, you can look forward to something fabulous from her kitchen this month and Michele L. will be providing the May refreshments.

### **Cancelled March Program - to be rescheduled**

We will look to reschedule the cancelled March 14 Program - Sue Pelland. Sue is a teacher, business owner, quilter and relatively new Marathon Quilters Guild member. Through her two books, YouTube, and her Zoom and Pre-Recorded video classes, she teaches quilters all over the globe. At this month's meeting, through a Trunk Show, she will be sharing her background, passion and process for rotary cut applique. Check out her website <https://suepellanddesigns.com/>

### 2023 NEQM Summer Exhibition - The Best of the Region's Quilt Guilds

We have the opportunity to submit a quilt to a NEQM summer exhibition. Interested members should bring their quilt to the March meeting. We will vote on sending one of the quilts to NEQM to represent our guild in this exhibit. Size should be no smaller than 24"x24" and no larger than 80"x88". It must consist of two layers with batting in the middle and either hand or machine quilted. It can't be a kit. A sleeve will need to be added before the exhibit to the quilt that is chosen.

### Challenge Project for Spring - Reveal in April

The challenge theme for spring was Memory Quilting with Words. The only specifics were that it reflect a memory and that words are included in some way. You can add bells and whistles, pictures, and anything else that will support your memory. I hope you did better than me on this challenge.

### Thank You

We received this note from the Bags of Hope organization. "Thank goodness for such amazing people like you! We couldn't serve the women we serve without generous donations like yours! We appreciate your support so much. Much love to you!" Anita

### Sew Many Possibilities

The new fiber arts themed HCAM show "Sew Many Possibilities" on YouTube Episode one is available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wGo1SRqwQ8k>

Episode two is available at <https://youtu.be/amGKcVfplyU>

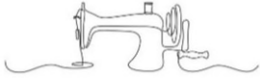
Episode three, which will air in April, features our very own Laima Whitty and her 2023 Tomten Farm Winter Hair Fundraising Raffle Quilt. Many thanks to long-time guild member Laima for sharing the history and process behind her passion for using her quilting talents to make life safer and happier for her animal friends on the Farm. It will also feature a piece on the Quilts of Valor program in Massachusetts. Stay tuned for the link on that episode to be sent out via email.

### Polyarts

Due to the rescheduling of the quilt show (next) we are now able to take part in the September 9<sup>th</sup> Polyarts on the Hopkinton Common. The Boutique team is looking for:

1. ideas of items we could make for kits for hand out
2. donation items from you for the booth
3. consignment items - 25% to guild with 75% for you
4. help at Polyarts - a 2-3 hour time to make the work light for all.

Contact Linda at [ljgrant@gmail.com](mailto:ljgrant@gmail.com).



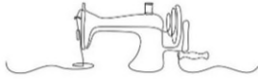
### **New Dates - "Sewing Mends Our Souls" Quilt Show Sept 16 & 17, 2023**

Please complete and email Colleen your entries for the quilt show in September. She previously emailed the form to everyone via [marthonquilters@groups.io](mailto:marthonquilters@groups.io). It is also available in the "Members Only" section of our website. Email the form to her at [ColleenQuiltShow@outlook.com](mailto:ColleenQuiltShow@outlook.com) or bring to the next meeting.



### **2023 Raffle Quilt Update:**

Pat has more tickets for the raffle quilt. Contact her at [Pat\\_Silvestri@yahoo.com](mailto:Pat_Silvestri@yahoo.com). Reminder - the person selling the most tickets will win a smaller quilt of the same fabrics.



### **Comfort/Charity Quilt Program**

- It would be great if someone with a longarm would volunteer to quilt them.
- Fabric donations of cotton Boston sports teams' fabrics (NE Patriots, Boston Celtics, Boston Red Sox, and Boston Bruins) so that we can cut 5.5" x 5.5" squares for a charity/boutique quilt. Please bring to the April meeting.
- Fabric donations of fabric for backing the quilt tops that Yvonne is working on. 5 yards will be enough for backing (cut and pieced for the longarm) and bindings. Contact Sandy Scordato [sscordato7@gmail.com](mailto:sscordato7@gmail.com)

### **Upcoming Events in the area**

- Quinobequin Quilters' auction to be held Tuesday, April,11, 2023 starting at 6pm at 1154 Great Plain Avenue, Needham, MA. It's open to the public. It'll be a terrific opportunity to find some wonderful quilts, assorted fabric, kits, books, patterns and many quilt and craft related items. Who knows what treasures you'll find! For those with limited time, there'll be a "Grab and Go" table.
- Hands Across the Valley Quilters Guild presents their 18<sup>th</sup> Quilt Show on April 22-23, 2023 at Robert Crown Gymnasium, 893 West St - Route 116, Hampshire College, Amherst MA 10:00-4:00 each day, Adults - \$10.00, Free Parking.

## Marathon Quilters on FACEBOOK

- ❖ MARATHON QUILTERS is our private 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.
- ❖ MARATHON QUILTERS GUILD is our PAGE where we post events and activities to communicate with the community.

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

There is also a member's only section on our web page. Contact Dawn for more information.

## Email - [marathonquilters@groups.io](mailto:marathonquilters@groups.io).

- ✓ 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 just to the sender.

## 2022-2023 Officers

President - Nancy Burdick      Vice President - Shelly Jerrett  
Treasurer - Kerry Creswell  
Programs - Colleen Barnes, Michelle Lung, Nancy Burdick, Linda Grant  
Raffle Quilt Coordinator - Pat Silvestri  
Charity Quilt Coordinators - Nancy Burdick and Sandy Scordato  
Webmaster - Dawn Stewart      Newsletter - Linda Grant

## Quilts of Valor 2023 National Block Drive <https://www.qovf.org/>

Those interested in making 2023 Quilts of Valor Blocks at home can do that at their leisure and mail their 2023 blocks into the organization.

## New England Quilt Museum [www.neqm.org](http://www.neqm.org)

Through our Guild membership we receive guest passes that admit 2 people FREE. Contact Michelle Banton ([Michelle@LittlePupDesigns.com](mailto:Michelle@LittlePupDesigns.com)) if you want to use our pass for an upcoming visit. Free parking available 2 blocks away in the National Park Service lot on Dutton St.