



Marathon Quilters Newsletter

March, 2023

President's Corner

Happy March! February was a funny mix of weather this year. Strings of warm-ish days and then some cold ones. It is somewhat like my quilting work of late. I spent February working on several large charity and wedding quilts as well as on some small scrappy ones. Now, to important business. . .

2023-24 Guild Leadership needed - Programs

With our eyes toward the future, I ask you to consider a leadership role for the 2023-24 Guild year.

As mentioned at the February meeting, our most pressing need is Programs coordination for next year.

Here is your opportunity to plan programs for the monthly meetings each month. September, December and June are primarily social meetings so it is really planning program/activities for 7 meetings - Oct, Nov, Jan, Feb, March, April and May. A few members could take this on with ease. Working within a budget approved by the President and Treasurer, you will have the opportunity to coordinate fun, social, educational and challenging activities for our group. A mix of speakers, hands-on activities, games, etc. are all "in bounds". By creating and publishing a program schedule that will be listed on our website, members and prospective new members will know what is on and what to bring to each meeting. The tasks of reserving meeting rooms will not be your worry - (Linda Grant volunteered to continue to handle this task). If interested in working on this for the Guild, please let me or Shelly know.

Nancy

March meeting Refreshments

March Refreshments are being provided by Sandy Scordato. Thank you Sandy!! People are still raving about the cookies you baked for the November meeting. Anyone wishing to volunteer to sign-up for April's meeting? Let me know.

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

Once again our guild will have the opportunity to submit a quilt to a NEQM summer exhibition. Interested members should bring their quilt for consideration 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 cannot be a kit. A sleeve will need to be added before the exhibit to the quilt that is chosen.

Challenge Project for Spring

The challenge theme for spring is Memory Quilting with Words. The only specifics are 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. The reveal will be at our April meeting.

Sew Many Possibilities

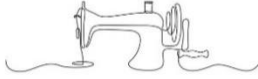
The new fiber arts themed HCAM show "Sew Many Possibilities", episode one is available on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wGo1SRqwQ8k>

And episode two is available at <https://youtu.be/amGKcVfplyU> This episode features several of the community fundraising quilts created by Marathon Quilters. Many thanks to long-time guild member Jean Bertschmann for sharing the history and process behind the Hopkinton Public Library Heritage Quilt. Episode three will air in March and will feature guild member Laima Whitty sharing her passions for creativity and for helping the Tomten Farm and Sanctuary. Stay tuned for the broadcast date.



"Sewing Mends Our Souls" Quilt Show Sept 9 & 10, 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. It is also available in the "Members Only" section of our website. Email the form to her at 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. Reminder - the person selling the most tickets will win a smaller quilt of the same fabrics.



Comfort/Charity Quilt Program

- Many thanks to those who cut and assembled charity quilt top kits. We have completed many - thanks to Yvonne for agreeing to bind many of them. Given Nancy's schedule for the next 6 months, she will not be able to take on quilting any more quilts. It would be great if someone else with a longarm would take up some of this work or people independently completing 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 March 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

Upcoming Events in the area

- The Rhododendron Needlers Quilt Guild Proudly Presents "A Community of Quilters" quilt show featuring the works of our guild members! March 18-19, 2023 - Saturday 10am - 5pm Sunday 10am - 4pm Blue Hills Regional Technical School, 800 Randolph Street, Canton, MA
- 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 18th 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

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

Email - marathonquilters@groups.io.

- ✓ If you want everyone to get the response, click reply.
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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

Through our Guild membership we receive guest passes that admit 2 people FREE. Contact Michelle Banton (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.