



## Marathon Quilters Newsletter March, 2024

### President's Corner

#### Call for Leadership volunteers for 2024-26 term - We need YOU!

We need a new President and Vice-President. The By-Laws explain the roles in the following ways:

##### President:

1. The President shall preside at all meetings of the organization and the Executive Board.
2. The President shall appoint all chairpersons of all standing committees with the advice and consent of the Executive Board and shall serve as ex-officio member of all committees.
3. The President shall keep abreast of the guild's available funds for determining the budget to be allowed for upcoming programs.

##### Vice President/Secretary:

1. The Vice President shall perform duties of the President in her/his absence and be responsible for secretary duties.
2. The Secretary shall also handle all general correspondence of the organization unless otherwise directed by the President.
3. The Vice President shall promote the guild within the region to attract new members.

To me, these responsibilities seek volunteer leaders focused on welcoming potential and new members into the fold; supporting members' interests and plans; honoring processes in place to maintain our guild and non-profit status; and communicating plans to the guild and surrounding communities. These actions can be managed through a myriad of formats and shared across two or more people. You don't have to be a writer, TV personality or lawyer. You don't have to be a Pied Piper either. A willingness to say, "I will" and a collaborative focus is all that is needed. The rest of it will be covered by your fellow members.

Please consider volunteering for one of these vacancies for the 2024-26 term. The slate of candidates is to be presented to the Membership at the April meeting. Between now and then, there is plenty of time to learn about where the guild has been as an organization and consider where you would like to shape its future. Please consider the information and request above and come to the next meeting where we will be discussing this topic (briefly) before our presentation begins. *See you at the next meeting! Nancy*

## **From the Program Team**



Fingers crossed that it doesn't snow again in 2 weeks! Michelle Banton will be presenting a fascinating program that covers the process from growing cotton in the field, all the way through production, design, printing and distribution to stores. She will be bringing visuals and a very interesting program.

**Roll the Dice Reveal** We'll have the reveal of the *Fall into Color Challenge*. Even if you aren't completely finished with your blocks, please bring them. If you didn't put them into a project, please consider donating them and we'll create a quilt for charity out of the ones we collect at the meeting. I hope everyone learned just a bit about color relationships.

**Charity Pillowcases** If you took home a pillowcase and haven't returned it, please remember to bring.

## **The No Break Mosaic workshop - Coming Soon**

Watch your email for more details when the date is set for a workshop with Michelle Banton on Mosaics.

## **Hospitality Volunteer needed for May meeting:**

Snacks are set for March and April. If you can provide them for the May 14th meeting let Colleen know.

## **Sew Many Possibilities**

The HCAM fiber arts show "Sew Many Possibilities" has a new episode. All episodes can be viewed at <https://www.hcam.tv/sewmanypossibilities>. To access the individual videos, click the three lines in the upper right corner of the displayed video.

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

Through our Guild membership we receive guest passes that admit 4 people FREE. Just let them know when you check in that you belong to our guild. Free parking available 2 blocks away in the National Park Service lot on Dutton St.

## **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 password if you have forgotten it.

## **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.

## Friends of the Hopkinton Library Silent Auction in March



## Contents of the 2024 Marathon Quilters donation to the Friends of the Hopkinton Public Library Silent Auction Donation Basket: A special thank you to Kim for taking the lead on this!

### **One of a kind handmade quilt. 47" square**

Dear Stella Fawn and Friends 100% cotton fabric panels creatively pieced and custom longarm quilted by Kim Fuller. The front panel background's scrubby patch of wildflowers and ferns are home to sweet woodland creatures at rest. This white fabric is perfect for nature decor, with its subdued palette, and is right at home in a child's bedroom. The backing is from the same fabric line in a dark green minky fabric.

### **Hardcover copy of Hota Kotb's book "I've Loved You Since Forever"**

### **Orange Rope basket decorated to like a Fox**

### **Stuffed animal Fox**

### **2 handmade Fawn and friends minky print with tan cuddle minky back Loveys**

Loveys are soft precious small minky blankets perfect for your baby or toddler. Made with super soft high quality minky on the front and back and satin ribbons for extra soothing. Great for car seat, grandma's house, sitter, snuggle time, reading time or just to help your baby feel safe and secure. Dimensions: 9 inches x 11 inches

### **Hudson Baby Unisex Baby Plush Animal Face Bathrobe 0-9 mos.**

### **Newborn Cartoon Sleeper Gown Long Sleeve**

Cute woodland baby nightgown: full print of deer, rabbit, squirrel, hedgehog, bird, wild animal, etc. matching a hat and bowknot, super fashionable 2pcs baby sleep gown baby pajamas in spring summer fall winter.

### **One-of-a-kind miniature woodland creature bead tapestries**

Studio Art Quilt Associates (SAQA) and Marathon Quilter member, Karen Swiech, created these tiny boxed Raccoon and Fox tapestries.

## Other Items of Interest



### **Quilt Show**

March 16-17, 2024

10:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.

Blackstone Valley Regional High School

85 Pleasant St., Upton

On view will be over 200 quilts designed and made by guild members including challenges, round robins, and youth quilts. Also available will be a silent auction, raffle baskets, vendors, and a quilters' boutique. Handicap accessible and free parking on site.

### **Quinobequin Quilters Quilt Show**

Over 100 Beautiful Quilts on Display!

From traditional to art quilts, plus a raffle quilt, kids' quilt hunt, and mini art quilts for sale

Friday, March 22, and Saturday, March 23: 10:00 am - 5:00 pm. Admission \$10 (free for children)

Needham Masonic Lodge. 1101 Highland Ave, Needham, MA (Exit 19C off Rt. 95, 1 mile on right)

More Info: [www.Quinobequin.org](http://www.Quinobequin.org)

### **Welcome Blanket Exhibit - September 2024**

The Museum of Work & Culture is excited to announce that it is collecting handmade blankets in preparation for an upcoming exhibition. Following the exhibit, all blankets and notes will be gifted to welcome new refugees as they enter the United States.

To participate, individuals can make a 40-inch by 40-inch washable blanket and write a corresponding welcome note sharing a story important to their family relating to immigration or relocation. These blankets and notes will be exhibited in the Museum of Work & Culture's changing gallery space in September 2024.

The Museum will accept blankets from January 8th until May 15th, 2024. More information at

[https://www.rihs.org/welcome-blanket-project/?fbclid=IwAR2agnjTo3Jtwng5gG-JiqesNfHf08B\\_wVZICSqkqBPqtrIfOUYjsQi\\_N2w\\_aem\\_AbEwHk8YvdkF89vI4LDVNoy9DC3saLec26hMDw9Z5E4s4TJ4hvuf4EogxjOV83U6vSY](https://www.rihs.org/welcome-blanket-project/?fbclid=IwAR2agnjTo3Jtwng5gG-JiqesNfHf08B_wVZICSqkqBPqtrIfOUYjsQi_N2w_aem_AbEwHk8YvdkF89vI4LDVNoy9DC3saLec26hMDw9Z5E4s4TJ4hvuf4EogxjOV83U6vSY)