



Marathon Quilter's Guild

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December 14, 2010 Newsletter

Our next meeting will be December 14, 2010 at 6:30 pm at the Kelsey Ullman's, 12 Blueberry Lane, and Hopkinton

Hello everyone! Our December Potluck is always one of our best meetings each year! **THE DATE IN THE SCHEDULE AND ON THE WEBSITE IS INCORRECT!!!! WE ARE MEETING ON TUESDAY, 12/14/10 AT 6:30 PM AT KELSEY'S HOUSE FOR OUR HOLIDAY POTLUCK!!!!** Please bring:

- a dish to share;
- an unwrapped toy for a tot;
- your finished Thankfulness/Gratitude Block;
- your favorite Holiday quilt for Show and Tell; and
- money for the fabric raffle.

Thankfulness and Gratitude Blocks: At the last meeting, everyone received a fat eighth of fabric. The finished blocks are due at the December potluck, and should include a word indicating what you are thankful for, as well as a note attached with the name of the block, your name, and any other information you would like to share.

As a reminder, the instructions are to use the fabric you received in November and, along with fabrics from your stash, create a 12" finished block that represents something for which you are grateful or thankful this holiday season. Blocks can be any style or technique. The only requirements are that the fabric we give you is included in the block, and that the finished block size be 12" (12 1/2" when you return it to us).

Please do your best work, and use fabrics that you think work well with the piece we give you, and are likely to blend well with others blocks.

Technique Training Block Sampler: The December instructions are posted on the MQ website, and samples will be available at the meeting.

Book Club: For the next Book Club, we are reading How to Make an American Quilt, by Whitney Otto. We will meet on January 25 at 7 pm at Kelsey's house to discuss the book, watch the movie, and receive the next step in our mystery quilt.

UFO/Start to Finish Projects: The forms are available on the MQ website. Please fill out your forms and bring them in. Keep busy sewing so you can enter to win the Ghee's Bend Quilt Kit! Janice got us off to a great start last month!

Fabric Raffle: Don't forget some cash to enter the fabric raffle - chances are \$2. Many thanks to Button Box Quilts and Quilter's Stash for their generous donations!

Show and Tell: UFO or not, keep bringing in those beautiful finished projects!

New England Quilt Museum Holiday Village: Please try to visit the museum before 12/31/10 to see the wonderful holiday village exhibit, including a beautiful Martha's Vineyard Gingerbread House created by our own Karen Swiech and Kelsey Ullman! For hours and directions, please check their website: nequiltmuseum.org.

Concord Museum, 12/8/10: Field Trip!!! A wonderful exhibit is opening at the Concord Museum, featuring quilts from Louisa May Alcott's Orchard House. Details about the exhibit can be found at: http://concordmuseum.org/explore/future_exhibitions.html

We will meet at the Golden Spoon at 8:45. Please rsvp to the e-vite if you can attend. We know there is no date that works for everyone, and encourage all of you to take advantage of this rare opportunity while it is available.

Old Sturbridge Village: Old Sturbridge Village is featuring a new exhibit titled: Get Under the Covers of New England History! The exhibit highlights the workmanship and histories of quilts and quilted garments from their permanent collection. On weekdays during the month of December, they are offering private quilt tours and lunch for guilds at a cost of \$20/person. If you are interested, please rsvp to Jean at jeanber65@hotmail.com and let her know some dates that work for you.

2011 Quilt Show

The date for the next quilt show will be September 17 and 18, 2011. This coincides with Polyarts weekend. I am just waiting to hear if the CAA is available.

Please start collecting unwanted baskets for our raffle baskets. They can be brought to the meetings and Colleen will take them.

I am also searching for ideas for a summer challenge quilt for the show. It will be a surprise reveal like last show.

Refreshments

Birthdays

Peg Kellog and Becky Mac Donald