



Marathon Quilter's Guild

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November 9, 2010 Newsletter

Our next meeting will be November 9, 2010 at 6:30 pm at the First Congregational church
Hopkinton

11/9/10

Thankfulness and Gratitude Blocks: At the meeting, everyone will receive a fat eighth of fabric. We would like you to take that piece of fabric home and use it, along with fabrics from your stash, to 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). The blocks will be collected at the December potluck and used for a very special project, so 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. If you need inspiration for your blocks, join the book club and read about the blocks that the quilters in our November book selection created!

Baskets and Bags: Kelsey, Joyce, and Yvonne will be demonstrating a few fun projects that you may want to whip up for that someone special this holiday season.

Technique Training Block Sampler: The November instructions are posted on the MQ website, and samples will be available at the meeting. Joyce has also modified the instructions for one of the blocks, providing an easy alternative for those who only want to do one block with y-seams. In addition, we have collected some tips and techniques related to the sampler blocks, which we will also post on the website. ***PLEASE WRITE DOWN A FEW OF YOUR FAVORITE TIPS TO BRING TO THE MEETING AND SHARE!*** Joyce will collect them and we will add them to what we have already posted.

Pat Delaney Workshop: Many thanks to Kelsey for making the arrangements for the fantastic workshop. There were many rave reviews! Please bring anything you have worked on as a result of the workshop to share with the group - even if it isn't finished! If you have photos from the workshop, please send them to Dawn at quiltcat@dlstewart.com for posting on the website.

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!

11/23 /10

MQ Book Club! The first Book Club was a big hit! Kelsey got us started on a mystery quilt project. The book for the next meeting is A Quilter's Holiday, by Jennifer Chiaverini. Please join us at Kelsey's at 7 pm for a discussion and a project. Please rsvp to Kelsey at kelseyullman@yahoo.com immediately to reserve your spot.

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.

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.

I still need someone to head up the MQ Boutique.

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

Food: Joyce M. and Drinks: Lynn M.

Birthdays

None