



Marathon Quilter's Guild

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October 12, 2010 Newsletter

Our next meeting will be October 12, 2010 at 6:30 pm at the First Congregational church Hopkinton

10/12/10

Pat Delaney: We are very happy to welcome Pat Delaney, who will talk to us about using color in quilts. She will be back on 10/16 to do a 4 hour color workshop - see details below. This dynamic presenter comes highly recommended, and we are looking forward to her presentation. Please check her website: <http://www.crabtreelane.com/about.html>.

Secret Valentines: If you are participating in this year's Secret Valentine, All About Me Challenge, please bring your completed form (available on our website), fat quarter, any photos, etc. you would like to include all in a brown paper sandwich bag (bags will be available at the meeting if you don't have one at home). Each participant will turn in her bag, take someone else's bag, and make something quilt related based on the information they learn from the All About Me form. Valentines must be delivered anonymously by 2/1/11 - please use the MQ P.O. Box 150 as your return address. All participants will bring their valentines to the February meeting, and try to guess who made them. It's always a fun meeting!

Technique Training Block Sampler: The October instructions are posted on the MQ website, and samples will be available at the meeting. Some important tips to remember:

- Cutting - always be consistent with which ruler you use, and which side of the line on your ruler you are using. Even small differences in cutting can lead to big variations in finished block width, and make it challenging to piece blocks together.
- Pressing - unless otherwise instructed in the pattern, or necessary for piecing purposes, press fabrics toward the darker fabric. Start by 'setting' the seam from the back - pressing on the closed seam. Next, turn the piece over and press open from the front. Pressing from the back frequently means that the seam is not pressed all the way open, and leads to puckers.

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!

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!

10/16/10

Join us for a day of fun! Pat Delaney will present her 'Hue Can Do It' Color Workshop from 9 am - 1 pm. This is a 4 hour workshop designed to help you explore and expand your use of color - without your machine! If you have not already signed up, please e-mail Jean at jeanber65@hotmail.com immediately. Workshops are \$25/members; \$30/non-members. We will have open sewing from 1-3 pm if people are interested.

Dan Pascal, of New England Sewing Machine Repair, will be on-site on 10/16 to clean machines. This has been VERY popular at past workshops. The basic cleaning is \$60 (cash or check), and the turnaround time is 20-30 minutes. If you have not signed up, please e-mail Jean at

jeanber65@hotmail.com immediately with information regarding the make and model of your machines. The standard recommendation is to clean your machines once per year, and this will be Dan's only visit to MQ this year.

10/22/10

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 Jean at jeanber65@hotmail.com if you can attend.

10/26/10

MQ Book Club! We are trying something new this year - a book club! Our first selection is State Fair, by Earlene Fowler. 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.

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 will be looking for people to be on the committee.

Refreshments

Food: Nancy G and Drinks: Tobi H

Birthdays

Yvonne, Karen, Michele and Laima

Upcoming Shows

Wayside quilter's guild of Sudbury quilt show
October 16 & 17, 10 am to 5pm
Lincoln Sudbury Regional high school
390 Lincoln Road, Sudbury, MA

Burlington Quilt Guild Quilt Show, October 23, 10 - 5; October 24, 10 - 4. Middlesex Community College, Campus Center, 591 Springs Road, Bedford, MA