



# Marathon Quilter's Guild

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## January 11, 2011 Newsletter

Our next meeting will be January 11, 2011 at The First Congregational Church in Hopkinton.

Hello everyone! **Happy New Year!**

This month, we will have a paper piecing demonstration, a (brief) Devore' demonstration, an alternate reverse applique block for the sampler, and a very special demo by Karen of how to make Japanese temari balls (<http://www.temarikai.com/>) - you will want to get an early start on next year's holidays!

**Thankfulness and Gratitude Blocks:** Last call for finished blocks, which 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 January instructions are posted on the MQ website, and samples will be available at the meeting. The Devore block turned out to be more challenging than expected, so we will provide that information, but also give another option for those who prefer not to do the Devore. Tips and instructions for reverse applique are already included in the tips and techniques document on the website.

**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!

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

From Linda:

Eve's interior still needs additional rooms painted and that people who have a half day to paint can email [m.e.sellman@gmail.com](mailto:m.e.sellman@gmail.com) to see when a good time would be.

## 2011 Quilt Show

The date for the next quilt show will be September 17 and 18, 2011. This coincides with Polyarts weekend.

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

## Refreshments

Food: Cathleen Dinsmore Drinks: JoAnn Pike

## Birthdays

Marjorie Rah