



Marathon Quilter's Newsletter

Happy New Year! January seemed so far away not too long ago, but here it is already! Our guild will hold its next meeting on Tuesday, January 8, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. for greetings, 7:00 p.m. for the formal start at Faith Church, 146 E. Main Street, Hopkinton. The quilt to the left is one of Laima's. We are excited to have her teach us a few of her techniques on Saturday, January 12th called Organic Soft Curves and Skinny Lines. We hope you can all make the meeting next Tuesday and Laima's workshop!*

January Meeting

Happy New Year from the Programs Committee!

We are looking forward to seeing the Panel Challenge reveal at the January meeting! Please bring your completed tops (or finished quilts!) to show to the guild and share a bit about your design process. These will make a great special exhibit in our 2020 show!

We will be kicking off our next challenge at the January meeting as well. The Pantone color of the year is Pantone 16-1546: Living Coral! It's a bright, cheerful color that offers endless design opportunities. Each participant is asked to find an inspiration piece and design a quilt featuring the Pantone color. These, too, can be a fun exhibit for the 2020 show! If you would like to participate, please bring \$8 to purchase your yard of Kona Coral. If you are interested in the Mystery Round Robin option, please email Jean at jeanber65@hotmail.com to sign up. Below is the list of people who have committed.

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Block Bee participants should bring Linda's blocks to the meeting. Michelle is January's Queen Bee, so she will give out the instructions for her requested block at the meeting.

As a preview for February: It's going to be a surprise! Stay tuned for more details....

President's Corner

Happy New Year!

We concluded the 2018 MQG calendar of events with a fabulous meeting and annual holiday potluck/Yankee Swap. Many thanks to Becky MacDonald for hosting the get-together. Member attendance was terrific, and thanks to Cindy, Dawn was included via text. To those who could not join us, we missed you and hope to see you soon.

In January, we have a regular meeting and a Saturday workshop. If weather becomes an issue, please look for a Yahoo group email and possibly a Facebook message alerting you to any changes in plans. Also, if you need a ride or would feel more comfortable catching a ride to an evening meeting or event, please give one of us a call. It's more fun when we all come!

Dawn combed over the website and made additions and deletions. Please check out the newly posted pictures and the current content! Likewise, there is plenty to check out on our Facebook page. Remember, there are two pages - a general page and a member's only page.

Thanks to the Programs committee, the next six months will be filled with fun and educational activities. Check the Calendar tab on the website for dates and information.

As the New Year begins, I wish you . . .

. . . time to take stock of projects in progress and consider beginning on-my-list or challenge projects.

. . . energy to complete some projects and to set others aside for another time

... and the presence of mind to value your time and creativity as you create one of a kind handmade treasures.

Regards,
Nancy

January 12, 2019 Workshop / Machine Servicing / Open Sew day!!



Going Organic: Soft Curves and Skinny Lines

Please join Laima on January 12th 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Faith Church to learn how to sew soft curves with no rulers and using only one pin . . . what?! We will also be sewing skinny lines that can add a nice accent to almost any quilt project.

Materials:

- ~ sewing machine
- ~ variety of matching fabrics from your stash including some solids and contrasting colors
- ~ rotary cutter
- ~ one pin!

After Laima's morning workshop, we will have an Open Sew from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Laima has kindly offered to help with machine quilting questions in the afternoon.

And that's not all on the 12th! If you would like to have your sewing machine tuned or repaired, Anthony Ferranti is willing to join us all day at the church. He was the repairperson who had a table at our show, is well-qualified, and does a very nice job. His fee is \$100 per machine, which is what he has charged for the last decade. However, you need to let us know ahead of time if you would like to him service your machine(s).

So, if you would like to participate in Laima's workshop, attend only the Open Sew and/or take advantage of having your machine serviced on the same day, please let Cathleen know at csdinsmore@gmail.com by 1/10/19 and specify what you would like to do. Please note that the guild will have to charge a reasonable fee for the Workshop and Open Sew; we will let you know the exact fee within the next couple of days.

Updating the Guild Cookbook

Dawn has been updating our marathonquilters.com website, and Cindy has suggested an update to the Marathon Quilters Guild Cookbook, which is on our website. If others are interested, it could be a fun project that we could work on and offer either as a .pdf file to be parked on our website or as a printed and bound version. If we want to, we could consider selling printed books to members, as well as sell them at the 2019 PolyArts Boutique or save them to sell at our 2020 Show. There are many different options for a project like this, such as here, in which as few as 12 books can be ordered:

(<https://www.simplycookbooks.com/pricing/pricing.cfm>). If you are interested, please contact Nancy (nancyb88@hotmail.com).

MOG Boutique ~ Planning for the 2019 PolyArts Boutique booth

Yvonne and Nancy have a sizable inventory for the booth but would love to also offer items like – recycled woolen sweater mittens (like the ones Michelle has made and shown us), up to six baby or lap-sized quilts, and New England sports team themed bowl cozies. If you have seen a handmade item at a show or online that you think would sell well as part of our Boutique and/or are interested in volunteering your time to make one of the quilts or some other sale items, please let us know.

Shows and Announcements

Please send notices of shows and announcements, which do not have to be only about quilts but can be about any fiber art, to Cathleen (csdinsmore@gmail.com) if you think our guild would be interested in hearing about it.

Marathon Quilters on FACEBOOK

Join Marathon Quilter's Facebook Group. . . Search for Marathon Quilters and submit a request to join. This is a great place to share pictures of what you are working on, inspiration or ideas you think the group would be interested in and ask questions of the group.

HAPPY January BIRTHDAY!!! to Janice and Libby, and a belated birthday wish to Susan, whom I neglected to include last month, who is a New Year's baby on December 31st!!

* One of our guild members is Laima Whitty. The image of her quilt on the first page is called "Shards" and can be found here:

https://www.google.com/search?q=laima+whitty+quilts&client=firefox-b-1&tbm=isch&source=iu&ictx=1&fir=9dPAE91Fl3nK_M%253A%252CklyVr_fa4NURnM%252C_&usg=AI4_-kQy-KVLh-wKwJfFjUEipUs9aKfgEA&sa=X&ved=2ahUKEwjN36ScxcffAhWKTt8KHVMTB88Q9QEwAXoECAYQBg#imgrc=9dPAE91Fl3nK_M: