



# Marathon Quilters Newsletter

December, 2025

## **Boutique at HCA Holiday Marketplace - Sat Dec 6<sup>th</sup> from 10-3**

Come and shop!! Pat, Angie, Gail and Nancy will be setting up the Boutique to sell unique handmade holiday items and showing and selling tickets the raffle book/quilts at Hopkinton Center for the Arts.

## **December Social**

Dec 9<sup>th</sup> is our Holiday Social and we will meet in the Café (same as last year) at the Church. Below is the sign-up link to say you are coming and what you will bring to share. Don't forget to bring your Show & Tell items.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C45ACAE22A6F58-53338358-marathon>

## **Giving Opportunity - Collection for Dignity Matters at the December Potluck:**

We will be collecting a donation of menstrual care items AS WELL AS new underwear (in original packaging), and new reusable "period underwear" in all sizes, styles and brands, new or like-new bras in all sizes, styles and brands (including sports bras and maternity bras). Cup sizes D and up and band sizes 38 and up are needed most. Nancy will coordinate getting the donations to Dignity Matters.

### Dignity Matters

25 Brigham Street

Westborough, MA 01581

[kate@dignity-matters.org](mailto:kate@dignity-matters.org)

Tax ID/EIN 81-4572839

## **Pop-Up Boutique at December's meeting**

Angie and Nancy will bring a curated collection of our remaining 2025 handmade items for your consideration at the December meeting. Credit cards, checks and cash will be accepted. You can check out the newest items we have tested out which could inspire you to use some of the links below to make items to donate to the Quilt Show Boutique.

Sew Very Easy – Reusable Bowl Covers (no casing)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2iapdZ1VLsg>

Shabby Fabrics DIY Elastic Dish Cover

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lzsiwd8aJdw&t=375s>

DIY Double Ring Tea Towel Holder (note) I did NOT buy the pattern. I made my own through trial and error and I bought the 10 ring wooden rings on Amazon for \$8

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zIXV-6ZmFvs>

### **Hospitality Sign-up**

Please consider signing up to bring snacks for Jan or Feb meetings. Email Kerry to sign up. [kerrycrewel@yahoo.com](mailto:kerrycrewel@yahoo.com). Kerry will send reminders prior to the meeting

### **"A Thread Runs Through It" – 2026 Quilt Show**

1. It is time to submit quilts for the quilt show!!! Here is the link for easy submission. And don't forget to enter the quilt show challenge quilts too!

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScDJH7tZUufcFZ\\_P\\_1HSK98\\_InSBo8Etg8mE\\_ehjrK0By8-DA/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScDJH7tZUufcFZ_P_1HSK98_InSBo8Etg8mE_ehjrK0By8-DA/viewform?usp=sf_link)



2. Raffle Quilt/Book Combos QR code.

### **March 2026 Friends of the Hopkinton Public Library Silent Auction Raffle Basket Donation -**

Friends of the Hopkinton Public Library will be doing their silent auction raffle basket again in March 2026. They will ask us again for a donation and with this much time perhaps a group of our members might ban together to create an attractive basket.

### **Aesop's fable**

Below is the link to Aesop's Fable the Holliston, MA bookstore that is showcasing our Raffle Quilts and helping us sell raffle tickets. <https://aesopsfable.com/>

### **Thank you:**

The attached is a link (see attached) to a video the Girl Scout troop sent to us for helping them with their 2025 Boston Marathon weekend fundraising booth. We made hair scrunchies and gave them Hopkinton mugs to sell alongside their other handmade items and they handed out our Quilt Show bookmarks.



[IMG\\_0257.mov](#)

## Marathon Quilters in Facebook

**Marathon Quilters Guild** - this is a public page where you can follow for guild information

**Marathon Quilters** - this is a private group and you must request access

## All Seasons Banner Challenge

The leaves are mostly off the trees and the pumpkins are covered with frost. Don't forget to create your WINTER banner. All banners should finish at 9" x 36" - hanging vertically. Questions? Contact Michelle at 508-73-2244 or [Michelle@LittlePupDesigns.com](mailto:Michelle@LittlePupDesigns.com).

- AUTUMN – Fall colors: Orange, Red, Yellow, Brown, touch of Dark Green, and White and/or Black.
- WINTER – Brrrrr: Blue, Gray, Dark Green, touch of Deep Red, White and/or Black.
- SPRING – Soft Colors as the earth comes back to life: Pink, Lavender, Light Yellow, Teal/Turquoise, touch of Light Green, and White and/or Black.



## 2026 Marathon Quilters Quilt Show Challenge – "Freedom of Expression"

July 4th, 2026 marked the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. That statement of freedom spells out our nation's principles and asserts all people are equal, have rights and can challenge their government when it fails to uphold their rights. This anniversary inspires pause and reflection on our nation's past and future.

### Rules:

- \* The challenge is meant to celebrate the American spirit. It should feature Red, White and Blue but other colors may be incorporated.
- \* Quilts can be 24" to 96" in width and 24" to 96" in length (portrait or landscape orientation).
- \* One entry form and quilt per person or team is eligible. \*\*Quilt Show Challenge will be a Google doc
- \* Quilts completed between January 1, 2020, and December 31, 2025 are eligible.
- \* The entry form deadline is December, 31, 2025.
- \* On the back of the quilt, please sew 4" hanging sleeve for hanging and a label with quiltmaker's name, year, and title of the quilt (lower left corner of the back)
- \* On the entry form, please list all quilters involved in the making of the quilt.
- \* Quilting by hand, machine, or both is expected. Quilting is defined as a running stitch that passes through a top, middle layer, and backing fabric.
- \* Quilts should be titled and a short-written description of your inspiration.

**Marathon Quilter's Email** [marathonquilters@groups.io](mailto:marathonquilters@groups.io).

If you want everyone to get the response, click reply.

If the reply only needs to go to the sender, at the bottom of the email find a link to reply to the sender.

**Marathon Quilters on the Web** [www.marathonquilters.com](http://www.marathonquilters.com)

## **New England Quilt Museum in Lowell**

Through our Guild membership we receive guest passes that admit 4 people FREE. Just let them know when you check in that you belong to our guild. Free parking available 2 blocks away in the National Park Service lot on Dutton St. Click here for more information on the current exhibits <https://www.neqm.org/>

## **Field Trip Ideas**

Marden's - Scarborough, ME - 2.25 hours from Hopkinton

<https://www.mardens.com/what-we-sell/fabric/>

\*Due to limited floor space we do not offer fabric in our Biddeford, Gray or Lincoln store locations. A wide variety of styles, colors, and materials at low prices including fabrics by the yard (½ yard minimum cut), quilting and crafting cotton, home décor fabrics and trims, panels, outdoor fabrics, vinyl, felt wool, and more.

Live Freely NH Market - Hampton, NH - 1.5 hours from Hopkinton

<https://livefreelynh.com/>

What was supposed to be an 8-week winter pop-up turned into a year-round home for over 300 small businesses — a place where dreams were launched, products were born, and a community grew stronger with every weekend.

And now... we're stepping into Year Two.

- ✦ Our biggest Winter Market yet.
- ✦ 45 vendors every weekend
- ✦ 25 new small businesses rotating weekly
- ✦ Santa every Friday (5–7 PM)
- ✦ Live music every Saturday (1–3 PM)
- ✦ Black Friday + special holiday hours
- ✦ Nov 15th through Dec 28th

## **Leadership 2025-2026**

### **Executive Team**

President – Karen Swiech  
Vice President – Angelines Castro  
Treasurer – Linda Grant

### **Teams/Committees**

Programs – Mary Ann Fenton, Pat Silvestri, and Michelle Banton  
Boutique Coordinators – Angelines Castro & Nancy Burdick  
Quilt Show 2026 Coordinators – Nancy Burdick & Jean Bertschmann  
Charity Quilts – Sandy Scardato  
Hospitality – Kerry Creswell  
Webmaster – Dawn Stewart - Newsletter – Linda Grant