



Marathon Quilters Newsletter

JULY, 2025

July Birthday Girls - Angelines and Sandy

"A Thread Runs Through It" – 2026 Quilt Show

1. Raffle Quilt/Book Combos QR code now on the web site. Dawn has added the code for the quilt/book raffle to the home page. There is also a new page that will focus on "A Thread Runs Through It", Yeah Dawn!

<https://marathonquilters.com>

<https://marathonquilters.com/show.html>

2. It is never too early to submit the form for the quilts you will be placing in the quilt show!!! The Quilt Show Chairs (Jean and Nancy) are anxious to see that first quilt entered! Jean previously sent the link via our group email but here it is again!

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScDJH7tZUufcFZ_P_1HSK98_InSBo8Etg8mE_ehjrK0By8-DA/viewform?usp=sf_link



Just a quick reminder of Challenges that you can work on this summer.



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

July 4th, 2026 marks 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.

The Quilt Show Challenge invites current and former members to submit a quilted artwork using the Declaration of Independence's themes of freedom, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness for inspiration.

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 Quilters SUMMER 2025 Challenge

Part 1 in a Four Seasons Challenge is Summer! Each Season, we will make a banner of the season. At the end, you'll have one for Summer, Fall, Winter and Spring. (We'd like to hang everyone's banners at our show).

Specifics – Each banner quilt should be 9” wide and 36” long and hang vertically. Embellishments and tassels or whatever may extend beyond the 36”. Applique, piecing, paper piecing, embellishments – any technique! It can be a standard block, modern, abstract, art quilting – anything goes! Please avoid holiday themes. Summertime patriotic is fine, but no specific 4th of July.

SUMMER – Think HOT colors! Use the following colors: Blue, Bright Yellow, Orange, Red, Purple, Medium Green and White and/or Black. It does not have to be solids, but please use only the colors recommended. Prints that “read” those colors are great.

Michelle will post the colors for the rest of the seasons later –now, just focus on SUMMER! I KNOW you can do it and would LOVE 100% participation. Get busy –our September meeting for the reveal! Any questions? Contact Michelle Banton michelle@LittlePupDesigns.com

POLYARTS is Coming - September 6 - sign-up to help in the link below.

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- Set-up Summary from the Hopkinton Polyarts organizers:
1. Polyarts will not be cancelled due to bad weather. Festival will continue. RAIN OR SHINE.
 2. Set-up begins at 7 a.m. NO EARLIER DUE TO TOWN REGULATIONS.
 3. Vehicles are not allowed on the Common. We appreciate unloading your vehicle and moving it away from the Common to allow customer parking. After unloading your items, park behind Center School. A volunteer will direct you.
 4. Bring your own chairs, tables and canopies and/or free-standing displays.
 5. Canopy tents and weights are mandatory. No stakes allowed. We suggest using milk jugs filled with water or sand to weigh down your canopy poles.
 6. No electricity available.
 7. No dogs are allowed on the town common.
 8. No raffles or solicitations.
 9. Call water table was submitted in some applications. The approved items will not be allowed due to the above.

[Marathon Quilters Guild Poly Arts Booth Coverage Sign-up Sheet](#)

Marathon Quilters Guild PolyArts Booth Coverage Sign-up Sheet **Saturday, September 6th, 2025 Hopkinton Common** Event runs from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Set-up 8:30 – 10:00 Take down 4:10 – 5:00 Coverage 10:00 -12:00 Coverage 12-2:00 Coverage 2:00 -4:00
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