



# Marathon Quilters Newsletter

November, 2025

## **Nov. 11 Meeting – A “do it ourselves” Trunk Show**

We're asking everyone, yes, everyone! to bring a quilted project to show as part of our guild's TRUNK SHOW. It can be old or new, one of your first quilts or your favorite. Plan to tell what made you bring that quilt for the DIY Trunk Show. Also, bring one or two of your favorite quilting gadgets and share why you love them. The odder, the better!

Our meeting room is Rm 213. Use the Chapel entrance for easy access.

Janice and David Jones, our planned speakers for November have been rescheduled for May, 2026. After the busyness of our April Quilt Show, we thought it might be a nice break to have a speaker the following month.

## **All Seasons Banner Challenge**

The leaves are mostly off the trees and the pumpkins are covered with frost. Don't forget to create your AUTUMN banner. All banners should finish at 9" x 36" - hanging vertically. Michelle will let us know about hanging sleeves later.

**AUTUMN** – Fall colors – we're lucky our autumns in New England are so beautiful. You may use: Orange, Red, Yellow, Brown, touch of Dark Green, and White and/or Black.

**WINTER** – Brrrr. Use muted colors: Blue, Gray, Dark Green, touch of Deep Red, White and/or Black.

**SPRING** – Soft Colors as the earth comes back to life after Winter. Use: Pink, Lavender, Light Yellow, Teal/Turquoise, touch of Light Green, and White and/or Black.

Michelle has included the colors for the remaining seasons - hoping that SOMEONE will decide to be the overachiever and get them all done right away. The banners will be hung together at our Quilt Show in April.

Questions? Contact Michelle at 508-73-2244 or [Michelle@LittlePupDesigns.com](mailto:Michelle@LittlePupDesigns.com).

### "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 ehjrk 0By8-DA/viewform?usp=sf link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScDJH7tZUufcFZ P 1HSK98 InSBo8Etg8mE ehjrk 0By8-DA/viewform?usp=sf_link)
2. Raffle Quilt/Book Combos QR code. 
3. Kerry and her daughter Brenna will create the awards for the Show.
4. Colleen and David Barnes will join us to help set-up and hang the show.
5. Quilt Show Boutique - Angelines and Nancy will take Polyarts inventory and follow up with members if they want to donate consigned quilted and handcrafted items for the 2026 Quilt Show Boutique.
6. Quilt Show Yard Sale – Enough already! We won't be collecting any more until after January. We have a dozen plastic tubs full in the garage. We may need a truck to transport when the time arrives.
7. Quilt Show Raffle Baskets – Keep decluttering. Michelle will take donations of baskets and of new quilted items for the raffle baskets.



### 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)

**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

**Hospitality Sign-up for 26**

Please consider signing up to bring snacks for Jan-May meetings. Email Kerry to sign up.

[kerrycrewel@yahoo.com](mailto:kerrycrewel@yahoo.com). Kerry will send reminders prior to the meeting.

**Sew Many Possibilities**

The HCAM fiber arts show "Sew Many Possibilities" can be viewed at

<https://www.hcam.tv/sewmanypossibilities>

To access the individual videos, click the three lines in the upper right corner of the displayed video.

**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/>

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