



Marathon Quilters Newsletter

October, 2025

News Flash: We have a new meeting room for the coming year. We are moving back to Rm 213 and will use the Chapel entrance.

Oct. 14 Meeting - We will welcome David Sirota, aka Quilt Maven Dave, as he presents a fun look at ourselves as quilters and give us insight as to what makes him tick. You may have taken one of his "No More Tears" paper-piecing workshops, so you may already know what an interesting person that he is. <https://www.quiltmavendave.com/>

Plan to bring your \$25 membership dues (cash/check) for the 25-26 year. If you can't make the meeting, you can mail it to Linda Grant at 22 Cassandra Ave, Franklin, MA 02038.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY
to Yvonne, Michele L, MaryAnn, Karen and Sherry
who have birthdays this month. Hope you have an awesome day!

Hospitality Sign-up for 2025-26



Like SNACKS? 😊 Please consider signing up to bring snacks for one of our meetings. Every month is available starting with October (not Dec and June when we have a potluck). Email Kerry now to sign up. kerrycrewel@yahoo.com. Kerry will send a reminder prior to the meeting (2 weeks before and 1 week before).

Challenge banners! If you haven't seen the list of colors for the rest of the seasons, Michelle will have info sheets available! Any questions? Contact Michelle Banton 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_ehjrK0By8-DA/viewform?usp=sf_link
2. Raffle Quilt/Book Combos QR code. 
3. A big round of applause to Kerry and her daughter Brenna for volunteering to create the awards for the Show.
4. News flash - Colleen Barnes and her husband David are planning on joining the Guild as they both want to enter quilts in the show. They will also join us to set-up and hang the show.
5. Quilt Show Boutique - Following Polyarts 2025, Angelines and Nancy will take inventory and ask members via the newsletter in Oct and Nov to make and donate quilted and handcrafted items for the 2026 Quilt Show Boutique.
6. Quilt Show Yard Sale – Declutter! As you think about your sewing books, tools, and fabric you can start bagging them but we won't be collecting anymore until January or later. I already have plastic tubs full and in my garage. Thank goodness I only have one car. I will need a truck, if anyone has one 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.

Rise Above Care Packages

In years past, our Guild has collected goods for local charities (e.g., Dignity Matters, Rise Above, etc.). Nancy is currently collecting items for Rise Above Care Packages and wanted to share the opportunity with Guild members. Any items collected at the October meeting Nancy will take and get to the organization. The first link talks about Rise Above and the second lists items that they would welcome as donations. <https://weriseabove.org/>
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1vY4IevCajVB8IfOICOCHFFCTwCSbVuFn/view>

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



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.

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.

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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