



Marathon Quilters Newsletter

September, 2025

Sept 9th Welcome Back Meeting!

We will welcome Karen Salemi, our special speaker will talk about Improv and Traditional quilts, and her journey. Check out her web site, especially the gallery. <https://www.karensalemiquilts.com/>

Don't forget your summer challenge banners! 9"x36" It doesn't have to be totally complete, but remember to only use Summer colors - blue, bright yellow, orange, red, purple, medium green and of course black and/or white. 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

We'll also have a quick little exercise in quilt lingo. You might want to brush up on your quilting vocabulary.

We will also be collecting the \$25 membership dues (bring 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.

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



HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Pat and Dawn
who have birthdays this month.

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

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. Sell only what you exhibited in your application. Non-approved items will not be allowed for sale. We should!

[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 docs.google.com

“A Thread Runs Through It” – 2026 Quilt Show

1. It is never too early 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.



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 Quilters on the Web www.marathonquilters.com

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, go to the bottom of the email and you will see a link to click to reply just 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/>

P.S. – Karen's quilt is on display until 9/6