



Marathon Quilters Newsletter

April, 2026

Get Ready, Get Set, GO

We are all moving at warp speed to prepare for the Quilt Show later this month. Watch for the many communications coming your way between now and April 9th. We need everyone!!! Click here to sign-up to volunteer during the show. [genius https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C45ACAE22A6F58-62937269-marathon/143237473#/](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C45ACAE22A6F58-62937269-marathon/143237473#/)

April Program

At our April 14th meeting Colleen Barnes will share her love of Fracture Quilts. In May of 2017, while scrolling through Pinterest she saw a photo of an interesting quilt. The quilt was sewn in straight lines but seemed to shimmer a bit. She absolutely loved it but the directions were not in English. After some additional research, she figured out how to construct a fracture quilt with four identical pieces of fabric. The unique beauty of each quilt still amazes her. She loves the hunt to find interesting fabrics and loves seeing them transform into a new and interesting image. She will share quilts and her journey into Fracture Quilting at our meeting.



Election of new officers will be April 2026. Think about how you could serve next year. The positions are two-year terms and all positions are open. If you are currently serving in a position and you are willing to continue, please respond to the Executive Team; Karen, Angeline or Linda. At the end of the newsletter is the position list.

Happy Birthday to:

Jean Bertschmann, Cathleen Dinsmore and Shelley Jarret – Have an awesome celebration of YOU!

Yard Sale - tents

If you have a tent we could use at the yard sale, please respond to Linda, Mary Anne or Sandy.

Celebrities

We have filmed our Made in Massachusetts segment on “Go the Distance” project. We can't wait to see the outcome! We have been told that it will be part of Channel 5's prime time special on Thursday, April 16. Doug Meehan and his crew spent a great deal of time marveling at all of the

details and creativity in each panel - there is so much more to the Marathon than 26.2 miles, and together we have created a visual representation of community, culture and experience.



National Quilt Project

Visualize an enormous quilt laid across the lawn of the Washington D.C. mall, a quilt with squares from all 50 states and the District of Columbia. It will represent the rich mosaic of our country, expressing our histories, identities, and our common ideals of Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness.

Our Guild is partnering with the Hopkinton Public Library (HPL) and Hopkinton Center for the Arts (HCA) to spread the word about the grassroots textile collective art project. We will have a completed square drop off table at the Quilt Show and after that, the HPL will be continuing square workshops and collecting completed squares. Check it out and consider participating. The finished size is 18" x 18". <https://www.legion.org/information-center/news/usa250/2025/november/the-great-american-birthday-quilt>

Polyarts – September 12, 2026

The entry application has arrived BUT we need new Boutique Coordinators given that neither Angelines or Nancy will be continuing in the roles. At a minimum, the 2026 (post Quilt Show) role will involve the Polyarts Festival (September) and the HCA Winter Market (December). There are files of previous year's information - pricing, inventory lists, sign-up sheets, labels, etc. as well as inventory remaining after the quilt show.

Boutique Inventory

We are always interested in items you might like to make to donated or consign for the Boutique.

Hospitality Sign-up

Please consider signing up to bring snacks for April. Email Kerry to sign up. kerrycrewel@yahoo.com. Kerry will send reminders prior to the meeting.

Quilt Commission

A young mother in Hopkinton is interested in having a child sized quilt made for a friend. Let me know if you would be interested and I will connect you. (I pointed her to the raffle quilts for ideas.) Linda

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/>

Marathon Quilters on the Web <https://www.marathonquilters.com/>

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

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

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.

Current 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



What role will you take in Marathon Quilters Guild for 2026-2028

Position	Currently serving and willing to continue.	I am will serve in this position.
President		
Vice President		
Treasurer		
Asst. Treasurer		
Programs		
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Boutique		
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Charity quilts		
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