



Marathon Quilters Newsletter

February, 2026

February Program

Get Ready to be amazed. . . the amazing Karen Swiech will bring her creativity in a unique program; all supplies included. You know Karen, her interests are broad and all-encompassing so come and be surprised. Don't forget to bring your Show & Tell and any questions about the Quilt Show.

Quilt Show - SAVE THE DATE – MARCH 7 – 10AM – 2PM

*Deliver your quilts for the show to the church – RM213

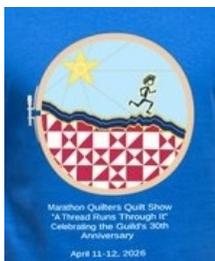
*More details at the February meeting on what else we hope to accomplish that day.

“A Thread Runs Through It” – 2026 Quilt Show

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! Deadline for submission is March 1, 2026.

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

Raffle Quilt/Book Combos QR code.



Quilt Show 2026 Complimentary Member T-shirts

Jean and her daughter created the quilt show logo and Nancy had it printed (gift/way to advertise the show) for each Guild member. If you haven't picked up your t-shirt and won't be at the February meeting, please contact Nancy. It would be ideal for us to wear them to any retreats or sew-ins, workshops, or Shop-Hops you might be attending between now and April. It would also be fabulous for all members to wear them to the Show.



Election of new officers will be April 2026. I know we will be exhausted from the quilt show but think about how you would like to serve.

Raffle Quilt Update from Pat

The Raffle Quilt activities are ongoing. Check out the Zeffy site for photos of the eleven quilt combos using the QR code on the first page. Our goal is to sell \$1,200 in tickets which is slightly more than last year's sales of \$1,189. Please bring your ticket sales to the next meeting. And thanks for selling tickets and spreading the word of our charitable activities.

If you could help by taking it to your local library in February and March, it would be great (we can't sell tickets but can advertise the show). If you are savvy with social media, please let me know as we'd like to do postings in February, March and April.

Quilt Show - Boutique Inventory - Inventory in good shape

We have enough inventory for the Show - but if anyone is interested in making things to donate/consign for the 2026 Polyarts, please let Angelines know. Popular selling items this year included: holiday or seasonal table runners and wall hangings, bowl cozies, dishtowel pillows and zippered chip and candy pouches. You never know what will catch someone's eye. You can check out some of the links below to make items to donate to the Quilt Show Boutique.

Sew Very Easy – Reusable Bowl Covers (no casing)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2iapdZ1VLsg>

Shabby Fabrics DIY Elastic Dish Cover

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lzsiwd8aJdw&t=375s>

DIY Double Ring Tea Towel Holder (note) I did NOT buy the pattern. I made my own through trial and error and I bought the 10 ring wooden rings on Amazon for \$8

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zIXV-6ZmFvs>



Friends of the Hopkinton Public Library Silent Auction Raffle - New England Sports Themed Basket

As was mentioned in the December newsletter, the Friends of the Hopkinton Public Library will be doing their silent auction raffle basket again in March 2026. Angelines thinks a New England Sports themed basket might attract a variety of interested bidders. So, please consider creating or "regifting" some of your Patriots, Red Sox, Celtics or Bruins themed items to accompany the NE Patriots and Red Sox bowl cozies already set aside. Grilling aprons, table runners, quilted placemats; could be great additions (see links to some other free patterns to consider making).

*If you have 5.5" squares of 3.5" squares of the NE Sports themed fabric to donate to a scrap quilt, please let Nancy know and they can be incorporated into the one she has going. Thank you for considering the Hopkinton library basket . . . And be on the lookout for other local library fundraisers that the MQG might support. Below are FREE patterns to consider using for projects.

<https://sewcanshe.com/sew-a-diy-casserole-carrier-free-pattern-with-insulated-batting/>
<https://sewcanshe.com/2016-6-29-1-yard-magic-apron-from-lecien-fabrics-free-pattern/>
<https://sewcanshe.com/free-oven-mitt-pattern-fat-quarter-friendly-too/>

Hospitality Sign-up

Please consider signing up to bring snacks for February or March. Email Kerry to sign up. kerrycrewell@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

All Seasons Banner Challenge

The snow is on the ground so don't forget to create your WINTER banner. SPRING is right around the corner so you can start anytime. All banners should finish at 9" x 36" - hanging vertically. Questions? Contact Michelle at 508-73-2244 or Michelle@LittlePupDesigns.com.

- AUTUMN – Fall colors: Orange, Red, Yellow, Brown, Dark Green, and White and/or Black.
- WINTER – Brrrrr: Blue, Gray, Dark Green, touch of Deep Red, White and/or Black.
- SPRING – Soft Colors as the earth comes back to life: Pink, Lavender, Light Yellow, Teal/Turquoise, touch of Light Green, and White and/or Black.

National Quilt Project

Calling all textile enthusiasts! Here's an idea that can help repair our torn social fabric.

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. Check out the attached PDF and the following email link for more information.

<https://www.legion.org/information-center/news/usa250/2025/november/the-great-american-birthday-quilt>

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 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

Quilt Shows

Marathon Quilters – A Thread Runs Through It

April 11 & 12 – 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Hopkinton Center for the Arts

98 Hayden Rowe, Hopkinton

Admission - \$10, children are free

Thimble Pleasures

March 14 & 15 – 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Blackstone Valley Technical School

65 Pleasant St., Upton

Admission - \$10, Kids under 18 free

Quinobequin

March 27 & 28– 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Needham Masonic Lodge

1101 Highland Ave., Needham

Admission - \$10, children are free

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.

Leadership 2025-2026

Executive Team

President – Karen Swiech

Vice President – Angelines Castro

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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

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