



Marathon Quilters Newsletter

January, 2026

January Program – Happy New Year!

Michelle will be bringing us a mini workshop (she will bring all the supplies) for a fun evening. Just come and enjoy as we relax and share in the fun. After the business of the season, we can relax and enjoy. Also, the programs team could use more members. Please consider if it could be YOU.

Quilt Show 2026 Planning Meeting Prior to meeting – 5:00 p.m.

“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!

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

Raffle Quilt/Book Combos QR code.



Raffle Quilt Update from Pat

The Raffle Quilt activities are ongoing. Eleven quilts and 1 pillow/book are on the Zeffy site and all but one of the quilts are finished. Sales are as follows: Online at Zeffy: \$82. Cash: \$152. Our goal is to sell \$1,200 in tickets which is just a bit higher than last year's sales of \$1,189. Please bring your ticket sales to the January meeting 13th meeting. And thanks for selling tickets and spreading the word of our charitable activities.

Most locations where we can bring the quilts are only for conversations about our guild and distributing bookmarks about the show and raffle and not to sell tickets. If you could help by taking it to your local library in February and March, I would be thrilled! 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 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 January 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.

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/>



Congratulations to:

Jean on her retirement at the end of December.

Kerry (and Brenna) on the birth of Silas Emerson Crewswell on December 23rd.

Hospitality Sign-up

Please consider signing up to bring snacks for February and/or March. Email Kerry to sign up. kerrycrewel@yahoo.com. Kerry will send reminders prior to the meeting.

All Seasons Banner Challenge

The snow is one 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.



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.

Request for a quilt to be made

I received a request from a young mother in Hopkinton who would be 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

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

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.

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/>

Field Trip Ideas

Marden's - Scarborough, ME - 2.25 hours from Hopkinton

<https://www.mardens.com/what-we-sell/fabric/>

*Due to limited floor space, we do not offer fabric in our Biddeford, Gray or Lincoln store locations. A wide variety of styles, colors, and materials at low prices including fabrics by the yard (½ yard minimum cut), quilting and crafting cotton, home décor fabrics and trims, panels, outdoor fabrics, vinyl, felt wool, and more.

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