



Marathon Quilter's Newsletter

Thank you to everyone who participated in the HCA's Festival of Trees fundraiser to make this tree beautifully stunning! The holiday season is in full swing, but we hope you can join us at our annual Holiday Potluck Celebration, which will be held on Tuesday, **December 13, 2016**, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Our meeting will be held at Becky's new house at 1038 Washington Street in Holliston. Please make something and bring it for our Yankee Swap. Look forward to seeing all of you!*

December Meeting Activities

In addition to bringing food to share for our dinner, we're asking that everyone bring a handmade (by you) item for the Yankee Swap. This can be fiber-related or not, edible or not, whatever handmade item you'd like to make for our swap. Becky's husband will be helping with parking on their property. You may also park on Washington Street and Marked Tree Lane.

2017 Poly Arts MQ Boutique and 2018 Quilt Show

It is very important that we as guild members each sign up for one of the quilt show teams. We have eight teams with multiple and varied tasks. Let's show what full participation can do to lighten the stress of achieving a quality quilt show. Remember, it is our only means of funding our guild goals. Everyone in the guild should help as you are able. There's something for everyone, and our show will be here before we know it.

We need to start planning for our MQ Boutique booth that we'll have at PolyArts on September 16, 2017. So far, only Nancy and Yvonne have signed up for the Boutique Team, so please join and help them out! The team should meet in January to figure out what we need to make to sell at our booth. People have been asking when our next show will be, so PolyArts will be an opportunity for them to see what we're up to and hopefully buy what we make. Any money we make at PolyArts will help support our guild until our 2018 show. Please join the Boutique Team to make the work lighter and have fun putting together an amazing booth for PolyArts!

Thank you to everyone who has already signed up! You'll have an opportunity to sign up at our December potluck or you may email Cathleen (cdinsmore@verizon.net) with your choice.

Upcoming Shows and Announcements – Please notify Cathleen (cdinsmore@verizon.net) if you'd like to post anything happening in the quilt and art circles that might be of interest to the rest of us in coming year.

The Peabody Historical Society is seeking submissions for its Miniature Quilt Challenge! Entries will be exhibited at the Smith Barn in Peabody, MA on April 1 & 2, 2017.

Quilters of all levels are invited to participate in the Peabody Historical Society's third annual miniature quilt challenge: "Inspired by Time: Women of Peabody." Participants will choose one woman from a selection of historical Peabody women and create a miniature quilt inspired by her life story, historical time period, or quilt examples dating from her lifetime.

There is no entry fee to participate in this challenge. Visitors will have the opportunity to cast a vote for their favorite quilt, and Viewers' Choice ribbons will be awarded to the top three entries, including a \$100 cash prize for first place. Entry forms must be received by Monday, March 6, 2017 to participate in the challenge and exhibit. For more information, <http://www.peabodyhistorical.org/2016/08/quilt-challenge-revisited/>.

Sew Workshop for Little Dresses for Africa at Faith Community Church on Tuesday, January 3, 2017 in Fellowship Hall at 7-9 p.m. Please RSVP to Trudy Remissong [<mailto:notifications@ccbchurch.com>]. Here's what to bring:

1. Sewing machine with power cord, foot pedal,
2. bobbins
3. extra needles for your machine
4. scissors
5. any thread
6. extension cord
7. \$5.00 to cover supplies and mailing

Also extra light if you need it.

Trudy will bring everything else, but does need to know if you'll be coming to make sure she has enough supplies.

Open Sew Saturday – Please join us on *Saturday, January 21, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.*, or whenever you can make it during those hours. The cost of the Open Sew is \$10 for members, \$15 for non-members. Please let Cindy (busycdy@msn.com) know if you're interested, or sign up during the guild meeting.

For Our February Valentine's Quilt Challenge ~

The theme is friendship. Please make a quilt no larger than 40"x40" and bring it to our February 14th meeting as a surprise. Each quilt must contain some silver and/or gold (fabric, trim, paint, embellishments, etc.). Other colors can be used. The design, pattern and techniques are your choice. The quilts should be kept secret until the Big Reveal at our February meeting. Have fun!!

Marathon Quilters on FACEBOOK

Join Marathon Quilter's Facebook Group. . . . Search for Marathon Quilters and submit a request to join. This is a great place to share pictures of what you are working on, inspiration or ideas you think the group would be interested in and ask questions of the group.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!! Our December Birthday Girls . . . Becky, Donna and Nancy

* From the winner of the Holiday Tree:

Dear Marathon Quilters,

I just wanted to contact you to let you know how happy I am to have won the Marathon Quilters Christmas tree at the HCA this past weekend. We put the tree up last night and it is absolutely beautiful. The time and care that was put into each and every ornament on this tree is absolutely amazing. Please take pride in knowing that the time and effort you put into the making of this tree will bring our family joy for many years to come.

Happy holidays,
Tami Mastrogianis