



## Marathon Quilter's Newsletter

Our next meeting for Marathon Quilters Guild will be held on Tuesday, **November 8, 2016** at 6:30 p.m. for greetings; 7:00 for the formal start. We will be making Christmas tree ornaments for our HCA fundraiser, so we hope you can make it! The leadership team would like to welcome all current and past members as well as anyone new to our guild's meetings.\*

### November Meeting Activities

The Festival of Trees will take place December 2-4 and we need to have our decorations ready to put on the tree by December 1st. We will be working on decorations at our November guild meeting. We are asking everyone to start making red and white ornaments. Pattern ideas have already been emailed to everyone, or you may choose to make a different ornament. Some ideas might be to make mini stockings, stars, wreaths, candy canes, etc. Please keep in mind that smaller is better. You may include silver and gold in the ornaments, embellish them, just be creative with them!

We will need the following for our meeting:

6 sewing machines

2 irons

2 ironing boards

4 cutting mats (large)

4 rotary cutters

4 large rulers (at least 24 inches)

>>>Please email Kerry Creswell at <kerrycreswell@yahoo.com> if you can bring any of the above items.

### A Note from Our President Yvonne...

1. Regarding the 2018 Quilt Show... It is very importance that we as guild members each sign up for one of the quilt show teams. We have eight teams with multiple 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. Cathleen Dinsmore has provided us with the team guidelines and

has volunteered to chair our next show along with co-chair Jean Bertschmann. They cannot do it themselves; they need us to help them.

2. **The Festival of Trees** is a fundraiser for the Hopkinton Center for the Arts. Our participation in this fun and festive event covers one of our guild's goals, listed in our Bylaws as #4: "Engaging in charitable projects through quilt-making."

3. Be sure to sign-up for the prize drawing.

4. Still to be determined is where to donate our Civil War Era quilt. The idea is to have it go to a veteran or as a raffle quilt for a veteran's organization. Please share any thoughts you may have to help in this endeavor.

**Upcoming Shows and Announcements** – Please notify Cathleen 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.

A message from Bea on behalf of the Hopkinton Senior Center Quilt Group... Our group is looking for donations of baby quilts to give to **Serenity House**. This will be an ongoing project for the group. For those of you who are not familiar with Serenity House in Hopkinton, this description is from [www.smoc.org](http://www.smoc.org): "Serenity House has an 18-year history of providing services to women living in recovery from past addictions to drugs and alcohol. The program serves a broad cross-section of the community, including those that have a long history of homelessness. Serenity House residential program provides treatment and case management services for up to 35 women including up to four slots for pregnant and post-partum women." Please give any baby quilts you'd like to donate to Serenity House to Bea.

**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 14<sup>th</sup> 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 to ask questions of the group.

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## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!! Our November Birthday Girl . . . Bea

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\*The quilt image on the first page is "Scrappy Leaves, 77 x 83, by Ilene Bartos, at [Ilene Bartos Designs](#). This autumn image and a beautiful variety of others can be viewed on [http://quiltinspiration.blogspot.com/2010\\_09\\_01\\_archive.html](http://quiltinspiration.blogspot.com/2010_09_01_archive.html). "Scrappy Leaves is the gorgeous cover quilt for Ilene's book, [Maple Leaf Quilts](#). Her book includes 12 different maple leaf quilt projects, and focuses on imaginative and original ways to construct Maple Leaf blocks. Ilene offers very helpful suggestions for creating the sharp, accurate points which gives this pattern its well-known crisp and clean look. Ilene shows several other beautiful quilts on her [Gallery of Leaves](#) page."