



Marathon Quilter's Newsletter

Our next meeting will be our annual holiday potluck, which will be on the first Tuesday of December, **December 5, 2017**, at 6:30 p.m. at Becky's yellow barn in Holliston. Please read the message from the Programs Committee below for what to bring along with your dish to share and show 'n tells. Hope everyone can make it! *

Notes from the President:

Please consider volunteering for one of these positions which make our guild function smoothly. Without officers, we are no longer a guild, and without the committee chairs we are no longer an interesting group to visit. The duties of these positions are listed in our **By Laws**.

Officers/Executive Board	Sept. 2016- June 2018	Sept. 2018 ~ June 2020
➤ President	Yvonne Powell	
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➤ Program Co-Chair	Kelsey Ullman, Colleen Barnes	
➤ Historian	Denise Antaki	Denise Antaki
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➤ Spring Retreat	Karen Swiech	
➤ Quilt Show Chair	Cathleen Dinsmore	
➤ Raffle Quilt Chair	Kelsey Ullman	
➤ Raffle Baskets Chair	Dawn Stewart, Michele Lung	

A Message from the Programs Committee about Our December Potluck

The potluck will be [Tuesday, December 5 at 7 pm](#) at Becky's house. Cindy suggested a fun activity that we would love to try this year. Please find a funky or silly pair of holiday socks and fill one with fun little sewing notions, small quilted items, or other little gifts, and we'll do an exchange at the Potluck. For consistency and affordability, please spend no more than \$25 on your gift. Don't forget to put the other sock in the toe 😊.

In addition, we would like to have an auction for charity. Please go through your stash and if you come across any UFOs that you know you won't finish (all parts are intact), pre-cuts you won't use, books or magazines you no longer need, please bring them to the potluck. We will prepare a Live or Silent Auction with these items, and any money raised will be donated to the WARM charity Becky has found in Worcester.

Marathon Quilt Show 2018 - "Common Threads"

Keep submitting your forms for the quilts you'd like to display at the September 15 & 16, 2018 show at the HCA. Please send these to csdinsmore@gmail.com or give them to Cathleen in person. This will help the show team plan accordingly. **You'll find the entry form at the very end of this newsletter.** Please fill one out for each quilt and fill it as completely as possible, updating it if the information given changes between now and next summer. Also, please let Cathleen know what pieces you'd like to submit for the juried art display for the month of September 2018 as well. A separate form for this will be sent soon via email (still trying to get my son to help me with a small formatting change, so stay-tuned!)

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!

* This is one of Timna Tarr's South Hadley quilts. In case you weren't able to make it to her workshop, this quilt is one example of her impressive detail. More can be found at <http://www.timnatarr.com/blog/2015/8/3/mapping-it>. Check out her gallery for mind-boggling "color" quilts for a preview of when she visits our guild again on May 8th for a color workshop!

Quilt Show Planning Teams

As of our 2016 show, we feel the following teams will be needed to make another successful quilt show.

Chair – This person will make sure each team is completing the agreed-upon tasks, keeping the teams on track for meeting deadlines, and providing help when requested. The chairperson will apply for a Cultural Council Grant (<http://www.hopkintonma.gov/home/government/boards/cultural>) the September before the show is scheduled, apply for a grant from Middlesex Savings Bank (<https://www.middlesexbank.com/community-and-us/community-support/Pages/how-we-give.aspx>) a few months before the show, and look into other possible grants. The chairperson will meet and negotiate with the HCA, serve as the point of contact with the HCA, apply for a raffle permit from the town clerk, and obtain a non-profit spot at PolyArts both for the 2018 show and for a spot at the 2017 PolyArts to sell boutique items (<http://www.hcam.tv/polyarts/RulesandRegulationsforHopkintonPolyartsFestival.pdf>). The chairperson will work with the guild president to arrange for show liability insurance. The chairperson will oversee the putting up and taking down of the show. She will also make sure the proper fees are paid to the HCA after the show, the raffle report filled out and submitted to the town clerk within 10 ten days, and the tax paid to the State Lottery Commissioner for the raffle ticket sales. The chairperson will arrange for the pre-show member potluck on Friday evening and decide with the Show Team whether to invite another guild to vote on quilt favorites. All questions and discussions relating to the overall show should go through the chair. At the conclusion of the show, the chairperson will be responsible for reviewing and revising the show notes and forwarding them to the next chairperson and to the guild president.

Show Team – One of the first tasks for this team will be to find a pattern and arrange to have members make identical aprons or something else with pockets (to hold money) that members will wear while working at the Show or at PolyArts to identify us easily to visitors. This team will also be responsible for the quilts and quilt projects being collected, readied, and hung for the show with the help of the Detail Person(s), prepare quilt descriptions and quilt tags, prepare signs for the show (directions within the space and Do Not Touch signs). This team will provide the measurements of the quilts and other submitted items to be displayed to the Quilt Hanging Designer as soon as the team has the information. This team will prepare and print the program, admission tickets, coupons, membership forms and tally sheets. They will schedule general staffing for the show in discussion with the other teams. They will also plan for the take down of the quilts and a member reception the night prior to the show. The Show Team will make the winner ribbons when the categories for the entry forms are decided and will decide with the chairperson whether to invite another guild to vote on favorites at the potluck and display additional winner ribbons on the quilts before the show begins Saturday morning.

Detail Team – This team will check the quilts before they are hung for any stray threads and lint and will iron out any creases from folds. After the quilts are hung, the team will

remove any tags, pin on the quilt descriptions, and again check for threads and lint. The detail person will also carefully review the quilt descriptions ahead of time for typos and overall appearance. The Detail Team will make “Do Not Touch the Quilts” and “No Eating” signs for the show and schedule people to walk around during the show to enforce this rule and to carry the white gloves.

Vendor Team – This team will be responsible for contacting vendors, preparing contracts and collecting fees. For the 2016 show, the fee for member vendors was \$25 for a spot; for outside vendors, \$50. (These fees were very low because the venue was new and our show was relatively unknown. More can be charged for the next show.) The Vendor Team will also determine the best set up for the vendor location and help them with set up and take down. Vendors may include past speakers/presenters at our guild and perhaps even a quilt appraiser and other creative people to draw additional visitors to our show. Vendors and anyone else at the show are to be reminded that candy, food and drinks other than water are not allowed in the area of the quilt display.

Quilt Hanging Designer – This person will have the dimensions of the quilts and figure out how to arrange them at the show along with the other items and areas of interest at the show. The Hanging Designer will work in consultation with the other teams as needed and schedule others to help with hanging the quilts, setting up the show and taking down the show. This person will determine how and where to display those quilts that will be for sale (not the ones in the boutique), so they are easily identified.

MQ Boutique Team – This team will decide what items related to needle arts will be made by the guild, provide instructions as needed, and make sure enough items are collected both for the PolyArts Saturday in 2017 and then for the 2018 Quilt Show. They will also encourage the guild members to donate sewing-related items they no longer need that someone else might like and schedule some sewing dates to make items to sell at the boutique. They will plan the display and plan staffing for the show. They will price ahead of time the merchandise to keep all pricing consistent, set up and take down the boutique. A few of the more popular items at the 2016 show were the neck warmers with sports team fabric, little wallets, shoulder bags, and Christmas ornaments. This team will also arrange for scheduling of staffing, setting up and taking down of the booth at PolyArts for the show year (2018) and the off year (2017).

Publicity Team – This team will be responsible to get the word out to the local community and to the quilting community using news articles, ads, online options and printed materials. Make sure the HCA and other websites have the current raffle quilt photo for advertising the show. This team will plan and determine how to advertise the show and distribute flyers to quilt shows, businesses, local town offices and libraries, etc. This team will also obtain yard signs from Staples that can be used from year to year and set them next to a Poly Arts sign all over Hopkinton. Duties will also include making a video about the guild to be distributed with the publicity if the team decides to do this and making and distributing bookmarks with a \$1 coupon for the show. The Publicity Team

will be responsible for obtaining a permit from Parks & Rec to display a sandwich board on the Common to advertise our show.

Raffle Quilt Team – This team should get started as soon as possible after the 2016 show and start planning for the design of the raffle quilt. The team will be responsible to find a pattern, purchase material and arrange for guild members to sew the quilt starting in 2016. The quilt is to be at least double-bed sized with a “Wow!” factor of intricacy, difficulty and interest, i.e. something that quilters would not think they could easily make themselves. This team will also produce raffle tickets and arrange for their sale by going to quilt stores and elsewhere with the quilt. The team can start selling tickets and displaying the quilt at various venues as soon as possible. The team will need to keep a careful record of the cost of expenses and material pertaining to making the quilt and displaying it, the amount of money received, and the person who won the raffle quilt. This information will need to be provided to the Chairperson immediately after the 2018 show. Wherever the raffle quilt is displayed, the charity poster should be displayed next to it along with publicity bookmarks and membership forms.

Raffle Baskets Team – This team will be responsible to put together quality raffle baskets and business donations. They will gather appropriate donations from members, vendors and businesses. **As a nonprofit corporation, the guild has a Federal Tax identification number that will allow businesses and individuals who donate to the guild a tax deduction. The identification number is 81-5417594.** They will prepare tickets and ticket boxes for the show, sit next to the basket display and sell tickets or arrange to have others do so, and contact the winners and possibly deliver baskets after the drawing. This team will need to keep a careful record of the cost of expenses in putting together the raffle baskets, the amount of money received from selling raffle basket tickets, and the names of the winners of each raffle basket valued over \$25. This information will need to be provided to the Chairperson immediately after the 2018 show.



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Marathon Quilters 2018 Quilt Show

Sept 15-16, 2018

Entry Form

Please complete one entry form for each item. Include a photograph (if submitting the form via email, insert the photo at the end of the form if you have one). We'd like these as soon as you know you will have a quilt you intend to display in the show.

All quilts must have a 4" sleeve attached for hanging when you are ready to deliver your quilt. Instructions for delivery will be given in the spring.

Complete the following and email to Cathleen at csdinsmore@gmail.com

- Name and Address

- Phone and Email

- Title of Entry

- Size (width x length) and Type (wall quilt, bed quilt, clothing, other)

Description

- In 100 words or less, please describe your project; inspiration, details, stories, frustrations, use. Please be sure to include any pertinent information from the boxes you checked below, if necessary. Use the back of this sheet if you need more room.

- Check all that apply by highlighting the box and typing an X.

Original Design

Published Pattern

Hand Pieced

Machine Pieced

Hand Quilted

Machine Quilted

Hand Appliqué

Machine Appliqué

Other Techniques

Quilt for Sale – if so, list price