



Marathon Quilter's Newsletter

Happy New Year to all of you! Wishing you (and the world) peace, love and joy. Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 10, 2017, 6:30 p.m. for greetings, 7:00 for the formal start. Look forward to seeing all of you!*

January Meeting Activities

Karen will give a demonstration about embroidery at our meeting.

Quilt Show Planning

We need to start planning for our MQ Boutique booth that we'll have at PolyArts on September 16, 2017. The team will meet this month to figure out what we need to make to sell at our booth. 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 meeting, or you may email Cathleen (cdinsmore@verizon.net) with your choice.

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!!

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 the guild in the coming year.

New England Quilt Museum - <http://www.nequiltmuseum.org> for *The Quilted Canvas* and *Along the Spice Route* are two of the exhibits on display. The museum is closed for winter break until January 11, 2017.

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/>.

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 January Birthday Girl . . . Janice

*Please note the quilt image on the first page of this newsletter is an historical pictorial quilt made by Harriet Powers, who was born a slave in Georgia and lived from 1837-1910. It is on display at the Museum of Fine Arts. This link gives a summary of each block and the provenance of the quilt: <http://www.mfa.org/collections/object/pictorial-quilt-116166>. If

you'd like to read more about the history of quilts made by African American slave women, this link is also interesting: <http://blackthreads.blogspot.com/>.