



Marathon Quilter's Newsletter

March means spring will officially arrive (even though we've already experienced several lovely spring days)! Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, **March 14, 2017**, 6:30 p.m. for greetings, 7:00 for the formal start. We will be meeting at Fabric Place Basement for a field trip! Bring your coupon for the store that was previously forwarded via email to guild members.*

A Preview to our April meeting with Adele Scott

Adele Scott's Favorite Tips, Techniques & Products - A fast moving, fun lecture & demo on a wide variety of topics. From sewing machine aids to specialty rulers, appliqué tricks to perfect flying geese, what markers work and why do we need different sizes & types of pins. We'll solve problems, learn to save time, eliminate trouble and make sewing more enjoyable. This is constantly being updated to include new products and techniques. Plus she'll be vending many great, harder to find products. Please put April 11th on your calendar!

Marathon Quilters Boutique - Plan for 2017 and 2018

Here's an overview of the scheduled activities for the March 12th workshop at Becky's:

Travel Light Shoulder Bags and Tote Bags

Pre-assembled kits and directions will be provided to make these small purses and tote bags.

Dishtowel Pillows

The website for the Cat Studio Dishtowels used for the attractive envelope pillowcases is www.catstudio.com. The dishtowels sell for \$20.00 plus shipping and handling and the back of the pillowcase can be made with scrap or decorative fabric. We are supplying scrap fabric at the Workshop to teach with/practice and there will be some kits made up for completion at the workshop.

Stadium Wallet/Zipper pouch

The link for the Stadium Wallet/Zipper Pouch tutorial is

<http://land.missouriquiltco.com/zipper-pouch/>. This link shows Jenny from MSQC using fusible fleece to make her zippered pouches. Batting scraps can be used instead and quilting using a 45 degree angle straight line quilting stitch can make them really look stylish. Scrap fabric and quilt batting scraps will be provided for you to practice quilting on as well as zippers. In addition, assembled kits of sports team and floral fabrics will be available for workshop sewing and to take home.

Quilted Oven Mitts

The link for the Quilted Oven Mitt tutorial is

<https://www.professorpincushion.com/professorpincushion/oven-mitt/>. These are really neat looking but they are tricky – 5 layers of materials for each side of the mitt. (You will probably need a walking foot for your machine.) We will have scrap fabrics, the Insulbright, scrap cotton batting and the pattern for you to practice sewing with at the workshop. Assembled kits of novelty and floral fabrics and directions will be available for those ready to get right to work.

If you have questions about any of the planning or the inventory, feel free to contact Yvonne at yjp1039@comcast.net or Nancy at nancyb88@hotmail.com. We are looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the March 12th Workshop! (In the event of inclement weather we will send out an email the morning of the workshop.)

Boutique Workshops Schedule:

The free Boutique Workshops will be held from 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. at Becky MacDonald's yellow barn studio (1038 Washington St., Holliston) on the following dates:

- Sunday, March 12
- Saturday, April 22
- Saturday, May 20

Members are asked to bring their sewing machines, needles, scissors, rotary cutters, etc. and their sunny dispositions. Refreshments will be provided and all completed projects will be accumulated and stored for the future sales.

MQ Quilt Retreat Details

Location:

Becky MacDonald's yellow barn studio (1038 Washington St., Holliston)

Schedule:

Thursday, March 16, 1p – 10p

Friday, March 17, 9a – 10p

Saturday, March 18, 9a – 10p

Sunday, March 19, 10a – 3p

Cost: \$10/day to cover supplies, prizes, water, coffee, dinner Thursday night.

Please bring:

Cash for take-out for lunches (menus will be available)

Friday night will be a pizza party, and Saturday night will be Chinese food, so please bring cash to cover your dinners. If people prefer potluck, we can decide once the group is assembled.

Snacks to share

All supplies needed for projects, etc. – don't forget extension cords and power strips!

Sneakers for walking the trails

A separate e-mail will be sent out to workshop participants

A suggested Retreat Packing List (attached to the email with this newsletter)

- We need 2 additional cutting stations and ironing stations – please e-mail Jean if you can bring those supplies. Jeanber65@hotmail.com.
- If you have not signed up but would like to come, please let Jean know immediately so we can set up the space appropriately.
- If anyone would like to sleep over, Becky has generously offered aero-beds. Please rsvp to Jean to get a headcount.

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.

An invitation to a quilt show...

Hello fellow quilters,

I'm writing to let you and your guild members know about an extraordinary quilt exhibit going up at Mother Brook Arts and Community Center ([MBACC](#)) March 6-April 30. It showcases the work of 10 quilters, including several notable and recognizable artists, and highlights an incredible range of techniques and approaches to the work.

Please join us for our Artist Reception on **Sunday, March 26 from 4-5:30**. Our studio and gallery building is just outside of Dedham Square. Gallery admission, the opening and (plenty of) parking are all free and open to the public.

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 March Birthday Girl . . . Sarah

*Please note the quilt image on the first page of this newsletter is called Opportunity Quilt, made by the Riverwalk Quilters Guild. For more information, please visit <http://www.riverwalkquilters.com/opportunity-quilt.html>.