



Marathon Quilter's Newsletter

How can summer already be coming to an end?! Something to look forward to at summer's departure is our first guild meeting of the 2017/2018 year! It will be held on Tuesday, **September 12, 2017**, 6:30 p.m. for greetings, 7:00 p.m. for the formal start, at Faith Community Church, 146 E. Main Street, Hopkinton. Please bring your calendar, check book and show 'n tells from the summer for an evening of fun and surprises to start our new year off! This is a long newsletter with a lot of important information. *

Notes from the President:

We have a very busy and exciting year ahead in our guild.

Thank you to all for the helping hands to produce inventory for our 2017 Poly Arts Festival Booth.

Our Programs Committee has a wonderful lineup of activities for our 2017-18 calendar year. The calendar can be accessed on our website www.MarathonQuilters.com.

Our first meeting will include updates from the Guild Officers and Operating Board. Our 2017-18 Board members are as follows:

Officers/Executive Board:

President: Yvonne Powell
Vice President: Jean Bertschmann
Treasurer/Membership: Christine Meyers

Operating Board:

Programs: Jean Bertschmann, Kelsey Ullman, Colleen Barnes
Historian: Denise Antaki
Newsletter: Cathleen Dinsmore
Web Master: Dawn Stewart

Ad Hoc:

Charitable projects: **looking for volunteers!!**
Retreat 2018: Karen Swiech
Quilt Show 2018 Chair: Cathleen Dinsmore
Quilt Show 2018 Vice-Chair: Jean Bertschmann
Raffle Quilt 2018 Team: Kelsey Ullman, Chair, with Kerry Creswell and Nancy Burdick

Raffle Baskets Team: Dawn Stewart
Hanging Design/Room Setup for the show: Colleen Barnes and Linda Grant
Award Ribbons for the Show: Karen Swiech
MQ Boutique Team: Nancy Burdick and Yvonne Powell
Detail Team for the show: Kerry Creswell
Show Team: Janice Roberts, Dawn Stewart and Kerry Creswell
Publicity Team: **Need help**

If you haven't already, please sign up with Cathleen (csdinsmore@gmail.com) for next September's quilt show. There is something to do for everyone, and we can always use your help. We have already started organizing the show! A description of each team's responsibilities is at the end of this newsletter. Thank you to those of you who have already signed up!!!

Elections for our September 2018-June 2020 calendar years will be held in April 2018.

A Message from the Programs Committee and Our First Meeting

Welcome back!

We hope you spent the summer relaxing, sewing, enjoying family...we are so excited to get back together and get the year underway.

As always, our September meeting will focus on re-connecting and organizing ourselves for the events planned for the upcoming year. We have some fun games planned, so **please bring (10) 2.5" fall colored/themed fabric strips, a pen, your checkbook, show and tell, and lots of enthusiasm!**

In addition to paying the bargain membership for the year of \$25, there will be signups for the following:

Raffle Quilt Workshop, September 30, 2017: Come help us create the raffle quilt for the 2018 quilt show! Bring your machine and typical sewing supplies - we'll provide the rest! As a bonus, we have arranged for Cathy Racine of Charlton Sewing Center to be on-site to clean machines. Cost = \$40/machine, and she can accommodate 12-15 machines. Any significant repairs, parts or replacements will be sent back to Charlton with her; those arrangements can be made separately.

Festival of Wreaths: A new twist on last year's holiday fundraiser for the Hopkinton Center for the Arts ("HCA").

Secret Valentine: The return of a guild favorite! The rules are simple: each participant draws a name and makes a surprise for her secret valentine that is handmade; less than 20" square; and

contains one of the following colors - red, white, or pink. Valentines need to be delivered anonymously by February 10, 2018 and brought to the February 13, 2018 meeting.

Timna Tarr Map Quilt Workshop, October 21, 2017: Cost \$30/members; \$40/non-members. 20 seats available. We will be learning Timna's map quilt technique while making a keepsake map of Cape Cod. Samples of Timna's work can be seen on her website:

<http://www.timnatarr.com/gallery/>

Marathon Quilters Boutique - Update for our PolyArts Booth sale

The MQG Boutique team has been counting and recounting all the inventory made throughout the year for our first fundraising effort . . . **2017 PolyArts - Hopkinton Common Saturday, September 16, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.**

We have so many quilted items and fabric creations thanks to all of you!

Inventory -

We are placing price tags on things very soon so if you have been making inventory that you want to donate for PolyArts sale, please:

A) let us know what you have (item name) and how many;

B) get your items to us ASAP.

Having the things in hand will make it easy to price, wrap, and plan for booth placement well before the day of the event.

If you have any questions about the inventory, please contact Nancy at nancyb88@hotmail.com.

Event Staffing -

We are looking for a few volunteers over the course of the event so that we can sustain 2 staffers in the tent at all times. The shifts are 2 hours in duration (10-12, 12-2, 2-4) and training will be provided. We have several volunteers already, so please consider your calendar and **let us know by SEPT 6th if you could fill in on a shift.**

Thank you.

Marathon Quilt Show 2018

There are a number of things we're asking you to think about for our September meeting! We are trying to come up with a theme for our 2018 show and are asking for your input! The choices we've come up with so far are the following: Common Threads, Peaced Together, Hands in Harmony, Harmony of Color, Threads of Hope, and Hope and Piece. As you may notice, our idea is to send a message to stay connected during this very discordant period both in our country and in the world, to bridge gaps and extend love and acceptance to everyone. The theme is not meant to limit what you display in the quilt show but rather to be creative in how you perceive, make and present your entry. We've given you the opportunity to vote for your favorite on the online survey or to suggest another title. Please give this some thought, and we'll discuss what we all come up with at our September meeting.

Regardless of the theme choice, also please be prepared to tell us either at the September meeting or by emailing Cathleen about the quilts you'd like to display at the September 15 & 16, 2018 show at the HCA. 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 us if the information given changes between now and next summer.

The HCA has also given our guild the opportunity to have a month-long exhibit of our quilts that we are interested in selling. This exhibit would be held in the entrance gallery of the HCA from mid-August through September 16, 2018. For each quilt or other fabric art you sell, the HCA would receive 30% of the sale price. The HCA will provide advertising and publicity. **What the guild needs to figure out now is whether there is sufficient interest to participate in such an exhibit.** If you are interested, please respond to the upcoming online survey or tell Cathleen or Jean how many items and the size of the items you'd like to enter in this exhibit. This is separate from our regular quilt show, but would give the guild much more publicity and hopefully more visitors for our quilt show.

In the meantime, please read the descriptions of the show teams, which are attached to this newsletter, and let Cathleen or Jean know how you'd like to help us make our show even better than last year's! Thank you!!

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 September Birthday Girls . . . Cindy, Dawn and Helene!

If I ever leave anyone out, please let me know so I can make sure you won't be left out again.

*Unfortunately I couldn't find the maker of this quilt, but here is the link:

<https://www.pinterest.com/pin/174303448050431590/>.