



*Memories of Mother* by Tomie Nagano  
New England Quilt Museum

## Marathon Quilters Newsletter

January, 2023

### President's Corner

Happy New Year Quilters! I hope your 2023 is filled with joy, love, and lots of quilting!

If you are like me, your inbox is full of emails about planning the completion of your fiber arts projects. There are project planners, printable task lines, social media groups that offer support and reinforce commitment and more. I decided to employ a few of these resources to prevent overcommitting myself on donation quilts whilst completing wedding and baby quilts already in the queue. Safeguarding the joy of creating so each time I say "YES", I do it with excitement as my goal.

Given this, I hope to have some finishes to share along with all of yours that are revealed during the Show and Tell portions of our monthly meetings. The Programs team has coordinated a great line-up of educational presentations to inspire and instruct. I look forward to meeting up each month in person (as long as the weather is cooperative), and daily through our Facebook group to socialize and share tips, tricks and triumphs in quilting. *Nancy*

A very special Thank You to Becky for hosting our December meeting!! It was a fantastic evening of visiting, eating, and really getting to know and catching up with each other. We had an amazing reveal of the fall challenge and Show and Tell. There was a much creativity on display. Did you see the pictures posted in our Facebook group? If you aren't yet a member the instructions for joining our "private" group are at the end of the newsletter. Thank you too, to all those who contributed to the Bags of Hope. The items are being delivered this month.

### **Jan 13 Program - Karen Swiech - A Way with Words**

As you know, fellow quilter Karen Swiech is full of creative and amazing ideas that show up in her quilts and other projects. She will be sharing a number of different ways to incorporate words into quilts, some subtle, some not so much so. Use techniques you already know and some that might be new to you, a fun addition to your toolbox. Many techniques are also applicable to geometric shapes and other figures. You won't want to miss this meeting as you will come away with many new ideas.

We will also kick off our spring challenge about words. We will meet in room 218 at the church. See you there.

### **Challenge Project for Spring**

The challenge theme for spring is Memory Quilting with Words. The only specifics are that it reflect a memory and that words are included in some way. You can add bells and whistles, pictures, and anything else that will support your memory. The reveal will be at our April meeting.



### **Quilt Show Sept 9 & 10, 2023**

Colleen is waiting for you to complete and email her your entries for the quilt show in September. She emailed the form to everyone via [marthonquilters@groups.io](mailto:marthonquilters@groups.io) if you need it. Her contact information is in the form.



### **Comfort/Charity Quilt Program**

Some beautiful charity quilts have already been completed. Pattern and fabric kits are available if you are interested. One of our programs this coming year is to have the charities visit us and we'll give them the quilts at the meeting. Contact Sandy Scordato [sscordato7@gmail.com](mailto:sscordato7@gmail.com)



### **2023 Raffle Quilt Update:**

Pat has more tickets for the raffle quilt. Contact her at [Pat\\_Silvestri@yahoo.com](mailto:Pat_Silvestri@yahoo.com).

### **Marathon Quilters on FACEBOOK**

- ❖ MARATHON QUILTERS is our private group. This is where we post for our members only. 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.

- ❖ MARATHON QUILTERS GUILD is our PAGE where we post events and activities to communicate with the community.

**Check us out on the Web** - [www.marathonquilters.com](http://www.marathonquilters.com)

There is also a member's only section on our web page. Contact Dawn for more information.

**Email** - [marathonquilters@groups.io](mailto:marathonquilters@groups.io).

- ✓ If you want everyone to get the response, click reply.
- ✓ If the reply only needs to go to the sender, go to the bottom of the email and you will see a link to click to reply just to the sender.

2022-2023 Officers

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**Be on the lookout for Quilts of Valor 2023 National Block Drive** <https://www.qovf.org/>

Those interested in making 2023 Quilts of Valor Blocks at home can do that at their leisure and mail their 2023 blocks into the organization.

**New England Quilt Museum** [www.neqm.org](http://www.neqm.org)

Through our Guild membership we receive guest passes that admit 2 people FREE. Contact Michelle Banton if you want to use our pass for an upcoming visit. Free parking available 2 blocks away in the National Park Service lot on Dutton St.

## *Southern Quilts*

TRADITIONS, HISTORY, AND DESIGNS

On view January 17 through April 15, 2023

## *The Best of Quilting in Canada*

JURIED EXHIBITION FROM THE CANADIAN QUILTERS ASSOCIATION

On view January 17 through May 6, 2023