



## Marathon Quilters Newsletter May, 2023

### **President's Corner**

No answer yet on whether the Show can go on as "always" at the HCA. I will speak with the Hopkinton Fire Department this week and have a plan to share with you all at the May meeting . . . which is going to be fabulous. At that May meeting, representatives from 3 of the charitable/comfort agencies that we have given quilts to will present and share refreshments with us - Dignity Matters, Hole in the Wall Gang Camp and Rise Above. These guests will share information about who they help and how and how we have been a part of those activities. My hope is that some of you will be inspired to support the drive efforts (as described in the io group email I sent a bit ago).

Thank you for helping to create the beautiful quilts we will be presenting to these folks and thank you for considering the opportunity to donate to their current drives. See you on May 9th!

Regards,  
Nancy

### **May 9 Program - Donation Quilts**

Dignity Matters - Janice Roberts was the one who pointed out the agency's work and shared the call for quilts for the agency's annual silent auction. To date, Janice, Kerry and Nancy have donated quilts for their online auction.

Rise Above - Jean Bertschmann introduced us to this group. We will have the chance to donate any things for their college care boxes and a quilt an adult could use in their new apartment.

With the Hole in the Wall Gang Camp - both Michele L and Nancy B have been to the camp to deliver many quilts donated by our guild. The new program director for the Bandit Quilters, Lisa Kerr, will be coming by to thank us and tell us about the camp's mission and activities.

We could also help Dignity Matters and Rise Above with their "drive" work. When you arrive at the meeting, there will be decorated box for your donations. If you want to participate in a drive (drives) but can't make it to the meeting, just email Nancy and she can arrange a pickup.

### **Dignity Matters -**

Pads, tampons, panty liners, and incontinence underwear.

New underwear (in original packaging), and new reusable "period underwear" in all sizes, styles and brands.

New or like-new bras in all sizes, styles and brands (including sports bras and maternity bras. Cup sizes D and up and band sizes 38 and up are needed most.

### **Rise Above -**

Rise Above sends out College Care Packages to youth in foster care who are defying the odds by attending college. Each care package is filled with dorm snacks, hygiene and school supplies, and gift cards.

- Gift cards Walmart, Target, Dunkin Donuts, and Starbucks
- Food: Instant rice or soup packets, Easy Mac, Ramen, Packaged cookies, Candy and gum, Granola bars, Microwave popcorn, Gluten/nut free snacks
- School supplies: highlighters, sticky notes, pens, hand sanitizer

## **2023-24 Guild Leadership Roles**

### **Programs**

Great news! Michelle B and Mary Anne F have each volunteered to work on Programs for the next guild year. If one or two more members would please join them that would be fabulous. A group approach is what we have employed this year - we each took responsibility for scheduling a few meetings and things have been varied and easily managed. With the Sept, Dec and June meetings primarily social, that leaves 7 meetings (only 6 meetings if we can successfully re-schedule Sue Pelland's trunk show). Please contact Nancy if you can join Michelle and Mary Anne.

### **Charity Quilts - Sandy S.**

Thank you Sandy S. for agreeing to lend your enthusiasm, creativity and organizational skills to our charity quilt program/comfort quilt program for next year. Sandy will be sharing her plans for charity quilt open sew's, over the course of newsletters and emails.

### **Refreshments - Colleen Barnes**

Thank you Colleen B for volunteering to organize the refreshments sign-up list for next year.

### **Treasurer - Linda G.**

Many thanks to Linda G for volunteering to take up the role of Treasurer.

## **2023 NEQM Summer Exhibition**

Colleen's sunflower quilt has been chosen to represent our guild.



### **Polyarts**

September 9th Polyarts on the Hopkinton Common. The Boutique team is looking for:

- ideas of items we could make for kits to prep and then hand out to guild members to complete
  - donation items for to sell
  - consignment items - 25% to guild with 75% for you
  - help at Polyarts - a 2-3 hour time to make the work light for all.
- Contact Linda at [ljjgrant@gmail.com](mailto:ljjgrant@gmail.com).



### **"Sewing Mends Our Souls" Quilt Show Sept 16 & 17, 2023**

Send Colleen your entries for the quilt show in September. The form is available in the "Members Only" section of our website.

Please email the form to her at [ColleenQuiltShow@outlook.com](mailto:ColleenQuiltShow@outlook.com) or bring to the next meeting.



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

It would be great if someone with a longarm would volunteer to do some quilting.

- Fabric donations of cotton Boston sports teams' fabrics (NE Patriots, Boston Celtics, Boston Red Sox, and Boston Bruins) so that we can cut 5.5" x 5.5" squares for a charity/boutique quilt. Please bring to the May meeting.
- Fabric donations of fabric for backing the quilt tops that Yvonne is working on. 5 yards will be enough for backing (cut and pieced for the longarm) and bindings. 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). Reminder - the person selling the most tickets will win a smaller quilt of the same fabrics.

### **Sew Many Possibilities**

The new fiber arts themed HCAM show "Sew Many Possibilities" on YouTube

Episode one is available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wGo1SRqwQ8k>

Episode two is available at <https://youtu.be/amGKcVfplyU>

Episode three, which will air in May, features our very own Laima Whitty and her 2023 Tomten Farm Winter Hair Fundraising Raffle Quilt. Many thanks to long-time guild member Laima for sharing the history and process behind her passion for using her quilting talents to make life safer and happier for her animal friends on the Farm. It will also feature a piece on the Quilts of Valor program in Massachusetts. Stay tuned for the link on that episode to be sent out via email.

### **Upcoming Events in the area**

Quinobequin Quilters' auction to be held Tuesday, May,11, 2023 starting at 6pm at 1154 Great Plain Avenue, Needham, MA. It's open to the public. It'll be a terrific opportunity to find some wonderful quilts, assorted fabric, kits, books, patterns and many quilt and craft related items. Who knows what treasures you'll find! For those with limited time, there'll be a "Grab and Go" table.

Hands Across the Valley Quilters Guild presents their 18th Quilt Show on May 22-23, 2023 at Robert Crown Gymnasium, 893 West St - Route 116, Hampshire College, Amherst, MA 10:00-4:00 each day, Adults - \$10.00, Free Parking.

Silver City Quilters Guild presents Fall Harvest Festival Quilt Show on Sept 23-24, 500 Norton Ave, Taunton, MA, 10:00-4:00 - Admission - \$10.00.

### **Marathon Quilters on FACEBOOK**

- ❖ MARATHON QUILTERS is our private 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.
- ❖ 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.

**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 ([Michelle@LittlePupDesigns.com](mailto:Michelle@LittlePupDesigns.com)) 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.