



Marathon Quilters

Newsletter

Feb 13, 2024

President's Corner

I hope you have time in your sewing/quilting spaces, and you are making progress on your projects. January's meeting cancellation was unfortunate but necessary. Our February 13th meeting will be our chance to gather, learn and . . . volunteer.

Call for Leadership volunteers for 2024-26 term for the Marathon Quilters Guild

Our Guild By-Laws explain the roles of the President and Vice-President in the following way:

President:

1. The President shall preside at all meetings of the organization and the Executive Board.
2. The President shall appoint all chairpersons of all standing committees with the advice and consent of the Executive Board and shall serve as ex-officio member of all committees.
3. The President shall keep abreast of the guild's available funds for determining the budget to be allowed for upcoming programs.

Vice President/Secretary:

1. The Vice President shall perform duties of the President in her/his absence and be responsible for secretary duties.
2. The Secretary shall also handle all general correspondence of the organization unless otherwise directed by the President.
3. The Vice President shall promote the guild within the region to attract new members.

To me, these responsibilities seek volunteer leaders focused on welcoming potential and new members into the fold; supporting members' interests and plans; honoring processes in place to maintain our guild and non-profit status; and communicating plans to the guild and surrounding communities. These actions can be managed through a myriad of formats and shared across two or more people. You don't have to be a writer, TV personality or lawyer. You don't have to be a Pied Piper either. A willingness to say, "I will" and a collaborative focus is all that is needed. The rest of it will be covered by your fellow members.

Please consider volunteering for one of these vacancies for the 2024-26 term. The slate of candidates is to be presented to the Membership at the April meeting. Between now and then, there is plenty of time to learn about where the guild has been as an organization and consider where you would like to shape its future. Please consider the information and request above and come to the February meeting where we will be discussing this topic (briefly) before our presentation begins.

See you at the February meeting! Nancy

From the Program Team



We are excited to have Colleen share this month about Fractured Quilts. Pictured at left and enlarged at right is her Sunflower Quilt.



On Feb 13, she will bring examples and also share the process involved in making fractured quilts. This process is based on Brenda Esslinger's books, *Fabulous Fractures* and *Fracture Frenzy*. Hope you are planning to be there. You won't want to miss it!!

Two other items to mention.

1. If you took home a pillowcase and haven't returned it, please remember to bring.
2. Remember the "Roll the Dice" Challenge. The reveal will be at the meeting.

Friends of the Hopkinton Library Silent Auction in March

Kim Fuller (yeah Kim!) has volunteered to spearhead our donation and is looking for contributions to go with a gender-neutral jungle theme. She will make the baby quilt and welcomes smallish handmade and forest friends themed items OR store bought forest friends themed items for the basket. Please reach out to Kim at kimfuller@verizon.net to add things to the basket or bring to the meeting the items you already volunteered to contribute. We will need someone to wrap the basket attractively to entice bidders as well.

The Friends of the Library supports the library by donating adventure passes, special items such as a library telescope. They fund materials for children's activities, staff resources and programs like author visits, ELL conversation circles and lifelong learner programs.

Hospitality Volunteers needed for April and May meetings:

Linda will bring snacks for the February meeting and we have a volunteer for March. There will be a sign-up sheet for both the April 9th and May 14th meetings.

Birthday Girl - Birthday wishes to Linda who will celebrate her birthday this month.

Sew Many Possibilities

The HCAM fiber arts show "Sew Many Possibilities" has a new episode. All episodes can be viewed at <https://www.hcam.tv/sewmanypossibilities>. To access the individual videos, click the three lines in the upper right corner of the displayed video.

Other Items of Interest

Make Time to Sew: Yankee Quilters "Winter Staycation" February 16-18th in Holliston

Yankee Quilters Guild, a local quilt group, invites quilters to reserve a space for your sewing machine at a weekend "staycation" from Friday, February 16 to Sunday, February 18th at Christ the King Lutheran Church, 600 Central Street in Holliston. Participants bring their own sewing machine and projects. Tables, irons, and cutting space will be provided in a large, bright space. You are welcome to bring your own side table and iron if you prefer. Food and snacks will be available.

The three-day event cost is \$90.00 for non-members or \$35.00 per day. Cost for Yankee members is \$80 for three days or \$30 per day. New members are welcome at any time; dues are \$40 a year for new members.

Advance Registration is required. For hours and registration information, contact Anita Stolle at (508) 321-1757 or anitastolle@gmail.com.

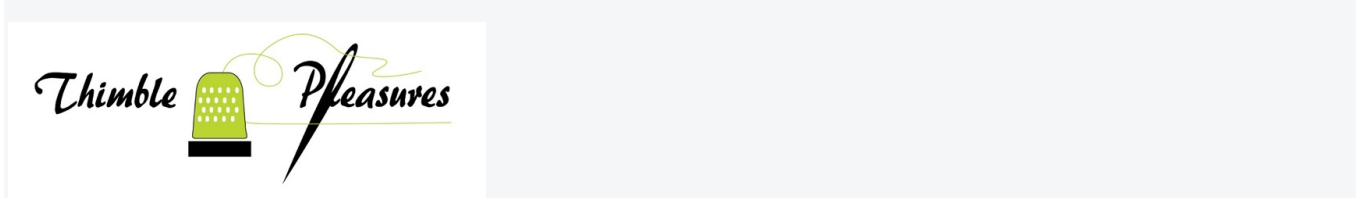
Welcome Blanket Exhibit - September 2024

The Museum of Work & Culture is excited to announce that it is collecting handmade blankets in preparation for an upcoming exhibition. Following the exhibit, all blankets and notes will be gifted to welcome new refugees as they enter the United States.

To participate, individuals can make a 40-inch by 40-inch washable blanket and write a corresponding welcome note sharing a story important to their family relating to immigration or relocation. These blankets and notes will be exhibited in the Museum of Work & Culture's changing gallery space in September 2024.

The Museum will accept blankets from January 8th until May 15th, 2024. More information can be found here.

https://www.rihs.org/welcome-blanket-project/?fbclid=IwAR2agnjTo3Jtwng5gG-JiqesNfHf08B_wVZICSqkgBPqtrIfOUYjsQi_N2w_aem_AbEwHk8YvdkF89vI4LDVNOy9DC3saLec26hMDw9Z5E4s4TJ4hvuf4EogxjOV83U6vSY



Quilt Show

March 16-17, 2024

10:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.

On view will be over 200 quilts designed and made by guild members including challenges, round robins, and youth quilts. Also available will be a silent auction, raffle baskets, vendors, and a quilters' boutique. Handicap accessible and free parking on site.

New England Quilt Museum www.neqm.org

Through our Guild membership we receive guest passes that admit 4 people FREE. Just let them know when you check in that you belong to our guild. Free parking available 2 blocks away in the National Park Service lot on Dutton St.

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

There is also a member's only section on our web page. Contact Dawn for password if you have forgotten it.

Email - 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.