



# Marathon Quilters Newsletter Jan 9, 2024

## President's Corner

Happy new year!

With the privilege of another new year comes the opportunity to schedule and commit to healthful, positive regimens and plans. My intentions for (my sewing studio) this year are to get more UFOs completed, donate a larger bunch of charity quilts than last year and use up as much of stash on my cutting table as possible.

Quilting however, will have to take a back seat to some family events this year which is why you will not see me at every meeting. Thankfully, Shelly and Linda will cover all of the bases of that leadership requires; and the Programs team - MaryAnn, Michelle, and Pat will keep the activities and learning moving along. We have a smooth-running machine in place thanks to the willingness and creativity of volunteers. We are a talented group with different interests and skills. When each of us considers the question, "How can I help?", we should be able to address all the tasks and roles that running a guild and attracting new members to our group needs covered. My hope is you will each read through the job descriptions that currently exist (see the Guild by-laws at the end of this newsletter) and imagine how you could fill one or two roles.

To pay homage to my beloved father, who carried the following quote in his wallet, I want to share this as inspiration for us all: "The Man in The Arena" Speech, Sorbonne Paris, France April 23, 1910 - Theodore Roosevelt

It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs, who comes short again and again, because there is no effort without error and shortcoming; but who does actually strive to do the deeds; who knows great enthusiasms, the great devotions; who spends himself in a worthy cause; who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement, and who at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who neither know victory nor defeat.

I am hoping to see you all at the meeting and look forward to seeing your creations at the meeting and on the Facebook page.

Regards, Nancy

## **From the Program Team**

We are really excited about the speaker we have coming this month. On Jan. 9, Beth Graceffa will bring an evening of inspiration. The title of her presentation is . . . (drum roll)

### **If Picasso was a Quilter: How to Cultivate Your Creative Genius.**

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 our Jan. meeting.

## **Birthday Girls**

WOW! January is overflowing with gals having their birthdays. Birthday wishes to Janice, Libby, Michelle B, Sue, and Julie who will celebrate their birthdays this month.

**Guild Officers** - Check in with our current Board and Committee leaders and think about volunteering for any of these soon to be vacant 2024-2025 positions. Without officers, we are no longer a guild, and without the committee chairs we no longer have interesting programs. The duties of these positions are listed in our By Laws.

## **Friends of the Hopkinton Public Library Silent Auction Basket Donation**

The Friends of the Hopkinton Public Library requested a donation from us for a silent auction. The auction was postponed and may be rescheduled to February 2024 at the Library. Donations may include a basket of items or one item valued between \$50 - \$100+. According to the Library, all proceeds would go towards their mission of supporting the library by donating adventure passes, special items such as the library telescope, funding materials for children's activities, staff resources and complementing library offerings with programs like author visits, ELL conversations circles and lifelong learner programs.

New member Kim Fuller (yeah Kim!) has committed a few items for the basket and is looking for contributions to go along with the gender-neutral jungle (?) theme. Please reach out to Kim at [kimfuller@verizon.net](mailto:kimfuller@verizon.net) to add things to the basket to be donated.

## **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.

## **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](mailto:anitastolle@gmail.com).

### **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 password if you have forgotten it.

### **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.

### **New England Quilt Museum [www.neqm.org](http://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 Guild, Inc. By-Laws 2017**

### **Article I: Section I: Name**

**The name of the organization shall be Marathon Quilters Guild, Inc. (Marathon Quilters)**

Incorporated January 23, 2017 I.D. Corporations Division # 001257281-1

Employer ID # 81-5417594 February 21, 2017

Non-profit status obtained:

Tax ID # 81-5417594

## **Article II: Section I: Purpose**

1. The purpose of Marathon Quilters is to unite regional quilters, including teachers, collectors, authors and historians, order to advance our knowledge and appreciation of quilt-making and textile arts.
2. This is a non-profit organization which is nondiscriminatory as to race, religion or gender.

## **Article II: Section II: Goals**

1. Sponsoring educational activities as related to quilting.
2. Encouraging the sharing of ideas and methods as related to quilting.
3. Support quilting related functions and methods of neighboring organizations.
4. Engaging in charitable projects through quilt related activities.

## **Article III: Membership**

Membership in this organization is open to:

1. All individuals interested in the art of quilt-making.
2. Active members are those individuals who pay annual dues and attend meetings on a regular basis.
3. Active members are entitled to vote on all issues presented.
4. Active members shall have access to the membership list, the guild by-laws and newsletter.

## **Article IV: Finances**

1. Our fiscal year shall be September 1<sup>st</sup> to August 31<sup>st</sup>, per our Articles of Organization.
2. Annual dues are payable to the Treasurer at the September meeting.
3. Dues shall be set by Executive Board with the approval of the majority of the membership.
4. All proposed commitments of organizational funds and/or services shall be submitted to the Executive Board for approval.
5. The Executive Board shall propose an operating budget for the following program year to be approved at the Annual Membership Meeting in June.
6. Guild Memberships: New England Quilt Museum, Lowell, MA

## **Article V: Officers/Executive Board**

The officers of the organization shall be: President, Vice President/Secretary, and Treasurer.

1. Officers shall serve a two year term and can succeed themselves if no other member steps forward.
2. Officers shall serve without compensation of any form.
3. Officers, all chairpersons of standing committees, all chairpersons of adhoc committees and immediate past-presidents shall serve as the Executive Board.
4. No person shall hold more than one office, committee chairmanship or combination concurrently, unless there is no person to hold that position.

### **A. Duties of Officers:**

*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.

*Treasurer/Membership:*

1. The Treasurer shall manage all funds, financial records, and annual reporting for the organization.
  - a. The Treasurer shall maintain a cash-flow sheet which gives beginning balance for September, evidence of incoming and outgoing funds and ending balance for June.
  - b. A copy of the cash-flow sheet shall be given to the President as requested.
2. The Treasurer shall collect annual dues and maintain current membership list.
3. The Treasurer shall be responsible for submitting the mandatory Annual Report to The Secretary of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts due November 1<sup>st</sup> of each year.

**Article VI: Operating Board**

The Operating Board shall consist of the Executive Board and the following:

*Programs:*

1. Plan programs for all general membership meetings.
2. Work within a budget approved by the Executive Board.
3. Publish a program schedule.
4. Reserve meeting rooms for the calendar year.
5. Cancel reserved meeting rooms when not to be used.
6. Negotiate contracts for workshops and lectures.
  - a. Members who give lectures/demonstrations during the meetings will not be compensated.
  - b. Members performing workshops can negotiate monetary compensation.
7. See to the overall needs of the guest speaker/teacher.
8. Introduce the guest speakers.
9. Arrange for food at workshops.
10. Responsible for room setup and cleanup.

*Historian:*

1. Photographically document guild activities.
2. Maintain scrapbook of guild activities.
3. Create and update a slide show of guild activities for the guild web site and social media.

*Hospitality:*

1. Create a schedule for the year for refreshments at meetings.
2. Send reminders to the scheduled person.
3. Ensure the room is clean after the meeting.

*Newsletter:*

1. Publish the guild newsletter each month September-June, keeping general membership informed of relevant activities and events.

*Web Mistress:*

1. Maintain and update website and social media with current and relevant information.
2. Maintain a separate login site for members only which will contain the guild membership list, by-laws, and any pertinent information for the guild only.

*Ad Hoc Committee:*

1. President shall appoint adhoc committees as necessary.
2. Committee chairperson shall serve the length of the project. These may include quilt show teams, charity projects, special programs, etc.

**Article VII: Election**

**Section 1: Nominating Committee**

The Nominating Committee is a standing committee consisting of the Executive Board.

1. The Nominating Committee shall select a slate of nominees for all offices, to be presented to the membership at the April business meeting.
2. Additional nominees from the floor will be entertained at the April business meeting.
3. The Nominating Committee shall prepare paper ballots and be responsible for the tally.

**Section 2: Election of officers**

1. Election of officers shall be at the April business meeting.
2. Election shall be by majority vote of attending members.
3. Election results will be announced at the election meeting.

**Section 3: Installation of officers**

Installation of officers shall be held during the June business meeting.

**Article VIII: Board Meetings**

1. Annual Executive Board Meeting shall be held in March.
2. Operating Board meetings shall be held as necessary.
3. Only Board members shall be allowed to vote at these meetings.
4. A special June Board meeting shall be a joint meeting of newly elected and out-going Board members.

**Article IX: Guests**

1. Guests shall be welcome at two regular meetings without charge.
2. After attending two meetings, guests are requested to become active members.

**Article X: Special Programs (workshops, fieldtrips)**

1. Special Programs are activities outside the regular monthly guild meetings.
2. Payment must be made in advance to assure a place in the activity.
3. No refunds will be given.
4. A lottery system may be used to ensure fairness.
5. The cost of the Special Program shall be evenly divided between attendees.
6. Any member who hosts an out-of-town lecturer shall not pay the fee.

**Article XI: Cessation of Guild**

If Marathon Quilters ceases to exist for any reason, the treasury balance shall be donated to a charity as deemed fit by the membership after all annual recurring expenses have been cancelled and all necessary payments have been made.

**Article XII: Amendments to the by-laws**

Amendments to these By-Laws may be made by majority vote of members attending a regularly scheduled meeting.