



## Marathon Quilters Newsletter April, 2025

### Summer Celebration of New England Quilts

- On August 12 - September 6, the New England Quilt Museum will showcase works from the many dynamic quilt guilds located in the New England region. We get to choose one from our membership to submit for the show.
- NEQM visitors will be asked to vote for their favorite quilt. At the exhibition's conclusion, the guild with the most votes will be honored with the opportunity to host an exhibition of its members' work in the NEQM Genre Gallery next year.
- The goal is to present an array of vibrant, distinctive and finely crafted quilts. Other Lowell cultural partners within walking distance to the NEQM will join the celebration by hosting their own free quilt and fiber arts exhibitions.
- During this community event admission to the NEQM is voluntary. "Pay What You Wish" allows everyone the opportunity to learn and find inspiration, celebrate the handcrafted, and introduce new audiences to the art of quilt making.
- With our Guild membership we have guest passes that admit 4 people FREE. Contact Michelle Banton. Parking 2 blocks away in the National Park Service lot on Dutton St.

### April 8 Program

The April 8th meeting will be a workshop/hands-on experience. Guild members will be encouraged to pitch in to help create/finish handmade inventory for the Boutique "booths" to be sold to raise awareness of our creativity and fundraise for community and education focused endeavors such as our Quilt Show. All project materials (fabric, lining, buttons, ironing boards, irons and water spray bottles) and directions will be provided at the meeting.

Please bring your sewing machines, hand sewing needles, light colored thread, scissors, rotary cutter, and sunny dispositions. Social sewing is a great way for us to get to know new members, share ideas about the upcoming Challenges and discuss the planning for the Quilt Show. You won't want to miss this meeting! We will be working on the following:

- Cutting fabric for and assembling project kits
- Making Crayon Tote Bags <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7ifasIHW5gc>
- Making bowl and dinner plate cozies <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pKfqssKzKTE>
- Making hair scrunchies <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zma14yNKVcw>
- And maybe a few more projects!

Refreshments will be provided and all completed projects will be stored for the future sales.

### **From Boutique/Fundraising Coordinators Angelines and Nancy**



In the months ahead of the 2026 Quilt Show, we have opportunities to promote the guild by selling handmade items in the community; summer Farmer's Markets, the 2025 Hopkinton Polyarts event and the 2025 Holiday Marketplace at the Hopkinton Center for the Arts (HCA) - and the Quilt Show. To clarify for new members/set expectations here are the particulars:

#### **Boutique**

- In the Boutique, all of the items are made by Guild members and DONATED to the Guild to sell throughout the two days of the Quilt Show.
- 100% of the sale of each item is kept by the Guild.
- Materials to make the sale items are made with Guild stash fabrics and or member purchased/donated materials.
- Finished items are handed in at a pre-determined time to the Boutique Coordinators for them to price and put out for sale.
- Pricing will be determined by the Angelines and Nancy using historical sales data and online research with the goal of selling as much as possible over the two days of the Quilt Show.
- Prices will NOT be reduced over the course of the Show.
- All unsold items will be offered to be returned to the maker UNLESS the maker directs the us to keep the items in the Boutique inventory.

#### **Farmer's Market, Polyarts and other "Booth" events**

- Handmade items for these events will be a combination of Boutique inventory AND "Consignment creations" - handmade items offered for a profit split sale.
- Consignment creations are handmade by Guild members and provided to Angelines and Nancy for them to price and set out for sale.
- Consignment creations are made using the makers supplies.
- Consignment creations will be priced for sale - BUT - a price by the maker can be honored.
- The sale profits will be split 50% for the member and 50% for the Guild for these items.

\*Creating for donation or consignment is NOT a requirement.

\*\*At each meeting, the Angelines and/or Nancy will give an update on what inventory they have and what more they think will be good sales items for members to consider. The intention is to have a well curated, tasteful display at each sales opportunity.

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

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

### **Sew Many Possibilities**

The HCAM fiber arts show "Sew Many Possibilities" 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.

### **Leadership 2024-2025**

#### **Executive Team**

President – Karen Swiech

Vice President – Angelines Castro

Treasurer – Linda Grant

#### **Teams/Committees**

Programs – Mary Ann Fenton, Pat Silvestri, and Michelle Banton

Boutique Coordinators – Angelines Castro & Nancy Burdick

Quilt Show 2025 Coordinators – Nancy Burdick & Jean Bertschmann

Charity – Sandy Scardato

Hospitality – Kerry Creswell

Webmaster – Dawn Stewart

Newsletter – Linda Grant