



Marathon Quilters Newsletter February, 2025

February 11 Program

Nancy and Jean will present "Creative Process and Implementation of a Group Quilt Design, the 2026 Boston Marathon Quilt". Pat will have updates on the raffle quilt and there will be updates on PolyArts this fall along with Show & Tell of new projects or completed UFOs. Maybe a challenge for completing UFOs this year too.

Information for Social Media - Marathon Quilters Guild members Nancy Burdick and Jean Bertschmann will present a program on Feb 11. "Creative Process and Implementation of a Group Quilt Design, the 2026 Boston Marathon Quilt". The guild meets at 6:30 p.m. at Faith Community Church, 146 East Main St., Hopkinton, MA. All are welcome to attend.

The Quilt Show

Below is the link Jean created to a google form where we can offer up suggestions for the 2026 quilt show theme. Jean and Nancy (co-chairs) would like to have a decision at our next meeting, so we can start using it for communication and marketing purposes.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScIK_SdHEteSSF7CEhw4Lf3TvuSw3z0tuc98ZKxInvLDctAJg/viewform?usp=sharing



Those members interested in working on the "Hopkinton" panel of the marathon routes quilted panel, please email Nancy at nancyb88@hotmail.com.

Library Auction - February 18 - March 16th.

- We were contacted by the Friends of the Hopkinton Public Library regarding a donation to their "Silent Auction of Baskets" as part of the Mini Gold Weekend. Interested people can review and bid on the displayed baskets during the auction dates.
- Nancy responded "Yes" on behalf of the Guild and has already come up with a plan. Last year our woodland creatures themed basket was very popular and the bidding was fierce. This year we were asked to make it simpler so that people of all means can make bids.
- Our basket will be themed "If You Give A Mouse a Cookie". It will contain a hardcover copy of the "If You Give a Mouse a Cookie" book, a plush stuffed Mouse as portrayed in the book, 2 boxes of Thin Mint Girl Scout Cookies and a Book Pillow created by Jean using the If You Give a Mouse a Cookie fabric. Thank you Nancy and Jean!



New England Quilt Museum www.neqm.org



- **Summer Celebration of New England Quilts**
- On August 12 - September 6, the museum will showcase works from the many dynamic quilt guilds located in the New England region.
- The Supporting Guilds of the NEQM are tasked with selecting one quilt made by a member(s) to display in this biennial exhibition. That means us!
- The goal of the NEQM 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.
- 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.
- 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 for the passes. Parking is available 2 blocks away in the National Park Service lot on Dutton St.

Check us out on the Web www.marathonquilters.com

Email - 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.

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