



Marathon Quilters Newsletter May, 2025

May 13th Meeting

Our next meeting will focus on our upcoming quilt show and a current financial review. Nancy and Jean are asking all Quilt Show Volunteers to be a part of the Program by reporting on their activities AND asking for help with their responsibilities if necessary.

- Raffle Baskets - Michele asks that members who want to donate new quilt themed items for use in the Raffle Baskets to bring them to the meeting. Sandy will collect donations.
- Yard Sale - Linda will accept donations for the yard sale of fabric and other quilt related items at any meeting between now and the show in April, 2026.
- Boutique - Nancy will be collecting completed kits for inventory. All donations requested before the end of June.



2026 Marathon Quilters Quilt Show Challenge – "Freedom of Expression"

July 4th, 2026 marks the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. That statement of freedom spells out our nation's principles and asserts all people are equal, have rights and can challenge their government when it fails to uphold their rights. This anniversary inspires pause and reflection on our nation's past and future.

The Quilt Show Challenge invites current and former members to submit a quilted artwork using the Declaration of Independence's themes of freedom, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness for inspiration.

Rules:

- * The challenge is meant to celebrate the American spirit. It should feature Red, White and Blue but other colors may be incorporated.
- * Quilts can be 24" to 96" in width and 24" to 96" in length (portrait or landscape orientation).
- * One entry form and quilt per person or team is eligible. **Quilt Show Challenge will be a Google doc
- * Quilts completed between January 1, 2020, and December 31, 2025 are eligible.
- * The entry form deadline is December, 31, 2025.
- * On the back of the quilt, please sew 4" hanging sleeve for hanging and a label with quiltmaker's name, year, and title of the quilt (lower left corner of the back)

- *On the entry form, please list all quilters involved in the making of the quilt.
- * Quilting by hand, machine, or both is expected. Quilting is defined as a running stitch that passes through a top, middle layer, and backing fabric.
- * Quilts should be titled and a short-written description of your inspiration.

Looking ahead, our June meeting will be a social one with a potluck at the church. Use the link below to indicate your attendance and what you will bring to share at our meal together.



[Marathon Quilters June 2025 Potluck](#)

Please review the available slots below and click on the button to sign up. Thank you!

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.

POLYARTS is Coming - September 6 - sign-up to help in the link below.

- Set-up Summary from the Hopkinton Polyarts organizers:
1. Polyarts will not be cancelled due to bad weather. Festival will continue, RAIN OR SHINE.
 2. Set-up begins at 7 a.m. NO EARLIER DUE TO TOWN REGULATIONS.
 3. Vehicles are not allowed on the Common. We appreciate unloading your vehicle and moving it away from the Common to allow customer parking. After unloading your items, park behind Center School. A volunteer will direct you.
 4. Bring your own chairs, tables and canopies and/or free-standing displays.
 5. Canopy tents and weights are mandatory. No stakes allowed. We suggest using milk jugs filled with water or sand to weigh down your canopy poles.
 6. No electricity available.
 7. No dogs are allowed on the town common.
 8. No raffles or solicitations.
 9. Sell only what was submitted in your application. Non-approved items will not be allowed for sale. We should

[Marathon Quilters Guild Poly Arts Booth Coverage Sign-up Sheet](#)

Marathon Quilters Guild Poly Arts Booth Coverage Sign-up Sheet Saturday, September 6th, 2025 Hopkinton Common Event runs from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Set-up 8:30 – 10:00 Take down 4:10 – 5:00 Coverage 10:00 - 12:00 Coverage 12-2:00 Coverage 2:00 -4:00
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Notes on donations to the Boutique

- In the Boutique, all of the items are made by Guild members and DONATED to the Guild to sell at 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

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.