



Marathon Quilters Newsletter

March, 2026

March Program

The amazing Karen Swiech will bring her creativity in a unique program; all supplies included. Her interests are broad and all-encompassing so come and be surprised. Don't forget to bring your Show & Tell and any questions about the Quilt Show.

"A Thread Runs Through It" – 2026 Quilt Show

Bring your quilts to the meeting or deliver your quilts for the show to Kerry's at 6 Holt St., March before March 21. Her contact information is 508-435-8658 or kerry Creswell@yahoo.com
IMPORTANT - Each quilt should be in its own bag and be well identified. Thank you.



Quilt Show 2026 Complimentary Member T-shirts

If you haven't picked up your t-shirt and won't be at the March meeting, please contact Nancy. It would be ideal for us to wear them to any retreats or sew-ins, workshops, or Shop-Hops you might be attending between now and April. It would also be fabulous for all members to wear them to the Show.



Election of new officers will be April 2026. Think about how you could serve next year. The positions are two-year terms and all positions are open. If you are currently serving in a position and you are willing to continue, please respond to the Executive Team; Karen, Angeline or Linda. The positions are President, Vice President, Treasurer, Programs, Boutique Coordinators, Charity Quilt, Hospitality, and Newsletter.



Raffle Quilt Update

Check out the Zeffy site for photos of the eleven quilt combos using the QR code to view. The goal is to sell \$1,200 in tickets. Thanks for distributing bookmarks, for selling tickets and spreading the word of our charitable activities.

Congratulations to:

Colleen Barnes – March Birthday

Jean Bertschmann – First grandbaby, Emma, born on 2/06/2026



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

July 4th, 2026 marked 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.

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 March 1, 2026.
- * 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.

Polyarts – September 12, 2026

The entry application has arrived BUT we need new Boutique Coordinators given that neither Angelines or Nancy will be continuing in the roles. At a minimum, the 2026 (post Quilt Show) role will involve the Polyarts Festival (September) and the HCA Winter Market (December). There are files of previous year's information - pricing, inventory lists, sign-up sheets, labels, etc. as well as inventory remaining after the quilt show.

Hospitality Sign-up

Please consider signing up to bring snacks for March. Email Kerry to sign up.
kerrycrewell@yahoo.com. Kerry will send reminders prior to the meeting.

Quilt Commission

A young mother in Hopkinton is interested in having a child sized quilt made for a friend. Let me know if you would be interested and I will connect you. (I pointed her to the raffle quilts for ideas.) Linda

Quilt Show - Boutique Inventory - Inventory in good shape

We have enough inventory for the Show - but if anyone is interested in making things to donate/consign for the 2026 Polyarts, please let Angelines know. You can check out some of the links below to make items to donate to the Quilt Show Boutique.



Friends of the Hopkinton Public Library Silent Auction - Sports Themed Basket

Friends of the Hopkinton Public Library are doing their silent auction raffle basket in March 2026. Please consider creating or "regifting" some of your Patriots, Red Sox, Celtics or Bruins themed items to accompany the NE Patriots and Red Sox bowl cozies already set aside. Grilling aprons, table runners, quilted placemats; could be great additions (see links to some other free patterns to consider making).

All Seasons Banner Challenge

SPRING is right around the corner so you can start anytime. All banners should finish at 9" x 36" - hanging vertically. Questions? Contact Michelle at 508-735-2244 or Michelle@LittlePupDesigns.com.

- SPRING – Soft Colors as the earth comes back to life: Pink, Lavender, Light Yellow, Teal/Turquoise, touch of Light Green, and White and/or Black.

National Quilt Project

Calling all textile enthusiasts! Here's an idea that can help repair our torn social fabric. Visualize an enormous quilt laid across the lawn of the Washington D.C. mall, a quilt with squares from all 50 states and the District of Columbia. It will represent the rich mosaic of our country, expressing our histories, identities, and our common ideals of Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness. Check out the attached PDF and the following email link for more information.

<https://www.legion.org/information-center/news/usa250/2025/november/the-great-american-birthday-quilt>

New England Quilt Museum in Lowell

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. Click here for more information on the current exhibits <https://www.neqm.org/>

Marathon Quilters on the Web <https://www.marathonquilters.com/>

Marathon Quilters in Facebook

Marathon Quilters Guild - this is a public page where you can follow for guild information

Marathon Quilters - this is a private group and you must request access

Quilt Shows

Marathon Quilters – A Thread Runs Through It

April 11 & 12 – 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Hopkinton Center for the Arts

98 Hayden Rowe, Hopkinton

Admission - \$10, children are free

Thimble Pleasures

March 14 & 15 – 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
Blackstone Valley Technical School
65 Pleasant St., Upton
Admission - \$10, Kids under 18 free

Quinobequin

March 27 & 28– 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
Needham Masonic Lodge
1101 Highland Ave., Needham
Admission - \$10, children are free

Marathon Quilter's Email marathonquilters@groups.io.

If you want everyone to get the response, click reply.

If the reply only needs to go to the sender, at the bottom of the email find a link to reply to the sender.

Leadership 2025-2026**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 2026 Coordinators – Nancy Burdick & Jean Bertschmann
Charity Quilts – Sandy Scardato
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