

## MASSACHUSETTS GUILD TO GUILD

A Newsletter for the Quilt Guilds in Massachusetts

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## HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

### PARTICIPATING GUILDS

Bayberry Quilters of Cape Cod (Orleans) 200 members, \$45 dues  
 Blackstone Valley Heritage Quilters (Northbridge) 69 members, \$30 dues  
 Chelmsford Quilters Guild (North Chelmsford) 103 members, \$30 dues, \$10 junior dues ages 6-18  
 Concord Piecemakers (Concord) \$35 dues  
 County Line Quilt Guild (Framingham) 59 Members, \$35 dues  
 Crazy Quilters of Cape Cod (Falmouth) 50 members, \$20 dues  
 Hammersmith Quilters Guild (Saugus)  
 Hands Across The Valley (Amherst) 120 Members, \$30 dues  
 Holly Berry Quilters Guild (Mashpee)  
 Marathon Quilters Guild (Hopkinton)  
 Material Girls Quilt Guild (Leominster)  
 Merrimack Valley Quilters Guild (Haverhill)  
 Mothertown Quilters (Lancaster) 60 members, \$30 dues  
 Nimble Thimblers' Quilt Guild (Wakefield) 50 members members out of a possible 60, \$30 dues  
 North Parish Quilt Guild (North Reading) 20 Members  
 Northampton Modern Quilt Guild (Northampton) 65 members, \$50 dues which includes membership in the National Modern Quilt Guild  
 Silver City Quilt Guild (Taunton) 65 Members, \$40 dues  
 Thimble Pleasures Quilt Guild (Mendon) 85 members; \$36 dues  
 Wayside Quilters Guild (Sudbury) 60 members, \$40 dues.  
 Yankee Pride Quilt Guild (Pittsfield) 47 members

### MONTHLY MEETINGS

**Bayberry Quilters of Cape Cod**—We will welcome two experienced and creative Bayberry members - Anne Messier and Jane Ashbrook — to present trunk shows of their work for our January guild meetings January 21 and 22.

**Chelmsford Quilters Guild**—The Chelmsford Quilters' Guild meets at St. John's Church in North Chelmsford, MA once a month, September through May, usually on the fourth Monday of the month at 7 p.m.

For the November meeting we had a Members' Demonstration Night where 6 quilters showed others how to make T-shirt quilts, easy quilts, folded fabric potholders and ornaments, appliqué, facing instead of binding, and folded origami flower ornaments.

In December members will enjoy games, raffles, vendor tables, a gift swap and lots of delicious food.

In January speaker, Rachel Durstine, a quilter known for her improvisational and vibrant fabric art, will present a lecture "From Inspiration to Art" over Zoom from her home in Philadelphia.

January also starts our Potholder Drive for the Wish Project, a non-profit agency that provides basic items for those in need in our community. In addition, our members make numerous comfort quilts throughout the year to donate to many non-profits.

**Concord Piecemakers** —. Our December 11th in-person meeting is our annual Holiday Party. Come join us for a delightful Holiday party complete with cookies and finger foods and an optional gift swap. We'll assemble sewing kits to benefit HGRM and will see a demonstration of ideas for using Layer Cake precuts. Guests are welcome. This meeting is at the Harvey Wheeler Community Center in West Concord, MA. Doors open about 6:30pm.

We move to virtual meetings in winter, and Julia McLeod is our online presenter on January 15, 2025. Her subject is entitled "Everything but the Cotton". When quilters don't have access to a stash of quilter's cotton, what do they turn to? Julia will give a lecture and trunk show about quilts – antique and modern – that show what you can create with neckties, saris, kimonos and other unusual, 'not cotton' textiles.

**Crazy Quilters of Cape Cod**—Dec meeting- End of Year Potluck and gift grab. Jan meeting- Meet the quilter- one member will be doing a truck show Feb meeting- Playing with Birds- one member will show easy way to make cute birds at the meeting.

## **EXCITING MULTI-GUILD PROJECT FROM MARATHON QUILTERS**

**Marathon Quilters Guild**—The Marathon Quilt Guild, located in Hopkinton, MA, is pleased to announce an open invitation to quilt guilds, community groups, quilters and fiber artists to participate in an invitational quilt exhibit to be debuted at its April 11 - 12, 2026 quilt show. The show will be held at the Hopkinton Center for the Arts, 98 Hayden Rowe Street, Hopkinton, MA 01748. The exhibit will be an 8 panel "polyptych" quilt, with each representing one of the eight towns along the Marathon route. The exhibit will be submitted to the New England Quilt

Museum for display consideration. Future travel and submission plans for the final project will be made to include participating towns, quilt guilds, regional and national shows and exhibitions. Panels will not be returned to the group or individual who created it.

The Marathon Quilt Guild will create the first panel, representing Hopkinton. There will be one panel per town, for a total of 8 panels. Each panel will align with the panel(s) next to it with a continuous line representing the race route. All panels will be 60” tall and 24” wide, and be finished with a faced edge, no binding. All other panel design elements are left to the creativity of the group or individual designing each panel, and a planning meeting with all groups will be planned to discuss and agree to all design parameters.

The Marathon Guild invites groups and/or individuals to submit their interest in creating a panel for: Ashland, Framingham, Natick, Wellesley, Newton, Brookline, Boston

Please use this **[google form](#)** to submit your application form.

Application Deadline: January 1, 2025.

Please contact Jean Bertschmann ([jbbertschmann@gmail.com](mailto:jbbertschmann@gmail.com), 508.259.3927) or Nancy Burdick ([nancyb88@hotmail.com](mailto:nancyb88@hotmail.com), 508.308.1236) with any questions.

**Merrimack Valley Quilt Guild**—Thursday, December 5th Holiday Party for guild members, Thursday, January 16th, Quilters Journey, The Merrimack Valley Quilt Guild meets monthly at NECCO College in Haverhill, MA in the Technology Center building.

**Mothertown Quilters**—We will be celebrating the Holidays at our next meeting, Tuesday, December 10th, with a Social Potluck Dinner beginning at 6:00 p.m. including a Gift Swap of a quilting gift priced from \$10-\$15, wrapped. Wishing our all sister guilds a wonderful Holiday and a Happy New Year.

**Nimble Thimblers**— The *Nimble Thimblers* of Wakefield, MA do not meet in December. They will gather next on Tuesday evening, January 28 at 7 p.m. at the Crystal Community Club, 77 Preston Street in Wakefield, MA (01880). Ruth Clay will be in charge of this meeting. She says the January meeting is primarily a social event, designed to welcome and introduce new members, and to provide prospective members a taste of the guild experience. Guests are welcome to attend all in-person meetings for a modest fee. The Nimble Thimblers will meet remotely, via Zoom, in February and March, and will resume meeting in person in April, generally on the last Tuesday of every month.

## **North Parish Quilt Guild**—North Parish Quilt Guild Hosts Dec Meeting and Social

You are invited to the North Parish Quilt Guild holiday meeting and party on Wednesday December 11. We meet at the UUC Church, 148 Haverhill St., N Reading MA. Doors open at 6:30 and meeting begins at 7. If you are considering a Guild, this is a great chance to see what North Parish is all about. Come and learn about the amazing charity work we do and meet some of the gang.

Agenda: Fun, raffles, Show N Tell, games prizes and dinner!

But you must Friday December 6. Free to members, \$12 for guests! RSVP to Debra at [Debra.Gaw@verizon.net](mailto:Debra.Gaw@verizon.net), or call or text to 781-856-6183

For the raffles and games, please bring the following items to the party:

- For our games:
  - Your Name tag
  - Three fat quarters
  - An item for the food pantry

The church food pantry has requested brownie mix, or large canned tomato products (sauce, tomatoes of any kind)-- bring an item and get one ticket for the Food Pantry raffle (one entry per person)

## **Wayside Quilters Guild**—

In November, Joanne introduced the Scrappy Rectangle or Potato Chip Block. It's called potato chip block because nobody can make just one.

For the December meeting please engage in an informal rectangle swap by bringing rectangles to the December meeting. The rectangles can be 2" x 3.5" or 2.5" x 4.5"

Our December meeting will be a sweet or savory finger food potluck social. Each person will get a playing card when they come and all the clubs will sit at one table, all the hearts at another and so on. Members are asked to bring a used book (quilt or fiction) to swap, wrapped in a fat quarter, and include a homemade

bookmark. We will play a dice game to swap gifts. Each person, in turn, rolls the dice and that group follows the chart. Once everyone has had a chance to roll, people open the gift they are holding.

Chart for dice game

- 1 keep your gift
- 2 steal someone's gift
- 3 everyone pass the gift to the left
- 4 everyone pass the gift to the right
- 5 keep your gift
- 6 steal anyone's gift.

After opening the gift – everyone gets another turn to roll the die.

We will also play Quilt Block Puzzles. Each team then gets a bag of paper shapes. The team tries to put together as many “quilt” blocks as they can. 4 points for each block made, and bonus 4 points for using all the pieces.

Our January Zoom meeting with Reeze Hanson presenting "It's Da BOM", the evolution of block of the month designs.

Our February Zoom meeting Speaker is Stephanie Hackney from HOBBS Bonded Fibers “Batting - What's Inside Matters”

## WORKSHOPS

Our January workshop on January 25 will focus on learning free-motion quilting for beginners and improving skills for more experienced quilters and will be taught by members Charlotte Toia, Carol Salerno and Ellie Held.

## RETREATS

**County Line Quilt Guild** has been going to the Franciscan Center in Maine for many years. It looks like they are going to have a major renovation. Is there a resource where I can find a list of potential retreat locations? We are open to most of New England. [amyfeldman914@gmail.com](mailto:amyfeldman914@gmail.com)

Jan 17-19 **Bayberry Quilters of Cape Cod** will host the first of two winter retreats for guild members at the Courtyard by Marriott in Hyannis.

## QUILT RACKS

If your quilt guild has ever replaced or purchased new quilt racks for use at your shows, I am looking for some information for our guild as to what you did or

where you purchased. Many of our racks are old and in dire need of replacement so any guidance you can give will be helpful

Thank you very much. Sue Dunn Crazy Quilters sed1055@yahoo.com

## CHALLENGES

**Nimble Thimblers**—Jen Rose will introduce our 2025 Challenge Project which will revolve around Kantha Quilting, an age-old textile art that originated in southeast Asia.

## NEWS FROM THE NEW ENGLAND QUILT MUSEUM

On view through December 28 Political Quilts and Textiles From the Permanent Collection—



Benjamin Harrison, Levi Morton, Bandana Quilt, 1888 Christina King Shelley (1832-1917) and Ella Hartigan Shelley (1863-1937) - Anonymous donor, NEQM 2024.03

ON VIEW OCTOBER 22 THROUGH DECEMBER 28, 2024

- Go Figure: Portraits in Textile Arts
- Barbara Barber Tribute Exhibition
- Joe Cunningham, In Our Times

## QUILT SHOWS/FUNDRAISERS

Nov 1-Dec 31—Fiber Art Exhibit @ the Morse Institute Library Morse Institute Library 14 East Central St Natick, MA 01760

<https://morseinstitute.libguides.com/digital-branch> Free admission 4th Annual Fiber Art Exhibit includes the Fuller Craft Museum's Calico Dress, quilts, samplers, embroidery, dresses, knitting, weaving, and fiber sculpture.

Dec 5—**Quilters' Connection** Auction Follen Church Unitarian Universalist 755 Massachusetts Avenue Lexington, MA 02420 <https://www.quiltersconnection.org/> Free admission An Auction Of Quilts, Wall Hangings, & So Much More. Also – A Grab & Go Table with an Assortment of Fabrics, Quilt & Various Craft Related Items & Many Other Treasures

February 20th, **Merrimack Valley Quilt Guild** UFO Auction - All are welcome

March 24—**Chelmsford Quilt Guild** Auction

April 10-12, 2025—**New England Quilt Expo** - NEQE Doreen Fountain Aher Classes start Wednesday April 9th, 2025 Quilt Show and Vendor Mall: Thursday April 10th 10:00 - 5:00 p.m. Friday April 11th 10:00 - 5:00 p.m. Saturday April 12th 10:00 - 5:00 Saturday April 12th 10 - 4:00 Expo Center, Double Tree by Hilton, Manchester, NH

We are getting ready to send out the information to the Guilds for the New England Quilt Expo for April 10-12, 2025. We will be offering Guilds the use of a table to sell items and promote their Guilds. We will once again offer a discounted admission for your members that will be working at your tables. For this show, we will also be offering participating Guilds the ability to enter an unlimited number of quilts for free. Non-participating Guilds or those not associated with a Guild will pay \$10 for the quilt entry. If your Guild contact is different than last year or if your Guild would like to receive the information, please send me an email at [NEQECeleste@gmail.com](mailto:NEQECeleste@gmail.com).

May 3-4, 2025 —**Hands Across the Valley** Quilt Show at Hampshire College

July 30-Aug 1, 2025—**Bayberry Quilters of Cape Cod**—Our recent Quilt Show (our 41st) was a great success for our members, our visitors and our vendors, Planning has already started for next year's show to be held July 30 - August 1, 2025 at the Cape Tech High School in Harwich. The theme is "Old is New Again!" We hope to see you all there

April 11-12, 2026. **Marathon Quilt Guild** Quilt Show

## QUILT AND FABRIC SHOPS

All American Quilt Company, Nashua NH  
Appletree Fabrics , Auburn  
Bits & Pieces, Pelham. NH

Charlton Sewing Center, Charlton Specializes in thread and wide fabrics for backs on quilts 108” to 118” .She has over 450 bolts of this wide fabric.Cathy Racine lectures on thread, tension and needles.

The Fabric Place Basement, Natick

Homestead Quilters, Lakeville

Mary Rose’s Quilts and Treasures, Reading

Murray’s Sewing Center and Fabrics, Orleans

Pine Tree Quilt Shop, Salem, NH

Quilt Corner Studio, Sandwich

The Quilted Crow, Bolton

Tumbleweed Quilting and Fabric, West Barnstable

Wayside Sewing, Marlborough

For a complete list of 39 quilt shops by location in Massachusetts see:

### SEWING MACHINE SALE AND REPAIR SHOPS

Canton—Ann’s Fabrics

Charlton--Charlton Sewing Center, repairs. Also sells Handiquilter.

Cranston, RI—Blaine’s Sewing Machine Center

Leominster—Dr Rod's Sewing Machine Services

Lincoln, RI—Anthony's Sewing Machine Service & Repair covers Ma, Ct and RI

Marlborough—Wayside Sewing

Nashua NH—Nashua Sew N Vac,

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Orleans —Murray’s Sewing Center and Fabrics,

Raynham— Able Sewing Machine and Vacuum

Reading—Mary Rose’s Quilts and Treasures

Woburn—Sewing and Vacuum Center, also sharpens scissors

The deadline for sending submissions to the editor is the first of every month.

Send submissions to [maguild2guild@gmail.com](mailto:maguild2guild@gmail.com) .Thank you. Janet Roche, editor

I would love to include the following quilt guilds in the Massachusetts Guild to Guild Newsletter. **If you have e-mail contact information for any of these guilds please send it to me.** Thank you, Janet.

Burlington Quilters, Cape Cod Quilters, Crosstown Quilters, Garden City Quilters, Pioneer Valley Quilt Guild, Quilters Connection, Rhododendron Needles and Quilt Guild,, Seacoast Quilt Guild, Seaside Quilters Guild, Shining Tides Quilt Guild, Thimbles and Friends Quilt Guild,