

## **Concord Piecemakers**

PO Box 1381, Concord, MA 01742

### **April 2008**

Susanne Fuller, President

Kathy O'Toole, Editor

### **President's Message**

Susanne Fuller

What a big month this will be. Not only an excellent speaker, but a full-day workshop, too!

Have you completed your challenge quilt yet? Or maybe I should ask if you have even started it? I confess that I have not started mine, despite having the plan for many weeks. One of the big benefits of this challenge being small quilts is that we don't need as much time to complete them. That means you over-achievers will probably have many challenge quilts to show us in May.

See you at the meeting on April 16.

### **Meetings**

Jan Wilhelm and Fay Martin

On April 16, 2008, our speaker will be Karen Ekmeier. Karen will share her love of curved piecing with us through slides and a trunk show titled *Layered Curves and Peaks*.

There will be a 'More Before' session. Barbara Weiss will share some of what she has learned about curved piecing.

As always, suggestions for 'More Before' sessions are always welcome. Your suggestion does not mean that you have to give the presentation. Is there something that has been covered in the past that you would like to have repeated? Let Jan Wilhelm or Fay Martin know.

On April 17, Karen will do a workshop based on her new book Accidental Landscapes: Fabric Inspired from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm at St John's Lutheran Church on Route 117,

close to the Maynard/Sudbury line. A few spaces are available. Call Jan Wilhelm if you are interested.

Looking forward to May, we will have election of Officers, presentation of the small challenge quilts as well as our giant show and tell.

## **Quiltathon**

Marilyn Bresslin

Many thanks to those who contributed time and energy to this year's Quiltathon! In spite of having to delay it a week, it turned out to be a great day. We broke all our records. We completely finished 40 quilts and sent 34 quilts home for labels or tying. That means we will have produced 74 quilts from this year's effort. What an accomplishment! We also completed 45 pillows!

In addition to everyone who came out in the rain, we especially want to thank the comfort quilt chairpersons for their supplies and advice: Mary Barbaro for making the labels; Laurie LaConte for arranging a discount for the batt; Bernie Flowers and Brian Rossin for helping us set up; and Marjorie Flowers and Sue Lee for setup, cleanup, and manning the kitchen.

As we turn the chairmanship over to a new group, we want to thank Evelyn Rossin, Marjorie Flowers, Alice Wiggin, Joy Sussman, Sue Reeps, and Marla Richmond for helping to get us started four years ago and always being there for assistance when needed. We've really enjoy leading this project and will look forward to being there next year--with a little less responsibility.

## **Comfort Quilts**

Alice Wiggin

All the quilts and pillows that were finished at the Quiltathon have been distributed (except for those being saved for the Chernobyl Children's Project). Much thanks to all who worked so hard during and after the Quiltathon to produce so many lovely quilts. The happy recipients are: Lazarus House in Lawrence, Household Goods Recycling (HGRM) in Acton, Harvey's Treasure Chest (COA), Concord Family Services for Adolescents, 2 step Battered Women's Shelter (Newton), Emerson Hospital's Bethke Center, Early Childhood Intervention Program and Minuteman ARC, Children's Hospital (via NEQM), and the Domestic Violence Assistance Program (Middlesex County)...A Huge success!!

p.s. to Marylyn: thanks to you and Liz for your hard work. Great job! Happy Spring to all!

## **2007-2008 "Keep-it-Small" Challenge**

Sue Reeps

Elana Schreiber

I hope you are finishing your challenge quilts. Remember they need to be no larger than 50 inches in perimeter. In the event that you have gotten carried away and have made a group of quilts that you will want to hang together you may want to check out the article in *American Quilter Magazine* for March 2008. There is an article on an interesting way to finish small quilts. Its title is *Options Mounting and Hanging Quilts* by Nelie Holmes. They talk about making wooden frames but I have gotten frames in an art store that can be hooked together like a building toy and you just buy the length that you need. I will bring the Magazine to the meeting if you do not have it.

## **Membership**

Joan Kerpelman

We have several new members to welcome to the guild and to add their info to your yearbooks.

AND ... it's that time of year again when we need to renew our memberships for the 2008-2009 season. Our by-laws state that your yearly dues are payable by May's annual meeting. In May, we will be taking renewals at the meeting, but you can get a jump on the process by sending me a check for \$25.00 (payable to Concord Piecemakers) along with either the membership form in this newsletter or an 8 x 10 sheet of paper with your name and any of your information that is different from what was printed in this year's yearbook. You can also bring it with you to the April meeting. Associate membership is available at a cost of \$15.00 a year. If you should decide to become an Associate Member, please be aware of the following by-law amendment:

*Associate membership is available at a reduced fee for those who do not plan to attend meetings. Associate members will be included in the yearbook under that title, receive the monthly newsletters and email as long as they have a current email address, and receive any discounts offered to guild members. Associate members may enter quilts in the guild's bi-annual quilt show if space is available. They may*

*attend a meeting by paying the guest fee as long as space is available. Associate members will have no voting rights on guild business.*

## **Raffle Quilt**

Joy Sussman

For those who signed out a block (or blocks!) of the raffle quilt, please bring them back completed to the April meeting. Thank you for your help!

## **Pillowcases Needed**

Maura Cain

ConKerr Cancer is an organization that donates colorful pillowcases to children battling life changing illnesses. To date, they have donated 22,000 pillowcases. Visit their website for directions: <http://conkerrcancer.org>. If you would like to donate a pillowcase, please bring it to the meeting. For additional information, contact Maura Cain.

## **Quilts of Valor**

Bella Dvir

Bella would like to know who is working on, planning to work on or finished a Quilt of Valor. These quilts are given to soldiers who have been wounded. The quilt should be at least 50 x 60 inches and no larger than 72 x 90 inches. Bella is trying to get a representative from the organization to visit us and take the quilts.

## **Comfort Quilt Group - Daytime**

Joy Sussman

We have been meeting at Joy Sussman's house. We meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month at 1:00pm. We had a very productive year last year sandwiching and tying quilts. More people are needed so please join us.

## **Daytime Machine Comfort Quilt Group**

Eileen Ryan

There is a new group making comfort quilts by machine. It meets on the first Friday of each month from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm at the West Concord Assisted Living

facility in West Concord. The group offers the opportunity to learn new quilt patterns and learn, as well as to practice, machine quilting techniques.

## **Housekeeping**

Bonny Kusik, Treasurer

Our treasurer, Bonny Kusik, requests that you send her all receipts for reimbursement in a timely fashion. All receipts must be received no later than May 15, 2008.

## **Nominating Committee**

Mary Nadwairski

Here is the slate of officers which are up for election at the May meeting.

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### **Executive Committee**

President Susanne Fuller  
Vice President Suzanne Roberts  
Treasurer Bonny Kusik  
Secretary Suzanne Knight  
Historian Ellen Aron

### **Committees**

Monthly Meetings Suzanne Roberts  
Program Jenny Johnston, Fay Martin  
Outreach Bela Dvir  
Communication Kathy O'Toole  
Special Interests Eileen Ryan  
Fundraising Joy Sussman  
Membership Joan Kerpelman  
Nominating Mary Nadwairski, Judy Clark, Dorothy Sonnichsen

The Nominating Committee wants to thank the membership for considering leadership roles and serving in various capacities that make Concord Piecemakers a successful guild. We will continue this month to fill subcommittees.

## Concord Piecemakers Membership Registration 2008-2009

Dues: \$25.00. According to our by-laws, dues are payable by the Annual Meeting.

If you wish to be an Associate member, check here\_\_\_\_\_. Associate membership dues are \$15.00.

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Make check payable to Concord Piecemakers and return it with this form at the next meeting.

--OR--

Dues and the form may be mailed to membership chair

Joan Kerpelman

Please print clearly.

Name\_\_\_\_\_

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ONLY fill in the following information if it has changed from last year's yearbook or if you are a new member.

Street\_\_\_\_\_ P.O. Box \_\_\_\_\_

Town\_\_\_\_\_ State\_\_\_\_\_

Zip\_\_\_\_\_

Phone\_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

# New England Quilt Museum

## Guild Survey

1. Have you visited the New England Quilt Museum? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

If yes, how often did you visit in the last 2 years? More than 8 times \_\_\_

4-6 \_\_\_ 2-3 \_\_\_ once \_\_\_

2. What type of exhibits do you like to view? Antique \_\_\_ Contemporary \_\_\_ Both \_\_\_

Do you have a favorite exhibit? \_\_\_\_\_

3. Have you visited the Museum's web site?

Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

4. Did you find what you were looking for? Yes \_\_\_ NO \_\_\_

5. Have you used the "What's New" feature on our web site? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

6. Have you visited or called the Museum's library for assistance? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

7. Are you a member of the New England Quilt Museum? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

8. If you haven't visited are you planning to visit in the near future? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Comments about the museum, exhibits, website, other:

Your Zip Code, please? \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to be added to the NEQM email list for news updates?

E-mail (*please print clearly*) \_\_\_\_\_