

Concord Piecemakers

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May 2008

Susanne Fuller, President

Kathy O'Toole, Editor

President's Message

Susanne Fuller

The May meeting is the one where you and your fabulous Challenge Quilts are the stars. I can hardly wait to see all those quilts! I'm sure there will be more variety and creativity than I can imagine.

The workshop with Karen Eckmeier was wonderful and well attended. There will be many "Accidental Landscapes" to show off at the general Show and Tell portion of the next meeting. Despite a common theme, they are all quite unique.

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Meetings

Jan Wilhelm and Fay Martin

Please note that the May meeting is on the second Wednesday (the 14th), not the usual third Wednesday. This month we will have our annual meeting with election of officers. There will be a show and tell of the challenge quilts. Keep it small! The sum of all 4 sides should be no bigger than 50 inches. There will also be a grand show and tell of quilts and wearables.

We will have two More Before's this month. Ellie Franco and Mary Barbaro have offered to demonstrate the disappearing nine patch. Mary showed several quilts a few months ago using this pattern.

For those who may have missed it or would like a refresher, Maura Cain has offered to show the magic cuff for a pillowcase again. We are still receiving requests for pillowcases for children with cancer.

The June meeting will be our annual potluck. Bring a dish to share. Remember that it should be something that does not need to be heated. Also, bring a serving spoon or fork. After we enjoy a meal together, we will have tables (on risers) set up so that we can tie some of the quilts from the Quiltathon that have not been tied.

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.

Library

Sheila Macauley

Just a reminder from your librarian!

All books should be returned at the June meeting so that an inventory can be done during the summer. If you can't return the books at the June meeting, let me know and you will have to bring them to my house sometime in July or August.

Comfort Quilts

Alice Wiggin

Hey quilters! Summer is coming and the schedules change, but the need for comfort quilts continues on. Sooo, please plan to put a few quilts together this summer, perhaps as a joint project with friends or kids, and I'll make sure they make someone happy and comfortable! Remember, you are really making a positive difference in people's lives. Call me if you want to drop them off at our house. Thanks again.

Membership

Joan Kerpelman

Thank you to those of you who have already renewed your membership, and for those who haven't ...time is running out. The deadline for renewing your membership is our May meeting. The renewal form with instructions is attached to the newsletter. You can avoid the crush at the May meeting by sending your form, any changes for the yearbook, and a check for \$25.00 to me. If you have made the decision to become an Associate Member, just check the line for Associate and include a check for \$15.00. If, for whatever reason, you have decided not to renew your membership, please let me know.

Raffle Quilt

Joy Sussman

The small raffle quilt with the houses on it will be at the next two meetings for you to see and buy chances (\$1.00 each or 7 for \$5.00). This quilt will be given away on July 4 so this is your chance to win it.

Pillowcases Needed

Maura Cain

ConKerr Cancer is an organization that donates colorful pillowcases to children battling life changing illnesses. To date, they have donated 38,000 pillowcases. Visit their website for directions: <http://conkerrcancer.org>. We are also donating pillowcases on a monthly basis to Emerson Hospital. 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

Because the general meeting is on the second Wednesday this month, we will meet on May 7 and 21 at 1:00 at my home. Anyone is welcome.

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.

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.

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.
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Make check payable to Concord Piecemakers and return it with this form at the annual meeting, May 14, 2008.

--OR--

Dues and the form may be mailed to membership chair
Joan Kerpelman

Please print clearly. **Name** _____

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. Please print clearly _____