

Concord Piecemakers

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President's Message

Wow! What a fantastic and beautiful quilt show we had! Congratulations to Donna Peterson and Barbara Weiss for all their careful planning and hard work. Thanks also to their committee chairpersons and all of you who helped in one or more of the many ways that were necessary to make this show a success. Early results indicate that we made more than \$4,000.

Donna and Barbara are collecting their "lessons learned" from the show in order that the next one will be even better. If you have ideas, please pass them along. They want to know what was great and should be continued, what didn't work so well and how it could be improved, and also what new ideas might make the next show better.

We have some Lost And Found items from the show. One of the exhibitors (Nancy) lost a pair of brown thick-framed sunglasses. And a large plastic bag of gift shop goodies was found. If you know where the sunglasses are or who owns the gift shop goodies, please let me know.

See you at the meeting - note that it will be at a different location due to an election called by the town of Concord.

Susanne

Meetings

Jan Wilhelm and Fay Martin

*******Change of Meeting Location*******

Note that the November meeting is on the 14th and it will be at St. John Lutheran Church in Sudbury - 16 Great Road, Sudbury, MA (Great Road is rte 117). St. John is

located at the intersection of route 117 and Waltham St, on the Sudbury/Maynard line. Directions:

- From route 62 (e.g. Concord), take route 62 until it meets route 27 in Maynard. There is a traffic light at the intersection. Turn left - onto Waltham Street. Proceed 2 - 3 miles until you are approaching a 'dead-end' at route 117. The church is on the right side before you get to that intersection.
- From route 27 (e.g. Acton), take route 27 until it meets route 62 in Maynard. There is a traffic light at the intersection. Proceed straight - onto Waltham Street. (route 27 turns right here.) Proceed 2 - 3 miles until you are approaching a 'dead-end' at route 117. The church is on the right side before you get to that intersection.

Our speaker will be George Siciliano . The lecture is titled "This Guy Must Be Nuts." George has received recognition for miniatures with many tiny pieces and lots of points. It promises to be an entertaining lecture.

More Before

One or more of our members will be on hand before the meeting to demonstrate techniques that you may want to use when making the hats and mittens that we have traditionally made and embellished at our December meeting.

Jan will be accepting signups for the workshop with Karen Eckmeier (www.quilted-lizard.com) which will take place on April 1, 2008. The fee is \$45.00. Your check will guarantee your space.

Our December meeting will be December 12 at 7:00 pm. Please bring finger food to share. Once again we will be decorating fleece hats, mittens or gloves to be given to charity. In addition to having time to socialize with one another, you can either make hats, mittens, etc., or purchase ready made ones to decorate. Here are some websites which provide patterns for mittens:

<http://www.thru-hiker.com/workshop.asp?subcat=4&cid=70>

http://www.fabriclandwest.com/Fleece_Country/Fleece/fleece_mittens.htm

http://www.shininghours.com/mittens/mitten_pattern.htm

Quilt Show

Donna Peterson and Barbara Weiss

The guild is selling a CD of the quilt show for \$5.00. They will be available at the next meeting or you can call Joy Sussman . There are a few CD's left from the last show if anyone would like one.

Quiltathon

Marilyn Brownlie

Our annual Quiltathon will be held on Saturday, March 1, 2008 at St. Matthew's Methodist Church in West Acton. Save the date. We all look forward to this day of quilting, tying, stuffing, and enjoying each other's company.

For those of you who are new in the group, this is a wonderful way to get acquainted with other guild members. Everyone brings a quilt top and back. We provide the batting, supplies, and work space. We have stations for sewing, stuffing, tying and we all work together. In most years we finish about 50 quilts that day and the unfinished ones are completed at home or in the comfort groups and added to the total. They are then donated to charitable agencies in the area who deal with children and young people.

We hope you'll all be able to make a quilt top. Baby size tops and twin bed sizes are most desirable. The patchwork can be as simple as you wish and "cheater cloth" tops are also a possibility. If you aren't able to make a top, perhaps you'd like to donate batting and/or come on the 1st to help. We will also need sewing machines, irons and other equipment—so there will be many ways to participate. We will be sending a signup sheet around at the January meeting. Mark your calendar. Plan to come and join us!

2007-2008 "Keep-it-Small" Challenge

Sue Reeps

Elana Schreiber

This year's challenge will be to create one or more small pieces each of which has a perimeter that does not exceed 50 inches. It doesn't have to be a "miniature" with small pieces, like the ones that George Siciliano will be showing us at the November Meeting. It just has to be small in overall size. For example, you could just do a

single block that you've been interested in trying that finishes at 12 inches by 12 inches (total perimeter 48 inches) with borders. You might also want to try a small rectangular landscape quilt (8 by 10 inches - perimeter 36 inches) using Karen Eckmeier's "Accidental Landscapes" technique. (She'll be speaking at the April Meeting but you can check out her website for ideas.) You could also choose to do a group of small quilts with a common theme or color scheme that you would intend to hang together. A triptik of three long narrow pieces, each being 6 by 18 inches (total perimeter of each individual piece being 48 inches) could be interesting. Or... you could make multiple pieces, each a different size and shape that blend together in some way as long as each individual piece does not exceed the 50 inch perimeter limit. Plan to present your creations at the May Meeting! If you have questions, give one of us a call. Website for George Siciliano is www.georgesiciliano.com. Karen Eckmeier's website is www.quilted-lizard.com.

Membership

Joan Kerpelman

Remember to sign in and pick up badges, membership cards, Yearbooks, and Fabric Place cards when you arrive at the monthly meeting. If your name is highlighted on the check-in sheet, we have something for you. There are three new members and one correction for you to add to your yearbook.

Comfort Quilts and Special Raffle Quilt

Alice Wiggin

Alice Wiggin would like to send some small sewing kits to Californian women who lost their homes and sewing supplies in recent fires. If you have any contacts there such as guilds or shops, please get information to Alice. She did this for the Florida hurricanes and Katrina victims and they were well received. All contributions of sewing supplies are always welcome and put to use.

Comfort Quilt Group - Evening

Sue Reeps

Evening comfort quilts is held at 7:00 pm at my home, on either the first or second Tuesday of the month, depending on my work travel schedule. I send out email (or call if you have no email!) to let you know which night we are meeting. If you are

interested in joining us, even on an occasional basis, just let me know and I'll include you on the notification.

Comfort Quilt Group - Daytime

Joy Sussman

The daytime comfort quilt group has 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.

Raffle Quilt

Joy Sussman

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you who have helped with the raffle quilt over the last year and a half. It was won by guild member, Anne Crosby.