

## **Concord Piecemakers**

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### **President's Message**

It seems that fall has finally arrived even though we still don't have much color in the foliage. The cooler temperatures really invite us to quilt - and stage a quilt show! Barbara Weiss and Donna Peterson report that you all have been generous and enthusiastic with your support. Pat yourself on the back. We are poised for a fabulous show thanks to you. Thanks for the quilts you have made and all the help you are offering. I sense the excitement as I hear about last minute scrambles: labels to make, sleeves to sew, a 90 x 90 quilt to completely RE-quilt, and a vest barely begun. Sew, sew, sew!

With all the show news, let's not forget our regular meeting. See you on the 17<sup>th</sup>; we have a great program.

Susanne

### **Meetings**

Jan Wilhelm and Fay Martin

In October, we will welcome Barbara Barber of Westerly, R.I. She will be doing a show and tell of her work which includes a wonderful variety of styles.

On November 14, 2007, 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.

The vendor for the October meeting will be the Fabric Stash from Charlton. They will sell their wares only **before** the meeting. Because she has such a long distance to travel, she will close and leave during the meeting.

## Quilt Show

Donna Peterson and Barbara Weiss

Plans for the quilt show are progressing well and are heating up as the days count down. Here are some reminders for you:

- Bring in your quilts on Thursday, October 18 to St. Matthews Church in Acton between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. If you can not get your quilt in during those hours, arrange with a friend to help you out. PLEASE do not drop them off after 10:30!!!
- If you have not signed up for a two hour shift at the show, please sign up at the October meeting.
- If there are any members who were not at the September meeting but have dress forms, etc., that could be used to display wearables at the show, let Jan Wilhelm know. The forms make the display of the garments more attractive.
- Please make enough cookies to fill two coffee cans. Place the cookies in a plastic bag in the can and decorate the can with a great fat quarter. Tie it with a pretty bow, ric-rac, grosgrain ribbon, pompoms, etc. Indicate if there are any nuts in the cookies. Try for some different cookies. You can include a recipe if you want.
- Remember to cook something for the hospitality area which feeds workers and vendors. I know I asked for healthy food! If you have to have donuts and candy, go ahead, just not everyone. Some ideas would be tuna salad, egg salad, a cheese platter, fruit platter, a bowl of apples, apple crisp, green salad and dressing, nuts, dried fruit, bread for sandwiches, cranberry, pumpkin, or zucchini bread.
- If anyone has a six foot craft table (the folding kind) that we can borrow, please call Donna Peterson or Barbara Weiss. We need four more tables!

- There will be ten vendors this year including Nashua Sew and Vac and the Wizard Knife Sharpener. Bring your knives and scissors for on-the-spot sharpening.
- Registration and pick up of the quilts will be a little different this year. All quilts will be folded and put in bags (donated by Quilter's Way) and will be delivered to sections for hanging and be returned to you in the same manner. It may take a few minutes longer, so be patient at the end.

Donna and I look forward to seeing you at the show and enjoying the beautiful quilts hanging in spacious surroundings. Spend the day with friends visiting the vendors, 'oohing' over quilts and helping out.

## **Membership**

Joan Kerpelman

Welcome again to all our new members. When you come to the meetings, please sign in at the membership table and collect whatever cards, badges, and yearbooks we may have for you. I will also have our 25th anniversary pins, so let me know if you haven't gotten one. Then, after you check-in, continue down the tables to see all the information and requests that follow along.

## **Comfort Quilts and Special Raffle Quilt**

Alice Wiggin

We are in need of finished comfort quilts to give away to the needy. Please contact Alice Wiggin if you have any or join a group to help create some. Also, Alice Wiggin continues to make up sewing kits for needy women. She has a current need for scissors, threads, pins, and bobbins of any style filled with thread

## **Comfort Quilt Group - Evening**

Sue Reeps

Evening comfort quilts is held at 7:00 pm at Sue Reeps' home on either the first or second Tuesday of the month, depending on Sue's work travel schedule. Sue sends out email (or call if you have no email!) to let you know which night they are meeting. If you are interested in joining them, even on an occasional basis, just let Sue know

and she will include you on the notification. Their next meeting will be on Tuesday, October 16<sup>th</sup>.

### **Comfort Quilt Group - Daytime**

Joy Sussman

The daytime comfort quilt group has been meeting at Joy Sussman's home. 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**

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

Please remember to return your raffle tickets and money at the October meeting.