

Concord Piecemakers

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September 2007

Susanne Fuller, President
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President's Message

Welcome back from summer vacation! I hope you all had a wonderful and rejuvenating summer. And that you took this time to finish several quilts so you can exhibit them at our show in October.

I have only a few more stitches to go on a quilt I began more than 15 years ago. And there is a great story to go with it. I have also finished a second "cut" at a quilt for my nephew. He rejected the first quilt I made for him three years ago (even though I had discussed the pattern with him and his mother before I started), so I did not hurry to start the second one. Now he won't get it until after the show! I am guessing that there are interesting stories associated with every quilt.

I am looking forward to seeing your oldest surviving quilts at the September meeting. Now, the stories that go with them must be a mix of humor, love, and growth.

As you will see in the Yearbook, the Program Chairmen, Jan Wilhelm and Fay Martin, have lined up some wonderful speakers and a great workshop. We are about to begin an exciting year. Enjoy!

Susanne

Meetings

Jan Wilhelm and Fay Martin

September 19, 2007 at 7:30pm at Harvey Wheeler Center

We will have a "More Before" session at 6:45 featuring Sue Colwell demonstrating the Tucker Trimmer.

For our September meeting, we will have a show and tell of your oldest surviving quilt and your summer projects!

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.

Quilt Show

We hope everyone had a restful and wonderful summer, because we have a lot to do this fall to prepare for the Basket of Quilts show on October 19 and 20. Our previous quilt shows have all been very successful, so expectations are high for 2007. Excitement is high too - we have many talented artisans in this guild and the Concord Piecemakers have a reputation for putting on a spectacular event. The operative word for the next 2 months is volunteer. We need many volunteers to make the show a success. The good news is that it's really fun to work on the show. If you are new to the guild, don't hesitate to join a committee, even if you aren't sure of the required tasks. There will be many helping hands to guide you, and it's a great way to meet new people. The show brings a wonderful sense of community to all involved, as everyone working together in a positive way produces a show that is beautiful for all to enjoy. We look forward to sharing this experience with all of you.

Barbara Weiss
Quilt Show Co-Chairs

p.s.

The Scissor Wizard will be sharpening scissors, knives, etc. at the Quilt Show this year!

How You Can Volunteer

To give you an idea of the work that is going on behind the scenes, the following is a list of all the committees and their chairpersons. To volunteer you can contact the chairperson directly, or watch for the clipboards we will be circulating during the September 19 guild meeting.

These committees will be looking for volunteers to serve 2-hour shifts during show hours. Sign up for several shifts, different activities. Once you get to the show, you won't want to leave.

Admissions --- Marla Richmond

White Glove --- Nan Conway, Nanette Moffa

Cookie Sales --- Suzanne Weisenbloom, Kristin Bartelson

Gift Shop --- Ellie Franco, Barbara McKenna, Karin Ahlgren

Raffle Quilt --- Joy Sussman

These committees need volunteers for specific tasks, as assigned by the committee chair:

Show Hanging --- Sue Reeps, Jan Wilhelm

Registration---Lois Frampton, Joanne Williamson, Jenny Johnston

Sleepover --- Chris Lang

Take Down --- Claudette Cavelier

Clean up --- Sue Lee, Marjorie Flowers

Worker Hospitality --- Norma Warner, Suzanne Roberts

Signs --- Eileen Ryan

And in the background, the following people have been quietly toiling away with tasks that are well under way:

Publicity --- Kathy Jamieson

Show layout design --- Barbara Weiss

Vendors --- Elana Schreiber, Carol Hartman

Booklet --- Ruth Flynn

Booklet Ads --- Joy Sussman

Decorations --- Sue Lee

Kids Table --- Laurie LaConte

Gift Shop

Concord Piecemakers will again have a gift shop during the quilt show for selling items that our members have made. Members can either donate 100% of their profit to the guild, 20% to the guild and retain 80% for themselves, or 100% on certain items but 20% on others. If the last option is chosen, each item must be marked very carefully so the gift shop chairpersons will know how to handle these cases. An inventory sheet must be filled out by anyone who puts items into the gift shop. There is one included at the end of this newsletter. We do not price items. We cannot accept items that

are not listed on the inventory sheet, and each item must be tagged with the price clearly marked. The inventory form is the one we have used for the last 4 or 5 shows. It works well and the chairpersons can explain it in more detail at the meeting or you can call them with questions.

Items that have been good sellers in the past are pillows, placemats, napkins, potholders, bibs, hats, small change purses, doll quilts, Christmas ornaments, sewing tool cases, glasses cases, scarves, jewelry, and small quilts (lap or baby).

Everyone who puts items in the gift shop is required to work a two-hour shift when the show is open to the public. There will be a sign-up sheet at the September guild meeting. Any other questions, please call Ellie Franco, Barbara McKenna, or Karin Ahlgren.

Cookie Sales

We sold more than 150 cans of cookies at our last show, so we need everyone's help to do it again this time. It would be great if everyone could make cookies to fill two coffee cans.

- Bake a dozen large cookies for each coffee can
- Stack a dozen cookies in a plastic bag
- Place the stack in a coffee can (preferably with a lid on it)
- Wrap in a pretty fat quarter and tie with ribbon or yarn
- Place a label on the package indicating the type of cookie Please indicate clearly if the cookies contain nuts

People buy our cookies as much for the fabric as for the cookies themselves, so be sure to use something eye-catching. Seasonal fabrics always sell well.

Please bring any extra coffee cans you may have to the September meeting to share with others who need them.

Quilt Registration

You've heard this many times before but it is worth repeating. We want your quilts, and the deadline for submission is September 19. The date is fast approaching. The

registration form is at the end of this newsletter and we will also have copies available at the September meeting. We need a photograph of your quilt (not required for a wearable), so that we can plan the hanging arrangement. And we need the forms early in order to prepare the booklet and send it out for printing.

Drop-Off: You are expected to drop off your quilt(s) and wearables at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church (435 Central St., in West Acton) on Thursday, October 18 between 7:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. All quilts wider than 36" must have a 5-inch sleeve attached to the back. All items must have a label firmly attached to the back of the item, identifying the owner.

Please DO NOT bring your items to the October guild meeting.

Pick-Up: When you drop off your item(s) you will receive a claim check, which you will be required to submit to reclaim the item between 4:30 and 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 20. You must pick up your item(s) at this time unless you have made arrangements with someone else to pick them up for you.

Tips for Completing the Quilt Show Registration Form

All the information we request is important to us. It will be used as the basis for the show booklet, the registration day lists, receipts and labels, as well as the layout of the show.

Here are some helpful things to make the job easier for you and for those who will be entering the data for the show booklet:

1. Think about giving a title to your quilt or wearable. Remember that you are an artist, so act like one.
2. Be accurate regarding the width and length. These measurements will be used by the Layout Designer in planning the show.
3. Be sure to credit the person who quilted your piece if you had someone else do it.
4. Write 3 or 4 full sentences for the description. Do not repeat information you already entered. Think about answering some of these questions, and you'll be well on your way to writing an interesting description:

- o Is this your original design? If not, what is the name of the pattern or the design source?
- o What was your inspiration? A place you visited? A painting or photograph? An antique quilt? The style or technique of a particular designer? The fabric?
- o Did you make this for a special person or to commemorate a special event?
- o Were you experimenting with color or a new technique?
- o Did you take a class to learn this technique?

Thank you for taking the time to give us all these details. Your thoughtfulness in completing the forms will make it even more enjoyable for those who come to view our show.

Membership

Joan Kerpelman

Welcome back to all our returning members and a special welcome to the new members who joined us over the summer. New members have smiley faces on their badges; let's make them feel welcome at our guild meetings. The following new members have their contact information included in the yearbook: Pat Barros-Smith, Posy Dyer, Jean Hardiman, Weezie Johnson, Kay Mueller, Cecilia White, and CherylAnn Ziegelmler.

Stop by the Membership table before each meeting to sign in. You can also pick up yearbooks, Fabric Place discount cards, and badges/membership cards, if you don't already have them. Don't forget to wear your name badge. It helps not only the new members, but those of us with fading memories. Please check your entry in the yearbook and let us know right away if any changes need to be made.

Any member renewing after the yearbook went to press did not make it into the yearbook.

Library Books

Sheila Macauley

If you have any library books which you did not return last June, please bring them to the September meeting!

Comfort Quilts and Special Raffle Quilt

Alice Wiggin

We are in need of finished comfort quilts to give away to the needy. Since our faithful and productive contributor Marjorie Price moved away, the supply is very low!

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.

Raffle Quilt

Joy Sussman

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

Sign Up to Help Sell Raffle Tickets

Our raffle quilt will be appearing at two events. First, we have the West Acton Oktoberfest on Oct. 13. We will take the small house quilt there and it will be fun to see people's response to it.

Then we need people to man the raffle table during our quilt show.

Please check your calendar for the 13th and also plan your days at our show, saving a 2 hour slot to SIT at the raffle table.

Please sign up to help at one or both events at the September meeting!

Daytime Comfort Quilt Group

We will be meeting again starting Sept. 23, 1 PM, at Joy Sussman's house. We meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month. We had a very productive year last year sandwiching and tying quilts. More people are needed so please join us.

Great Accomplishments by Our Members

At the Vermont Quilt Festival, Sue Reeps won a ribbon for her quilt, "Flowers for Maddie". A ribbon was also won by Scena Proodian for "Oh Suzanne", named in honor of Sue Reeps.

Dorothy Sonnichsen's quilt, "Sunday Afternoon Games", has been accepted to the New England Quilt Museums' "Puzzled and Board" exhibit.

Concord Piecemakers Membership Registration 2007-2008

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.

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 _____

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 _____

CONCORD PIECEMAKERS QUILT SHOW REGISTRATION FORM

Show Dates: October 19 & 20, 2007

Please fill out one form for each quilt or article submitted for display. Be sure that all information is complete and attach a photograph. In order to insure that your pieces are included in the show and the booklet, please submit your forms as soon as possible. You may bring them to the May or June meeting, or mail them to:

Ruth Flynn

ALL FORMS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 19, 2007

Your first name: _____ Your last name: _____

Title of quilt or article: _____

Size: ___ inches wide by ___ inches long

Technique: (check all that apply)

Piecing: ___ hand ___ machine

Appliqué: ___ hand ___ machine

Quilting: ___ hand ___ machine

Special Category: (if applicable) Challenge _ Wearable _ Round Robin _

Brief description: (3 or 4 sentences) _____

If your quilt was quilted by someone other than yourself, please give the name of the quilter:

Please read and sign the following:

I understand that every effort will be made by the Concord Piecemakers to insure the safekeeping of the quilt/article listed above. I also understand that neither the Concord Piecemakers nor St. Matthew's Methodist Church is liable in the event of damage or loss.

Signature

Date

Remember to attach a photograph of the quilt!

CONCORD PIECEMAKERS QUILT SHOW GIFT SHOP INVENTORY

Please attach a price tag to every item you place in the gift shop for sale. Each tag should include a code (initials are fine) and the selling price. This enables us to track your items for sale.

Please print your name and phone number on your inventory sheet and list every item, its code and its price in the appropriate columns. You will receive 80% of the selling price unless you want to donate the proceeds to the Concord Piecemakers. If donating please indicate the item or items to be donated on your sheet. Thank you.

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If you have more than 15 items, please copy this sheet according to your needs. You may also want to make a copy of your inventory for your own records.