

Concord Piecemakers

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April 2009

Susanne Fuller, President

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President's Message

Susanne Fuller

April is a big month for the guild. In addition to our regular meeting, we are having perhaps our first-ever two-day workshop, all led by Phillipa Naylor, who is coming to us from Yorkshire, UK. Pretty exciting, I'd say. Refer to the section later in this newsletter; there may still be openings for the workshop.

We continue to create Comfort Quilts, and Scena Proodian is developing a system that should make it simple for us to know which organizations want quilts (and what sizes, colors, or other specifications). Soon she will have a place on our web site to record all of the candidate destinations for your Comfort Quilts. You can make a quilt and give it to Scena for distribution to the organization of your choice. We expect this to streamline our meetings, too, by eliminating the need for members to stand before the assembly to request quilts for their favorite organization. Scena will make a brief announcement at each meeting to let us know how many quilts have been distributed to each of the various charities on our list. You can ask Scena to add a new charity at any time, and she will announce the additions at the meetings and in the newsletter.

See you at the April 15th meeting.

Susanne

Meetings

Fay Martin

Jenny Johnston

The British are coming....just in time for Patriot's Day.

We will welcome Philippa Naylor from Yorkshire, England for our program and 2 days of workshop. Philippa's program will describe her journey as a quilter, begun during her many years living in Saudi Arabia, and continuing to the present. She will share with us her process and techniques for producing award-winning quilts. Please join us Wednesday night, April 15th, for the lecture.

We still have a few spaces available for the workshops. Philippa will hold 2 days of workshops for us at St. John's Lutheran in Sudbury. The dates are Thursday, April 16 (Fabulous Free-motion Machine Quilting and Trapunto) and Friday, April 17 (Award-winning Finishing Techniques).

Philippa is noted for precision sewing and exquisite detail and she will share all her secrets with us. Among her many awards, Philippa has just won the prize for Best Machine Artistry at the 2008 Houston International Quilt Show, for her quilt, "Flower Power." Her website is www.philippanaylor.com.

Nominating Committee 2009 - 2010 Slate of Officers

Mary Nadwairski, Chair; Judy Clark, Joyce Erickson, Diane Payne and Dorothy Sonnichsen

The Nominating Committee proposes the following slate:

President	Marla Richmond
Vice President	Barbara Kozenko
Secretary	Laurie LaConte
Treasurer	Kitty Shaw
Historian	Ellen Aron
Program Committee	Fay Martin, Jenny Johnston
Outreach Committees	Scena Proodian
Communication Committee	Kathy O' Toole
Wearable Arts and Special Interests	Eileen Ryan
Fund Raising Committees	Joy Sussman
Membership	Carol Hartman
Nominating Committee	Diane Payne Chair, Dorothy Sonnichsen, Judy Clark

Many hands make light work. The Nominating Committee is very grateful to the current Board and sub committee chairs for all of their hard work during the past year. We will now work on the sub-committees and we hope everyone will consider how they can help.

Quilt Show October 16-17, 2009, Setup October 15, 2009

Barbara Weiss

Sue Lee

Thank you so much to Ellen Aron who has volunteered to chair the Guild Gift Shop. Those who contribute your wares to the shop, keep sewing, knitting, crocheting and quilting!

Thank you to everyone who contributed five inch squares so far. Jan Wilhelm, Sara Wagg and I sorted through them this week and put the first 21 boxes together. What we learned:

- Please do not use this as a way to cut up unwanted yardage. Variety is what counts.
- Try to cut your strips into an even number of squares.
- Sort your squares by fabric if you cut many strips at once. It took us a long time to separate squares.
- If you have a light fabric that is yardage, this could be used as background. In this case many nickels would be accepted.

This month please donate yellow, gold and orange nickel squares. If you have batiks, we will set them aside for the month of batiks.

The last volunteer positions for the Quilt Show are mentoring jobs. They would assist in publishing the book and registration. These are important jobs for us to fill so that the information can be passed on.

Enjoy quilting and deciding which quilts you will show this fall.

Please note: the Quilt Show Registration Form is on the website under "Documents."

I Can Cook, Too Book

Marla Richmond

Thanks to all those who have sent in recipes. We need a lot more, though. Please remember that the deadline for recipes is our June pot luck. Please get them in as soon as possible.

Special thanks to our "test kitchen", those members who have taken home a recipe to try. So far, everyone seems pleased. More test recipes will be available at the April meeting. Stop by and find something that sounds good to you.

Does anyone draw well? Or know someone who does? We are looking for a drawing of a quilter looking at some cookware.

Thanks for your support! This cookbook will be fabulous!

Challenge Quilt

Elana Schreiber

Sharon Laughlin

Don't forget that next month is the "Show Us Your Curves" Challenge. Remember, all you need to do is to make something that is a challenge to you that looks like a curve from 6 feet away. It can be any size. It does not need to be finished; you can finish it later so you can show it in our quilt show in October.

Raffle Quilt

Joy Sussman

Every two years leading up to our quilt show, each member is asked to take an envelope containing 15 quilt raffle tickets and a picture of our quilt to sell to friends or purchase yourself. The price is \$1.00 per ticket or 7 for \$5.00. If you choose to purchase them all yourself, that will be \$11.00. Please pick up your envelope from Joy at the April meeting if you don't already have them. More tickets are always available. Tickets and money need to be returned no later than the June meeting.

Membership

Joan Kerpelman

We have two new members to welcome to the guild: Donna Ellis and Susan Birse. Their contact info has been sent to you.

Membership renewals for the 2009-2010 year have begun. Renewals are due by our May meeting. New this year is a photo release section on the renewal form that you must sign if you agree to have photos of you or your quilts posted on the website or other publications. When you renew your membership, please print out this form and provide any information that is different from what is in the yearbook and your signature if you agree to the photo release.

Don't forget to pick up your Jo-Ann's discount cards when you sign in.

Library

Sheila Macauley

If anyone has a book to suggest for Sheila to buy for the library, email the name of the book to Sheila Macauley.

Comfort Quilts - Daytime

Joy Sussman

The daytime comfort quilt group meets on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month. If you would enjoy sitting around a table, visiting, and tying quilts, please come and join us. For more information, contact Joy Sussman.

Daytime Machine Comfort Quilt Group

Eileen Ryan

The First Friday comfort quilt group continues to meet on the first Friday of the month at West Concord Assisted Living from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm. We machine piece and machine quilt our comfort quilts. Great, easy patterns are shared by all and everyone's skills are improving by leaps and bounds. Come join us. For more information, contact Eileen Ryan.

Concord Piecemakers Membership Registration

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 annual meeting in May.

--OR--

Dues and the form may be mailed to the Membership Chair, c/o Concord Piecemakers, PO Box 1381, Concord, MA 01742-1381

Please print clearly. **Name** _____

Photo Release:

I, _____, give Concord Piecemakers Guild permission to post photograph(s) of me and/or my quilts on the Concord Piecemakers website or other publications.

Signed _____

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 _____