

Concord Piecemakers

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Susanne Fuller, President

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President's Message

Susanne Fuller

Our December 10th meeting offers us an opportunity for some relaxation in the midst of a busy season. I hope to see you there.

I wish that you all enjoy your holidays and have the good fortune to share time with family and friends. As the year draws to a close, I hope you will have time to reflect on the events of 2008, and savor the good times while putting to rest any of the other. I hope you will begin 2009 with renewed energy and creativity.

Susanne

Meetings

Fay Martin

Jenny Johnston

Please plan to join the Guild on December 10 for our annual Holiday Party; note the special early start time of 7:00PM. In the spirit of the holidays, please bring a finger dessert (or other simple dish) to share; the emphasis is on finger food; drinks will be provided by your Board. In a break from tradition this year, we will not be making hats and mittens at the meeting; instead we will devote our meeting to better getting to know each other, personally and "quiltily". SO, if you have hats, mittens, scarves, pillowcases or completed comfort quilts to be donated, please bring them to the meeting and they will be passed along as usual to needy recipients. ALSO, as part of our program, please bring along your works in progress, especially if you would like help thinking through a problem, making a design choice, wondering how to quilt a piece, whatever....AND FINALLY, your Quilt Show chairs have begun their work in earnest to prepare for next October's show. They are planning a new fundraiser within the show, much like the cookie sale, to be the sale of Chinese takeout boxes filled with 5" (nickel) squares of fabric in coordinating batches. They will be collecting 5" squares beginning at the December meeting and throughout the rest of

our year. The more squares we collect, the more money we can make for this new fundraiser. So, start bringing in those squares. Until the 10th....

And looking ahead to April '09, save the dates:

As noted in our Guild yearbook, we are excited to welcome a special speaker in April, Philippa Naylor of E. Yorkshire, England. Philippa will be on her way to Paducah to teach at the AQS show, but will stop for us beforehand. Besides a fascinating lecture at the regular meeting, 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 (still in progress) is www.philippanaylor.com.

Challenge Quilt

Elana Schreiber
Sharon Laughlin

This year our challenge is to make something with curves. It can be traditional or an art quilt. It can be king sized or 8 ½ X 11. Our October speaker was Sharon Stroud. She spoke about Dresden Plate quilts. Our workshop is with Sylvia Einstein who will be working with curves. Last year, Karen Eckmeier presented another technique for curves at her workshop.

The challenge is to make something that is beyond your comfort level that contains curves or looks like it is curved such as "storm at sea" or "drunkard path." The idea is to stretch yourself. If you normally sew curved appliqué, you could try curved piecing. If you normally paper piece, try template curves. If you normally use templates, try a free form landscape such as those of Karen Eckmeier.

Our library has many titles for inspirations with authors like Ruth McDowell, Carol Bryer Fallert, Joan Clovin and many others.

Quilt Show October 16-17, 2009

Barbara Weiss

Sue Lee

The quilt show plans are going forward steadily. We have reserved St. Matthews Church for our show again. Some vendors have already replied.

I attended a NEQM meeting for quilt show chairs and went away with some clever publicity ideas. A "penny sale" idea was to gather fabric scraps (trimmings from sides of a quilt) and leftover strips and sell them for \$5 for a bag or \$0.25 for a sandwich bag for children. A great way to off load those scraps you are not using and stare at guiltily. Please begin saving these strips for sale next fall. Also save coffee cans and large plastic containers for cookie sales.

A reminder to start making small quilts for the silent auction: wall hangings, table runner, baby quilt, napkin/placemat sets, put together a jelly roll and a pattern, etc.

Get Away Weekend

Marian Bressel

It's time to sign up and pay for the *Getaway Weekend*, January 24th and 25th, with options for Friday night, January 23rd and Monday January 26th. These costs can be confusing since there are now so many options. The costs break down as follows:

- Saturday and Sunday: \$160 per person, double occupancy; \$200, single room.
- Friday night: \$75 per person, double occupancy; \$150, single room.
- Staying on Sunday night and sewing on Monday: \$135 per person, double occupancy, \$165, single room.
- For a Sit and Sew day, which includes lunch but dinner is on your own, \$50.

So the totals are:

- Friday + weekend: each person double \$235, single \$350;
- Friday + weekend + Monday: each person double \$370, single \$515;
- Weekend + Monday each person double \$295, single \$365.

Any other combination such as double some time and single other is okay. If you want to come and need a roommate, please let Marian know as soon as possible. See you there!

Quiltathon

Sue Colwell, Fay Martin, Nanette Moffa, Sue Ostberg,
Jan Wilhelm, Joanne Williamson

When: Saturday, February, 28th, 2009, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Where: St. Matthew's Methodist Church
Central Street (exit 41 off Route 2)
Acton, MA

What: Bring completed quilt tops and appropriate backing.

Just a few more pieces of information about the quilts that are needed for the February 28, 2009 event at St. Matthew's Church in Acton:

- ALL sizes of quilts are welcome and needed!
- We need baby quilts, lap quilts, twin quilts--every size will be put to very good use!
- Remember that Joy Sussman has yardage for backings, so measure your tops so that we can get backings for them.

Questions? Please speak to any of us on the Committee.

PS. Did we mention that lunch will be served?

Library

Sheila Macauley
Janet Rich

If any members would like to suggest a book for the library to buy, send Sheila Macauley an email with the name of the book and she will put it on the list for this years suggested books to buy.

Membership

Joan Kerpelman

We have a new member, Kay Landreth, to welcome to our guild, and Jean Palmer has become an associate member. Their contact information will be sent to you via email. If you don't have email, you can call me for the information. As always, stop by the

membership table to check in and to pick up your cards and yearbooks. Remember that guests are welcome to attend our meetings -- the cost for a guest is \$5.00.

Pillowcases Needed

Maura Cain

Winter themed pillowcases needed! Dana Farber and Children's Hospitals host a winter party for the kids in December and are looking for winter themed pillowcases. Please bring them to the next meeting and give them to Maura Cain.

Comfort Quilts - Daytime

Joy Sussman

The comfort quilt program is in need of someone to make quilt labels for us. This would also apply to the Quiltathon. Anyone interested can call Joy Sussman.

The daytime comfort quilt group has been meeting at Joy Sussman's house 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 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. If you are interested, please call Eileen Ryan.

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