

Concord Piecemakers

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May 2009

Susanne Fuller, President

Kathy O'Toole, Editor

President's Message

Susanne Fuller

Our two-day work shop with Philippa Naylor last month was as enlightening as it was enjoyable. There were several times that we exclaimed that the new technique we just learned was worth the price of admission all on its own. We are armed with many new techniques to improve the appearance of any quilt we make from now on.

And speaking of "from now on", at the May meeting we will elect a new president, and this will be my last meeting as president of Concord Piecemakers. It has been a wonderful and enriching experience for me. I have gone through both a Quilt Show and a Yard Sale, one Quiltathon (had to miss the last one due to travel) and all the meetings in between. Some of you know that during this time, we have developed a written description of the board positions. And most significant of all, we have put up a new and beautiful web site that will only grow in its value to our guild. We owe a special word of thanks to Kathy O'Toole, who stepped up to this challenge and has invested more hours than any of us can imagine. And the fact that we don't know how much time she has invested for our benefit is another tribute to her can-do and make-no-fuss style. All of this is in addition to her 'regular' board job of assembling and distributing the monthly newsletter. Bravo to Kathy!

I also owe a debt of gratitude to all the other board members who have carried out their duties faithfully and with great skill. Suzanne Roberts has set up for every meeting (no small task) and has maintained the information boards that are always there. She stepped in to be a minute-taker when Suzanne Knight, who had done a fine job of it, became swamped with a new job. Bonny Kusik has kept our books, managed our funds, and paid all our bills. Ellen Aron has taken the role of historian seriously and has been taking many photos of our members, speakers, and the beautiful quilts we see at each meeting. Scena Proodian has stepped in to assume duties of the Outreach Committee and has made wonderful progress in organizing the big job of collecting and distributing the large number of comfort quilts that our generous members make. Eileen Ryan has led not only the Wearables Group with great style, but she also initiated a Machine Comfort Quilt Group that learns new techniques while giving to others. Joy Sussman leads the other Comfort Quilt Group in addition to being a nearly one woman fund raising force. She designs and leads the creation of our raffle quilt and arranges for it to be on display at places where it may prompt the sale of raffle tickets. Joan Kerpelman has kept the roster of members and welcomed new ones. She patiently distributes all the membership material, including the Yearbook and membership cards. And where would we be without the knowledgeable dedication of the Program Chairmen, Fay Martin and Jenny Johnston? Haven't we had some terrific

programs? And some great workshops, too! And last, but not at all least, I thank Mary Nadwairski for leading the nominating committee. This is a challenging role for which Mary's charm is well suited. In addition to these 'public' duties, all of the board members have generously contributed their valuable knowledge and wisdom during board meeting discussions of various issues.

I thank all of you members who have helped in the many and varied projects that make the guild function. Concord Piecemakers is a fine group of talented people who generously share their knowledge and talents with and for other members.

Susanne

Meetings

Fay Martin

Jenny Johnston

Join us for our Annual Meeting, election of officers for 2009-2010, and budget review....and best of all, show and tell of this year's Challenge: all things circles and curves....we're counting on lots of participation in everything curvy!

Nominating Committee 2009 - 2010 Slate of Officers

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

Our annual election will take place this month at the annual meeting. 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

The success of our guild is dependent on the support of all of the members. The Nominating Committee is very grateful to the current Board and sub committee chairs for all of their hard work during the past year and to the newcomers to the Board of Directors.

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 an even number of squares.
- Sort your squares by fabric if you cut many 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 of the same color would be accepted.

This month please donate **black and white and/or pink and purple** squares. If you still have some yellow, gold and orange nickel squares, please bring them, too. 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 this 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

It is time to sign up for the **Lowell Quilt Festival**. We will be taking our quilt on Thursday and Friday. We need two people to be with the quilt for each two hour shift and one person to white glove the same shifts. White glovers get into the show for half price.

Dates: August 6th 10am - 6 pm and August 7th 10 am - 6 pm.

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 them 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 May 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 a new member to welcome to the guild: Beth Fox. Her contact info has been sent to you.

Membership renewal for the 2009-2010 year is due by the May meeting. The form is attached to the end of this newsletter and is also on the website under "Documents"; print it out, make any changes to your contact information, and remember to sign the new photo release section if you agree to have photos of you or your quilts posted on the website or in other publications. Checks for \$25 for members and \$15 for associate members should be made out to the Concord Piecemakers.

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 _____

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