

# Concord Piecemakers

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## November 2008

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### President's Message

Susanne Fuller

Despite a very cold day and low attendance in the early (cold) hours, the Yard Sale was a great success. Thank you, Jacqui James and Amy Ellsworth! Both new to the guild, they took on a very important task - the primary revenue generator of the year - and brought in \$2,273.00, more than we made in the previous two Yard Sales.

Another very good outcome from the sale was the fact that no fabric was thrown out. Martha Supnik had the name of an organization, called the Boston Project, in Dorchester that makes sleeping bags for the homeless from donated fabric, so my husband and I took a trailer load of leftovers to them. They were very appreciative of our contribution.

Shiela McCauley took some of the books that were left at the end of the day and plans to offer them to the members at the November meeting. And Scena Proodian took all the rest to the Acton library, which was having a book sale the following weekend.

See you at the November 19<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Susanne

### Meetings

Fay Martin

Jenny Johnston

This month we welcome Sylvia Einstein, a renowned contemporary textile artist. She will discuss the use of commercially printed fabrics in American and European contemporary quilts. On Thursday Sylvia will be leading us through her workshop "Circlemania" which explores the use of manipulated quarter circles.

If you are taking Sylvia Einstein's workshop on November 20<sup>th</sup> and you do NOT have a supply list, please contact Fay Martin. She will make sure you get one. There are still 2 openings left!

We are looking forward to the Quilted Crow vending at our November meeting. They are another wonderful local shop, located on Stow Road, right off Route 111 in Boxborough. You can have a preview by visiting their web site [www.thequiltedcrow.com](http://www.thequiltedcrow.com)

### **Heads up for December:**

Please plan to join the Guild on December 10 for our annual Holiday Party; note the special early start time of 7:00 pm. 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; instead, we will devote our meeting to hilarity and bonding. Our goal is to better know one another and for each of us to know more of our fascinating Guild members...So, come and share a non-stress evening of fellowship before the press of the holidays is in full swing. You might just make a new best friend.

### **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, Phillipa Naylor of E. Yorkshire, England. Phillipa 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, Phillipa 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). Phillipa is noted for precision sewing and exquisite detail and she will share all her secrets with us. Among her many awards, Phillipa 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.phillipanaylor.com](http://www.phillipanaylor.com).

As always, suggestions for 'More Before' sessions are always welcome. Your suggestion does not mean that you have to give the presentation. Is there something that has been covered in the past that you would like to have repeated? Let Fay Martin or Jenny Johnston know.

## **Yard Sale**

Jacqui James

Amy Ellsworth

Amy and I thank all those who participated in any way with the Yard Sale - helping with drop-off, set-up, sales, clean-up, donating items, shopping. As we all know, it takes lots of people working together to make these fund-raisers work.

The really good news is that we raised \$2,273.00 with this sale.

Thanks especially to all the experienced and seasoned guild members who pitched in and guided our efforts, since we are both new to the guild and had never even been to one of these yard sales. Their help and input was invaluable. Special kudos go to all those working on that COLD Saturday morning.

It was our pleasure to work with such a dedicated group of quilters.

## **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  $\frac{1}{2}$  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.

Of greater importance, we have openings for several crucial committee chairs. It would help Sue Lee's and my sanity if we fill them as soon as possible. We are counting on you stepping up to volunteer your talents. Here is the list. Mentoring a position would prepare you to take on responsibility for the next show or continue working with the chairperson.

Data Entry - two people needed to mentor with Ruth Flynn

Publishing - mentor with Marian Bressel

Registration - mentor with Lois Frampton

Silent Auction - chair

Show Hanging - chair

Wearables - chair

Guild shop - chair

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

The Quiltathon is coming!!

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When: Saturday, February, 28<sup>th</sup>, 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.

The Guild will provide batting and thread to complete the quilt. To make the best use of our time, all quilts will be tied. This year we have been asked to supply only quilts. There does not seem to be a need for pillows. We will concentrate on completing as many warm, wonderful quilts as we can.

Come join in the fun!!

A wonderful lunch will be provided as well as morning coffee and munchies!

## **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 would like to welcome our three new members to the guild: Anita Barker, Barbara Krebs, and Vanetta McFadden. We also welcome back Amy Ludlam. Their contact information was 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.

## **Pillowcases Needed**

Maura Cain

ConKerr Cancer pillowcase kits will be available at the meeting. Fabric from the yard sale was used to make the kits. A demonstration will be shown for a magic cuff. Finished pillowcases should be returned at the December meeting.

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.