

Concord Piecemakers

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President's Message

Susanne Fuller

The major fund raiser of this year is our Yard Sale on Saturday, October 18 (rain date is the 25th). Amy Ellsworth and Jacqui James have been busy planning. If you have not yet signed up to help with the sale, please do. We really need the help of ALL members - a reasonable thing considering that this event (and the alternate year quilt show) generates the funds which we need to provide the excellent speakers we all enjoy at our meetings. You can make a big difference by volunteering for as little as 2 hours. There are activities to suit all.

Of course, we also need your fabric surplus, already-read books and magazines, unused gadgets, and UFO's. Just because you don't need them anymore doesn't mean that they won't be "just the right thing" for someone else.

Another way you can help is to tell everyone you know (and some you don't) about the sale.

I want to thank Maura Cain and Cathy Bakinowski for their generosity. Because of the time they have volunteered for the guild, their employer, United States Trust, has granted their request for a grant to the guild of [\\$250](#) each. That is a wonderful assist to the treasury. Maura and Cathy have made some suggestions to the board on how best to use this grant.

Due to a scheduling conflict, the location of the October 15, 2008 meeting of the Concord Piecemakers has been changed to the sanctuary of St. Matthews Methodist Church at 435 Central Street, in Acton.

If you have no problems walking, would you please park as far around the parking semi-circle as possible (close to the exit) and then use the door that is on that far side of the building. This will help accommodate the crowd that will

be coming for another meeting at the church that night. Thank you for your cooperation.

I hope to see you at the October 15th meeting at St. Matthews Methodist Church in Acton.

Susanne

Meetings

Fay Martin

Jenny Johnston

The October meeting will feature Sharon Stroud. Her talk will focus on appliqué and will feature a sampling of quilts from her book, Dresden Plates of Distinction, as well as numerous others from throughout her quilting career. She has a wonderful reputation as a speaker and will entertain us with her many anecdotes. She is one of the most popular teachers/lecturers in the Finger Lakes Region. Check her website at www.sharonstroud.com.

Be sure to bring Show and Tell; let us all see what you've been doing!

HEADS UP FOR OUR NEXT WORKSHOP WITH SYLVIA EINSTEIN!

Following our November 19 meeting, we are excited that Sylvia Einstein will give us a workshop on Thursday, November 20 at St. John's Lutheran in Sudbury. The workshop, *Circlemania*, is described by Sylvia as follows: "*Quarter circles are endlessly fascinating, they can be pieced in rounds, off-center, or traditionally, they can meander across the surface or in an intuitive way with backgrounds from light to dark creating paths. We'll design with bigger blocks for dramatic effect and ease of sewing. The focus of my classes is manipulating large-scale printed and unusual fabrics but subtle effects are also possible.*" Sylvia's website is www.sheinstein.addr.com for more information and pictures of her quilts.

Fee for this class will be \$40.00 and your check to CPM will be your registration. Registration is currently open. We have only 2 spaces left for Sylvia's workshop, so get your checks in to Fay Martin to hold your place...spaces are limited to 20 participants. If you have signed up but not paid, please send a check to Fay for \$40 made out to Concord Piecemakers ASAP; after the workshop is filled we will start a waiting list.

The Woolpak will be vending this month. They recently participated in the Worcester Sewing Expo. Janet and her staff know many quilters who knit and knitters who quilt.

They will bring trims, buttons, yarns, and more to tempt all knitters, embellishers, and quilters. They have a friendly, bright shop on Rt. 119 in Littleton. Check out their website www.woolpakyarn.com for a shop tour. They are offering a 4-day Sally Melville workshop Nov. 1 - 4 and have openings in both the Sunday and Monday evening classes.

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

Our yard sale is scheduled for October 18 (rain date October 25th) -- only about six weeks from now! Drop off of items for the sale will be Friday evening (October 17th) from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm at St. Matthews Methodist Church, 435 Central Street, Acton. **(Please DO NOT drop items off at the church before Friday evening!)** If you cannot make the Friday night drop off, please contact Joy Sussman or Scena Proodian to arrange another option for drop off.

We will be distributing bookmarks and flyers as well as signing up volunteers for all shifts at the September meeting. Volunteers are needed for Friday drop-off and Saturday all day through clean-up.

Items that sell well include fabric, quilting and sewing notions, quilting magazines, yarn and knitting accessories, patterns and craft materials. If possible, please label your donations with suggested prices. Please roll individual pieces of fabric, secure them with tape or a rubber band, and indicate its yardage. We generally sell fabrics for \$1.00 a yard; however we plan to have a boutique items table for better fabrics and notions. Magazines should be bundled in batches of 10 -12. Questions, suggestions - contact Jacqui James or Amy Ellsworth.

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 will be Sharon

Stroud. She will be speaking 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

Thank you to all of you who have agreed to be a committee chair for the Concord Piecemaker Quilt Show '09. We still need to fill chairs for Wearables, Silent Auction, and Gift Shop, and need to confirm chairs for Layout Design, Show Hanging, and Take Down. Keep in mind that we will be looking for items for the Silent Auction, such as small quilts, baby quilts, wall hangings, table runners, placemats and napkin sets, quilted bags, etc. We are sure you creative quilters can think of other interesting and creative small items.

Remember, we need all of you to help prepare for the show as well as work the show next October. Think about where you can grow, learn, and get to know other CP quilters, old and new.

Get Away Weekend

Marian Bressel

Put aside the weekend of January 24th, 2009 for our GET-AWAY WEEKEND at the Colonial Hotel in Gardner, MA. Sign up at the November meeting or e-mail Marian Bressel to reserve a spot. A \$25.00 deposit reserves your space; balance will be due in December.

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'd like to welcome two new members to our guild: Marion Deroian and Kathie Peloquin, and a renewed member Ginny Earle who all joined at our last meeting. Marilyn Brownlie, Barbara Kozenko, and Joan Neisser have new email addresses. Please look for an email with all the information for your yearbooks. Those without email, please call the membership chair for the updated information.

As always, when you come to meetings stop at the membership table, check in, and collect whatever cards, badges, and yearbooks we may have for you.

Raffle Quilt

Joy Sussman

A Quilters Gathering is coming and we will be taking our raffle quilt. The attendance at the Lowell Quilt Festival this summer was down and therefore so was our ticket sales. Hoping to make up for this, I have signed us up to have our quilt at the Gathering all four days. We usually sell a lot of tickets there. This is a great show with many vendors and I know you will enjoy going. If you are new to the guild, the opportunity to spend a couple of hours selling tickets with someone is a good way to make a new friend.

Dates: Nov.6-9 (Thur.-Sun.). Time: 6th, 7th, 8th will be 10am to 6pm. Sunday will be 10am to 3pm.

Location: Radisson Hotel, Nashua, New Hampshire. This is only a 30 minute drive and the hotel is right beside Rt.3.

We need two people for each 2 hour shift. You do not have to be a salesman - the quilt sells itself! With weekdays and weekends there is a time for everyone.

Please check your calendars and sign up at the October meeting. The Guild needs your help.

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

We will get back to our regular schedule in October. We have 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 new 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.