

Concord Piecemakers

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President's Message

Susanne Fuller

September carries bad news and good news for me. The bad news is that summer is coming to an end. And summers are never long enough to begin with. The good news is that the Concord Piecemakers Guild resumes its monthly meetings after a summer hiatus.

The Program Chairmen (Fay Martin and Jenny Johnston) have scheduled some wonderful speakers for us. In addition, there will be a workshop or two, the Quiltathon, some social events, and of course the big yard sale which Amy Ellsworth and Jacqui James have been preparing all summer. I hope you have been reviewing your fabric stash, collection of books and magazines, and assorted tools and gadgets to identify items to bring to the yard sale. Don't forget those UFO's either.

And Kathy O'Toole has been working hard all summer to provide the guild with a new website! Congratulations and thank you, Kathy!

I hope to see you at the September 17th meeting.

Susanne

Meetings

Fay Martin

Jenny Johnston

The September meeting will feature speaker Vivien Sayre whose program will be on symbols in quilts: those deliberate, often secret and personal messages stitched into the design that are meant for the recipient or viewer. Vivien will discuss these codes hidden in antique, especially Victorian Crazy, and contemporary quilts. We are invited to bring to the lecture quilts we think have symbols for Vivien to discuss.

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

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.*"

Fee for this class will be \$40.00 and your check to CPM will be your registration.

Registration is currently open. Sylvia's website is www.sheinstein.addr.com for more information and pictures of her quilts. We have already had a number of registrations for Sylvia's workshop, so get your checks in to Fay to hold your place...spaces are limited to 20 participants.

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.

Library

Sheila Macauley
Janet Rich

Would people who borrowed books from the library last year and did not return them during the summer to Sheila's house, please return them at the September meeting. Lost books will be charged a \$25.00 lost fee.

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

Welcome back to all our returning members and a special welcome to our new member Barbara McCarty who has joined us.

Please stop by the Membership table before each meeting to sign in. You can also pick up yearbooks, Fabric Place discount cards, and badges/membership cards if you don't already have them. Don't forget to wear your name badge to the meetings. Please check your entry in the yearbook and let us know right away if any changes need to be made.

Raffle Quilt

Joy Sussman

Please help Joy! She needs volunteers to sell tickets at West Acton Oktoberfest, Saturday, October 4th, and our Yard Sale, Saturday October 18th. Please sign up at the September meeting.

Pillowcases Needed

Maura Cain

If you made any additional pillowcases over the summer, 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.

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