

Concord Piecemakers

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Marla Richmond, President

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President's Message

Marla Richmond

Passover and Easter are over and you know what that means: spring is on the way. Time to shake out the cobwebs that have formed in our heads and on our UFOs. Time to finish up the UFOs for the June drawing! Maybe even start something new? We have a fabulous workshop on thread painting this month and that is the best excuse to start something new and different.

At the March meeting I took home 23 comfort quilts for Scena. Piecemakers sure do a good job of getting comfort to those who need it. And a big thank you to everyone who donated fabric and/or time to the Harvard Girl Scouts. You know that Girl Scouts are quilters in training.

Be sure to get the paper pieced block for the raffle quilt in at the April meeting. I can't wait to see the new quilt. We do have a reputation to uphold and I know we can do it.

There are still openings on the board for 2010-2011. We need new blood in the program committee. If you need encouragement, talk to Fay Martin or me. I did programs for five years and hated to give it up. Who else can say they got Liz Potter dinner at Kimball's, from the ice cream window? You know what great people quilters are and meeting new teachers and lecturers is great. Give it a try.

Don't forget to renew your membership. I'll be checking on you.

Happy Spring!

Marla

Request from the VP

Barbara Kozenko

If you have anything that belongs to the guild (extension cords, banners, etc.), please contact Barbara. She is compiling a list of all the assets available to the guild so we can find things more easily. Thanks!

Meetings

Fay Martin

Jenny Johnston

Our April 21st meeting is titled "*THREADPAINTING*" and is presented by Caren Betlinski. Caren's thread-painted quilts are a wonder; she creates true works of art. Her painterly use of colored threads shows what else can be done with our machines and suggests ways we can embellish and

enhance our quilts. Caren will present a trunk show of her work and describe how she achieves her results, and how a special education teacher became an artist.

Workshop signup: *Thread Painting*

Learn Caren's techniques and explore another way to use your sewing machine. We will create a quick machine appliqué background. Over this background we will compose an arrangement of Black-eyed-Susans and then use basic thread painting techniques to create details and interest. This 2-day class will enable you to nearly finish your piece; if you can only spare a day, you will learn the basics and get a good start.

Not sure about this one? Check out the following URL for a look at the project and commentary from a former student:

<http://pearlstreetroad.blogspot.com/2009/08/thread-painting-class-from-caren.html>

Cost: \$70 for 2 days; \$40 for the first day only, plus kit fee
Dates: Thursday and Friday, April 23-24
Place and time: St. John's Lutheran Church, Sudbury, 9:30-4
Kit fee: \$20 payable to Caren

To register, send your check to Fay Martin made out to Concord Piecemakers. You will receive a supply list by return mail.

Nominating Committee

Diane Payne

The Nominating Committee is happy to present this slate of officers for the 2010-2011 Concord Piecemakers.

President	Marla Richmond
Vice President	Barbara Kozenko
Treasurer	Kitty Shaw
Secretary	Carol Duff
Historian	Ellen Aron

We are still looking to fill a few committee positions. These positions would be ideal for sharing as a team effort.

Available positions are: Program Committee, Yard Sale (October '10) and Vendors.

Please contact Diane Campbell Payne (Chair) or any member of the Nominating Committee (Joyce Erickson, Judy Clark, Susanne Fuller, Dorothy Sonnichsen) if you are interested in one of these opportunities or would like to suggest someone to fill these positions.

Wearables Group

Eileen Ryan

The Wearables group will be having a fashion show and some demonstrations next January at the regular meeting. As part of our evening, we would like to have a contest for decorating shoes. They can be humorous, glamorous, bejeweled, painted, stamped - whatever catches your fancy. They can be any kind of shoe from sneakers to stilettos. There will be prizes. We look forward to seeing what the group can produce. Any questions can be directed to Eileen Ryan.

Raffle Quilt

Joy Sussman

Remember to return your blocks at this meeting. This quilt is like giant puzzle and we can't put it together without every block. Thanks for helping - hope it was fun!

Quilt Exhibit at Emerson Hospital from June 16 - August 17

Rosaria T. Colosi

If you plan to display a quilt at Emerson, please bring it to the May meeting. Rose will be collecting them before the meeting.

Here are the specifics:

- The dimensions of the quilt cannot exceed 30 inches across and 36 inches down.
- Include a sleeve and a small dowel 2 inches longer than the quilt.
- Include a card with your name, address and telephone number, a name for your quilt, your asking price or NFS. The Auxiliary will take 25% of the sale.

The exhibit has room for 18-25 quilts. We will try to display all in a rotation.

New England Quilt Museum Member Guild Challenge: From Lobstah to Green Monstah: What's Best About New England

Marla Richmond

As part of Images 2010, the Lowell Quilt Festival and the New England Quilt Museum have issued a First Annual Challenge to member guilds. The rules of the challenge are outlined below. Challenge entries will be featured in a Special Exhibit at the Images Quilt Show, August 12-14, 2010. Entries will then be donated to the New England Quilt Museum for a fund-raiser event to take place at a later date.

Challenge Rules:

Eligibility: One (1) quilt from each NEQM Member Guild. The guild's entry may be made by multiple guild members or by one person representing the entire guild.

Size: The quilt's perimeter must measure no more than 144 inches and no less than 96 inches. The quilt need not be square.

Your quilt may be original or traditional in design, pieced or appliquéd, and embellished in any way you choose. It must be hand or machine quilted with a binding, and must have a 3-inch hanging sleeve.
Due Date: June 30, 2010.

If you are interested in participating in this challenge on behalf of Concord Piecemakers, please contact Marla Richmond.

Outreach

Scena Proodian

Sorry to have missed the March meeting. Concord would have been a huge preference over cool, rainy El Paso. Thanks to those who finished and delivered quilts to the meeting, to those who are finishing up more Comfort quilts and to those who will find the time to finish theirs...like me! Per Marla - she took home numerous finished quilts at the March meeting and is "quilt-sitting" for me.

Please let me know if you have a new organization that needs our support. Also, if any guild member is interested in helping with the outreach efforts, just give me a call. A huge thanks to all who support this effort and thanks for allowing me to represent the Guild in the deliveries.

Membership

Carol Hartman

Please submit your membership registrations for 2010-2011. They are due by the May meeting. A form can be found at the end of this newsletter, downloaded from the Concord Piecemakers web site or picked up at the membership table at any meeting. If anyone wants one mailed to them, let Carol Hartman know. Please sign the Photo Release section indicating your permission in the event that the guild publishes your photo or a photo of your quilt on the website or in any other publication. All associate members are asked to do the same. Everyone should indicate all changes on the bottom part of the form.

CPM 2009-2010 UFO Program

Fay Martin

Jenny Johnston

Join us this year in finishing some/all(?) of your lingering projects. Our program is meant to encourage and inspire you to get those old projects done, even re-create those you thought you'd never finish. Be eligible for our grand prize drawing in June.

Here's how to play:

Finish a quilt project started before January 2009. (The UFO may have been finished since our June meeting for the Quilt Show.)

- Bring it to a monthly meeting where we will have a separate UFO show and tell.
- Fill out a slip for each quilt finished and shown and then drop it in the lovely container.

At the end of the June meeting, we will draw a slip for the Grand Prize and others prizes. For this program, a UFO is any quilt project begun before January 2009; that is, it must have been cut out or sewn on, not just imagined or designed. A quilt will be considered finished when it is quilted and bound, ready for display or presentation.

Challenge Quilt for 2009-2010

Elana Schreiber
Sharon Laughlin

This year we are focusing on finishing UFO's (unfinished objects). I was looking at my box of unfinished treasures and realized that with each one there is some reason that I have not worked on it for a while. By far the most common reason for me is that it had lost its excitement for me and I would rather start something new! I thought that if I were to take one of these quilts and adopt the following requirements, it would be more fun to finish.

Create things in your quilt that start with the first letter of your name. Include at least 5 of them. Your initials must appear somewhere in your quilt. A heart must appear somewhere in your quilt.

These requirements may be met with appliqué, piecing or incorporated into the quilting. Have fun!

Pillow Cases

Maura Cain

Maura collected 10 pillowcases at the March meeting. She will bring new kits to the April meeting for those who would like help.

Library

Sheila Macauley
Janet Rich

Just a reminder to members to remember to return any books that you have had out.

Comfort Quilts - Daytime

Joy Sussman

We meet on the 1st and 3rd rd Monday each month at 1:00 PM at Joy Sussman's house. Please feel free to join us. Contact Joy Sussman for more details!

Daytime Machine Comfort Quilt Group

Eileen Ryan

A group of quilters making Charity Quilts by machine meets the first Friday of the month at West Concord Assisted Living by the West Concord train station from 10 am to 2 pm. We work on simply pieced patterns and help each other come up with machine quilting ideas to finish them. Come join us.

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: Please check one:

- I give the Concord Piecemakers Guild permission to post photograph(s) of me and/or my quilts on the Concord Piecemakers website or other publications.
- I do not give the 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 _____