

Concord Piecemakers

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President's Message

Marla Richmond

We have now gotten through Thanksgiving and are facing the last month of the year. The ancients created festivals using fire to fight the darkness. Personally, I like my Ott lamp. At this time of year we think of those we love and those who need a little more love. Good luck finding the perfect gift for everyone on your list. While thinking of all the folks we owe gifts to, think also of those who need a little more care. Get those quiltathon quilts started (and finished). Put a few cans of food in the food pantry boxes. Send some cookies to our protectors overseas. Make a few pillow cases to cheer someone who faces treatment to stay alive. Enjoy the holidays by sharing them.

Thank you to Sue Colwell for recommending the guild double our gift to the New England Quilt Museum. We have challenged the other supporting guilds and they are doing their part. Concord Piecemakers has done our part as a guild, but individuals are also encouraged to give a little to keep our Museum going. New England Quilt Museum was created by local guilds and now has a national reputation. When I was program chair EVERY out-of-town speaker wanted to see the Museum. Think of all it has given us local quilters: quilts we would not otherwise have seen, a library for research, a place to meet other quilters, a place that many Piecemakers have exhibited work. We need this resource. Think about digging a little deeper this year. We all face short falls, but we don't want to lose something that has come so far and given us so much.

Our annual holiday party is coming up on December 9. Bring something yummy to share with your fellow Piecemakers: nothing that needs to be heated, cut with a knife and fork or can run away. Relax with your friends. Our Program Committee has some wonderful plans and our Board has some little surprises. Let's start off the season right with light and laughter.

See you on December 9 at 7:00!

Marla

p.s.

Jenny Johnson certainly inspired us to get into a journaling mode. Anyone who is interested in doing a journal quilt with other members please contact Elana Schreiber. She has already bought a shocking pink journal!

Meetings

Fay Martin
Jenny Johnston

ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY

Note the date: **December 9**
Note the earlier time: **7:00**

Please bring finger food for 6-8 for our holiday repast; as always the Guild will supply the drinks.

Note the agenda: by popular request, our program (after eating) will be a reprise of several "more before" demonstrations. Some will be popular repeats; some entirely new. At stations around the room, learn techniques that could make your quilting projects easier, more polished, and more efficient to produce. Feel free to bring any handwork or other projects to work on during our time together. Don't forget to bring any UFOs or other projects to show and tell.

HEADS UP FOR THE JANUARY MEETING: CHANGE OF PROGRAM!

Sometimes we come across a program that just can't wait for another season; and we have found one this year. Several Piecemakers were blown away by a recent presentation on the subject of sewing machine tension, and we just couldn't wait to share it with the rest of our Guild. So for our January meeting, Cathy Racine of the Charlton Sewing Center will provide our program. Some of you know Cathy as the owner of this unique shop and as a sewing machine technician *extraordinaire*. Ok, ok, so I feel you shaking your heads (I did too). How exciting can this be, I've been sewing and adjusting my tension on the fly for years! Well, somehow Cathy's lively and informative talk, complete with props, will teach you a thing or two. And she does it in the most engaging way. She will also bring the many threads she carries and she will answer all your questions. This is a must-see program, and I can't wait to see it all over again.

Please note that our January program that we will be starting at 7:15 that night to give the speaker ample time for all her information and for questions.

Getaway

Marian Bressel

Here's the scoop on Getaway Weekend 2010:

LOCATION: Colonial Hotel, Gardner, MA.

DATES: Friday January 29, Saturday January 30, Sunday January 31, and Monday February 1.

PACKAGE: Dinner, a room, and breakfast. This can be applied to Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.

STUDIO HOURS: Saturday and Sunday 8:00 a.m. 'til midnight; Monday 8:00 a.m. 'til 5:00 p.m.

The basic getaway is Saturday and Sunday. Meals included are: Saturday lunch and dinner, Sunday breakfast and lunch. If you want to stay late on Sunday but not sleep over until Monday, you will have to buy your own dinner (should you be able to tear yourself away from your sewing). The Sunday night option includes dinner Sunday night, breakfast Monday, and a light lunch Monday. The Friday night option includes dinner Friday and breakfast Saturday. The studio will close Monday at 5:00 pm.

Costs are:

	SINGLE	DOUBLE (TWO PEOPLE SHARING A ROOM)
Friday night (includes Friday dinner, a room, and Saturday breakfast)	\$215	\$151
Saturday night (includes Saturday lunch, dinner, a room and Sunday breakfast and lunch)	\$215	\$151
Sunday night (includes Sunday dinner, a room and Monday breakfast and light lunch)	\$205	\$141
Sit and Sew	\$65 (lunch only)	

Payment in full is due at the December 9 meeting. The rooming lists must be finalized for the hotel right after New Years, so the earlier you commit the better.

If you have any questions, please contact Marian Bressel.

See you there!

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!

Pillowcases

Maura Cain

Last month we received **109** pillowcases, thank you very much! If you have any pillowcases, please wash them and bring them to the next meeting.

Library

Sheila Macauley

Janet Rich

If anyone would like to suggest any books for the library to purchase, please email your Librarian, Sheila Macauley.

Comfort Quilts - Daytime

Joy Sussman

We will not be meeting during December but will resume in January. See you then!

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.