

Concord Piecemakers

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June 2010

Marla Richmond, President

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President's Message

Marla Richmond

Wow, the last meeting of the year. It has gone so fast! I hope everyone has enjoyed 2009-2010 at Concord Piecemakers as much as I have. Quite a year. I also hope that everyone has gotten their dues in for next year. It is shaping up to be another wonderful year of quilting and friendship. Among the programs for next year is a workshop with Gerald Roy on color. You heard him, now work with him. It should be fabulous. And wait until you see some of the speakers we have coming.

Please try to make our June meeting. We will be passing next year's budget, seeing some great show and tell, drawing the winner for the UFO challenge and eating. What could be better?

Remember all of the quilt shows and festivals coming up this summer. We will need people to sell tickets for our fabulous raffle quilt at the Lowell Quilt Festival. You can sit and chat while the tickets sell themselves (the quilt is great) then go see the show and the vendors. A win-win! There are shows on the Cape, in Vermont, in Maine, just about everywhere. Try to take in a few. Nothing gets you going like observing what other people are doing. Enjoy yourself and create!

Have a great summer. Keep in touch. Celebrate the sun!

Marla

Welcoming New Members

Laurie LaConte

I am interested in trying to come up with some new ways to make Concord Piecemakers more comfortable and welcoming to new members. If you have any ideas, thoughts that you would like to share with me, or feedback about your own experience as a new member and what might have helped you to feel connected, please get in touch with me. If you are interested in working on this project with me, please let me know!

Meetings

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Jenny Johnston

Our big finale this year is the Annual Potluck and Big Show and Tell. Please remember that we start at 7:00pm; bring finger food to share; as always we will provide the drinks.

We're assuming you're working hard on the final stitches of Elana's Challenge and your final UFOs. After Show and Tell we will draw for the basket, so please come if you've shown a UFO this year and have your name in the drawing; if you win, I don't want to deliver. (But, of course, I will).

We'll also be having a brief business meeting to review and approve the budget for next year.

Gerald Roy Workshop in September

We are so excited to announce that Gerald Roy has agreed to give us an all-day color palette workshop on Saturday, September 25. This workshop will follow up on his wonderful lecture in March. We are still working on a venue; hopefully it will be at St. John's, but if that space is not available I would welcome suggestions for other possibilities. The workshop will not involve sewing, but will involve working with lots of fabrics and colors. Under Gerald's guidance, each participant will determine her own color palette preferences that work aesthetically.

This workshop truly is a special opportunity, as Gerald does not teach often. He will take as many students as can comfortably fit in the space we are able to find. So, if you are interested, please let me know by email, phone or at the meeting. I will put you on a list, but a \$50 check will secure your space!! I expect this to be a popular workshop, held on a Saturday so that hopefully more people will be available. Mark your calendars now!!

Yard Sale - October 23, 2010

This is a reminder to clean out all of those boxes, drawers, and Rubber Maid tubs because we are getting ready for our YARD SALE. It's that time again! This is your chance to make room for new books, yards of material, and other goodies that you will be hunting for on your summer vacations. Also, please check with friends to see if they have any no longer loved treasures to donate. Then, just pack up the stuff and make a date to drop it off. Presto! More room for your stash!

We need material (no poly, please), quilting or sewing notions and tools, batting, patterns, yarn, books/magazines, needlework kits, and any miscellaneous craft items.

Mark your calendars for Saturday, October 23rd for the CPM Yard Sale at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church in Acton. Remember, this is our only fund raising event for 2010.

Thanks for your help! We really need everyone on this one. Please call Monica Natwig or Jan Allen to arrange a time for drop offs during the summer and early fall.

Charity Strip Block project

Susan Monsegur

As some of you may know, Maura Cain and Susan Monsegur have been providing 12 inch muslin squares and 2.5 inch red center strips along with printed directions, at the meetings as the starting point in making a strip block. Fabric strips are then sewn (and flipped) onto the muslin to complete the block; no need to trim, as we will square up the blocks and sew them together.

We would like to thank Marian Bressel and Marla Richmond for donating red strip fabric and Donna Morales-Oemig for donating a bolt of soft Minky-like fabric that we plan to use on the back of some quilts. We thank all of you for donating your blocks. "Many hands make light work."

If you have completed any blocks, please make a note to bring them to the June meeting so we can assemble them into charity quilts over the summer.

Nominating Committee

Diane Payne

We are in need of a Programs chairperson! It's a fabulous job because you get to meet and work with famous quilters who also happen to be nice people. The first year is already set up so all you have to do is introduce the speakers and get to work on the 2011-2012 season. Please contact Diane Payne if you are interested.

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.

Outreach

Scena Proodian

Can't believe that it is already June and we are at the end of our Guild meetings. Remember if you finish any quilts during our "summer vacation" just give me a call to arrange a drop-off or pick up.

May was a busy month:

- Rose Colosi returned from Florida and I dropped off two arm loads of quilts for Bethke Center at Emerson
- Twin and lap sized quilts were delivered to Parlin Nursing Hospice in Wayland
- Ten dorm quilts were delivered to Shirley Weinberg for the Orphanage in Cambodia
- Eloise Newell picked up a variety of quilts for Families in Transition in Nashua, NH

I have also been working with a contact here in Acton to provide quilts for young mothers and their babies at Spring House which is located in Berlin.

Have a wonderful summer full of just enough hours of quilting. Stay safe and see you in September or at the fabric store!

Membership

Carol Hartman

Membership renewal is coming to an end. Those of you who have not renewed have received a letter informing you of the impending cancellation of your membership. The registration form is again included in this newsletter. If you are not intending to renew your membership, a quick email or phone call would be helpful.

Jo-Ann's is not issuing VIP discount cards to the guild this year. Instead they are asking each member to sign up online at joann.com/VIP. The new card is valid 8/1/10-8/31/11. Members who do not have internet access can phone in their information to 877-604-2280. The discount card will have to be validated by store management prior to first use by providing proof of organization membership and a state issued photo ID.

Library

Sheila Macauley

Janet Rich

Would all members who have borrowed library books please return them at the June meeting as Janet and I have to do the inventory in August to account for all the books. If you do not return them at the June meeting, you will have to bring them to my house before we do the inventory. Thanks.

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 _____