

Concord Piecemakers

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President's Message

Marla Richmond

Will the sun ever come back? It must. It sure shined on the Concord Piecemakers Quiltathon this year! We sent lots of loving quilts off to places where they will spread sunshine. Thanks to all of the members who contributed time, effort, talent, quilts and friendship to our annual charity event. And a special thanks to the organizers: Jan Wilhelm, Joanne Williamson, Fay Martin, Nanette Moffa, Susan Ostberg and Sue Colwell. And it doesn't end there! We have comfort quilt groups meeting monthly and any comfort quilts that you make on your own can be brought to meetings for distribution. And don't forget pillow cases for ConKerr!

On March 17 we will mark 30 years of Concord Piecemakers. Did you know that some of the original members still belong to our guild? Gerald Roy will be presenting a brand new, never before heard lecture on color. Feel free to invite friends to attend (non-members pay a nominal fee) to learn from this great lecturer on a topic we all can learn more about. Once again, I'm bringing paper to take notes.

I look forward to seeing lots of sunshine and smiling faces soon!

Marla

p.s. Concord Piecemakers are well known for our volunteer work. Two members even showed up on the Vermont Quilt Festival website checking in at the volunteer table!

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

Do we have a special treat in store for you this month! Gerald Roy of the Pilgrim/Roy Collection (www.pilgrimroy.com) will be our guest speaker with a new presentation entitled, "It's All About Color". You are probably familiar with Gerald and Paul's work in the quilting world going way back to the '60s when they began collecting antique quilts. They were among the first to collect quilts for

their aesthetic value and they went on to be pioneers in the now 40-year old resurgence of Quilting as we know it today. They collaborated on the interior design of the Museum of the American Quilter's Society; they co-curated shows, and co-authored many publications. Gerald continues to be active writing, speaking, and appraising quilts, and in his consulting business. You have probably seen shows of their collection from time to time at selected venues. At our meeting Gerald will bring items from the collection to illustrate his talk on color in quilts.

Gerald Roy's lecture will be a highlight of our year; this meeting would be a good one to invite guests. We look forward to seeing you all at the March meeting. Please note that Gerald will be speaking in April at NEQM and in June at the Vermont Quilt Festival; but in March we will have him all to ourselves.

Extra Credit: Just pawing through my old quilting "stuff", I recently found a pattern put out by Pilgrim-Roy Productions, dated 1987. For all you who have been quilting since back in the day, does anyone else have anything produced by Pilgrim-Roy? If so, bring it, and let's all share with Gerald how he's been with us all this time!

Workshop signups:

Space is going fast for our April workshop on *Thread Painting* with Caren Betlinski! 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>. Please note that this student took a 1-day class and our 2-day class on the same topic will enable us to go at a more leisurely pace and probably finish the project.

In Caren's workshop on April 22-23, we will learn the basics of thread painting, yet another way to use our machine.

Please note that your check reserves your space. After the March meeting, we will open up registration to non-guild members and will advertise to other guilds. If you can't be at the March meeting, please send a check to Fay Martin made out to Concord Piecemakers.

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

Your check reserves your place. This should be a popular and FUN workshop. Don't be intimidated!! I know I am since I don't paint, but Caren is most lovely and patient, and as a former special needs teacher, I think she can even teach me!

Raffle Quilt

Joy Sussman

We are ready to start construction of our next raffle quilt. Paper piece patterns and fabric will be available at the March meeting for you to have fun being part of this.

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.

Extra Yarn?

Tina van Roggen is collecting yarn for some folks who are making comfort afghans. Look at this as a way to do a good deed and clean out some space for more fabric! Please bring yarn in any amount that you do not need to the next Concord Piecemakers meeting. Tina will forward it to the proper channels!

Outreach

Scena Proodian

At the January meeting, I received 16 quilts for the Outreach inventory. The CPM Quiltathon on Saturday, February 20th was a BONANZA! We received 156 quilts (tops with backings, tops alone and finished quilts). We were able to finish 50 quilts of assorted sizes and colors and were able to "layer-up" most of the balance. Some members took home a few layered items to finish. The balance is residing at Joy's to be completed by the Comfort Quilt group. My house is overflowing with colors, patterns and magic...waiting for delivery to those who need warmth, comfort and a smile. Also Maura Cain reports that pillowcases for ConKer continue to come in with 28 received at the last meeting.

Outreach efforts:

A big thanks to Maura Cain who wrote to tell me about a Concord family who lost their home to fire. They are neighbors to CPM member Diane Payne. With Diane's help, I was pleased to deliver a large bed quilt for the parents and two smaller quilts for the children.

A large machine quilted bed quilt was provided to a Senior Center for their upcoming raffle

We have a new organization for our quilts. I will be delivering lap size and larger quilts to:

Parlin House Hospice Residence
Cochituate Road
Wayland, MA

Please let me know if you have a new organization that needs quilts. 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

Say hello to our newest member Lola Chaisson.

Please remember to take your CPM membership cards and a photo ID when validating your Jo-Ann's discount cards. They also will ask you to sign the card.

It's time to start membership renewals for next year. When you register, please fill out the Photo Release section and sign it. This allows/disallows photos of you or your quilts to be published on the website or other publications. The bottom section of the form should be used if you are new or have any changes from the information published in the last Yearbook. The registration form is attached and is also available on the website.

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!

Library

Sheila Macauley
Janet Rich

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

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.