

Concord Piecemakers

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May 2010

Marla Richmond, President

Kathy O'Toole, Editor

President's Message

Marla Richmond

Spring has finally sprung! Only two more fabulous meetings until summer break. And what meetings they will be. May brings back Cathy Miller and John Burge, The Singing Quilter and her singing and quilting husband. If you have not heard them before you are in for a treat. If you have heard them I know you will not want to miss this meeting. In June we will have our annual pot luck (intensified by being the only pot luck this year so more showing off our cooking abilities) and the grand show and tell. We will see who wins that very full basket of goodies and how many UFOs have become NFOs (Newly Finished Objects). A great finish for a great year.

I would like to remind everyone that, though we like to have shows in the fall, spring is a big season for quilt shows in many other local guilds. Make sure that you check out some of the shows. We have flyers from a lot of guilds at our information table. Be sure to support our sister guilds. Go, enjoy and get some ideas for the new quilts you can start now that you have finished all those UFOs! And remember, we depend on raffle ticket sales for our programming. So do they! Buy a few raffle tickets. Who knows, you may have something new and beautiful for your home.

Our raffle quilt is going to be spectacular. But it doesn't help us if we don't sell tickets. Please volunteer to sell tickets or white glove at the Lowell Quilt Festival. We need to get our quilt out there! If you know of any venues where we can sell tickets don't be afraid to tell Joy Sussman. We want to show off.

Remember to get your membership dues in. We have limited space in the guild and don't want to lose anyone. This is also a good time to get your friends who have thought about joining to get going.

Enjoy the spring. Finish off those quilts. Summer is the time for piecing and winter for quilting. Prepare to create! See you at the concert in May!

Marla Richmond

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!

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

Fay Martin

Jenny Johnston

Please don't miss our important May Annual Meeting when we will be electing officers for next year and thanking those who have contributed to our guild this season. And, as a special added attraction, we will be entertained by Cathy Miller, the Singing Quilter. Many of you remember Cathy and her engineer/musician husband John from a previous gig at Piecemakers. Well, they are back!

Cathy Miller is a well-known quilter and folksinger/songwriter from Victoria, British Columbia. She and John have toured her program of songs, stories and quilts across North America and around the world. Over the last nine years, they have performed for over 500 guilds and quilting events, including the AQS show in Nashville and the International Quilt Festival in Houston, as well as for Jinny Beyer's Quilting Seminars and Eleanor Burns' Quilt Retreat. Cathy has also appeared on Alex Anderson's "Simply Quilts".

And don't forget, only one month left to complete your UFOs. Drawing will be held at the June meeting.

Nominating Committee

Diane Payne

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

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| 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 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

Attendees for the April meeting delivered 26 more quilts for the Outreach inventory. They included an assortment of machine quilted and tied; adult/teen/child and baby; brights, traditional and some crazy! The members of this guild have been very busy completing quilts from the Quiltathon or their own.

My stash of quilts is impressive. Rose Colosi returns in May and then the inventory at Bethke will be renewed. I have a pile of quilts for the girl's dormitory in Cambodia which need to be delivered to Shirley Weinberg.

Maura Cain reports that she received 12 pillowcases at the April meeting plus 10 more from L. Malsky and the Belmont Senior Center. A huge thanks for your support of the Con Kerr Cancer effort.

My thanks to all for your support.

Membership

Carol Hartman

Membership renewals for 2010-2011 are due by the May meeting. Please use the registration attached to this newsletter or download it from the website. Make any changes to your personal information on the bottom of the form, and please don't forget to fill out the Photo Release section including your signature. Checks should be made out to the Concord Piecemakers.

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 22 pillowcases at the April meeting, 10 were made by Liz Malsky and Belmont seniors. If you took a kit at the last meeting please return the washed pillowcase to the meeting. We are looking for sewers to go into the hospitals to sew with the kids, if interested please contact Maura Cain.

Library

Sheila Macauley

Janet Rich

Would all members please return any books that they have out either this month or at the June meeting. Sheila and Janet need all the books returned in order to do the inventory during the summer. Thanks for your help.

Comfort Quilts - Daytime

Joy Sussman

We meet on the 1st and 3rd 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 _____