

Concord Piecemakers

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President's Message

Marla Richmond

Was that a fabulous quilt show or what? Congrats to all who participated! It was good to see old friends and meet new ones and catch up with what everyone is doing. We do some great quilts in this guild, every one of them! Reminder to all who chaired a committee at the quilt show: there is a 6:30 meeting on November 18 to discuss what worked, what didn't and what could be better. And your reports were due by November 4! Thanks to all members who sent in their comments. They will be included in the report. Thanks to all who got their reports in on time. You people really do listen.

Now, for the business of being a guild...

We have some wonderful programs coming up. Use what you learned to finish those UFO's! A lot of UFO's get finished in time for quilt shows, so now they need to get finished because you want to finish them. Wouldn't it be nice to clean out some of those crowded spaces in your quilt room? Comfort quilts are a great place to give quilts that don't quite fit your color scheme anymore. It feels good to have space and less guilt so you can start another quilt. Give to yourself! Give to comfort quilts! Give to the family!

Congratulations to Ellen Aron and Donna Morales-Oemig for showing quilts in the Quilters Gathering in Nashua! Your usual fabulous work!

And writing of giving, don't forget that our fabulous cookbooks are only \$10. A wonderful holiday gift, hostess gift, shower gift, self gift! Enjoy trying a new recipe every week!

I look forward to seeing you at our November meeting. Stay warm and dry!

Marla

Meetings

Fay Martin

Jenny Johnston

Our own Jenny Johnston will share her Journal Quilts with us. Jenny's ambitious project is to document on a weekly basis her experiences for a year. It has resulted in a collection of

outstanding and creative works of art. Please join us for this unique and personal look at 2008/09.

And keep working on your UFOs; the prize basket is being assembled now!

This month the Woolpack is vending - the second year in a row!! They had a wonderful selection last year at St. Matthew's and will do it again this year for the many quilters who are also knitters. The Woolpack is a full service local shop located on Rte. 119 in Littleton. Janet and her staff are very friendly and helpful. They also have a wonderful web site - woolpackyarn.com

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.

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

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

Quilt Show October 16-17, 2009, Setup October 15, 2009

Barbara Weiss
Sue Lee

There will be a wrap-up meeting for the quilt show. We will meet at 6:30-7:30 on November 18, before the regularly scheduled guild meeting. All committee chairs may attend. Please be prepared to give feedback on your function with suggestions for changes if needed.

If other guild members have ideas, please contact either Sue Lee or Barbara Weiss by email.

Thank you to all our members for a fabulous show this year. Our quilts were beautiful and gave everyone pleasure to look at them. We are an accomplished group of quilters.

Raffle Quilt

Joy Sussman

At the October meeting I gave just a preliminary report. Now that the tax has been paid and I have more closely compared the net proceeds from this quilt with the last one, we made \$126 more with this year's quilt! I think that considering the economy we did very well.

Membership

Carol Hartman

Please welcome new members: Mary McAvenia, Lorelei Galeski, and Maureen Haynes. Don't forget to sign in at each meeting. If your name is highlighted, it means we have name badges or membership cards for you. Everyone should pick up their Yearbooks and JoAnn's discount cards. Then move down the tables for other guild activities.

CPM Outreach

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Comfort quilts have been provided to Bethke Center-Emerson Hospital, Project Linus, non-oncology Hospice Unit-Children's Hospital, Cambodia Orphanage and the Heritage Manor Nursing Home in Lowell. Also I just received a message from Tina von Roggen, our Chernobyl Kids POC. They will not be hosting a summer kids program next year. Please let me know if there are other organizations than those listed below that can benefit from our Outreach efforts.

Also....remember comfort quilt sizes should not be smaller than 40 X 40. Recommended quilt sizes are as follows:

1. Bethke Center - lap sized (approximately 50 x 60)
2. Project Linus & Children's (40 X 40 to 60 X 60)

3. Cambodia Orphanage - any size but also need quilts for Girl's Dorm (approx 39 X 78)
4. Heritage Manor Nursing Home/Lowell - Lap and Twin size preferred

Please stay warm and healthy in this change of climate and the threat of flu. I have heard that a good quilt has great medicinal properties.

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 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.