

Concord Piecemakers

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President's Message

Marla Richmond

Welcome back from the summer break. I think I understand why they say piece in the summer and quilt in the winter. Why do I always end up quilting in the summer?

Our biannual quilt show, Basket of Quilts, is fast approaching. By the time you receive this newsletter your quilts should be registered and (hopefully) finished. Make sure you sign up to help the guild put on a spectacular show! There is always so much to do and Piecemakers are just the people to get it done.

Congratulations to our members who showed quilts in different venues over the summer. Sue Reeps again had a quilt at the Vermont Quilt Festival. Joyce Blundell, Elana Schreiber and Dorothy Sonnichsen were all juried into Images 2009 at the Lowell Quilt Festival. Valerie Maser-Flannagan showed a quilt at the Whistler House during the Lowell Quilt Festival. Marla Richmond's bra quilts will be shown at the New England Quilt Museum during October for Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Did I miss anyone? Please keep us informed so that we can celebrate together.

Don't forget to wear your name badge to the September 16 meeting (and all the meetings thereafter!). To help those of us who can't always remember names, we will be running a raffle at meetings and the only way to get a ticket is to wear a name badge. So remind us all how proud you are of your name!

I look forward to a fabulous year of quilting, friendship and fun. Don't miss a minute of it!

Marla

Meetings

Fay Martin

Jenny Johnston

Our September meeting will be mainly devoted to final planning for our October Quilt Show. Barbara, Susan and others will be asking for last minute help and working out other details of importance. Please come to show your support and to offer your input. This is our only meeting before the show.

PLUS, as always we will have our annual after-the-summer Show and Tell; bring what you've been working on and show us what you got done!

PLUS, we will introduce our year-long activity to finish those (ok, some) of our (many) UFOs. Fay and Jenny will explain the program to encourage us all to complete projects we've had hanging around and always mean to get back to. This Year of the UFO should be fun, productive, instructive, surprising and REWARDING. Please join us.

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

Barbara Weiss

Sue Lee

The quilt show is coming! The quilt show is coming!

You have all responded to our calls for quilts, and we are now up to 140 items with more on the way by the end of the week. The deadline is still September 4.

Our September 16 meeting is devoted to describing each of the committees and signing up volunteers. To help you, this year we will have each member pick up a master sign up sheet that you can write all your times and places for which you volunteer.

Each chair will speak about the committee and go around to seek volunteers.

Available at the meeting will be brown bags and smaller bags for you to take home to register each of your quilts on Thursday, October 15. Each quilt needs a separate bag and a photo affixed to it. For those of you who can not make it to the meeting, bags will be available at the door for registering each of your quilts. Remember to bring your photos to staple on the bags.

Cookie cans are also available to fill with one dozen cookies, wrapped in a fat quarter, tied, and labeled with nuts or no nuts. Variety of cookies and beautiful fat quarters make the cookies sell. This is a very profitable fundraiser.

We have beautiful postcards this year. We ask you to come prepared with the names and addresses of five friends who you think will come to the show. Please bring regular postage because the cards are oversized. Bringing the card to the show qualifies the person to one free raffle ticket.

We are still accepting items for the silent auction. There may be a form to fill out for submissions just to keep track of everything and to indicate a minimum bid.

We have a new shipment of Insta Totes with some of the previous designs. The bags will be at the meeting: \$7.00 per bag, 3 bags for \$20, and \$10 for the larger zippered tote. They are beautiful, great for not wrapping gifts, grocery shopping, quilt show shopping, knitting, etc. Made by women!!

Everything is coming together in the last few weeks. There is still a lot of work to do, and we are counting on our members to volunteer for as many times as you can.

Gift Shop

Ellen Aron
Barbara McKenna
Bonnie Kusik

Concord Piecemakers will again have a gift shop during the quilt show for selling items that our members have made. Members can do one of the following: donate 100% of their profit to the guild, donate 20% to the guild and retain 80% for themselves, or donate 100% on certain items but 20% on others.

Everyone who puts items into the gift shop must list all of those items on an inventory form. An inventory form is included at the end of this newsletter. We do not price items. We cannot accept items that are not listed on the inventory form. Each item submitted must have a tag. The tag must include the code of the person submitting the item (such as initials), the number of the line on the inventory form for that item and its price. There is a column on the inventory form to indicate whether the item listed on that line is a donation to the guild (Y) or not (N). The chairpersons will explain the inventory and tagging procedures in more detail at the guild meeting in September or you can call them with questions.

Items that have been good sellers in the past are pillows, placemats, napkins, potholders, bibs, hats, small change purses, doll quilts, Christmas ornaments, sewing tool cases, glasses cases, scarves, jewelry, and small quilts (lap or baby).

Everyone who puts items in the gift shop is required to work a two-hour shift when the show is open to the public. Anyone else who wishes to work a shift is welcome to sign up as well. There will be a sign-up sheet at the September guild meeting. Any questions, please call Ellen Aron, Barbara Weiss or Sue Lee.

Publicity

Laurie LaConte

Publicity for the show is underway! A beautiful postcard showcasing the raffle quilt and advertising the show has been created. Please think of groups and friends who might be interested in the show who you can send these to. We are hoping that each member will take five (or more!) cards home from the meeting to address, stamp, and sign to send to those who might be interested. When the postcard is presented at admissions, the person will receive a free raffle ticket. We hope that this will give an added interest and incentive to take note and attend the show! Think of groups that you participate in ... garden clubs, sewing circles, fellow employees, neighbors and friends. I will be happy to give you as many postcards as you are willing to distribute. I have the traditional bookmark flyers and signs, too, for shops, guilds and shows. Please let me know by e-mail how many postcards and/or bookmarks you would like to take. I

could use a rep from each town to help with hanging up posters in public areas. Please let me know if you can help with that or if you have other ideas for spreading the word!

Raffle Quilt

Joy Sussman

If you still have quilt raffle tickets please hand them in to Joy Sussman at the September meeting.

Membership

Carol Hartman

Welcome back to all returning members and to two new members, Linda Conrad and Eugene Bakinowski. Stop by and pick up a copy of the Yearbook, a Jo-Ann's discount card, membership cards and badges if you don't already have one. Please check your information in the Yearbook and email or phone me with any changes. We have some members that no longer come for lack of a ride, so if you can provide transportation, we'll try matching these people up with driving buddies. Drop me an email or give me a call.

Communications

Kathy O'Toole

I have updated our website with the calendar of our events for the next year. Take a look and see what's coming up!

Also, if you did not registered last Spring for this year, please do so soon. I will be deleting email addresses of those who are no longer members from our email list after our September meeting. Thanks!

Library

Sheila Macauley

Janet Rich

Would all the members who forgot to return books to Sheila during the summer, please bring them to the September meeting. There will be a \$30.00 charge for lost books.

We have expanded the Concord Piecemakers' library with these new books.

Delightful Quilts in Bloom by Mary Ross and Barbara Schen

Sewing in Circles, Easy Machine Appliqué by Pennie Horras

Blended Quilt Backgrounds by Jean Biddick

Fat Quarter Frenzy Two by Susan Purney Mark and Daphne Grieg

Massachusetts Quilts: Our Commonwealth by Lynne Zacek Bassett

Look for them at the library table!

CPM Outreach

Scena Proodian

Thanks to everyone who not only made quilts over the past year for our outreach efforts but also supported the annual Quiltathon, I have been honored to deliver items to the following organizations:

Chernobyl Children's Project

Bethke Cancer Center - Emerson Hospital

The Sharing Foundation - Cambodian Orphanage

Project Linus

Children's Hospital - non-Oncology Hospice Unit

In addition to the awesome number of quilts that have been given, fabric has been donated and pillowcases have been made and delivered to the **ConKerr Cancer Organization** under the leadership of Maura Cain.

Please let me know if there are other organizations or needs that we can support. Again my thanks to all CPM guild members for your support of this great effort!

Comfort Quilts - Daytime

Joy Sussman

The daytime Comfort quilt group will begin meeting again in September at Joy Sussman's house. We meet on the 1st and 3rd Monday each month at 1:00 PM. Please feel free to join us. Contact Joy Sussman for more details!

Daytime Machine Comfort Quilt Group

Eileen Ryan

The First Friday Group is Piecemakers who prefer to make and quilt their charity quilts by machine. We would love to have you join us on the First Friday of the month. We share simply-pieced patterns for quilts and work on our machine quilting skills together. Please call Eileen Ryan for more information.

Concord Piecemakers Quilt Show Gift Shop Inventory Form

Please attach a price tag to every item you place for sale in the gift shop. Each tag must have a code (initials are fine - unless there are several people with the same initials), the selling price and the number of the line on which it appears in the inventory. This enables us to track your items for sale.

Please print your name, your code and your phone number on each inventory form. List every item and its price, one on a line, in the appropriate columns. Also indicate, for each item, whether it is a donation to the guild (Y) or not (N). The last column is for tracking purposes by the gift shop chairpersons.

If you have more than ten items, please copy this form according to your needs, adding numbers in ascending order. There should be only one of each number per code.

NAME: _____

CODE: _____

PHONE: _____

Number	Description	Price	Donation (Y/N)	Sold (S) or Returned (R)
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