

Concord Piecemakers

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President's Message

Marla Richmond

A member of the guild recently said to me that the guild doesn't like change. Interesting, you can tell that this is a new member. Are you aware that the first quilt show with more than one chair was in 1999? Before that all quilt shows were run by Alice Wiggin. The committee was made up of the chairs of the various committees within the show. Doing things "new and different" is fun. But if things don't stay the same in some ways, no group can function. For example:

I don't think anything can be more drudgery than the treasury. Kitty Shaw, an accountant, has been our treasurer for the past two years and has signed on for the next two. We need to give a certain amount of money to charity to hold on to our not for profit status (and, trust me, we want to hold on to that!). Kitty tracks that and does our taxes. She checks what goes in and what goes out. Bless her for keeping it going.

Carol Hartman stands by the door and checks everyone in every meeting. She doesn't get to hang out and sends numbers to the president after every meeting with a cheerful comment on the content of the meeting. Her lists help us to determine which programs are successful and which weren't. Carol is faithful to a fault and I appreciate her.

Nan Conway has been in charge of white gloves for the quilt show since I've been around. No fuss, just getting people to sign up, telling them what to do, making sure the quilts stay safe. Nan can spot a little kid with a lollipop at 100 yards. There are famous stories about Nan obsessing about how to sneak fabric into her house, but I won't go into that! If it weren't for Nan I don't think our quilts would be watched as closely as they are. And she is good at reminding volunteers that we want to keep viewers happy, show them the back of the quilt if they want to see it! Thank you, Nan, for your years of service. Many more to come.

Scena Proodian has made changes in streamlining our quilt donation program. She checks the size of comfort quilts as they come in, checks which agency needs which size, knows when an agency is running low on quilts, knows who to bug when we need more and keeps tabs on new agencies as they come up. The woman is a wonder! We appreciate Scena's dogged determination to get quilts to those who can use a "quilter's embrace". Barbara Kozenko made contact with a co-worker who works with Project Linus. Janet Rich added a hospice to our list that had helped her mother leave this world with dignity and peace. SuzAnne Weisenbloom has volunteered to take over Rose Colosi's job of getting quilts to cancer patients at Emerson Hospital. Thanks to all who keep the love going.

Dorothy Sonnichsen is retiring from the nominating committee and we are the poorer for it. Dorothy has spent years planning strategies, cajoling, begging and bribing members to do their duty to Concord Piecemakers. Once in a while, we listen to her! She has worked very hard to assure the continuation

of our guild. She has kept good humor. Dorothy, I will be calling you and begging for help in my time on this committee. You done good, girl!

Barbara Kozenko has had the thankless job of being vice president of our guild. In case you weren't aware, one of the main jobs of vice president is schlepping our audio equipment to and from meetings every month. Despite a grand effort to find a place at Harvey Wheeler to leave the equipment, it has gone home with her every month. Her dog is reportedly running doggy karaoke nights at their house when Barbara and Michael aren't home, but that's just rumor. Thank you, Barbara, for your schlepping ability, your good humor and endless support.

There are tons of other people who do thankless jobs that I haven't mentioned, but they know that they are appreciated. Concord Piecemakers cannot function without the folks who are behind the scenes getting it all done. We all appreciate those who are in front of our faces reminding us of what to do every month, let's also appreciate those who quietly keep things going.

Writing of going, this is my final President's drivvel. Next month there will be a new and exciting President taking over this column. It has been an interesting two years. Like other presidents before me, I knew there would come a time when I had to step up to the plate to pay the guild back for all it has given me, and I am glad I did. This guild has been the highlight of a sometimes very stressful life. I am glad it was here and I will continue to be here for the guild. Be good to one another. Get rid of your clutter. Think about quilting as art. Love Concord Piecemakers, it is stronger than the sum of its parts. Keep it up. And thank you.

Marla

p.s.

A big thanks to Maura Cain and Cathy Bakinowski for their very generous donations to the Concord Piecemakers via their employer, Bank of America! These donations have been put to good use at our Quiltathon!

Meetings

Fay Martin

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. Also, we will be having a huge Show and Tell. Please bring any other quilts to share with us.

Challenge 2010 -2011

Elana Schreiber

Sharon Laughlin

Go 'round Challenge

We will be showing them at our June meeting.

Just as a reminder, the challenge is any block that has strips that go around a center. Center can be any geometric shape with straight edges not necessarily a square. The center does not need to be in the center. It must have fabric attached to two adjacent sides of the center at least.

You could make a flower arrangement where the flowers made with a hexagon center placed a bit off center and strips go around the center to form an open rose. You could make a traditional pattern such as: courthouse steps, white house steps chimneys and corners, pineapple etc.

I finished a 10-year-old at least plaid snail's trail top that I started on EQ 4, so that tells you how long ago that was.

I am loving using my new pineapple ruler for yet another go 'round quilt.

Publicity

Laurie LaConte

There will be a meeting soon to discuss publicity for the upcoming show. I am hoping to get several people who might each take one very specific task for publicity. There are so many parts to the job it would be great to have some help. You could take on a small job, and that would be great. We will have one meeting in the coming weeks, and then just follow up with e-mail/phone. Not a huge commitment. I will serve homemade cake at the meeting!!!! :-) Please let me know if you can help.

Nominating Committee

Dorothy Sonnichen

Our new executive board members are:

President	Barbara Kozenko
Vice President	Barbara Weiss
Treasurer	Kitty Shaw
Historian	Darlene Butler
Secretary	Suzanne Knight

This slate will be voted on during our annual meeting in May.

Raffle Quilt

Joy Sussman

Thanks to all of you who picked up tickets to sell. I have plenty more if you need them. If you were not at the last meeting to get your tickets, please let me know or get them at the May meeting. We need every members help with this important fund raiser.

Outreach

Scena Proodian

Household Goods Recycling of Massachusetts just had their auction fund raiser "A Chair to Sit On" on Friday, April 29th. If you remember it was a beautiful evening with warm temperatures. The event was a huge success but I do not have a final total. Our entry which was a quilt with a matching padded rocking chair fetched \$250.

A huge thanks to everyone who has turned in finished quilts from the Quiltathon. This month quilts were provided to the Bethke Center at Emerson Hospital. In addition, numerous quilts in a wide

variety of colors, patterns were delivered to my home for Japan. I rounded the total to twenty and two boxes of quilts were shipped to Denver with ample time to meet the date for overseas shipment. A huge thanks to those who contributed!!

I would also like to recognize Rose Colosi for all her work to prepare and deliver quilts to the Bethke Center for Concord Piecemakers. SuzAnne Weisenbloom has taken over Rose's duties as our interface with Emerson.

Don't know about you but I have been spending as much as I can outside in the wonderful green of Spring and not much time in the sewing studio. Happy flowers and quilting to everyone. Let me know if there is an organization that needs quilts. Happy Spring!

Nickel Squares for the Quilt Show

Kristin Bartelson

This month we will be collecting pink and purple nickel squares. Please go through your stash and cut up some fabric you would like to donate. The success of selling nickel squares depends on how many are donated! We will have a few items that were made with nickel squares on display at the quilt show. We need your help! Please bring your squares to the May meeting!

Membership

Carol Hartman

Thanks to those members who have registered for next year already.

This is to remind you to fill out a registration form with any new personal information that you want published in the Yearbook. Also, answer the photo release section and provide your signature. I'll collect them at the May meeting or you can mail them to the CPM post office box.

Library

Sheila Macauley

Janet Rich

If any members would like to suggest some books that they would like the library to purchase this year, please email Sheila with the names of the books and she will put them on the list to purchase.

Daytime Machine Comfort Quilt Group

Eileen Ryan

On the first Friday of the month, a group of quilters meets at West Concord Assisted Living to work on machine pieced and quilted charity quilts. We share quick quilt patterns, quilting ideas, and get lots of work done while we improve our quilting techniques. We'd love to have you join us. Call or email Eileen Ryan for more information.

Comfort Quilts

Joy Sussman

A small group of us meet on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month at 1:00 pm. Our mission is to complete the quilts from the last February Quiltathon by doing the tying. We meet at my home. Please join us if you would like.

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.
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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 _____

**CONCORD PIECEMAKERS
 QUILT SHOW REGISTRATION FORM
 Show Dates: October 21 and 22, 2011**

Please fill out one form for each quilt or article submitted for display. Be sure that all information is complete and attach two photographs. Each quilt must have a 5-inch wide sleeve for hanging, and each entry must also have a sewn in label to further identify the owner of the object. In order to insure that your pieces are included and noted in the show, please submit your forms as soon as possible. You may bring the registration forms to the May or June meeting, or mail them to:

Tina van Roggen__
 113 Patch Hill Road
 Boxborough, MA 01719_

ALL FORMS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 6, 2011

Your first name: _____ Your last name: _____

Title of quilt or article: _____

Size: ____ inches **wide** by ____ inches **long**

Technique: (check all that apply) Piecing: ____ hand ____ machine

Appliqué: ____ hand ____ machine

Quilting: ____ hand ____ machine

Special Category: (if applicable) Challenge Wearable Round Robin

A brief description of about 50 -75 words is required for each quilt/entry. _____

If your quilt was quilted by someone other than yourself, please give name of the quilter:

Please read and sign the following:

I understand that every effort will be made by the Concord Piecemakers to insure the safekeeping of the quilt/article listed above. I also understand that neither the Concord Piecemakers nor St. Matthew's Methodist Church is liable in the event of damage or loss.

 Signature

 Date

Remember to attach a photograph of the quilt!

You will need two pictures of each quilt or entry. One attaches to the registration form and one is attached to the actual quilt bag when you deliver it in October, 2011.

Registration Day Process -Thursday, October 20, 2011, 7:30-10:30 AM.

1. Pick up a bag at the September or October meeting.
2. Staple a picture of your quilt securely to the bag, name printed clearly on bag.
3. Each quilt needs a bag- no matter how small.
4. Bags will be available at registration for those who miss the meetings. Allow time to complete the above process before presenting your quilt at the registration table.
5. Each quilt must have a 5-inch wide sleeve for hanging.
6. Each entry must also have a sewn in label to further identify the owner of the object.

This process will enable those who are designing the show layout to identify each item and place it appropriately.

Tips for Completing the Quilt Show Registration Form

All the information we request is important to us. It will be used as the basis for the show write-up, the registration day lists, receipts and labels, as well as the layout of the show.

Here are a few helpful hints to make the job easier for you - and for the people who will be entering the data for the show write-up:

1. Think about giving a title to your quilt or wearable. All the famous quilters do this! Remember, you are an artist!
2. Be as accurate as you can with the width and length. The Layout Designer will use these measurements in planning the show.
3. Be sure to credit the person who quilted your piece if you had someone else do it.
4. Write 50-75 words for the description. Do not repeat information you already entered. Think about answering some of these questions and you'll be well on your way to writing an interesting description:
 - Is this your original design? If not, what is the name of the pattern or the design source? Example: This quilt was made from the "Yellow Brick Road" pattern by Terry Atkinson.
 - What was your inspiration? (A place you visited? A painting or photograph? An antique quilt? The style or technique of a particular designer? The fabric?)
 - Did you make this for a special person or to commemorate a special event?
 - Were you experimenting with color or a new technique?
 - Did you take a class to learn this technique?

Thanks for taking the time to give us these details. Your thoughtfulness in completing the registration forms will make it even more enjoyable for those who come to view our show.