

Concord Piecemakers

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President's Message

Marla Richmond

Welcome back! As Concord Piecemakers begins our second 30 years check out our plans! We have our monthly meetings with some fabulous presenters. This year we have two Saturday workshops. They are always useful and cheaper than the same workshops at a quilt store or quilt festival. Get involved!

This year we will have a name tag raffle. In other words, remember to wear your name tag (some of us forget our own names, so we need help with yours) and you will get a raffle ticket for the monthly meeting. No name tag, no raffle ticket. I keep my name tag in my pocketbook, so if I have my car keys, I have my name tag. Some interesting raffles will be around...

Thanks to the folks who sold raffle tickets for our raffle quilt at the Picnic in the Park and the Lowell Quilt Festival. There are a lot of chances to sell tickets coming up, sign up!

The CPM Yard Sale is coming up soon. I have found some fascinating things in my quilting studio. Some even have something to do with quilting! You never know what you are going to find when you go through your things. The folks who organize people for a living say that if you haven't used something for a year, chances are you will never use it. I don't know if that is entirely true about quilters, but what about those books and magazines that you don't remember buying? What about that fabric that you must have been hallucinating when you bought it? And those tools that you couldn't live without but have never used? Someone else may actually use them all! Empty out the unwanted and make room for some real goodies someone else is getting rid of.

Don't forget to design a shoe or two for our wearables challenge!

Let's start this year with some fun activity! See you at the meeting.

Marla

We Get Around!

This summer Concord Piecemakers was well represented in some juried shows. Congratulations to Elana Schreiber and Sue Reeps for having quilts selected for the Vermont Quilt Festival. Big Congratulations to Joyce Blundell who had not one, but two quilts accepted into Images at the Lowell Quilt Festival. Also, at the Lowell Quilt Festival, Valerie Maser-Flannagan had a quilt hung in the Brush Gallery.

Please let us know if you have a quilt in a show. We like to let everyone know what we've been up to!

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

We are very pleased to present an outstanding schedule of programs and two Saturday workshops this year. We're going hands-on in a couple so that we are doing a little, at our meetings, not just sitting/listening/knitting.

First up, in September, Kate Broughton (www.loomandessence.net) will present a program on fabric origami. Her lecture/demo will also include a small hands-on project, so that we can try out what she is showing us. So, we will sit at tables and do a little hand sewing. Please bring one or two 5 " squares of fabric and one or two 4" fabric circles, plus a needle and thread and 4 small buttons. I think this will be a fun activity, a little out of the ordinary.

Our second hands-on program will be in November. Trish Hodge of Batik Tambal (www.batiktambal.com) will present a lecture/demo using Shiva paintstiks with her Indonesian copper tjaps to make batik stamp rubbings. She will bring the paintstiks and stamps, we will do the rubbings. This activity will flow nicely with her Saturday workshop on November 20 in which we can use these rubbings and/or other panels to make a small wall hanging. Trish's forte is in how to incorporate panels into a well-designed piece. We will begin sign-ups in September for the November workshop, so please check out Trish's website for more information. I am very excited about this opportunity to learn from and work with Trish; my sources tell me she is a talented artist with a unique twist. The workshop fee will be \$40.

Gerald Roy Workshop, September 25

Don't forget that our special color palette workshop with Gerald Roy will be held September 25 at St. John's in Sudbury. We have nearly a full class signed up and paid for, but a couple spots are still available. Please let me know ASAP, if you want to join us and remember that your check is your confirmation. Several people have signed our list, but have not paid! If you do not have a supply list and can't make our September meeting, please let me know.

As you know, Gerald does not teach often, so that this a rare opportunity to spend a day with him thinking about, discussing and playing with color. Please consider joining us. The workshop fee is \$50.

Yard Sale – October 23, 2010

Monica Natwig
Janice Allen

Mark your calendars for Saturday, October 23rd for the CPM Yard Sale at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church in Acton. This is our only fund raising event for 2010!

Reminder - clean out all of those boxes, drawers, and plastic bins for the big event:

- Donate your unwanted items to make room for new books, yards of material, and other goodies.
- Check with friends, neighbors and family for additional items.
- Pack up donations and make a date to drop off.

Items needed:

- Material (no polyester) - label yardage (masking tape works well)
- Quilting or sewing notions and tools
- Batting, patterns, yarn
- Quilting and craft books
- Quilting and craft magazines - bundle so title is visible using string or rubber bands
- Needlework kits
- Miscellaneous craft items

Thanks for your help! We really need everyone on this one.

Yard Sale Co-Chairs: Monica Natwig (978-549-2193) and Jan Allen (978-263-2032)

Please call for drop off:

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Nominating Committee

Diane Payne

We are in need of a Programs chairperson! It's a fabulous job because you get to meet and work with famous quilters who also happen to be nice people. The first year is already set up so all you have to do is introduce the speakers and get to work on the 2011-2012 season. Please contact Diane Payne if you are interested.

Wearables Group

Eileen Ryan

A group of Piecemakers who have a special interest in turning their art into their clothes meets once a month to share ideas and learn new techniques. All are welcome to join and we would love to add your ideas to ours. This will be a big year for us with a guild fashion show in January. We have several challenges for the Wearables group that you might find fun and lots of expertise within the group. We all learn from each other. If you think you might be interested, call or e:mail Eileen Ryan for more information. Our next meeting is Sept 18.

We also have a challenge for the guild at large: decorate a shoe for fun and prizes. More on the challenge at the meeting.

Picnic Raffle Quilt

Joy Sussman

Our profit from the watermelon quilt that was raffled at Concord's July 4 Picnic-in-the-Park was \$184.00. It was won by CPM member Cathy Hansgate.

Membership

Carol Hartman

Please welcome our new member, Quita Schillhammer. She will be wearing a blue name badge like our other newer members. Take the time to make these people feel at ease and answer questions that they may have about our different programs.

Please remember to sign in, pick up a copy of the latest yearbook, get your membership card, and any requested name badges. All members must sign up online for the Jo-Ann's discount card at joann.com/VIP. The telephone number is 877-604-2280 for those without internet access. You will need your current CP membership card and a photo ID when validating the card at any Jo-Ann's.

Library

Sheila Macauley

Janet Rich

Would all members who have borrowed library books please return them at September meeting. Thanks.

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 e:mail 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.