

CONCORD PIECEMAKERS

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December 2011

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Barbara Kozenko

Happy December Concord Piecemakers!

How did we get here so quickly? The past few months really flew by! In years past, I would be panicking right now not knowing what to get anyone for the holidays; wondering how I'd get all the preparations done. But, I have to say, no one's ever gone without a gift. Perhaps I didn't do all the baking I wanted to get to, but did anyone notice or complain? I guess I've finally entered that stage in my life where I know it'll get done, and if I don't get to all the little details I had hoped I'd get to, no big deal! Guess this boils down to don't sweat the small stuff. Relax and just enjoy the holidays. Another thing I like about December is our meetings; where we get to kick back, visit, and break bread. We are a truly lovely group and it's nice to just enjoy each other's company!

Just a reminder... We are displaying small wall hangings from January 6 thru February 15 at the Harvey Wheeler building. We'll need each quilt to have a small sleeve on the back because they'll be hung on dowels and a cord from small hooks on the wall. Please have your name on the back of the quilt, and provide a short write up about your work. We'll get those typed up and attach them in a similar fashion as we did for the show. Yes we'll have signs up to not touch the quilts, but there is no guarantee. You can bring in your quilts to the December meeting, or we'll make plans for another drop off point for those that can't make the meeting. And as we did for the show, it would be helpful to know what we'll have to hang so we can plan out the space so feel free to e-mail me or Susan Birse with your entry details. We'll be sending out more details soon via e-mail.

Don't forget our December meeting is one week early (December 14th) and starts at 7 PM. And bring something yummy to share. Two things we do really well, make beautiful quilts and cook great dishes. It's all about comfort!

May your holidays be relaxed and filled with joy, love and happiness. Peace and piece to all!

MEETING WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14th AT 7:00 PM

at the Harvey Wheeler Center, Concord
Pot Luck and Fun!

PROGRAM

Marla Richmond

PLEASE NOTE THE EARLY START TIME!!! Our annual winter solstice party! Bring a dish to share that really says "winter holiday" to your family. Remember that we can't keep it hot! Also bring 1/2 yard of current, recently purchased fabric in your favorite color. Place the fabric in a brown paper bag and staple the top of the bag. We will be passing around the fabric. Don't let anyone see what you brought! And remember, you may get your own fabric back, so make it something you would like.

MEMBERSHIP

Carol Hartman

We are happy to announce a new member, Charmarie Wold. She informed us that she was a member a long time ago. Welcome back!

Please wear your name badges in order to participate in the drawing each month.

RAFFLE QUILT FOR THE NEXT QUILT SHOW

Joy Sussman

Raffle quilt -- the new one!

Remember to bring ideas to the Getaway so we can make a decision.

TIP OF THE MONTH

When you finish sewing the binding on your quilt, you inevitably have extra binding left over. Put the extra strips in a container with plastic drawers. Label each drawer a different width size, ex: 2 1/4", 2 1/2", etc. Then sew like widths together for the binding for another quilt.

The same tip can be applied to squares of fabric, or wider strips. Eventually you'll have enough strips or squares for a charity quilt, scrap quilt, etc.

GETAWAY WEEKEND

January 13,14,15,16 2012 (MARTIN LUTHER KING WEEKEND)
Colonial Hotel, Gardner, MA

RATE INFO

Friday night single \$140
Friday night double \$80 pp

Saturday night single \$210
Saturday night double \$160 pp

Sunday night single \$210
Sunday night double \$160 pp

Friday + Saturday single \$350
Friday + Saturday double \$240 pp

Saturday + Sunday single \$420
Saturday + Sunday double \$320 pp

All three nights:

Single: \$560

Double: \$400 pp

This includes meals, tax, admin fees and tips.

Sit and Sew – any day. Includes coffee and lunch but not breakfast or dinner.

\$60

A deposit of \$25 holds your place. All fees must be paid at or before the December meeting.

Our sewing studio is not open on Friday, but some of us like to gather ahead of time to eat, chat, and not have to get up at zero dark hundred to get to Gardner. Sewing begins at 8 am Saturday. Your fee for Saturday includes coffee, lunch, dinner, sleeping, breakfast, and lunch Sunday. The fee for Sunday includes dinner Sunday night, sleeping, coffee, breakfast on Monday and lunch on Monday. The studio closes at midnight on Saturday and Sunday nights, and at 5pm on Monday.

Any questions, please e-mail Marian Bressel at fabritique@att.net. or phone 508-655-6509.

QUILTATHON

Sue Colwell, Fay Martin, Nanette Moffa, Susan Ostberg, Jan Wilhelm, Joanne Williamson

SAVE THE DATE!

When: Feb 25, 2012 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

Where: St. Matthews Church, 435 Central Street, Acton

In February, our monthly meeting is the Quiltathon when we gather to make quilts for those in homeless shelters, cancer patients, and others in need of comfort. Quilts that are not finished on that day are taken by the comfort quilt groups to be completed during the year. Although we are all very busy right now with holiday plans and gift making, please take some time to mark your calendar and start to plan the quilt tops you can make after the holidays are over.