

## **Concord Piecemakers**

PO Box 1381, Concord, MA 01742

### **March 2012**

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### **President's Message**

Barbara Kozenko

Happy March Concord Piecemakers!

It's been a strange winter in New England. All the crazy weather seemed to have gone around us. I'm not complaining mind you. I just hope now that we're heading toward spring it doesn't catch up to us.

We had another wonderfully successful Quiltathon last month. I'm not sure if this was the first time it happened, but we finished layering together all the quilts that were donated. Hurray! I know that the cordless electric scissors that people brought were a great help. We're looking into buying some. I really am inspired by all the positive energy and the kind generosity that is displayed by our members at the Quiltathon. At times like these, it makes me very honored to be President of such a considerate and feeling guild.

I do have a plea to our members. We need someone to head up the yard sale this fall. I am told that everything you need to know is written down in a book and St. Mathews has already given us space to store donations for the yard sale. It'll be here before you know it so please think about taking on this worthy project. We are okay with more than one person leading the yard sale as well.

And a very big thank you to Kristin Bartelson for taking over the Outreach chair from Scena. We truly appreciate you taking on this important position.

See you on March 21st.

### **Meeting: March 21, 2012 at 7:30 Harvey Wheeler Center**

Marla Richmond

Speaker: Rosemary Hoffenberg, "How I Do Improvisational Quilting"

Art Quilter Rosemary Hoffenberg has been an artist since earliest childhood. She came to quilting from painting, dyeing and drawing. Rosemary is truly an improvisational quilter; she does not know what a piece will look like when she begins it! She will share her free-wheeling view with us at this meeting.

## **Workshop: First Steps in Improvisational Quilting is FULL!**

Saturday, March 23, 2012, 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church  
16 Great Road (Rt. 117) & North Road  
Sudbury, MA

## **CPM OPEN SEW**

Linda Merwin, Tina van Roggen, Suzanne Knight, and Laurie LaConte

Do you yearn for more *Getaways*? Then join CPM as we have an Open Sew on one Saturday a month. We would like this to be a "neighborly" sew for CPM and our friends. Shirley Weinberg has graciously managed to secure a large room at Newbury Court for us to use but please do not email her with questions.

Dates: The dates scheduled are: April 21, May 5, June 16 and July 21. After those dates, we hope to continue the schedule to a third Saturday of the month.

Time: 9:30-4:30. Come late or leave early - your choice.

Cost: "Donations" will go to Newbury Court to pay for maintenance (moving tables and chairs), electricity, and if any is left over, for a treat for the residents at the end of the year. We will use a sliding scale depending on how many attend of \$3 - \$10 (or more if you see fit).

Facility/Set-up: We will have tables (long and mostly round) set up, but if many people come, we will have to share space and it may not be as "perfect" as it is at the *Getaway*. If you prefer your own sewing surface, feel free to bring that. You will need to bring extension cords and any extra lights you require although there are overhead fluorescent lights and a wall of windows on one end of the room. The room can be cool, so dress accordingly. There is a bathroom and a full kitchen to store/heat your lunch but you will need to bring your own plates, cups and utensils.

Location: Newbury Court North (Next to Emerson Hospital)  
McKay Hall  
80 Deaconess Road, Concord

Directions: Take the first left after the entrance to Emerson Hospital onto Deaconess - a dead end street with a circle at the end. The Chapel is on the far side of the circle and McKay hall is under the Chapel. Use the walkway along the left side of the building (downhill) and take the first entrance on your right. It is all roller-cart friendly!

Parking: Adjacent to the circle or, if full, park in the large lot you passed on the right on Deaconess Road -- and walk a little farther. (Please respect the Handicapped and Reserved spots.)

Hosts: We will have a rotating host every month to collect the money, come early to be sure the room is set up, and stay a bit late to make sure the room and kitchen are left in a presentable condition. If you can be a host, please sign up when you are there. We currently have a host for April 21st and May 5th.

Questions: You can email the following - Linda Merwin, Tina van Roggen, Suzanne Knight, or Laurie LaConte.

## **Raffle Quilt**

Joy Sussman

The kits to make our new raffle quilt will be available at the March meeting. Please stop by and take a kit (they are divided into skill levels). Kits are to be returned at or before the April meeting. Many hands make quick work of this.

## **Quiltathon**

Jan Wilhelm, Joanne Williamson, Nanette Moffa, Fay Martin and Sue Colwell

What a great event the Quiltathon was on Saturday! A big thank you to all who participated and contributed to the success of the event. All of the quilts were backed, layered, stitched, labeled and turned by 4:00 in the afternoon. Thank you for your generous donation of colorful quilts with their sizes noted and backs attached. We appreciated the efforts of all of our label makers, those who layered up the quilts, stitched them, trimmed the excess back material and batting, turned them, prepared them to be topstitched, and tied the quilts. Thank you, also, to those who found backs for the quilts that needed backs or ironed the backs, brought food to share and helped cleanup. It may be trite but truly many hands make light work. Thank you again.

## **Outreach**

Scena Proodian

I would like to announce that Kristin Bartelson has agreed to take over as Outreach Chair. She now has the current inventory plus all those wonderful new additions from the Quiltathon at her house. Kristin thanks so much for taking over this great task. I know you will do an awesome job representing the Guild. So...this will be my last report to the guild.

First - The Quiltathon was an AWESOME SUCCESS!!!! Hats off to everyone who supported this effort! On Saturday, February 25th, we set-up at St. Matthew's Church and received 140 quilt tops. All quilt tops were matched to a backing, layered with batting, stitched, trimmed, turned and pinned for top stitching. I think this is an all time record to have all quilt tops layered and we didn't run out of batting!!! 53 Guild members and 2 guests supported the effort and 43 quilts were finished during the Quiltathon. Various Guild members took home 34 quilts to complete and the balance went home with Joy Sussman for the Comfort Quilt group to finish. Congratulations on a job well done!!!!

Second - A huge thanks to those who delivered comfort quilts at the January Meeting. 16 quilts were added to the inventory. In addition, I picked up 8 completed quilts from last year's Quiltathon that the Morning Comfort Quilt group finished.

The following quilts were distributed in January: seventeen (17) quilts to the Emerson Bethke Center; nine (9) to the Dudley Street Community Center in Dorchester, two (2) quilts were selected by a CPM member for a relative or friend and three (3) to Parmenter Community Health Center in Wayland. In February twelve (12) quilts were delivered to Project Linus/Children's Hospital via the Quilt Museum and one (1) quilt was provided to the Youth Ministry of St. Elizabeth's for a fund raiser.

Thank you again to everyone for allowing me to support the Guild with this task. It has been an honor and a privilege. Please help Kristin and her team with this effort so we can continue to provide our friends and community with "Love and Comfort from Concord Piecemakers".

## **String Blocks**

Maura Cain and Susan Monsegur

We contributed 7 String Quilts (164 blocks) to the Quiltathon. A big thank you to all who made blocks and contributed fabric!

## **Membership**

Carol Hartman

Membership renewal for next year is due at the May meeting. The registration form is attached. Just copy and mail it in with your check. Please fill out the Photo Release section along with your signature, and provide any changes to your email, phone, or address.

At the March meeting, please wear your name badges in order to be included in our monthly raffle.

## **Library**

Sheila Macauley

Janet Rich

Would all members try to return books if they have had them out for more than 3 months.

## **Comfort Quilts**

Joy Sussman

We have a new batch of quilts to tie and will be meeting the first and third Mondays at 1 pm at Joy Sussman's house. All are welcome.

## Concord Piecemakers Membership Registration

Dues: \$25.00. According to our by-laws, "Dues are payable by the Annual Meeting".

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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 \_\_\_\_\_

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**ONLY fill in the following information if it has changed from last year's yearbook or if you are a new member.**

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