

CONCORD PIECEMAKERS

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November 2011

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Barbara Kozenko

Hello Concord Piecemakers,

Although the dust has settled, the glow remains. Our quilt show was a huge success! Sue Lee, Kristen Bartelson, SuzAnne Weisenbloom, Barbara Weiss, and Suzanne Knight have out done themselves in putting together a show that was outstanding!! Thank you for all your hard work. But we have to also thank everyone that worked hard to make this show happen; from planning, to setup, manning all stations during the show to taking down and cleaning up. Lots of work; but we pulled it all together! Pat yourselves on the back Piecemakers; we had one heck of a show!!

See you at the November 16th meeting.

FROM YOUR QUILT SHOW 2011 PLANNING TEAM

Sue L., Kristen B., SuzAnne W., Barbara W., and Suzanne K.

To all you wonderful guild members who worked so hard to make the Concord Piecemakers Quilt Show 2011 a big success --- two years of planning, much long term and short term advance preparations, as well as actual days of the show. All the financial details, nor all committee reports, are in just yet, but comments have been mostly favorable, and it looks as if we brought in more revenue than in the past. Thank you for your commitment to our guild and for the numerous members who were able to work many shifts over the three days of set-up and show days. More information will be presented at our meeting on Nov. 16, and a complete report will be made available at the January 2012 guild meeting. Thank you again for helping us make the 2011 quilt show a big success.

MEETING WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16th AT 7:30 PM

at the Harvey Wheeler Center, Concord

Come early, socialize, and take a look at the items and information on the tables.

PROGRAM

Marla Richmond

Speaker: Marci L. Baker will speak on Doubledipity: More Serendipity Quilts

Marci Baker rides in from the wilds of Colorado to present some amazing 3D quilts made by strip-piecing. Marci has written several books and lectures nationally. We are excited to see her prove what can be done with strip-piecing.
www.aliciasattic.com

Vendor: Marci Baker

WORKSHOP

Marci L. Baker will teach ABC-3D Honeycomb Waffle/Hollow Cube Quilt

Friday, November 18, 2011, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
St. John's Lutheran Church, 15 Great Road, Sudbury
Cost: \$25.00

Class Description: Wow! You can make an impressive 3-dimensional optical illusion with simple value selections, once you know the trick. Build the blocks using the strip-piecing method, so it's fast, too! In fact, it is easy enough for a confident beginner. Join our class and see how your blocks stack up!

We still have nine spaces left! We will have samples of Marci's quilts at the meeting. Your check secures your place. Make out your check to Concord Piecemakers and give it to Marla Richmond.

MEMBERSHIP

Carol Hartman

Give a warm welcome to two new members, Judy Howlett and Pamela Cincotta. Also, Eleanor Pickard and Diane Loomis have joined as associate members. We are still seeking new members. Bring a friend or neighbor with you to the November meeting and we'll waive the \$5.00 guest fee. All levels of quilters and anyone with an interest in needle arts are encouraged to join our guild.

Remember to wear your nametag to be able to participate in the drawing each month.

OUTREACH

Scena Proodian

A big thanks to the Comfort Quilt group for completing a “stack” of quilts for the Comfort Quilt display at the Quilt Show. It was a great way to present our outreach efforts and the stacked chairs provided a perfect way to display them. While I was “white gloving” I spent a considerable amount of time talking about our outreach efforts and the organizations we support.

In October, several quilts went to various organizations for raffles and fundraisers. Also we received a letter from the Parmenter Nursing Services in Wayland. The quilts we donated last year were used for their fund raising event and took about \$800.

PILLOWCASES

Maura Cain

A nice note was received from Marie Nader, from our local chapter of ConKerr, raving about our quilt show and thanking us for the nice display of ConKerr Cancer pillowcases (thank you Scena Proodian). The chapter has earned a Janome Serger, in part because of our donations, the chapter “won” the serger, which will be used at hospital sew-ins. Twelve pillowcases were received last month. If you took a kit in September, please complete and return.

DAYTIME MACHINE COMFORT QUILT GROUP

Eileen Ryan

First Friday Charity Quilt Group meets on the first Friday of the month at West Concord Assisted Living. In the back of the West Concord train station parking lot is a low yellow building where we meet to work on machine sewn and machine quilted charity quilts on the first Friday of each month. The residents come in and out of the bright room where we work and share the bright colors that we bring in our fabrics, completed quilts, and work projects. Come share your ideas for quick quilts and machine quilting techniques. We have lots of good ideas and lots of talent within the group. The quilts you make can be for any charity, but we ask that you work on quilts to be given away when you are there. Let me know, and I'll add you to the email list as a reminder.

REGARDING OUR QUILT SHOW

Hi--I am a member of St. Matthew's Church and thought the members might enjoy this weekly message from our new pastor, who obviously was very taken with the gorgeous works of our guild and the symbolism therein. It was a glorious show. Thanks to all who made it possible.

Pat MacKenzie

Dearly Beloved,

Grace and peace to you.

Last weekend the Sanctuary and most of the other rooms of St. Matthew's were filled with quilts for the Concord Piecemakers Quilt Show; some were made by members of St. Matthew's. Beth is a quilter; I'm just an appreciator. I love the way quilters bring together various fabrics, different colors, designs, and textures into a beautiful whole that is more than the sum of the parts.

Many patchwork quilts are made with scraps, pieces of old shirts and sheets and dresses and curtains, each aged in its own way, each with its own story. Some may have once been fine fabrics; others as plain as feed sacks. The quilter takes all these different pieces and makes them into a whole. Sometimes she creates a certain design, but not always. But always what make it beautiful are not the individual pieces, but that they have been sewn together into a whole.

And so it is with the church. The church is a patchwork quilt of many lives, different stories, various gifts, needs and manifestations of the Spirit, brought together into one imperfect, yet perfectly beautiful whole. One of us rejoices while another is in deep sorrow. Each has certain needs, certain gifts. What makes it beautiful is each person's presence and connection with all the others, in contrasting as well as complementary combinations. It's not any one piece that makes the quilt; it's the relationships, and how we each give of ourselves to the others.

No one person's dreams will determine our story. No one's financial gifts will make or break this church. But God will use the fabric of our generosity and the weaving of our commitment to create something beautiful. The more deeply we commit our lives and our resources to one another and to the church, the more I anticipate the beautiful splendor that will emerge.

Deep Blessings,

Pastor Steve

TIP OF THE MONTH

Attach a couple of adhesive-backed floor protectors to the bottom of your foot pedal to keep it from sliding. They're made to keep furniture from scratching floors, and you can find them in the big box stores or dollar stores. (www.fonsandporter.com)

