

CONCORD PIECEMAKERS

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Barbara Kozenko

Greetings Concord Piecemakers and welcome back! Now that the summer is over and we settle back into the quilt guild routine we find ourselves on the threshold of the quilt show. And what a grand show it is going to be! I hope you have all been busy getting those quilts finished up. Sue Lee and her merry band of dedicated show committee members have been hard at work to bring us the best show ever. And with the grandness, comes the even greater need for everyone to pitch in and help out. This show is our single biggest revenue generator. It's what keeps us going. And many hands make for lighter work. It's a great feeling knowing you've helped make this show happen. Come join in the fun!

I am very honored to announce that The Concord Piecemakers have been asked to display our smaller quilts in the Harvey Wheeler building for the month of January. Take a walk through the building and think about what you can hang on the walls. But, more about this later. Let's get through the show first!

See you at the meeting on September 21st.

MEETING WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21st AT 7:30 PM

the Harvey Wheeler Community Center, Concord

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

PROGRAM

Marla Richmond

September: "What I Did During My Summer Vacation"

Many of our members attended quilt festivals and classes during the summer - The Vermont Quilt Festival, The Maine Quilt Festival, Quilting by the Lake are but a few. Are you one? Did you work on a quilting project during the summer? Then bring it in for show and tell at our September meeting! It does not need to be completed. If you took a class, please remember to bring in the name of the teacher. A lot of us would like to know more about who is teaching out in the big world!

October 19th: Nancy Crasco will speak on "Materials and Processes."
Nancy is a long time art quilter who has displayed her work and taught nationally. Nancy will discuss her growth as a quilter and show some of her very exciting pieces. www.NancyCrasco.com

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!

Sign up at the September or October meeting. Space is limited! We will have samples of Marci's quilts at the meetings. Your check secures your place.

QUILT SHOW

Sue Lee

After seeing all the beautiful quilt projects shared during "Show and Tell" time since Quilt Show 2009, I know there are more to share at Quilt Show 2011, October 21 – 22. Hopefully registration is slow because you are still in summer vacation mood. However, the countdown is only about 8 weeks. We need all who are able to submit your works of art, no matter the level of ability. If you say your work is not good enough -- WRONG ANSWER! Your quilt guild needs you and your quilts.

Please submit your registration entries ASAP so we can plan the layout of the church space, design the layout of quilts, create the booklet, create the necessary paperwork for registration day Oct. 20, etc.

Go to the guild website for directions and to download the registration:
<http://concordpiecemakers.net/documents/quiltshowreg.pdf>

Quilt sleeves must be attached to the back of each quilt. Directions on how to do so are at the end of this newsletter.

NICKEL SQUARES NEEDED

Kristin Bartelson

I hope you all have had a great summer quilting and remembered to cut your nickel squares to donate to the quilt show! Please bring any nickel squares you have to the September meeting. This is a great way for the guild to make some extra money at the quilt show. There will be a few items on display that will show what you can make with nickel squares. Thank you.

SILENT AUCTION

Susanne Fuller
Suzanne Knight

More items are needed for The Quilt Show's Silent Auction. For more information contact one of the above chairs.

RAFFLE QUILT

Joy Sussman

Remember to bring your tickets and money to the Sept. meeting if you have not already turned it in. Thanks.

GIFT SHOP

Ellen Aron

I am writing this for Ellen and will get more information out as soon as it becomes available. More items are needed for the gift shop. Any questions, contact Ellen.

PUBLICITY

Laurie LaConte

Time to kick publicity for OUR show into high gear! The postcards have been printed and will be distributed at the September meeting, along with bookmarks and signs. Each member is asked to send five or more postcards to anyone who might be interested in attending the show. I have talked with publicity chairs from other guilds and we agree that the best way to bring people in is with personal invitations to people who we know. Quilters are especially interested in attending quilt shows. If you are part of any kind of group that you would like to distribute postcards to, please let me know, or pick up extra postcards at the meeting. For a small extra charge, I was able to order 500 extra cards, in addition to the 1,000 that I ordered last year, so we have many cards to distribute. A personal note on the postcards is a nice touch! These postcards require 44-cent stamps. I will also send an email with

how information to forward to your email friends. Please pick up your cards at the meeting, and help spread the word about our great show. Thanks.

MEMBERSHIP

Carol Hartman

Please welcome three new members: Janet Crane Vitkevich, Nancy Reifenstein and Maria Bergmann. If you mailed in your registration, you can pick up your membership cards at the sign-in table. We should have Yearbooks for everyone. Don't forget to wear your name badges. JoAnn's discount cards can be renewed at joann.com/VIP or at your local store. We're able to accept new members, so if you know anyone that would be interested, invite them to join or come to one of our meetings.

LIBRARY

Sheila Macauley

Janet Rich

Any member who has not returned her books to Sheila or Janet during the summer, please bring them to the September meeting so we can complete the inventory. If you cannot do this, please give Sheila a call. If there are any books that you would like us to purchase for the library, please send Sheila an email with the names of the books.

HEARTSTRINGS BLOCK

Maura Cain

Susan Monsegur

If you worked on any blocks over the summer please bring them in. Please stop by the string table to pick up your muslin, yellow and red center strips and we also have some donated fabric that is perfect to use in the blocks,.

PILLOWCASES

Maura Cain

Please bring in cases you worked on over the summer. Cathy Bakinowski & Maura Cain recently volunteered at MGH making pillowcases with the kids at the clinic. If you would like to volunteer please contact Maura.

OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

Scena Proodian

Again thanks for all your support for the CPM Outreach activities. Over the summer I distributed an additional 35 quilts various organizations and those in need. At the last meeting I asked you to help support the families in central Massachusetts who were lost family and homes to the terrible storms. Because of your efforts and generosity, we were able to provide 20 quilts to eight families.

I have received many thanks but one stands out:

“Please, please thank everyone in your wonderful organization for giving my children something bright, cheerful, and warm to wrap up in. I will never ever forget your thoughtfulness and will strive to pass on your generosity when we get back on our feet.”

Remember I still have a small inventory of quilts so if you hear of an organization or an individual in need send me the information and a point of contact.

DAYTIME COMFORT QUILT GROUP

Joy Sussman

Daytime Comfort Quilt group will resume meeting Sept. 19 at 1:00. We meet at my house. All are welcome.

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.

CONGRATULATIONS

Information submitted by Marla Richmond. Thanks Marla.

Sue Reeps won a blue ribbon at the Vermont Quilt Festival for her piece, Bobbin Beat. Many of us remember her working on it at the CPM Getaway last year.

Amy Ludlam's Gryffindor Stars won a red ribbon at the Lowell Quilt Festival. Amy also worked on her prize-winning piece at the Getaway. Maybe we should all start doing that!

Dorothy Sonnichsen was juried into the Lowell Quilt Festival as well.

Quita Schillhammer, the Museum Shop Manager and also a member of CPM, was also juried into the Lowell Quilt Festival.

If anyone has information of members' quilts juried into a show, awards, or quilts displayed publicly, please let me, Susan Birse, know. Thanks.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Tower Hill in Boylston, MA

Monday, 8/1/2011 - Saturday, 9/17/2011 9:00 AM-5:00 PM

Included with Admission: \$10 Adults, \$7 Seniors, \$5 Youth (6-18), Children under 6 FREE

Tower Hill is proud to host Gail Bachorik, a talented fiber artist whose work is in private collections throughout the country. Having worked in mechanical contracting her attention to detail translates well to her new career. Originally from Massachusetts, Bachorik now resides in Florida where she finds inspiration in the lush tropical landscape that surrounds her. She captures this rich landscape with fabric and unusual fibers, creating works that are so realistic they may be mistaken for macro photographs. For this exhibit Bachorik has garnered inspiration from Tower Hill's gardens as well. [Visit Bachorik's Website.](#)
For more information, email thbg@towerhillbg.org.

TIP OF THE MONTH

From Quilters Newsletter Magazine: To make a cleaning solution for removing pencil marks from your quilt, dissolve 1 – 2 teaspoons of liquid Ivory soap or Woolite in a cup of warm water. Use a toothbrush or small brush to gently scrub away the marks.

QUILT SLEEVE CONSTRUCTION

Barbara Weiss

To make a sleeve for your quilt, measure the width of the quilt starting from the inner edge of the binding to the opposite edge. Then add 2 inches to this length. Cut the muslin or backing fabric 11 inches wide. Turn under one edge using one inch of the length and seam. Then make a one half inch seam almost the entire length of the strip with wrong sides together. Stop and measure the length against your quilt. Cut away any excess. Hem the second end turning in the extra one inch. Finish the center seam.

Iron the tube which is now 5 inches in width. Press open the seam and center it on the tube.

Pin the sleeve to the top of your quilt, positioning the top edge just under the top binding edge. It helps to pin the bottom edge first with the pins going in the direction you will stitch. Then roll down the pressed top edge one inch and pin on this fold. Again pin in the direction you will sew. Pin ends.

Stitch with larger spaced stitches than you would for a binding.

By folding down the top edge you leave space for the rod, without distorting the top edge i.e. having it roll back.

All large and medium quilts need sleeves. Only very small quilts do not need a sleeve as these will get clipped to the metal mesh stands.