



Concord Piecemakers' Grapevine December 2012

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Piecemakers Calendar 2012-2013

December 12, 2012
Holiday Party and good old-fashioned Yankee Swap!

January 16, 2013
Topic: Creating Great Studio Space
Speaker(s): Hear from our own members how they created their own great studio space.

January 18 - 21, 2013
Get-Away Weekend

February 23, 2013
Quiltathon

March 20, 2013
Sue Carlson
Topic: Lecture and Trunk Show, Fabric Collage Quilts

March 2012
2-day Workshop
Teacher: Susan Carlson
Topic: Cutting Loose

April 17, 2013
Speaker: Dianne Hire
Topic: "Come Play with Me!"

April 18, 2013
Workshop
Teacher: Dianne Hire
Topic: "Come Play with Me!"

May 15, 2013
Annual Meeting and Election of New Officers

June 12, 2013
End of Year Pot Luck

*****Please note the earlier date & time*****

Wednesday, December 12, 7pm

At Harvey Wheeler Center, West Concord, MA

Message from the President...

Barbara Kozenko

Hello Piecemakers. Our last meeting for 2012 is on the 12th. To mix things up a bit and a way to say thanks to the guild for all the comfort quilts you make and working and supporting our yard sales and quilt shows, the board is treating us to a catered meal. If anyone still wants to bring something, feel free to bring a dessert. Desserts are always good! Don't forget we start at 7 PM and bring a wrapped 1 yard of fabric for the Yankee Swap.

I'd like to say thanks to Sue Colwell. If you were not at the November meeting, she suggested that we donate what money we were going to spend on charities throughout the year and to give the lump sum of \$400 to Project Linus

in response to the immediate need brought on by Sandy. It was brought to a vote before the guild and the motion was passed. Wonderful suggestion Sue!

Our Getaway is just over a month away. A new member contacted me recently asking if she could still attend and is looking for a roommate for Friday, Saturday, and Sunday night. If you are interested, please reach out to Marian via e-mail or at our next meeting, or contact me and I'll get you connected.

I wish you all a Happy and Healthy Holiday filled with family, love, and joy!

Programs

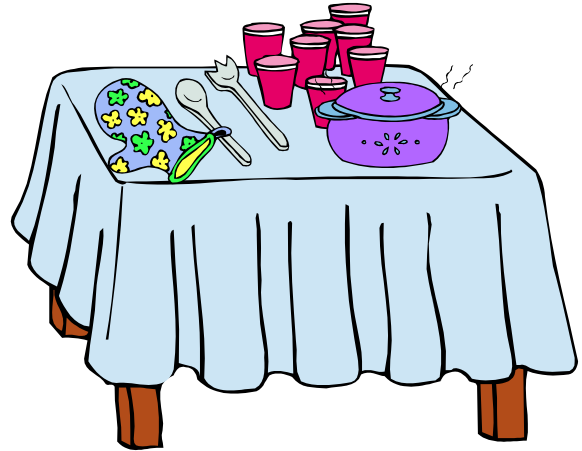
Lola Chaisson, Linda Merwin, Marla Richmond

We will be sharing a catered holiday dinner together!

If you would like, we invite you to bring a favorite dessert to share. There will be plenty to eat, so please, no pressure to do so.

Following our dinner, we will be forming into groups for a good 'ole fashioned Yankee Swap.

If you would like to participate, bring one yard of fabric (or its equivalent: 4 fat quarters, 2 half yards, or any combination), gift-wrapped for the holidays and join the fun!



Getaway Weekend

Marian Bressel

It is that time of the year to finalize your reservation for the Getaway Weekend Martin Luther King weekend, January 18-21, 2013.

If I do not get your full payment on or before the next meeting, you will forfeit your deposit! Sorry to have to do that, but I must commit to the hotel by then.

There is still space available, so if you want to come and have not let me know, please do so as soon as possible.

Marian Bressel
fabritique@att.net, 508-655-6509.

Membership

Carol Hartman

We would like to welcome Cheryl Dennis and Ethel Shulam. They joined as new members in November. Their personal information has been sent in a separate email.

Wearables Group

Ann Bonsett, Jessica Leger, Eileen Ryan

Our November meeting was fun and informative! Thanks to Susanne, Sheila, Lois, and Cindy Lee for offering to do demos of machine feet. They helped us learn about doing a rolled hem, cording, piping, and pin tucks. Susanne gave us insight on using the piping in a collar. She also did crossed pin tucks. Lois did a demo sewing with a Teflon leather/vinyl foot. We also saw an impromptu demo of a Martelli binding tool.

Sheila showed us a great way to use a flat thumb tack and a piece of duct tape to stitch out circles. She also showed an awesome hand stitching recipe she has programmed into her sewing machine using clear thread on top and regular colored thread in the bobbin.

The topic for our next meeting on December 15 will be spiral piecing.

If you are interested in joining us, or for more information, please contact Eileen Ryan, Ann Bonsett, or Jessica Leger.

Quiltathon

Marla Richmond and Monica Natwig

SAVE THE DATE!

When: Feb 23, 2013 8:00 am - 4:00 pm
Where: St. Matthews Church, 435 Central Street, Acton

In February, our monthly meeting is the Quiltathon where we gather to make quilts for those in homeless shelters, for 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.

This is the high point of the year for many of us, so get working on those comfort quilts! We ask that everyone bring at least one quilt top and backing. We will be sandwiching and tying the quilts at the Quiltathon.



Pillowcases

Maura Cain

30 Pillowcases were received last month. If you would like a donation receipt from ConKerr, please send Maura your name and the total number of pillowcases you made this year.

Library

Sheila Macauley and Janet Rich

The latest book purchases for our library are:

Beginner's Guide to Free-Motion Quilting by Natalia Bonner

Pieced Appliqué by Penny Haren

Quilts from a Painter's Art
by Diane Phalen

Best of Fons & Porter Fun Quilts for Kids

Check them out!

At the November meeting, member Judy Clark read us these sewing words of advice.

Advice from a 1949 Singer Sewing Manual



Advice from a Singer Sewing Manual from 1949:

Prepare yourself mentally for sewing. Think about what you are going to do. . . never approach sewing with a sigh or lackadaisically. Good results are difficult when indifference predominates. Never try to sew with a sink full of dirty dishes or

beds unmade. When there are urgent housekeeping chores, do these first so your mind is free to enjoy your sewing. . .When you sew, make yourself as attractive as possible. Put on a clean dress. Keep a little bag full of French chalk near your sewing machine to dust your fingers at intervals. Have your hair in order, powder and lipstick put on . . .[If] you are constantly fearful that a visitor will drop in or your husband will come home and you will not look neatly put together, you will not enjoy your sewing as you should. .

Next Open Sew

Please join us next month on
January 5

9:30-4:30

Contact Linda Merwin, Tina van Roggen, or Suzanne Knight with questions.

We're on the Web!

See us at:

www.concordpiecemakers.net

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