



Concord Piecemakers' Grapevine

June 2013

Maura Cain & Susan Monsegur, Editors

Next Meeting on **Wednesday, June 12, 2013**

At Harvey Wheeler Center, West Concord, MA
Ice Cream Social begins at **7:00 p.m.**

Please note earlier time

Message from the President...

Barbara Weiss

Hello Guild Members,

I am excited to be your new president after learning the process with Barbara Kozenko. It takes many members to keep our guild running smoothly. We are blessed with an energetic, committed board that has great ideas and plans. I eagerly anticipate speakers, workshops, the quilt show, and the quiltathon.

Have a great summer, keep quilting, and finish those outstanding quilts that you make for our quilt show!

Piecemakers Calendar 2013

June 12, 2013

Ice Cream Social

Member Demonstrations

Raffle Basket Show & Tell

Member Show & Tell

Quilt Registration

September 18, 2013

October 16, 2013

October 25- 26 Quilt Show

November 20, 2013

December 11, 2013

2013-2014
Officers

President
Barbara Weiss

Vice President
Jennifer Grimsley

Treasurer
Kitty Shaw

Secretary
Suzanne Knight

Historian
Sue Lee

*Things to bring to the
meeting:*

- Raffle baskets to show
- Library books
- Membership form & dues
- Quilt show registration forms
- Nickel squares
- Fat quarters for the quilt show scavenger hunt
- String blocks

Meet Our New President, Barbara Weiss

Here is a short interview to learn a bit about Concord Piecemakers president for 2013-2015.

How did you get started in quilting?

I got started quilting with a great mentor who talked me through each step of a difficult Eleanor Burns quilt. This taught me the basics of cutting, organizing, chain piecing, and measuring.

Did you pursue other crafts before settling on quilting?

I have always sewn from an early age under the guidance of my grandmother. Much to my father's chagrin, I even took flat pattern design in college.

When my daughter was ballet dancing in Worcester, I designed the costumes for a variety of dances, especially The Nutcracker. I learned how to design real tutus and sew them, fitting them to ever shrinking dancers as the performance drew nearer.

How long have you been a member of Concord Piecemakers?

I have been a member since 2001 at the urging of Bonnie Kusik. I thought a guild meant you had to have juried skills like back in the 1500's! Kathy Jamieson quickly pulled me in to do the quilt show design which I have enjoyed doing since then.

Tell us about your quilting business.

After making quilts for my family, I figured that other people might want quilts. One early client ordered 12 quilts over a few years. She made it possible to start a business. I started to make an inventory and got my nerve up to show them to a high end store in Nantucket. They were accepted and sold.



I do commission work for individuals and have sold several art quilts through a gallery. With limited time, I can accept commissions selectively. I also teach quilting to a few students in my studio.

What do you enjoy doing in your free time?

I play the piano or the harpsichord every day and still take lessons, mostly to motivate me and curb my bad habits. I enjoy reading, exercise, and seeing friends. I also sing in our synagogue choir throughout the year. I am a member of the Harvard Woman's Club and the Nashoba Valley Hadassah. I am pretty busy most of the time.

Do you have summer plans?

My family and I will go to our vacation home in Nantucket to enjoy part of the summer. We hope for a few more years before the ocean claims it as it did the cottage this year.

Programs

Lola Chaisson, Laurie LaConte, Linda Merwin

Our meeting will begin at **7 pm** with an **ice cream sundae** provided by Reasons to Be Cheerful in West Concord. Then, we will move to our member demonstrations.



At the end of the evening we will turn our chairs into a circle from wherever we are sitting at a demonstration table and have our **End of Year Show and Tell**.

This will include our handmade items for our **raffle baskets** and our **challenge quilts** and any other illustrious projects we have made over the year.

Member Demos

Cathy Bakinowski will demonstrate her very own technique for turning a narrow tube of fabric for making a fabric basket.

Maura Cain and Janet Rich will show us a technique for making napkins.

Susan Monsegur will demonstrate Sheila Macauley's neat circle embroidery technique. For all of you who have lots of embroidery stitches on your machines here's a chance to show them off with this quick, fun project with great results.

Barbara Weiss will demonstrate the Quick Curve Ruler and how it is used in an Urban Abacus quilt.

Donna Peterson will demonstrate Ricky Tims Narrow Frame. Ricky Tims says, "I often use a narrow frame to separate the interior of the quilt from the border. But narrow strips are hard to keep straight." Donna will show us Tims' technique for sewing a straight, narrow seam.

Linda Merwin will demonstrate the Quick Trim and Circle ruler for making flying geese and perfect circles.

Membership

Carol Hartman

Please welcome Donna Dickson and Fran Sharp, our newest Concord Piecemakers!

Also, this is a reminder that **dues** were to be paid by the May 15 meeting. All those members who have not paid their dues by June 1 will receive an e-mail.

Please mail in your \$25 check or pay at the June 12 Ice Cream Social meeting. The registration form is on page 5 of this newsletter.

Library

Sheila Macauley and Janet Rich

Would all members please return your borrowed books at the June meeting?

We will do the library inventory during the summer and we must have all the books to complete it.



Quilt Show 2013

Kristin Bartelson and SuzAnne Weisenbloom

The quilt show is a little more than 4 months away! Registration has begun!

We will be at the June meeting starting at **6:30 to take your registration forms**, take pictures of your quilts if you would like us to, help you write a description, whatever we can do to help! You may download the registration form from the Concord Piecemakers home page. We will also have copies with us at the general meeting. You may email your registration form to Tina Van Roggen at portalofstone@gmail.com.

The **FINAL deadline to register** your quilts is September 9th, which is before our September meeting. Please keep this in mind! We will send out a reminder email during the summer.

If your quilt is not completely done, you may still register it now, as long as you know the final dimensions and can take a picture of the pattern and fabrics you are using so the quilt show layout committee can begin to set the show. We encourage every member to enter at least one quilt, no matter if it is your first completed quilt, or if you have been a quilter for many years. The show will not be successful without your quilts and many volunteers.

We are not charging admission to our members, but encourage everyone to sign up to work at least 4 hours during the show. We will have the signup sheets available at the June meeting. We encourage you to sign up early and often! It would be best if committee chairs had a co-chair in case of an unexpected situation occurring over the Oct 25-26th weekend.

At the **June general meeting** we will get the opportunity to view the quilted items at the show and tell to be put in the **themed raffle baskets**. CPM has so many talented quilters that we know the items will be unique and beautifully created. If you are not part of a themed raffle basket, it is not too late. Please let us know to be part of the fun!

The **raffle baskets** will be **assembled at the September meeting**, 1 month prior to the show. Maura Cain will provide the materials to make each basket one that you would love to take home. The chairperson of each basket will need to email Maura the contents of her group's basket so that she can make up tags. We hope to make some wonderful profits to help support speakers at the general meetings and other CPM endeavors.

Quilt Show



Pillowcases

Maura Cain



Feel like making fun, cheerful pillowcases over the summer for ConKerr Cancer? View their website [ConKerr](#) for cutting instructions. Click on Volunteer, then on Sew Pillowcases.

Also, there is a easy tube technique tutorial from Missouri Star Quilt Co on YouTube that you can find [here](#)

Please bring all your washed pillowcases to the September meeting.

Piecemakers' Trivia

Sue Lee

Trivia Question #2 and Answers (corrections)

Q. Where were CP quilt shows held before using St. Matthew's?

The Scout House in Concord, the Concord Art Association (It was a 10 day affair!) , Monument Hall (Concord), Trinitarian Congregational Church (Concord); The Country Manor (Ethan Allen Furniture Store) Rt.2A in Acton

Q. What year did we start holding them at St. Matthew's? **A.** 1981

Q. Who was the chairperson that year? **A.** Alice Wiggin

Trivia Question #3 and Answer (corrections)

What were some different names for the first few quilt shows?

Treasury of Quilts, Quilts Galore, Quilts Galore 2, Harvest Quilt Show, Quilt Show, and finally, Basket of Quilts

Comfort Quilts /Outreach

Kristin Bartelson

Thank you to everyone who has contributed comfort quilts this year.

Because of your generosity, we were able to donate quilts to Bethke Cancer Center at Emerson Hospital, Project Linus, those affected by Hurricane Sandy and the Boston Marathon bombings, and comfort many others in need. You are a talented and generous group of ladies!

Please let me know whenever you hear of someone who might need a comfort quilt. Thank you again.



Concord Piecemakers Membership Registration

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

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.

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 _____

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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