



Concord Piecemakers' Grapevine

March 2013

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Next Meeting on Wednesday, March 20, 2013

**At Harvey Wheeler Center, West Concord, MA
Business Meeting begins at 7:30 p.m.**

Piecemakers Calendar 2012-2013

March 20, 2013

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

March 2012

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

Message from the President...

Barbara Kozenko

Hello Piecemakers.

As I write this, the snow is piling up outside my window, yet again. There's a large branch across the driveway that's given way under the weight of the snow. I am so sick of winter!

But, just a few inches from me is a vase of beautiful pale peach lilies and they make me think of spring. And that makes me think of all the quilt shows that will be coming up, which makes me think of our quilt show. And that gets me excited to finish up the quilts I want to hang in the show. Any time I can be at my machine is happy time. Ahhh... I feel much better!

I want to give a big thank you to Marian Bressel for running our getaway weekend. Even though the details are the

same, there's always something that comes up and she's always there to make it better again. Thanks Marian. We love our getaway weekend and appreciate you pulling it all together for us.

I also want to give a big thank you to Monica Natwig and Marla Richmond for running our Quiltathon. We completed 35 quilts and 110 were originally donated. Thank you ladies for making the day happen. Thanks also to all our guild members who donated quilt tops, came together and worked the day away putting together quilts, and for making this worthwhile event such a huge success.

Hang in there. It has to stop snowing eventually. Get some quilting done. See you at the meeting.

Things to bring
to the meeting:

- Calendar availability
- Nickel squares
- Fat quarters
- String blocks
- Library books

Quiltathon 2013



Despite dire weather predictions (that didn't come true), despite members being away in St. John's, Arizona, Mexico, and other exotic places, Quiltathon 2013 was a rousing success!

Members came between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to complete comfort quilts. There were **35** quilts completed right down to the labels. **75** quilts had a great beginning and will be completed by the comfort quilt group at Joy Sussman's house.

110 quilts will give love and comfort from Concord Piecemakers due to one day of working together (and lots of time spent making tops).

Thanks to everyone who helped out. We admired all the completed quilts and then took our traditional photograph of Piecemakers wearing the quilts (photo above).

We look forward to next year, so get your tops started!

-Monica Natwig & Marla Richmond -

Raffle Quilt

Joy Sussman

A packet of raffle tickets will be waiting for each member at the March meeting to purchase or sell. Our lovely quilt has frequently been won by a guild member, so get your name in the pot.

Tickets are due back by the May meeting.

Next Open Sew

March 16, 9:30-4:30 McKay Hall,
Newbury Court North
80 Deaconess Road, Concord

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

Quilt Show 2013

Kristin Bartelson and SuzAnne Weisenbloom

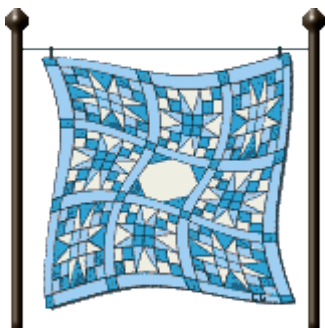
The quilt show countdown is on- eight months away!

Registration forms are located on our Concord Piecemakers website. They will also be available at our monthly meetings. Please register your quilts early. There are many steps after registration to have a successful show. For anyone who is ready with a partial quilt top, we will be happy to collect your registration information, take pictures, do measurements, etc. at the May meeting.

Deadline for sending in registration forms this year is Monday, September 9th. No registrations will be accepted after that date as the women responsible for inputting the information and hanging the show need some lead time to make this work.

Nickel Squares

We are collecting 5 inch squares at every meeting to sell at the quilt show. There is a collection of material from the yard sale that needs to be cut into squares. Please take some home from the March meeting, cut it at home, and bring it back at the April meeting. We also happily accept donations of current fabric cut into 5" squares at every meeting.



Used Books and Magazines

We will be selling used books and magazines again this year. Please keep this in mind as you go through your inventory and consider donating any you no longer want.

Boutique

Please think of what you can make to sell at the boutique.

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered. In the next few months we'll ask the committee heads to meet with us before a guild meeting to discuss roles and responsibilities.

We also do not plan on having a booklet this year. If you feel strongly that we should have one and are willing to organize the advertising, typing, and printing, please let us know that you can take on this role.

Did you know that at our last quilt show we had 125 people participate in the Quilt Show Scavenger Hunt?

When the completed sheet was turned in, each participant received a fat quarter.

We will be collecting fat quarters for this year's Scavenger Hunt. Please bring in your fat quarter donations to any meeting.

Library

Sheila Macauley and Janet Rich

New books for the month of March:

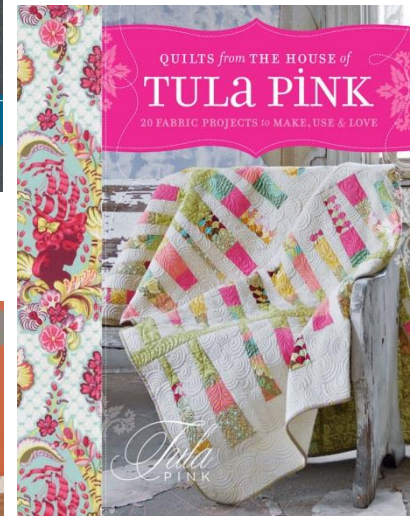
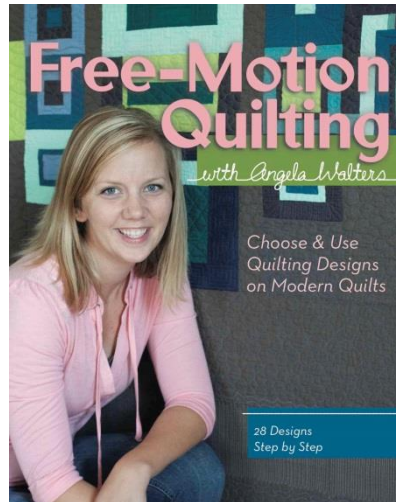
Free-Motion Quilting with Angela Walters by Angela Walters

Quilts from The House of Tula Pink by Tula Pink

Scrap Quilts Fit for a Queen Or a King, Twin or Lap! by Sally Schneider

If anyone would like the library to order a book, email Sheila or Janet.

Would all members who have books out for more than 3 months try to return them at the March meeting?



Comfort Quilts

Kristin Bartelson, Outreach Chair

Thank you to everyone who made the wonderful quilts for the quiltathon! I brought home 35 beautiful quilts. You are a bunch of talented and giving women! Please let me know if you know of anyone or any organization that would like one of our quilts.

Last month I delivered 12 quilts to the VA Hospital in Bedford. I received a very nice thank you note from them.

I was also contacted by the outreach chairwoman for the Chelmsford Quilt Guild. They were looking for larger bed-sized quilts to give the victims of the January condo fire in Chelmsford. I was able to give them 3 large quilts.

Most of the quilts I have are lap size, so if anyone is wondering, there are occasions that a larger quilt is requested.

Again, thank you everyone!

Daytime Comfort Quilts

Joy Sussman

The daytime comfort quilt group is now back in business and will begin regular meetings this month.

We meet the 1st and 3rd Monday each month at Joy Sussman's home at 1pm.

Programs

Lola Chaisson, Laurie LaConte, Linda Merwin, Marla Richmond

Join us this month for **Susan Carlson's** lecture and trunk show. Please go to her website www.susancarlson.com for more information about our guest speaker.

Workshop with Susan Carlson

Saturday, March 23rd, 9:30 - 3:30

What Goes Around, Comes Around
Learn Susan's fabric collage method using a simple yet dynamic spiral as your subject.

We still have a few openings for this workshop. Please email Linda Merwin, linda.merwin@gmail.com to reserve your space. You can also sign up at our March meeting.

Piecemakers' Trivia

Sue Lee

Trivia Question #1 - What was the original logo for Concord Piecemakers?

Answer - a TriCon hat

From Alice Wiiggin regarding the first logo for the Concord Piecemakers:

"Mardi Perry (my aunt) designed the first one in the very early 80s, about the time of our first quilt show. It was a TriCon hat in shades of blue viewed from above. I remember trying to make one into a quilted name tag (several gals did better than I)."

Now you know the rest of the story.

Trivia Question(s) #2 - Where were CP quilt shows held before using St. Matthew's, and what year did we start holding them at St. Matthew's? Who was the chairperson that year?

We will be signing up to sell raffle tickets and to white glove at the March meeting for the New England Quilt Festival (formerly called MQX) in Manchester, NH.

Dates are April 11-13, Thu, Fri, & Sat.

Please check your calendars and sign up to help.

Membership

Carol Hartman

This is a reminder that we begin our renewal process at the April meeting, but if you want to get this done early, go to our website, concordpiecemakers.org

There you can get a copy of the membership renewal form and print it out. Bring the completed form and check to the meeting.

Please renew by the May 15 meeting, as our fiscal year runs May 31 to June 1. Fill in all sections, sign it, and provide any changes to your personal information.



We're on the Web!

See us at:

www.concordpiecemakers.org

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