



Concord Piecemakers' Grapevine April 2014

Maura Cain & Susan Monsegur, Editors

Wednesday, **April 16**, 7:15pm

At Harvey Wheeler Center, West Concord, MA

Message from the President...

Barbara Weiss

Spring Holiday Greetings

April brings some better weather, I hope, and the celebration of Passover. This holiday has in the last years reminded me of quilting. The seder, which means order, is conducted on a path set up at the beginning. Within this framework there are questions, discussions and interpretations.

With quilting, there is an order of construction. It starts with an idea and progresses from color, fabric, blocks and rows to a finished quilt, all quilted, bound and labeled.

The same goes for our year at the guild. There is an order to our calendar. This leads us to May when the slate of officers and the budget is voted. There are discussions and questions and hopefully not too many changes. One change that will cheer us is a larger appropriation for programs. If you have a budget proposal, please get in touch with me, as April and May are our planning months.

The Quilt Side

Imagine my surprise on opening the NYT style section recently to see a Chanel dress composed entirely of 2 ½ inch strips. They were woven diagonally from the top and then just free floating to a demure midi length. So ladies, get out your jelly rolls, at least four, and take a wearables challenge to create a fashion statement. You would need to serge the edges to avoid the bird's nest of fraying thread after washing. Or maybe you'll only wear it once.

The model in the dress has this weird look on her face that says, "What do I do now when the wind is blowing?" Hope she is wearing whole body Spanx!



Piecemakers Calendar 2014

April 16, 2014
Rayna Gilman

April 17 & 18, 2014
Rayna Gilman Workshop

May 21, 2014
Annual Meeting &
Tina van Roggen
Trunk Show

June 11, 2014
Ice Cream Social

**More Before
Stop by at 6:30
before our meeting
to see Sheila
Macauley
demonstrating great
quilt marking
techniques!**

Things to bring to the meeting:

- 5 inch nickel squares
- Raffle quilt blocks
- Library books
- Pillowcases
- Name tag
- String blocks



Raffle Quilt

Mary Jalenak, Joanne Williamson and Jan Wilhelm

Thank you to all who have taken blocks for our raffle quilt.

Please return them at the April meeting so that we can put the quilt together.

Programs

Lola Chaisson, Linda Merwin

Come on out to hear **Rayna Gilman**, artist, author, and teacher share with us her own creative journey.

Pushing Creativity with "What If?"

Two powerful words that can push the boundaries of your work and increase creative courage. A look at this artist's journey from traditional to self-expression.

See her work at www.studio78.net

Pillowcases

Maura Cain

32 pillowcases were collected last month.

Thank you!
Keep them coming.

Membership

Pam Cincotta and Linda Merwin

We are pleased to welcome **Catherine Michael** to our guild. Her personal information has been sent out in an email. It is always nice to have new friends join us and share our passion for quilting. Be sure to introduce yourself to Catherine and make her feel welcome.

Dues for the 2014-2015 year are expected to be submitted on or before the May 21 meeting. Our dues remain the same: Full membership is \$25 and Associate membership is \$15.

You may download a registration form from the website concordpiecemakers.org, pick one up at the membership table. **Please bring your completed registration form and dues payment to either the April or May meeting.**

As a **special incentive**, all members who rejoin by May 14 will be entered into a drawing to be held at the June meeting. The winner will receive a free membership.

Please be prompt in submitting your registration. Late submissions run the risk of being excluded from the Yearbook and present significant additional work for the Membership and Yearbook committees.

Payment may also be made by sending your completed registration form and check to: Membership Chair,
c/o Concord Piecemakers,
PO Box 1381, Concord, MA 01742-1381

The next two Open Sew days are
April 26th and May 17th.

Quilt Show News

Sheila Sharon Perko and Suzanne Knight

The guild overwhelmingly voted in favor of making group baskets for the 2015 Quilt Show. We would like members to sign up for one of these 3 options at the June meeting to do one of the following:

- Create a basket working with your own group. (Indicate all the people in the group)
- Create a basket created by a randomly assigned group. (Provide your name and we'll create the group)
- Donate individual items to baskets once the themes are determined. This choice is for those who cannot commit to a group but still wish to contribute something such as fat quarters, thread, or whatever the theme dictates.

Wearable Arts

Cindylee Gee

Wearable Arts will use Open Sew on April 26th from 10am to 1pm to sew our challenge items!

We are challenged with using a "new to us" sewing technique on either a tee shirt or jeans. Cindylee will attempt to watercolor flowers and machine quilt over and around them.

In May we will tour New England for some great garment fabric stores! Please email if you want more information.

Wearable Arts will be starting a new year at the end of the June meeting, at which time we will be voting in a new chairperson. Please nominate yourself or convince a friend this is an easy group to entertain. Cindylee & Janet have enjoyed bringing you a year of inspiration.

Cindylee will be stepping down to teach at Daley by the Yard, and will be teaching in her home studio for private/group lessons



Made by Janet Vitkevich using Nickel Squares

How Did You Use Your Nickel Squares?

Janet Crane Vitkevich

I have recently admired several lovely quilts that were made using nickel squares purchased at our 2013 Quilt Show. I would love to hear (or see) how you are using your nickel square assortments. Please send me a quick email at jcvitkevich@att.net or, better yet, a photo of your project.

Thank you to the many guild members who have already begun contributing nickel squares for the 2015 Quilt Show. Please continue to cut your leftover fabric into 5 inch squares. All styles of fabrics are welcome. Batiks in any color, oriental motifs with touches of gold or silver, large and small florals, solids and tone-on-tones, as well as playful prints suitable for children's quilts, were some of the big sellers in 2013.

The Nominating Committee would like to thank everyone who volunteered for a position or committee for next year, as well as those who are stepping down.

Below is the list of committees and proposed officers for 2014 -2015.
Voting on the new slate of officers will occur at the annual meeting in May.

Concord Piecemakers 2014-2015 Committees

President: Barbara Weiss

Vice President: Jennifer Grimsley

Treasurer: Kitty Shaw

Secretary: Suzanne Knight

Historian: Sue Lee

Membership: Linda Merwin and Pam Cincotta

Newsletter: Maura Cain and Susan Monsegur

Website: Caitlin Beery

Program Chair: Linda Merwin

Program Committee Members: Pam Cincotta, Molly Eberle, Elana Schreiber,
Jennifer Grimsley, Polina Shapiro

Library: Sheila Macauley, Janet Rich

Outreach: Kristen Bartelson, SuzAnne Weisenbloom

Caring: Dorothy Sonnichsen

Quilt Show: Sharon Perko, Suzanne Knight

Raffle Quilt: Jan Wilhelm, Joanne Williamson, Mary Jalenak, Marla Richmond

Nominating Committee: Pam Cincotta, Barbara Kozenko, Marla Richmond,
Dorothy Sonnichsen, Jennifer Grimsley

We're on the Web!

See us at:

www.concordpiecemakers.org

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