



Concord Piecemakers' Grapevine December 2013

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

Wednesday, December 11, 7pm

At Harvey Wheeler Center, West Concord, MA

Piecemakers Calendar 2013-2014

December 11, 2013
Holiday Party
1 yard swap
Giant Show & Tell

January 15, 2014
Pam Weeks from the
NE Quilt Museum

February 22, 2014
Quiltathon

March 19, 2014
Kathleen Murphy
Trunk Show

April 16, 2014
Rayna Gilman

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

June 11, 2014
Ice Cream Social

Message from the President...

Barbara Weiss

Driving back from the workshop with Bobbie Sullivan this afternoon, the scenes along the way all looked like possible postcards: the Delaney project, the giraffe sculpture at Old Frog Pond Farm, the bridge and water where people fish. It's a new way to look at our surroundings.

Being president of CPM also brings new ways to look at our guild: listening to requests for change, new subgroups and new members. Interest in embroidery and art quilts is prompting new subgroups. New members spoke about wearable arts, modern, and traditional quilting.

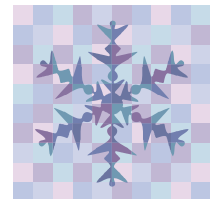
I would like to extend a warm welcome to our new members who bring energy and ideas to us. The dinner was a great success judging from the buzz of conversation. We have a chance to get to know each other better this month at our social meeting.

Dinner, a designated swap (a switch from the Yankee swap), an easy craft project to donate as a group (see programs) and a giant show and tell will bring us together.

Our challenge this year—a favorite place—gets me thinking of the ocean and its many moods displayed in blues and greens, reflecting so many kinds of light. The ocean also has many textures depending on the weather. So that's my challenge; to get all this into one small quilt, also using a piece of bright pink fabric. I clip out pictures from newspapers and magazines for inspiration. One has irregular blocks of color in blues and greens. This shall be my starting point along with a quilt book on making textures. I hope to work on this at the getaway.

Things to bring to the meeting:

- Getaway money
- Pillowcases
- Library books
- String blocks
- 1 yard fabric equivalent
- 4 color coordinated strips 3" x 14"



Concord Piecemakers' Challenge

2013 - 2014

The theme for this year's quilt challenge is **A Favorite Place**. This can be a place you love to travel to, a room in your home, or your own backyard. The quilt can be a realistic representation like a landscape, or your interpretation of that place. The requirements of the challenge are:

- it is not to exceed 100" inches in perimeter

AND

- you must use one of the two fat eighths fabrics provided by the Programs committee.

There are no limits on how little or much you use of this fabric as long as it can be seen in the quilt.

The two fabrics can be found at Quilter's Way in Acton if you wish to purchase additional fabric
FPB2309-026 (Pink) and FWM2309-002 Begonia Leaves (Magenta).



Claudette Cavalier's "Carnival" was selected at our quilt show to represent Concord Piecemakers at Images 2014

Programs

Lola Chaisson, Laurie LaConte, Linda Merwin

December is the month of our Holiday Party, a time when we relax a bit and enjoy one another's company. The catered dinner is also the board's way of saying thank you to everyone for all their efforts that support our guild and our activities during the year.

There is a slight change to our December program this year. Instead of a traditional Yankee Swap we will be sharing a random fabric exchange. So, please still bring your one yard (or equivalent) of fabric, gift-wrapped to be given as a holiday gift and the details of the exchange will be presented at the party.

We also have the opportunity to create Folded Star party favors to be given to Open Table for their holiday festivities. To participate in this activity (following the gift exchange) please bring **four** color-coordinated strips of fabric, 3" x 14", pressed in half **lengthwise** and then pressed again with the long side of the raw edges folded in to the middle. We'll give tutorials at each table on how to make the star.

String Blocks

Claudette Cavalier

Thank you to everyone who has made "heartstring" blocks! Please keep them coming so we can have tops ready for the quiltathon in February.

If anyone has muslin or other light weight, light colored fabric (at least 12" square) that they would like to donate we could always use more for foundation squares.

No Open Sew in January

The next two Open Sew meetings are **Dec 7th** and **Feb 8th** from 10am-4:00pm.

Membership

Carol Hartman

We have three new members to introduce. They are **Pamela Holland**, **Cathy Harless** and **Ann-Marie Valery**.

This has been an outstanding year for new members. Sixteen people have joined the guild. We appreciate the enthusiasm these new members are showing for our guild.

All attended the new member welcome party and all seemed to enjoy the company and the food provided by the board members. We are excited by this influx of new members and even more new registrations. Please remember to give our brochure to friends who are thinking of joining.

Please respond to the December meeting invite if you haven't already done so.
<http://www.punchbowl.com/partypage/ec8f63c6e00bbb9b>

Quiltathon

Marla Richmond and Joy Sussman

REMINDER: The Quiltathon is coming! The Quiltathon is coming!

When: Feb 22, 2014 9am - 4pm
Where: St. Matthews Church, 435 Central Street, Acton

The annual Concord Piecemakers Quiltathon is held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., but come when you can and stay as long as you like. We gather at St. Matthews Church in Acton to make comfort quilts to be distributed wherever comfort is needed.

The guild purchases batting and coffee, has thread to tie the quilts, and supplies a deli lunch for members (and friends, all are invited!) Members are requested to bring a quilt top with a back, and pot luck munchies (fruit, veggies, dessert, etc.).



Welcome New Members!

Getaway Weekend

Marian Bressel

Join us at the 2014 Getaway Martin Luther King Weekend (January 17-20) at the Colonial Inn, Gardner, MA. There's lots of sewing, eating, and fun with your fellow guild members.

All monies are due to Marian Bressel by the end of 2013. If you have not paid by New Year's Eve, you will lose your deposit.

Some folks bring sewing machines (please let us know so we don't have too many).

We sandwich the quilts, machine sew them, tie them and put labels on them. No experience necessary! It is a simple process and it is a lot of fun. How else can you spend a day with fellow quilters, eat, laugh, talk and finish quilts for people who really need them?

Start thinking (and working on) your quilt top. Try something you've never done, use colors you never use, someone will appreciate it! We accept everything from baby quilts to king size, but twin is the most needed. Any questions? Contact us, we'll be glad to help!

We're on the Web!

See us at:

www.concordpiecemakers.org

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