



Concord Piecemakers' Grapevine January 2014

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Piecemakers Calendar 2014

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

Wednesday, January 15, 7:15pm

At Harvey Wheeler Center, West Concord, MA

Message from the President...

Barbara Weiss

Looking Back, Looking Forward and
Savoring Each Day

Last year we had great speakers,
creative workshops and social events.
We also enjoyed a productive
quiltathon and a fabulous quilt show.
Looking forward, we can anticipate a
full agenda including our January
getaway.

This leads us to planning for the future
of our guild. The board works hard
each month to make sure that the
guild runs smoothly. Many of our
current board members have held their
positions for years. To give
experienced board members a break
and ensure the vitality of our guild, we
need our members to assume board
portfolios.

The following positions need to be in
place immediately:

- * A team of five members for the
nominating committee
- * Quilt show co-chairs

Without leadership in these two areas,
our guild will lose part of the board and
the quilt show. All of us need to claim
ownership in our guild's success.
Please contact me if you would like to
volunteer for either of these
committees.

My goals for this year are to continue to
encourage leadership participation in
the guild, bring new members in and
along, and enjoy new quilting skills.

The Quilt Side

You know those ads in quilt magazines
where a sleeping George loses
squares from his shirt? Well, I want the
whole shirt! I have been saving my
husband's old shirts to make a split rail
fence quilt. His favorite yellow striped
shirt reached the ironing pile with holes
in the collar and cuffs. I snagged it and
sort of hid it. When he asked for it, I got
it out and showed him the worn spots.
He only wanted it back ironed, holes
and all. Stifling my acquisitive impulses,
I decided to turn the collar, a practical
wearable art. One hour later, most of it
ripping tiny stitches, I gave the repaired
shirt back thinking there had to be other
shirts on their way out to my pile, just
not this one, yet. But oh, that yellow
was such a good pop of color.

Things to bring to the meeting:

- 5 inch nickel squares
- Library books
- Pillowcases
- String blocks



Nickel Squares Begin Again

Janet Crane Vitkevich

We will begin collecting 5-inch nickel squares again in January to be sold at the 2015 Quilt Show.

As you put away leftover fabrics from various holiday quilting and sewing projects, please consider turning some of that surplus fabric into nickel squares.

We had several requests for holiday-themed nickel squares at last year's quilt show. Customers were also eager to buy bundles of nickel squares in red, white, and blue as well as oriental fabrics, and of course, batiks.

Thank you very much and Happy New Year!



Wearable Arts

Cindylee Gee

The Wearable Arts ladies will be meeting on Saturday January 18th at lunch at the getaway in Gardner. We will be planning February, March, and April meetings.

Our challenge is to create or recreate a tee shirt and pair of jeans. Get artsy and try something new. We will model our creations just before the summer starts.



New England Quilt Museum

Programs

Lola Chaisson, Laurie LaConte, Linda Merwin

"Busting the Myths - Quilt History Truths",
Pam Weeks, NE Quilt Museum Curator

Scholarship in the last thirty years has changed our knowledge of quilt history. Pam Weeks will bring us up to date on the latest discoveries. From myths like "quilting is a craft of American origin", to the truth about quilts and the Underground Railroad, this program will enlighten and entertain.

** Up to twenty (20) attendees are invited to bring one quilt for identification. The quilts will be arranged in chronological order and used as examples in the lecture.

Please email Linda Merwin at linda.merwin@gmail.com if you would like to bring a quilt to be shared in the presentation.

Pillowcase News

Maura Cain

Last year we donated 151 pillowcases to ConKerr Cancer. Marie from ConKerr sent a nice note thanking us for our continued support.

Please consider making a few pillowcases in 2014. They are collected at each meeting.

Getaway Weekend

Marian Bressel

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



47 stars were created by Concord Piecemakers at the December meeting and donated to Open Table for their holiday festivities

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).

Quiltathon

Marla Richmond and Joy Sussman

When: February 22, 2014 9am - 4pm

Where: St. Matthews Church, 435
Central Street, Acton

There is no Open Sew in January.
The next Open Sew is on February 8th
from
10am-4pm.



We're on the Web!

See us at:

www.concordpiecemakers.org

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