



# Concord Piecemakers' Grapevine

## March 2014

Maura Cain & Susan Monsegur, Editors

Wednesday, March 19, 7:15pm

At Harvey Wheeler Center, West Concord, MA

### Piecemakers Calendar 2014

**March 15, 2014**  
Open Sew

**March 19, 2014**  
Kathleen Murphy  
Trunk Show

**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

## Message from the President...

Barbara Weiss

Congratulations go to our guild for some major accomplishments. The quiltathon was a success with about 30 quilts finished and an equal amount of tops on standby. During the year other quilts which are complete can be given to Kristin and tops can be given to Joy Sussman. Thank you to Joy Sussman and Marla Richmond for organizing the event. All the recipients of our quilts feel loved and special, wrapped in our caring thoughts. We get letters thanking us for our generosity.

Another congratulations to our nominating committee and those who have accepted board positions, programming, co-chairs for the quilt show and the raffle quilt. These groups have met and are starting to plan for the next two years. If you have a speaker you would like to hear or suggestions for the quilt show, let us know.

I am so happy that members have responded so quickly to take on leadership. Changing the board and other positions brings new ideas and energy to the guild. We also learn so much from each other. Guild membership is not only about quilting but also about working with people, listening to ideas, and trying things out of our comfort zones. We depend on each other for a working progressive guild.

### The Quilt Side

Depending on others is sometimes hard but necessary. You give up control of outcomes. A friend's special aunt was nearing the end of her life and had one more quilt to finish but no energy left. Her aunt had always hand quilted and done all the work herself. The hand applied Rose of Sharon quilt was for a niece. My friend brought it to me to finish. Cathie Shoemaker machine quilted it quickly, simply and beautifully. Back to me to bind, label, and make a presentation bag. The quilt was returned to her aunt for inspection. She was thrilled and so appreciative of the design and work. After she died, the family's memorial service and reception featured the quilts everyone had brought, almost a one woman quilt show.

Then I needed to depend on my family for quilt help after I fell and sprained my ankle and foot. My daughter pinned my quilt for the quiltathon, learning the process and doing a perfect job. I marveled at how she scooted around the floor so easily. She has volunteered to pin my next top. I am so grateful for her help, which allowed me to sit and sew again. I remember Liz Porter speaking at a meeting long ago, saying that if she didn't quilt for a few days, she got cranky. That described me after 14 days, casting wistful looks at my machine.

### Things to bring to the meeting:

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



## Programs

Lola Chaisson, Linda Merwin

This month **Kathleen Murphy** of Kathleen Murphy Designs will be presenting her trunk show, "A discussion of my quilts. What inspired me, challenged me, pleased me....How I overcame mistakes; there is at least one in every quilt." Check out her website at [www.kathleenmurphydesigns.blogspot.com](http://www.kathleenmurphydesigns.blogspot.com) to see some of her work.

Rayna Gilman Workshop - April 17-18th, "Endless Design Variations"  
"You'll discover simple and exciting variations on strips, squares, and rectangles. Using, "what if?" to guide you, you'll quickly and easily create one-of-a-kind units to use in endless combinations for your own original quilt."

This two day workshop is filling up! See Rayna Gilman's own work at [www.studio78.net](http://www.studio78.net)

Sign up now by emailing Linda Merwin and sending her a check for \$80 payable to Concord Piecemakers. After our March meeting we will open up the workshop to members of other guilds. If you're thinking about attending, don't miss out by waiting too long to sign up!

## Wearable Arts

Cindylee Gee

On Thursday March 6<sup>th</sup> at noon we were invited to attend the Lowell Quilt Museum Brown Bag Lunch. Afterwards there was a Curator's Talk with Astrid Schaeffer.

At the next Open Sew on March 15th, we are recreating/recycling **shoes**! Bring something to work on as well as fabric & Modge Podge, buttons and trims. Marie Antoinette's shoes are awesome and we can copy them!  
All are welcome, but we appreciate it if you contact Cindylee at [sewcindylee@gmail.com](mailto:sewcindylee@gmail.com) for a list of supplies.

## Quilt Show 2015

Sharon Perko and Suzanne Knight

### Quilt Show 2015

Time to get sewing! The next Quilt Show dates have been established.

#### When:

**Thursday, October 15, 2015** (Quilt hanging and set-up)

**Friday, October 16, 2015** and **Saturday, October 17, 2015** (Quilt Show)

#### Where:

St. Matthews Church, Acton MA

### We need your input.

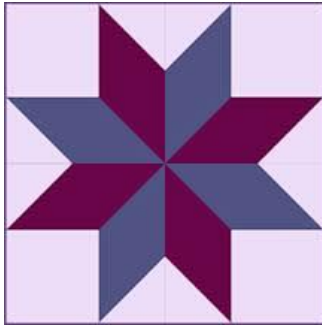
Please complete the **brief online survey** using Survey Monkey (a link will be sent out to members), or by paper survey at the March meeting.

Take a little time to **answer the questions, make comments and suggest changes** for any areas of the show. The survey will be anonymous unless you provide your name.

We'd like to hear from everyone and will let the guild know the results of the survey. Also, if you have helped with the show in the past, let us know in what capacity you would like to help again. We welcome all skills and skill levels.

Looking forward to **Quilt Show 2015!**





## Raffle Quilt Update

Mary Jalenak, Joanne Williamson  
and Jan Wilhelm

We have selected all the fabrics for our 2015 Raffle quilt. Kits to paper piece one quarter of a split LeMoyne star block will be available at the March meeting.

We would like the block returned in April so that we can begin to assemble the Raffle quilt.

Please stop by and take a kit or two.  
Thank you.

## Comfort Quilts

Kristin Bartelson

Thank you to everyone who participated in this year's quiltathon. I brought home some beautiful quilts! Some of them are already on their way to Bethke Cancer Center and the Emerson Hospital Pediatric Intervention Department.

Also this month, I will be bringing quilts to the Healing Garden in Harvard and the VA in Bedford. A few people have asked about wheelchair quilts. They should measure about 36" X 48". The VA can use that size.

Please let me know if you know of anyone or any group that could use one of our comfort quilts.

## Library

Sheila Macauley and Janet Rich

The librarians have been busy purchasing new books for your viewing and sewing pleasure. Stop by the library and check out the latest additions!

### Civil War Quilts

Pam Weeks and Don Beld

### Simple Charm

Kim Diehl

### Civil War Legacies

Carol Hopkins

### Eye-Catching Quilts from Quiltmaker Magazine

### Blocks, Borders, Quilts!

Sunny Steinkuhler

### Kaffe Fassett's Quilt Grandeur Kaffe

Fassett/Rowan

### Inspired to Design

Elizabeth Barton

### Quilting on the Go

Jessica Alexandrakis

### Scraps Plus One

Joan Ford



## Miniature Quilt Group Forming

Polina Shapiro

Do you have a passion for all things small, and miniature quilts in particular?

I'm looking for "new friends" who would be interested in getting together and helping each other with techniques, ideas, encouragement, and critique. If this sounds interesting, please email me directly at [ps1720@gmail.com](mailto:ps1720@gmail.com)

I am unable to attend the March meeting, but I can host a small gathering at my home in Acton anytime.

## Daytime Comfort Quilts

Joy Sussman

Daytime Comfort Quilts will begin again now that we have a new stack of quilts to work on.

We meet the first and third Monday of the month at 1pm at my house, 23 Lothrop Rd., Acton.

Please join us if you can.

## Pillowcases

Maura Cain

A recent newspaper photo showed members of the Bruins visiting a patient at Mass General Hospital. The pillow on the boy's bed was a bright cheery pillowcase. We really do make a difference for these kids staying in the hospital as they receive treatments.

Please remember to bring your washed pillowcases to the meeting.

## Photos from the Quiltathon



Sheila Macauley and Barbara Tarlow



Barbara Kozenko and Tina van Roggen

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We're on the Web!

*See us at:*

**[www.concordpiecemakers.org](http://www.concordpiecemakers.org)**

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