



Concord Piecemakers' Grapevine

May 2014

Maura Cain & Susan Monsegur, Editors

Wednesday, May 21, 7:15pm

At Harvey Wheeler Center, West Concord, MA

Piecemakers Calendar 2014

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

June 11, 2014
Installation of New Officers
Ice Cream Social
Silent Auction
Show and Tell

**More Before
Stop by at 6:30,
before our meeting,
to see Cindylee Gee
show us a
decorative button
technique!**

Message from the President...

Barbara Weiss

The Pilgrim/Roy collection at the MFA this spring is an impressive display of form, color and resourcefulness. Each section of the exhibit is paired with artwork that reflects the shapes and colors of the quilts.

The quilts, representing a small fraction of the collection, inspired me each time to look at traditional designs differently.

The log cabin quilts were so intricate and finely pieced. The quilters used what they had, repurposing clothing, ties, and decorative fabrics into quilts that lasted. There were no rules about what styles of fabric could be used together.

Non-quilting friends have come up to me and raved about the exhibit. They were even more impressed when I told them that Gerald Roy had been a speaker at CPM and that I had taken his color workshop.

I hope that many of you will have the chance to see the exhibit. The "quilt store" is fun to visit on the way out, placed so you can't miss it!

Quilts & Color, The Pilgrim/Roy Collection - April 6 – July 27 at the MFA Boston

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Things to bring to the meeting:

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



Raffle Quilt

Mary Jalenak, Jan Wilhelm and Joanne Williamson

A big **THANK YOU** to all who returned blocks for our raffle quilt. We plan to show the completed top at this month's May meeting.

Programs

Linda Merwin and Lola Chaisson

This month we will welcome **Tina van Roggen**, a Piecemaker member and longtime quilter as our speaker. Tina will share with us her beautiful collection of quilts and a story or two garnered over the years.

Silent Auction of pre Yard Sale "Specials" Don't forget our silent auction in June! If you have some nicer quality items to donate to the yard sale but would like to see them sell for a better value, consider putting them in our silent auction.

Just email a description of the item and a starting bid to Sue Lee at northacres@aol.com and she'll create a bidding sheet for your item. Then be sure to bring your item to the June meeting to be auctioned off. Easy as that!

Also, be sure to bring your checkbook or some extra cash if you want to join in the fun of bidding on these items.

Membership

Pam Cincotta and Linda Merwin

Please welcome our newest members, **Betsey Wood** and **Rita B. Robinson** who joined at our meeting in April.

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 or pick one up at the membership table.

If you have not yet registered for the 2014-2015 guild year, please **bring your completed registration form and dues payment to the May meeting.**

As a special incentive, all members who rejoin by May 21 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. Be sure to indicate your Photo Release choice along with your signature.

Membership cards for the 2014-2015 calendar year will be available at the September meeting along with the latest yearbook.

New name badges will be issued as needed and also available at the September meeting. If you would like a new name badge printed, please indicate this with a notation on your registration form or a quick email to pamelagcincotta@gmail.com.

President's Message cont'd

Barbara Weiss

The Quilt Side

Many years ago when I first started quilting, I wrote down quilt ideas in a notebook. I still do this and have many notebooks charting my quilt business with those thoughts jotted down in between. I came across a few pages of lines related to the Peanuts book, "Happiness is a Warm Puppy". There was also a book, "Misery is....". I know these books are stored somewhere in a tub. Here are a few selections inspired by these books.

"Happiness is Quilting"

Happiness is having a stash.

Happiness is finishing a quilt and staring at it every time you walk by it.

Happiness is giving a quilt to your best friend who does not sew.

Happiness is having the next project in mind while you are working on a quilt.

Happiness is finally getting out of the ditch.

Happiness is getting a stack of fabric for a present.

Misery is ripping constantly at one seam until it is stretched out so badly that you have to cut another piece.

Misery is ripping out so much that your seam ripper gets dull.

Happiness is having a friend teach you to quilt.

Happiness is touching every fabric in a store and being dazzled by color and possibilities.

Happiness is designing your own quilt.

P.S. Can't wait to see Tina van Roggen's trunk show. I know she has been working all year to complete her quilts and gather others together. See you at the May meeting where we can get through business quickly and on to the program.

The next Open Sew day is May 17th

Pillowcases

Maura Cain

Kits will be available. Please pick one up and return it at the June meeting.



Wearable Arts

Cindylee Gee and Janet Altobello

Wearable Arts focused on inspiration this year to help you catch up on projects. We are closing out the year with our challenge to use a "new to you" technique on old jeans and/or tee shirts. Anyone can join in. Our fashions will be shown during Show and Tell in June.

Wearable Arts is currently **seeking a new chairperson** to lead the group next year. The group generally has 30 members with approximately 10 active. Co-chairing made it an easy way to keep it running. We could also swap and have individuals pick a month to set up and run a meeting.

Let's all meet at 6:30 before the May meeting to discuss how to continue.



Claudette Cavalier, Joy Sussman, and SuzAnne Weisenbloom attended the Emerson Auxiliary luncheon where CPM was honored for our comfort quilt donations.

Library

Sheila Macauley and Janet Rich

We purchased new books for the library.
Check them out!

- 1-All in one Quilter's Reference Tool Updated
- 2-Fabulously Fast Quilts
- 3-Tula Pink's City Sampler: 100 Modern Quilt Blocks
- 4-Quilts from the House of Tula Pink: 20 Fabric Projects to Make, Use, and Love
- 5-Quilting with a Modern Slant: People, Patterns, and Techniques Inspiring the Modern Quilt Community
- 6-Stack, Shuffle, and Slide: A New Technique for Stack the Deck Quilts
- 7-Mend and Make Fabulous: Sewing Solutions and Fashionable Fixes
- 8-The Big Book of Nickel Quilts: 40 Projects for 5-inch Scraps
- 9-Strip Smart Quilts II: Make 16 Triangle Quilt with One Easy Technique
- 10-Cut-Up Couture: Edgy Upcycled Garments to Sew
- 11-Fresh Family Traditions: 18 Heirloom Quilts for a New Generation

Quilt Show 2015

Sharon Perko and Suzanne Knight

Last year you may remember the display of amazing baskets that were full of wonderful goods. These are a great money-raising tool for the guild.

At the **June meeting** we will begin to form participation groups that will make the **raffle baskets** at the show.

There are three ways to become part of the activity:

- **Create a group** of people with whom you'd like to work on a basket. Once you've listed the names of the people in the group, you can even reserve your theme at this meeting.
- **Be placed in a group** with people you may or may not know (this is a good way to get to know other guild members). These groups will be "assigned" after the June meeting and will select their theme later.
- **Be an individual donor.** Supply goods to a variety of baskets once the themes are determined.

In addition, we welcome both old and new members to become part of the "planning committee" for the show. These are members who want to get more involved in the "inner workings" of the show and help in the smooth running of the show. Please see us if you are intrigued with the idea of being part of the planning, or if you have any questions about the quilt show.

Comfort Quilts

Kristin Bartelson

There is still fabric left from the donation from Project Linus. It will be available at the May meeting for anyone who would like to take some and make a comfort quilt.

We're on the Web!

See us at:

www.concordpiecemakers.org

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