



Concord Piecemakers' Grapevine November 2013

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Next Meeting on **Wednesday, November 20, 2013**

At Harvey Wheeler Center, West Concord, MA
Business Meeting begins at 7:15 p.m.

Piecemakers Calendar 2013-2014

November 20, 2013
Bobbie Sullivan

November 23, 2013
Postcards workshop

December 11, 2013
Holiday Party

January 15, 2014
Pam Weeks from the
NE Quilt Museum

February 22, 2014
Quiltathon

March 19, 2014

April 16, 2014

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

June 11, 2014
Ice Cream Social

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Message from the President...

Barbara Weiss

What a spectacular quilt show! The quilts were beautiful, the centerpiece of a complex show. At every turn, visitors had a new experience. Congratulations to Kristin Bartelson and SuzAnne Weisenbloom for creating a wonderful show. Suzanne Knight, Sue Lee, and I were on the quilt show board supporting their new ideas and working on various aspects of the show. The group model started by Sue Lee, works well by spreading the responsibility and creating new energy. This will continue on to the next show in 2015 and should be encouragement for new co-chairs to volunteer. My husband greeted me this Monday morning after the show with, "You're back in the kitchen!"

Finally I got back to the curves quilt. It's ready to quilt with the beginnings of a design idea. It helps to let it sit out, look at it, and think about possibilities. A friend in the seafood business came over and stared at it a while. He loved the colors and motion, saying it reminded him of the ocean and kelp. Could I quilt kelp into the design? Sure thing. It's great how another perspective inspires a direction. Now I have to research kelp.

See you at the next guild meeting with a very creative speaker. The next challenge will be presented then as well as our plans for December. Have a wonderful Thanksgiving.



Quilt Show 2013

Kristin Bartelson and SuzAnne Weisenbloom

THANK YOU

to everyone who helped make this year's show a success! We had a great time organizing the show and were very happy with the results. We got to know a lot of the members and enjoyed working with everyone at the show. We have a lot of talented quilters in the guild. We loved the variety of quilts that were shown, and are grateful for all the wonderful comments and emails we received.



We would like your input about the show. An anonymous questionnaire will be available at the November meeting at the check in table. Please take a few minutes to fill it out. It will help in planning the show in 2015.

Speaking of the next show, we need a chairperson or persons willing to take on this role. We found it helpful to have a planning team to spread out the work. We are willing to be on the team to help out. If you are interested, please contact one of us. We will be happy to answer any questions.

We hope the future of the Quilt Show will not be put in jeopardy. The biennial Quilt Show is an important and vital event for Concord Piecemakers.



Nickel Squares

Janet Crane Vitkevich and Nanette Moffa

Half price sale of remaining nickel squares

Many thanks to all of the guild members who generously donated over 11,000 5-inch nickel squares and many yards of beautiful ribbons. We hope that you were able to stop by the nickel squares' table during the show to admire the final results.

Fourteen bundles of 100 squares each and various smaller sets of nickel squares remain unsold. These will be available for purchase at 1/2 price during the half hour before the start of our November 20th meeting. Come early at 6:45 for the best selection!

Please note: We will begin collecting nickel squares for the 2015 show in January 2014.

Membership

Carol Hartman

The new members will be welcomed by the board before the November 20th meeting. We are fortunate to have new people who share our passion for quilting and who bring new ideas to the guild.

Please welcome our latest new member **Sue Walker**. Become friends and help all new members learn about our different programs.

Some ways to get involved are joining Comfort Quilts, Saturday Open Sew, Pillowcase Project, Wearable Arts, the Getaway and the Quiltathon.

Library

Sheila Macauley and Janet Rich



While Sheila was in Houston she had Eleanor Burns sign her new book *Quilts from El's Kitchen* for the CPM library.

If you know of a great quilting book that you would like the library to purchase, please send Sheila or Janet an email.

The next two **Open Sew** meetings are November 16th and December 7th at the Newbury Court Chapel walk out basement. **New time: 10am to 4pm.**

These get-togethers would be the perfect time to finish up your homemade holiday gifts!



Ann Bonsett & Jessica Leger were the creators of the Celebrate the Seasons Raffle Basket

Update from The Gathering

Jessica Leger

Congratulations to three Wearable Arts members on their ribbons at the Gathering in Manchester, NH.

Cindylee Gee won 1st place and Best of Show for her coat and vest. **Ann Bonsett** won 3rd place for her vest, and **Jessica Leger** won Best Accessory for her witch hat. All will be seen at "show and tell" in November.

Jessica was the Fantasy Fashion Show commentator at the Wednesday Night Gala and also gave her Selvedge Queen presentation on Saturday night.

The following members had quilts in the show: **Donna Morales-Oemig, Ann Bonsett, & Jessica Leger.**

Programs

Lola Chaisson, Laurie LaConte, Linda Merwin

Our November program will be a Powerpoint and quilt presentation given by **Bobbie Sullivan**, titled "Postcards from the Edge."

Bobbie will share with us her experience at the Grand Canyon as an Artist in Residence for six weeks. As her daily discipline, she created a postcard a day focusing on small interesting details she observed in the landscape.

Be sure to join us for her Postcard Workshop, the following Saturday, November 23rd, 9:30 - 12:30 at St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church in Sudbury.

ONLY 3 SPOTS LEFT!

To sign up, please email Linda Merwin, linda.merwin@gmail.com indicating that you would like to come. Then mail Linda a check for \$40, payable to Concord Piecemakers to confirm your spot. The fee includes all materials for the workshop.

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 is always lots of fun, food, and sewing with your fellow guild members.

A \$25 deposit at the November meeting will hold your reservation. 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.

Comfort Quilts

Kristin Bartelson

I received a number of finished quilts from Joy's daytime comfort quilt group. They were on display at the quilt show. I hope visitors to the show were able to see what a wonderful caring group we are! The quilts looked great in the sanctuary covering the chairs.

Some of these quilts have gone to the Bethke Cancer Center at Emerson Hospital. Please let me know of anyone to whom you would like to give a comfort quilt.



Wearable Arts

Cindylee Gee & Janet Altobello

We are **changing our meeting** to the **November 16th Open Sew morning** from 10 am – 1pm.

I will be arriving by 9:15 if you need individual help or information.

We will go over any muslin fitting or pattern fittings needed...for holiday sewing. I will also present how to add a seam wherever you would like.

We had a great time exploring The Woolpac in Acton on November 10. Please join us on the 16th!

Highlights From Our Quilt Show 2013



We're on the Web!

See us at:

www.concordpiecemakers.org

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