



Concord Piecemakers' Grapevine October 2013

Maura Cain & Susan Monsegur, Editors

Next Meeting on Wednesday, October 16, 2013

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

Piecemakers Calendar 2013

October 16, 2013

October 25- 26 Quilt Show

November 20, 2013

December 11, 2013

January 15, 2014

February 22, 2014
Quiltathon

March 19, 2014

April 16, 2014

May 21, 2014

June 11, 2014

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Message from the President...

Barbara Weiss

The days are shorter, the air is cooler and dry, acorns are clattering on our roof, perfect for quilting and quilt shows. Ours is fast approaching with all the parts coming together at once. The quilt layout is done. It was a pleasure for Joy Sussman and me to see the variety and excellence in all your quilts. We are sharing our passion for quilts and clothing design with so many who attend. Tell everyone about the show, give them postcards, and bring friends. We still need volunteers in most areas of the show. Look for an email to tell you what is open and sign up.

Finally, I got back to the wild squares inspired by Diane Hire. The center is put together and next are the outer squares. The sewing is easy, but the design part is tricky. It is color and direction of the color flow that brings the piece together. This process is like having a decadent multi-layered dessert. You get to one taste that leads

you to the next. I'm thinking chocolate, caramel, fudge brownies! Maybe someone will make those to fill the cookie cans.

Speaking of cookie cans, this is a very recent experience. In sorting out drawers for the fall, I found one glove and went to the back hall to search for its match. I was brought up short by a mouse sitting on a carpet mat. Searching wildly for a way to cope not involving blood or violence, I grabbed one of the coffee cans left over from our last meeting, popped it over the mouse, dragged the mat and can outside and flipped the lot out. We stared at each other a bit. Yes, the can went right into the recycle bin.

So, here's the end. Does anyone want three unmatched black gloves suitable for making doll shoes, gloves or belts?

Quilt Show 2013

Kristin Bartelson and SuzAnne Weisenbloom

The 2013 Quilt Show is almost here! Thank you to everyone who submitted their quilts to show this year. A BIG thank you to Tina van Roggen for inputting the registration into the computer, Jenny Johnston for printing the information cards to be put on each quilt and doing registration on Thursday morning, October 24, and to Joy Sussman and Barbara Weiss for doing the layout of the show. We cannot wait to see it all come together!

All quilts must have a label on them at registration and a 4" or 5" sleeve for hanging. The label must be accessible at registration. If you are not able to come that morning to register your quilt, you must find a friend to do it for you. The receipt(s) that are given at registration are required to collect item(s) on Saturday at the conclusion of the show.

Wearable Arts items will be treated in the same manner as quilts, i.e. labeled and a receipt given. Any props brought in for displaying wearables, e.g. bodyforms, should be labeled by the owner.

Now we need your help to make the show a



Raffle Baskets

Maura Cain

We have 12 wonderful baskets for the show. They all contain beautiful items. I hope everyone will buy a sheet (or 2) of raffle tickets.

Thank you all for the contributions and especially the handmade items.

success. We need many volunteers for Thursday setting up the show, Friday and Saturday during the show, taking the show down Saturday afternoon and putting the church back together again! The clipboards for sign-ups to volunteer will be available one more time at the October meeting.

Come early and volunteer your time so we can have all slots filled by the end of the meeting! If you are unable to come to the meeting and would like to volunteer, please contact SuzAnne Weisenbloom at michaelsuzw@comcast.net and she will let you know what is available.

Do not forget to complete your handmade items to sell at the boutique. All the information you need is found in this newsletter. Ellen Aron, Ann Bonsett and Jessica Leger can answer your questions.

We also need many dozens of cookies for Friday and Saturday to sell, so please bake a couple dozen of your family's favorites! Direct cookie sale questions to Donna Peterson.

We are also collecting used quilting books and magazines to sell. You may bring them to the October meeting, or Thursday during registration. Contact Jennifer Grimsley if you have questions.

Used Books/Magazines

Jennifer Grimsley

Please donate any gently used quilting, sewing, or knitting books, magazines or patterns to the guild to sell at our Quilt Show. You can bring your items to Jennifer at the October meeting, or drop them off Thursday during quilt show set up. Thank you.

To All Members:

Our meetings will start at 7:15 p.m. from now on. This is to accommodate our speakers, to give them their full contracted hour for presentation. Business meetings will shorten after the quilt show. We are still going to set up and clear chairs until there is someone we can hire to do this for us.

Come early as usual to enjoy your friends and meet new members, see what the side tables are showing, set up a few chairs. Expect the meeting to end around 9pm. If you have any concerns about this change, please email me directly - Barbara Weiss, President, bhw913@yahoo.com



Membership



Carol Hartman

Four **new members** have joined since the last newsletter. They are **Caitlin Beery**, **Beth Nadel Dorfman**, **Molly Eberle**, and **Kathleen McIsaac**. Please introduce yourself and make them feel welcome.

Gift Shop

Jessica Leger, Ann Bonsett, Ellen Aron

Concord Piecemakers will again have a gift shop during the quilt show for selling items that our members have made. Members can do one of the following: donate 100% of their profit to the guild, donate 20% to the guild and retain 80% for themselves, or donate 100% on certain items but 20% on others.

Everyone who puts items into the gift shop must list all of those items on an inventory form. An inventory form is on our website, concordpiecemakers.org. We cannot accept items that are not listed on the inventory form. Each item submitted must have a tag. The tag must include an alphanumeric code to identify the person submitting the item (such as initials), the number of the line on the inventory form for that item and the price of the item. We do not price items. There is a column on the inventory form to indicate whether the item listed on that line is a donation to the guild (Y) or not (N).

Items that have been good sellers in the past include pillows, placemats, napkins, potholders, bibs, hats, small change purses, doll quilts, Christmas ornaments, sewing tool cases, eyeglass cases, scarves, jewelry, and small quilts (lap or baby).

Check-in for the gift shop is from 9a.m. to noon on Thursday, October 24 in the "Blue Room" - which is the room to your left as you enter the church on the ground floor. The tag on every item consigned will be checked against the inventory form for code, line number and price. Please bring any display accessories (mirrors, racks, baskets, shelves, etc.) you need for your items. If you cannot be there at that time, please let one of us know so that we can make other arrangements.

Everyone who puts items in the gift shop is required to work a two-hour shift. Sign-up sheets will be at the meeting or contact SuzAnne Weisenbloom or Kristin Bartelson.

Programs

Lola Chaisson, Laurie LaConte, Linda Merwin

Our program this month will be a trunk show presentation by **Beth Helfter**, titled "Plays Well With Others."

Beth's Description:

"Quilting is a very social hobby, although for the most part quilters create their own individual masterpieces. Adding more quilters into a project changes the scope immensely, and it's a joy of quilting that I love to share. This lecture focuses on group quilting beyond your basic round robin, including several examples of group quilt projects I have organized on line through my website and blog."

Visit Beth's website and blog:

<http://evapaigequilt designs.com/>

<http://evapaigequilt designs.blogspot.com/>

Pillowcases for ConKerr Cancer

Sue Colwell, Fay Martin, Nanette Moffa, Jan Wilhelm, Joanne Williamson

Thank you to all who picked up some pillowcase kits at the last meeting.

We have more, so do not think you have missed an opportunity to support ConKerr Cancer.

If you have completed your cases, please return them to us, and take more!

For more information, go to

<http://www.conkerrcancer.org/>

Watch this video from the Missouri Star Quilt Company on how to make the easy rolled tube version of the pillowcase:

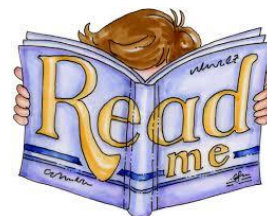
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MrYWCma9wgM>

Raffle Quilt

Joy Sussman

If you still have tickets from last spring please remember to bring them to the October meeting.

I also need more people to help me sell raffle tickets at the NE Quilt Museum on Oct. 19. Please check your calendars and come to this meeting prepared to sign up. Thank you.



Library

Sheila Macauley and Janet Rich

There are still a few members who have not returned their books which they have had out since last year.

Please bring them to the next meeting or drop them off at Sheila's house if you cannot make the meeting. Sheila and Janet would like to finish the inventory.

The library recently purchased the following books:

3 Times the Charm

By Barbara Groves and Mary Jacobson

3 Times the Charm Book Two

By Barbara Groves and Mary Jacobson

Quick and Easy Quilts for Kids

By Connie Ewbank

Save the Selvages

By Sandy Thompson

Wearable Arts

Cindylee Gee & Janet Altobello

October 12 - At the next Open Sew we are bringing our sergers to play with or to learn something new. Cindylee was asked to bring her restyled tee shirt collection to see how to put two short, different, knit tops together to make one longer top! Remaking items with sweaters will be discussed or worked on. You are welcome to come and work on anything.

November 6 - Wednesday, we will be traveling to Cindylee's studio (7 Meadow Dr., Littleton). We will be making muslin fittings or pattern adjustments for holiday outfits or on knit tops in preparation for a future knit class. We will help each other with zippers, style choice, whatever we need. Usually after the quilt show many of us start new projects.

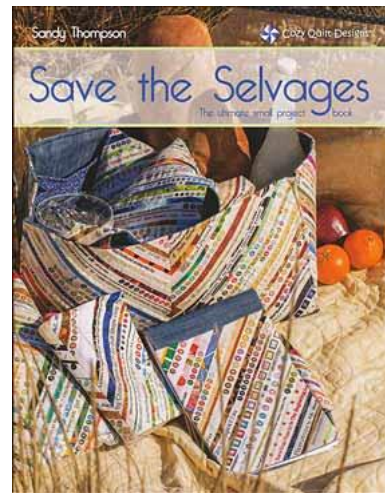


December - There will be no holiday party, but we may have impromptu invites for group sewing to finish holiday projects.

January - The Peabody Essex Museum's "Future Beauty" exhibit runs from November 16 to January 26. This could be a fun road trip to break up the winter doldrums!

Things to bring to the meeting:

- Raffle tickets!
- Pillowcases
- Library books
- String blocks



One of our newly acquired library books

Open Sew

Suzanne Knight and Tina van Roggen
Shirley Weinberg, Facilities Coordinator

Next **Open Sews**
through year end
are as follows:

Oct 12

Nov 16

Dec 7

Mark your calendars!

We're on the Web!
See us at:
www.concordpiecemakers.org

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