



Concord Piecemakers' Grapevine September 2013

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Next Meeting on Wednesday, September 18, 2013

**At Harvey Wheeler Center, West Concord, MA
Business Meeting begins at 7:30 p.m.**

Piecemakers Calendar 2013

September 18, 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 9, 2014
May 21, 2014
June 11, 2014

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Message from the President...

Barbara Weiss

Welcome Back from Summer

This has been a productive summer. A year-long vision of Madaket sunrise/sunsets materialized in one week, five separate mini quilts with colors revealed underneath folded fabric. I also read Diane Hire's Vivacious Curvy Quilts thoroughly, not skimming either. Her writing style is as funny as she was in person at the workshop. I have accumulated a lot of wonky squares and wish someone else would arrange them. I am also still working on another Quilt of Valor and strip squares.

A chance encounter with a quilter from Buffalo in a knitting store brought new ideas. She showed me a timed challenge that her guild did with one jelly roll and the 1600 inch technique. Someone completed the top in 35 minutes. I saw pictures of their feet on the pedal with strips

reeling off the machines onto the floor. This woman was clever and somehow inserted squares and rectangles along the way in one popping color.

A small group of us has been writing a tri-fold brochure that highlights the guild and its projects. This will be useful publicity for us. It is impressive seeing all that we do in print. We have so much to engage quilters at every skill level.

A welcome event will be scheduled for new and recent members prior to a regular meeting. We hope that new members will find quilting friends and enjoy all that the guild has to offer.

I am looking forward to this year with its rhythm of board meetings, guild meetings, quilt show, quiltathon, workshops and more. See you at the September meeting.

Things to bring to the meeting:

- Nickel squares - **last chance!**
- Library books
- Fat quarters for the quilt show scavenger hunt
- Raffle basket items
- String blocks



Programs

Lola Chaisson, Laurie LaConte, Linda Merwin

Our program for this month will be a trunk show presented by **Sandi Bard**.

Sandi is a founding member of the New England Quilt Museum and has been a quilter and designer for 25 years. Through an informal show-and-tell lecture format, Sandi will share with us her own history as a quilter with lots of techniques, design information, and Q & A.

Also, please plan to bring your own accomplishments from the summer to share in our own show-and-tell at the end of the meeting.



This Year's Raffle Quilt

Quilt Show 2013

Kristin Bartelson and SuzAnne Weisenbloom

The quilt show is approaching fast! The final day for quilt registration was September 9th. All of the information has been put into the computer by Tina van Roggen. Thank you Tina! Now the next step is taking that information and printing the quilt descriptions to be placed on each quilt, getting the registration bags and receipts ready, and laying out the quilt show. Thank you to Jenny Johnston for doing registration and to Barbara Weiss and Joy Sussman for doing the layout. These ladies put in a lot of time behind the scenes to make our show run smoothly.

Jenny will be discussing the registration process at our October meeting, but you can start to get ready by making sure each quilt has a 4 or 5 inch sleeve attached, and a label with your name and title of the quilt on it. There is an error on the registration page that says you will be given bags for your quilts prior to registration. Your quilts will not go into bags until you bring them on Thursday, October 24th 8-10 am for registration. Quilts should be folded so the label is accessible.

At our Wednesday, September 18th meeting we will put together our themed raffle baskets and have the clipboards with signup sheets available. If you have already signed up, you can review when you have volunteered to work. If you have not signed up, now is your chance! Thank you to Maura Cain for taking the lead on the themed raffle baskets. It takes many volunteers to help set up the show, work during the show, and take down and clean up after the show! There is free admission into the Quilt Show if you work at least 2 shifts. Please think how and when you would like to help.

Thank you to everyone who is chairing a committee. We look forward to a great show!

Membership

Carol Hartman

This year we are delighted to announce our **8 new members**. They are **Donna Dickson, Patricia Fennessy, Benje Freedman, Mary Jalenak, Judith Lawler, Leslie Lowe, Sharon Perko** and **Fran Sharp**. Make a point of introducing yourself to these women. They will bring new ideas, their individual creativity, problem solving, and some needed hands to accomplish our programs. We happily welcome them to Concord Piecemakers!

Jo-Ann's discount cards expired over the summer, so you can renew them at any Jo-Ann's store with your membership card.

If you mailed in your registration, you can pick up your membership card at the table. Please, all of you **sign in** when you arrive and pick up badges/cards and the 2013 directory. In order to participate in our drawing, you must be wearing your badge.



Library

Sheila Macauley and Janet Rich

Our librarians would like to complete the book inventory, therefore, **please return** all **library books** at the September meeting that you have kept over the summer.

If you know of a great quilting book that you would like the library to purchase, send Sheila or Janet an email with the name of the book and they will try to buy it for the library.

Nickel Squares

Janet Crane Vitkevich and Nanette Moffa

The September 18th meeting will be your **last opportunity** to donate additional 5-inch Nickel Squares to be sold at the October 2013 quilt show.

Many thanks to all of the guild members who have generously contributed precut nickel squares, fabric, and ribbons to this fund raising effort for Concord Piecemakers. This is a great way to trim your stash and send some of your surplus fabric out to the world.

Please be sure to stop by the Nickel Squares table at the upcoming show to admire the end results and to shop for some precut squares for a future quilt project.

Pillowcases for ConKerr Cancer

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

Thanks to the Board of CPM, we were able to purchase fabric for 116 pillowcases to be sewn for donation to ConKerr Cancer!!

We have cut and assembled the kits and they will be available for pick-up at the September meeting. We will also be doing demonstrations of the "magic" way of making these cases, and will have information for websites and Utube videos for making them.

Hope you will join us in this easy and rewarding way to use some of the Guild's monies to benefit hospitalized children!

Wearable Arts

Cindylee Gee & Janet Altobello

There will be many opportunities on different dates to try different events. Meeting locations will vary. Therefore, timely RSVP's *will be necessary*. Wearable Arts will also join the regular quilting group on their Saturday Open Sew events.

The Boston Chapter of the American Sewing Guild invited Wearable Arts to join their neighborhood group at **Daley By The Yard** on Sunday, Sept. 8th. Erin Daley, the owner, presented a new product called Bosal Foam and everyone there made an eyeglass case using this foam product. The product is soft but has body, fabric can be ironed on to it, and it can be easily sewn through. We think this product will revolutionize the handbag and accessory market.

On **Wednesday, Oct. 2nd**, Wearable Arts has been invited to "Explore the Details" at **Cambridge Wear** in Acton (342 Great Rd). If you have shopped there, you know the incredible design details and colors that you don't often see at the chain stores! Owners, Sherry and Liz will welcome our sewing talents to talk freely about what we see and how we think it is done. We will seek item detailing to share with each other. Sherry and Liz will give us their input on style and color for any choices we try on. They know we may also shop, as the fabrics we see in the garments are not readily available to us...and if we don't have time to make them, why wait...enjoy any purchase you want now! To join us at 6:45 to 9:00 on Oct. 2nd, an RSVP is a must.

Then on **Wednesday, Nov 6** join us at Cindylee's studio for help with last minute Holiday Outfits. Call or email Cindylee for details.



Comfort Quilts (Daytime)

Joy Sussman

Comfort quilts will be starting again in September. We usually meet the 1st and 3rd Mondays each month from 1-3pm. However, this month the first Monday is Labor Day, so we will meet on the 9th and the 23rd of September. The meeting is held at my home, 23 Lothrop Road, Acton.

All are welcome to come and help tie the quilts that were assembled at our last Quiltathon.

Open Sew

Suzanne Knight and Tina van Roggen
Shirley Weinberg, Facilities Coordinator

Saturday **Open Sew** is held from 9:30-4:30 in the room below/under the chapel at Newbury Court North (next to Emerson Hospital).

Save the dates!

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Jun 21



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