



Concord Piecemakers' Grapevine September 2014

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Wednesday, September 17, 7:15 pm

At Harvey Wheeler Center, West Concord, MA

Piecemakers' Calendar 2014-2015

Sept 17- Speaker Elin Waterston, "Finding Your Voice"
Sept 18- Workshop-Elin Waterston, Fabric Collage
Oct 15- Speaker Kathie Alyce, "Our Passion for Quilting"
Oct 18- Yard Sale
Nov 19- Speaker-Pat Pauly, "Traditional Meets Contemporary"
Nov 20- Workshop-Pat Pauly, "The Big Leaf"
Dec 10- Holiday Party
Jan 16-19- Getaway Colonial Inn, Gardner, MA
Jan 21- Speaker-Dilla Gooch Tingley, "Fabric is truly my medium"
Feb 21- Quiltathon
Mar 18- TBD
Mar 21- Workshop-Sue Pelland, Leaves Galore
Apr 15- Speaker-Joan Ford, ScrapTherapy Trunk Show
May 20- Annual Meeting & Election of New Officers
Jun 10- Installation of new Officers & Year End Show & Tell

Things to bring to the meeting:

- Challenge quilts!
- Library books
- Pillowcases
- Name tag
- String blocks
- 5 inch nickel squares

Message from the President

Barbara Weiss

Welcome back everyone from a beautiful summer. This month induces a Pavlovian response of wanting to go school shopping for paper, pens, dividers etc. Since I am way past all that, the urge will have to be redirected to fabric shopping and organizing. This is a prompt to look at your fabric, sort through it, and decide what can stay in the stash and what can be donated to the yard sale or the strip square pile. Then start looking at all the new fabrics in the shops.

Our board has seen some changes over the last few months. Jennifer Grimsley is moving to New York for a new position and to be close to family. We will miss her enthusiasm and efficiency. She took on the VP role and more this year. Thank you for everything. Carol Hartman is returning to the board as membership co-chair with Linda Merwin. Pam Cincotta has agreed to become VP and President next May. We are so fortunate to have an active engaged membership.

See you all soon at our first meeting with a full agenda of a speaker, summer quilt and challenge show and tell and organizing for the yard sale.

The Quilt Side

Sewing skills emerge in many guises. This summer I had surgery again on a basal cell. In the midst of being stitched, my husband and the surgeon talked about how fine and dense the stitches were, no counting. Then I talked about how he was doing applique work and explained that technique. He also made templates and Y seams. I asked if he did any sewing at home. His reply, "When I go home, I want to get far away from it. I only do repairs on stuffed animal limbs." I am in awe of his skills as well as his compassion.

On a brighter side, the summer was a very productive time for me. Four quilts are at the long arm quilter including two for my grandsons, a QOV, and a gift for a retiring doctor. My son finally took home a small Arizona-inspired wall hanging that had been sitting as a UFO for ten years.

I have been looking at patterns in magazines and my pattern book for new ideas. I have also continued to collect inspiration from art and other magazines. Translating a photo into a quilt reflecting only the colors and mood, not a replica of the photo, intrigues me. It takes a while for an idea to percolate and become a quilt. I look forward to thinking and sifting through ideas.



Yard Sale

Barbara Tarlow

Members of the Concord Piecemakers Quilt Guild, please remember to help spread the word about our biennial fabric sale.

Fabric Yard Sale SATURDAY, October 18

9am-2pm

Indoors

St. Matthew's Methodist Church
435 Central St. Acton, MA
(Exit 41 off Rt. 2)

A variety of fabric yardage, along with fabric in smaller cuts will be for sale at substantial savings. In addition, books, magazines, patterns, kits, UFO's, notions, knitting and crochet supplies will be available.

Please note: CASH ONLY

Programs

Our speaker this month will be **Elin Waterston**, co-author of "Art Quilts at Play". Her talk, titled "Finding Your Voice", is about how to develop personal imagery and motifs, color palettes and construction techniques to create a signature style.

Workshop

Elin will also be offering a **workshop on Thursday, September 18th**, 9:30-3:30, titled "Fabric Collage." The cost of the workshop is \$30 and is limited to 20 attendees.

In this workshop, students will learn design fundamentals by creating a collage with a photograph or other image (printed or transferred onto fabric) as a central focal point as well as experiment with abstract collage compositions, learn construction techniques and how to incorporate found objects and ephemera into their collages.

To sign up, email Elana Schreiber, lahsch@verizon.net, indicating your interest in attending, and then mail her a check payable to Concord Piecemakers.

Library

Sheila Macauley and Janet Rich

*Please return
your library
books!*

Would all members who still have not returned books to the library please bring them to

the **September** meeting so we can complete the inventory?

Let us know if you have any book recommendations.

Quilt Show 2015

Sharon Perko and Suzanne Knight

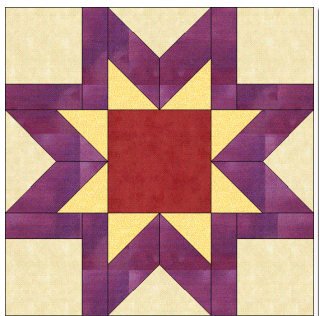
Please join us at the September meeting to learn more about plans for the 2015 Quilt Show!

Thanks to all members who signed up to be on a basket theme team. We appreciate you!

Start thinking about which of your quilts or fabric art pieces you would like to put in the show...it is just over a year away and it will be here before you know it!

We will be starting to ask for committee chairpeople soon!

Please bring nickel squares (5 inch squares or charms) for our Nickel Square Sale at the 2015 Quilt Show. See you at the September meeting.



Daytime Comfort Quilts

Joy Sussman

Comfort Quilts will begin meeting again on Sept. 22 at 1 PM at my house - 23 Lothrop Rd., Acton.
All are welcome.

Wearable Arts

Pam Holland

This year Wearable Arts will work on a group challenge to be exhibited at the 35th CPM Quilt Show in October 2015. We are planning a fall NYC trip for fabric shopping and a Wearable Arts garment sewing weekend away March 6th, 7th & 8th at the Inn at Mill Falls in New Hampshire.

Join us Saturday, September 20, at the Open Sew from about 10 - 1 where we will finish planning the year and work on projects. Please let us know if you have any ideas you would like the group to investigate or learn.

Check the monthly newsletters for updates, but the **Open Sew (approximate) schedule** is:

Sept 20: Open Sew, 10-1, for continued planning and sewing.

Sept 27: NYC fabric shopping trip

Oct tbd: Field trip to Cambridge Wear or other clothing stores to gather inspiration and study techniques

Nov tbd:

Dec: Holiday Show & Tell at meeting

Jan: Gardner Weekend Away

Feb 7: Open Sew & Serger Workshop

Mar 6-8: Weekend Away for garment sewing

Apr 18: Open Sew with Knits

May 9: Open Sew and/or Dying Fabric

June: Meeting Show & Tell



Membership

Linda Merwin and Carol Hartman

We warmly welcome our new members since last year: They are **Lisa Bough, Mary Crawford and Joy Stark-Smith.**

The membership now stands at 132 members.

Wear your badges to participate in the monthly drawing at each meeting.

You can pick up any requested badges, and Yearbooks when you sign in.

New prospective members can attend their first meeting free, as the guest fee will be waived.

Small Quilt Group

Kristin Bartelson and SuzAnne Weisenbloom

We hope everyone had a relaxing and rejuvenating summer. As a kick off to the first meeting, we would like to start a small quilt group get-together. We are calling our group "Modern Emotions". With that name, we are sure you can guess what type of block patterns we will be using.

Over the years, we have spent many days sewing and working together on projects. Even when we choose the same pattern we both put our individual "stamp" on the choice of fabrics and enjoy the camaraderie and inspiration of each other. We thought this small group would be a great opportunity to see the direction each quilter takes with a focus fabric and quilt pattern. We would like to get together periodically to share each other's inspiration and creative style.

The quilt blocks we choose will have a modern contemporary feel. The fabric and color selections we have chosen evoke an emotion. Some emotions to be portrayed in the blocks are "peaceful", "poetic" and "enchanted". Each month we will provide a "focus" fabric, an emotion, and a different block pattern. The rest is up to the group, within the color palette provided, to create a 12.5 x 12.5 quilt square. We will get together

every few months to share our quilt creations and plan for the next square.

Our hope for those participating is to enjoy a small quilting group, inspire each other, and create a block of the month quilt to be displayed in the October 2015 Quilt Show.

We are limiting participation to 15 people so we can easily obtain materials. A nominal fee will be charged to cover the cost of the fabric.

We have already chosen the blocks, focus fabrics, and "emotion" to be portrayed and would like to get the small group started in September.

Please reply to:
michaelsuzw@comcast.net or
the_bartelson@verizon.net if you would like to participate.

We will have the materials ready to go at the September 17th meeting. A table will be set up, so please come early in order to have plenty of time to reconnect with friends whom you have not seen all summer.

We're on the Web!

See us at:

www.concordpiecemakers.org

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