

Concord Piecemakers (CPM) Guild

A Guide for New Members

Meetings

Date: 3rd Wednesday of the month from September through June (usually).

Where: Harvey Wheeler Community Center, 1276 Main Street, West Concord, MA

Time: 7:15pm meeting begins ending at 9pm. Sign-in and room setup begins at 6:30pm.

CPM Website: www.concordpiecemakers.org

Meetings Include:

- Attendance sign-in
- Guild library where you are able to check out books
- Pickup or drop off items for our many outreach programs
- Socialize
- Sign up for workshops and activities
- Business meeting – beginning at 7:15pm detailing information on various guild related business items.
- Program – is typically an invited speaker who presents a lecture and often includes a slide show and/or a trunk show of quilts.
- Member Show-and-Tell

Attendance

Guests and friends of members are always welcome at any meeting; free for the first visit and then charged a \$5 guest fee for subsequent visits.

Year Books

The year book is distributed to members at the September meeting and includes:

- Member contact information
- List of past Guild Presidents
- List of current board members and committee chairs
- Monthly programs schedule for the guild calendar year
- Board meeting dates for the year

Membership

Full membership dues is \$25 and associate membership dues is \$15. All guild registration forms and dues payments are due on or before the May guild meeting.

If guild membership is closed, the Membership Chair maintains a list of prospective members. These individuals are then invited to join whenever an open space becomes available.

Funding

The guild is funded mainly by:

- Membership dues
- A bi-annual quilt show and yard sale, which are held in the fall of alternating years.
- A bi-annual raffle quilt

The success of each of these major guild activities depends in large part on the time, talents, and efforts contributed by each guild member.

May Formal Business Meeting

Our May meeting is a formal business meeting and includes:

- Presentation and voting approval of next year's budget
- Officers are elected (the Nominating committee presents the proposed slate of officers in the April newsletter). All members are encouraged to become an active member and be involved by serving on a committee and/or becoming an officer; there are at least 15 positions that need to be filled to maintain the activities of the guild.
- Includes all other meeting features as indicated previously, including a program

Guild benefits for Full members include:

- Great speakers at most of our monthly meetings
- Inexpensive workshops by local and nationally-known instructors
- Member-led workshops, usually one day per year
- "More Before", our free mini-workshop before monthly meetings; a great place to learn a new technique.
- Informal advice/suggestions of experienced quilters
- Monthly newsletter sent to each member approximately 1 week prior to the guild meeting. Members are encouraged to receive this by email, which saves guild funds for other activities.
- Annual Quilting Get-Away Weekend in January
- Year Book with member contact information
- Name badge and membership card
- Guild library - quilting books are available for lending at all meetings
- Monthly Show and Tell by members
- Participation in Outreach activities, such as charity quilts for various groups, pillowcases for ConKerr and Quilts of Valour.
- Bi-annual quilt show giving you the opportunity to show your work
- February Quiltathon where we assemble quilts for various charitable organizations.
- Information of non-guild items is displayed at each meeting providing details about area quilt shows and quilt-related services (i.e. long-arm quilters).
- Special Interest Groups participation such as Wearable Arts, Daytime Comfort Quilts, Miniature Quilts and Machine Embroidery is available

Ways for you to participate in CPM Guild activities:

- Attend monthly guild meetings, held September through June.
- "More-Before" free mini-workshops - attend and/or teach
- Guild-sponsored workshops by renowned quilting teachers (fee is charged)
- Member-led workshops - offer to teach a technique, skill or design idea
- Attend Wearable Arts meetings - held monthly
- Make quilt tops for Comfort Quilt groups and/or Quiltathon on your own.
- Daytime Comfort Quilt Group meets throughout the year
- Yearly Guild "Challenge" - format and techniques vary yearly
- Attend our Getaway Weekend at an area hotel; one weekend in January.
- Participate at our Quiltathon - one Saturday in February
- Assist in ticket sales for our raffle quilt at various activities throughout the year
- Assist in making raffle quilt in alternate years.
- Assist with Yard Sale, before and/or the day of sale (Saturday in October)
- Assist with Quilt Show in alternating years. There are many committees to work on, and many ways to be involved.
- Bring your (nearly) finished projects/quilts for Show and Tell at monthly guild meeting.
- Serve on Committees - there are many ways to be involved. Members of the Nominating Committee may contact you, or simply volunteer.
- Share your ideas and experience and have fun!