



Concord Piecemakers' Grapevine December 2014

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Wednesday, December 10, 7:00 pm

At Harvey Wheeler Center, West Concord, MA

Message from the President

Barbara Weiss

Piecemakers' Calendar 2014-2015

Dec 10-Holiday Party
Jan 16-19-Getaway
Colonial Inn, Gardner, MA
Jan 21-Speaker-Merrill
Comeau
Feb 21-Quiltathon
Mar 18- Speaker Dilla
Gooch Tingley
Mar 21- Workshop -Sue
Pelland
Apr 15-Speaker-Joan
Ford, ScrapTherapy Trunk
Show
May 20-Annual Meeting &
Election of New Officers &
Sheila Macauley Trunk
Show
Jun 10-Installation of new
Officers & Year End Show
& Tell

December is a month of holidays celebrated in so many ways. While it is a time to focus on family and friends, the month is also a chance to give back to our communities.

Our guild has chosen to give to Open Table in Concord in two ways: through a food drive and by sewing holiday projects for individuals and families. This is in addition to our monetary donation.

All our members can participate in some way. If you can't make it to the December meeting, give your donations to a friend who is attending. If neither of these options is convenient, then send a check to Open Table.

While we are being generous this month, remember to treat yourself well. Plan lunch with a friend, exercise in a new way, schedule a massage, read a book and ignore housework. The December meeting is a treat to ourselves with time to eat dinner together, share our current quilts, and get to know new people. Hope to see you all there.

The Quilt Side

This last month Pat Pauly shared her work and techniques with us. The workshop was intense, learning color and freezer paper pattern work. Aside from the big leaf, which is sitting in disarray in a basket, the pattern concept is very useful for future quilts. Her machine quilting was very modern, stressing thread color choices and multiple color changes.

A guild member was impressed with the many years that it takes to create a show quilt. She suggested slowing down, making fewer quilts by concentrating on techniques and design. It has taken me many years to collect my husband's shirts, a snap of inspiration from a speaker to figure out the design, and many hours just executing the center of the quilt. I slowed down, corrected many errors and tried to get my mind to sort out the direction of triangles and seams. No pattern means I own my mistakes, repeatedly. I have a name for the quilt, "The No Yellow Shirt Quilt". A secret – yellow would have been too much!

Things to bring to the meeting:

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

December 10th Holiday Meeting

Set up tables and chairs at 6:30
Catered dinner starting at 7:00 (suggested donation of \$5) followed by pot luck desserts.

Remember your donation to Open Table – the list of possibilities was sent out before and also passed out at the meeting. In addition to a food donation, feel free to make **placemats, potholders, napkins, table runners** that Open Table can use as part of their gift giveaway. The items will be collected by someone from Open Table during our meeting and the food items will be delivered to their pantry the next day.

After Dinner:

Ugly fabric swap (wrap up your ugly fabric of ½ yd or 2 fat quarters) and play along with the game until someone is “stuck” with your ugly fabric and you have someone else’s. Who knows – you may treasure what you get and chuckle that someone took yours off of your hands. Barbara W. suggested using the ugly fabric when you create your self-portrait (guild challenge).

Show and tell (of course)



Wearable Arts Pamela Holland

Wear one of your favorite Wearable Art creations to the Holiday meeting on Wednesday, December 10.

We'd all love to see each other's work and this is a great time to show it off. Any questions, please email Pamela.Holland@gmail.com

RAFFLE BASKETS 2015

Maura Cain

The December meeting is a great time to catch up with your group to work on ideas and projects for your basket!

If you are not part of a group and would like to participate on a basket for the quilt show, contact Maura.



Comfort Quilts

Joy Sussman

Comfort Quilts is finished until after the Quiltathon.

Getaway January 16-19, 2015

Don't forget to send your check to Marian Bressel

We're on the Web!

See us at:

www.concordpiecemakers.org

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