



# *Concord Piecemakers' Grapevine*

## *November 2014*

Maura Cain & Susan Coulter, Editors

**Wednesday, November 19, 7:15 pm**

**At Harvey Wheeler Center, West Concord, MA**

### **Message from the President**

Barbara Weiss

#### **Piecemakers' Calendar 2014-2015**

**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-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

#### *Things to bring to the meeting:*

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

**Congratulations** to Sue Lee, Cindylee Gee and Barbara Tarlow for organizing mountains of fabric and all the details of the yard sale. They surpassed all expectations and managed to clear out most of the leftover fabric. There were fabulous finds for everyone. It resembled the old Filene's Basement without the ladies stripping in the aisles to try on clothes.

#### **Challenge**

We have a new challenge this year generated by many ideas from the board. We voted on the ideas and combined the top two. We will be making self portraits which include wool, 12"x14" maximum size. Suzanne Knight showed a few of her portraits. They were not serious or truthful, but zany and playful. Some were done in 15 minutes by attaching pieces with glue. You can make them true to life, what you wished you looked like, your younger self, lines, cubist etc. Just get a piece of wool in. Plan to finish them for a May showing and placement in the 2015 quilt show. We could even make a game of trying to match people's selfies with the portraits.

#### **December Program**

We are all busy these days with family, projects and community affairs. Yet, we squeeze in time for the guild and meetings. To make a gift to ourselves in December this social evening is again going to be catered. Dessert is pot luck. In the past we have tried to produce a craft in one evening meeting with limited success and enthusiasm. Time for a change. We have decided to sponsor a food drive that night. Bring a few staples or a bagful to donate to Open Table in Concord. If you would like to donate sewn projects such as napkins, placemats or table runners with a holiday theme, recipients would enjoy them.

For fun that night we will have a giant ugly fabric swap. Your ugly may be my wonderful. Bring two wrapped fat quarters or a half yard. They will be placed in a large basket for a giant pick. If you are really creative, you can incorporate your ugly fabric in to the self portrait. There will also be a show and tell in a large circle.

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# Nickel Squares Cutting Bee

Janet Crane Vitkevich and Nanette Moffa

## NICKEL SQUARES CUTTING BEE November 19th

We are holding a brief nickel squares "cutting bee" on Wed. Nov. 19th from 6:30-7:00 PM (**before** the regular November meeting). Plan to come early to cut 5-inch nickel squares to be sold at the 2015 Quilt Show. Nickel squares did very well at the last show, and we're hoping to keep up the momentum.

You can either bring fabric from your own stash to turn into nickel squares or help us finish cutting squares from 5-inch strips of donated fabric.

REMINDER: You will need to bring your own rotary cutter, ruler, and mat.

## Quilt Show 2015

Sharon Perko and Suzanne Knight

Wondering about cash inflows and outflows from past quilt shows? Visit our display board before the meeting to view the graphs showing past results. Thank you to the members who have already stepped up to be committee chairs.

Want to join in the fun? We currently have 7 raffle basket groups and the nickel squares are still coming in. Challenge "quilts" will be welcome whenever they are finished this year – themes include Favorite Places, Modern Emotions and Self-Portraits.

## Message from the President

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After the lecture by Victoria Findlay Wolfe at Quilter's Way, I started the process of making fabric from my husband's shirts. Still can't pry that yellow shirt away. It is very freeing to just sew odd pieces then cut and reattach. It takes a surprisingly long time. However, you don't have to worry about points.

We have been away on vacation for the last 12 days visiting ports on the southern coast of Spain from a very small cruise ship, only 90 passengers. Great shipmates from MIT, Princeton, Duke and Miami U. Lectures and tour guides kept us grounded in history. Throughout the towns are beautiful tiles in the oddest places like the Metro station in Barcelona, on sidewalks and bridges. We took pictures of them all, with my hope to make a quilt of impressions of Spain.

The last bonus visit in Lisbon was to the Museum of Costume and Theater with a garden tour. The criteria for sightseeing was no more castles or churches. Both of us took copious pictures and hope to share these glorious dresses with you in some way. There are techniques Cindylee would copy and beaded bags for Joy to love. The garden was a peaceful retreat in the city with towering palms, Norfolk pines and other mature trees grounded by small fountains and benches. There were maybe ten people giving us quiet and rest after so much walking and hustling. I have become a great walker with few stops up steep inclines.



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## Membership news

Carol Hartman and Linda Merwin

We have 130 full members and 11 associate members. Two new members to announce are **Sally Duscha** and **Fern Folz**. We welcome them to our guild and are delighted to have them participate in our programs.

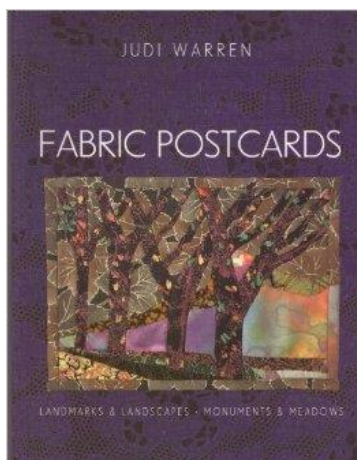
Please let me know if you need a new badge to replace one that has been lost. If a regular member needs to have a Yearbook mailed because they can't drive to meetings, I'll be happy to send them one.

### Wearable Arts Pamela Holland

Join us on Wednesday, November 19, at 6:15, before the General Meeting.

Have a new project you are working on? Bring it to share. Have a question about a project? Bring it to brainstorm ideas with other Wearable Art members. This is our time to see what everyone else is working on and gather inspiration from each other.

Looking ahead to December – Bring your completed projects to the General Meeting for the Holiday Show & Tell. Any questions, please email [Pamela.Holland@gmail.com](mailto:Pamela.Holland@gmail.com).



## Programs

### Our speaker this month:

#### Pat Pauly

*"Traditional Meets Contemporary: A Look at the Heritage of Traditional Quilts and their Influence in Contemporary Design"*.

Pat will give us an expansive look at the long history of quilt making, and its change and rebirth in the twenty-first century. Presenting over 400 images in the span of an hour, Pat will take us on a fast-paced look at the craft that has endured in America for nearly 250 years.



The "Big Leaf" workshop with Pat on November 20th is full, but if you are interested in being put on a wait list if anyone drops out, please contact Jennifer Grimsley at [jgrimsley123@verizon.net](mailto:jgrimsley123@verizon.net).

## Library

Sheila Macauley and Janet Rich

Some new additions to the **library**, not new books, from the yard sale.

Fabric Postcards by Judi Warren  
Color-Blend Applique by Jane Townswick  
Quilt and Embellish in One Step! by Linda Potter  
Op-Art Quilts by Marilyn Doheny



### The Concord Piecemakers Yard Sale/2014

Thank you to so many for another successful undertaking, especially the fantastic publicity by Barbara T. It took many CPM volunteers to create this success. Thank you to all the many wonderful guild members who donated fabric and other items, and volunteered so generously of their time. The volunteers who spent numerous hours sorting and pre-measuring many times during the summer and early fall, the several hours volunteers spent helping to put everything out and organizing it, and the many volunteers on the day of the Yard Sale were all vital to making the day run smoothly and generate funds to help us continue our mission as a guild. A very big THANK YOU!!!

Sue Lee & Cindylee Gee, co-chairs.



*Giving Back Opportunity:  
Pillowcase kits will be available at  
the meeting!*

### GETAWAY WEEKEND ----- Marian Bressel

Get ready to GET AWAY. Our annual getaway weekend is as usual, Martin Luther King weekend (January 16,17,18 and19). We will be at the Colonial Inn in Gardner, MA. You can reserve a place with a \$25 deposit now. Final payment will be due at or before the December meeting. I will have the final cost in a few days. Make checks payable to Concord Piecemakers. Send to Marian Bressel, 19 Holbrook Ave, Hull, MA 02045.



**Having fun at the International Quilt show in Houston!  
Jessica Leger, Sheila Macauley, Ann Bonsett, Laurie LaConte, Linda Merwin**

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