



Concord Piecemakers' Grapevine

October 2014

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Wednesday, October 15, 7:15 pm

At Harvey Wheeler Center, West Concord, MA

Piecemakers' Calendar 2014-2015

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-Merrill Comeau
Feb 21-Quiltathon
Mar 18- TBD
Mar 21- Speaker-Dilla Gooch Tingley, "Fabric is truly my medium"
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

Message from the President

Barbara Weiss

We have many new members since last year. Before our October guild meeting, there will be a dinner to get to know each other better. I hope all recent members will attend.

Our membership numbers have grown to 132 quilters. The count is impressive only when everyone contributes to the guild. If you have quilting curiosity and enjoy the speakers, then you could volunteer to become the program coordinator. I asked at our last meeting and in the newsletter for two more volunteers, one for the newsletter and one to help write the website. These are opportunities to get to know and work with other guild members. Connecting with our community of quilters makes you a part of the guild, makes you count. Please call me to volunteer. With these positions filled we can function.

The yard sale is approaching. By the time you read this, the deadline for donating will be past. However, you can help by sorting fabric and working at the sale. There are so many ways to participate in the guild; comfort quilts, small group challenges, wearable arts, quiltathon, yard sale, quilt show committees, guild board, guild meetings, raffle quilt and workshops.

The Quilt Side

A few of us attended an Aurifil evening at Quilter's Way. We also had a wonderful speaker, Victoria Findlay Wolfe. Alex Veronelli, from Aurifil, gave us a fascinating video tour of their manufacturing facility in Milan, Italy. The tour took us through spinning, twisting, washing, making hanks, dye baths, drying all the way to putting thread onto spools. We saw the dye testing and lab for making the dyes. Each year's crop of cotton is different and has to be tested for dye reliability. The whole experience reminded me of Mr. Rogers when he took us to the crayon or the graham cracker factories only this time it was for grown ups.

Victoria Findlay Wolfe will be one of our speakers next year. She creates fabric from scraps, then cuts it up to make quilts. That sounds fairly simplistic, but her quilts are eye popping. I got a few ideas of what to do with orphan squares and shirting. Her family stories formed her quilt techniques. It was a packed evening of creativity and information. Of course, many of us bought thread!

Things to bring to the meeting:

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

Yard Sale

Cindylee Gee, Sue Lee, and Barbara Tarlow

SATURDAY, October 18

9am-2pm

Indoors

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

Friday night there will be a preview for members only from 6:30-7:30.

Thank you to all the wonderful people who have donated items for the yard sale, and to the dedicated volunteers who have attended the sorting session.

Next sorting dates are Wed. 10/8 (9-12) and Friday 10/10 (8-12).

Indoor set up for the Yard Sale will be Tuesday Oct. 14, Thursday Oct. 16 and Friday Oct. 17, 8-12

Sign up by contacting Sue Lee at northacres@aol.com.

All items being dropped off must be measured and marked using blue painters tape or masking tape. No pins. Use 1/4 yard increments.

Final date to donate will be October 1, unless you are donating incredible quilting fabric.

Spread the word that shoppers will find \$4.00/yard bargains of quilters cotton, dressmaking fabrics, books, patterns, notions, yarn and knitting / crocheting items.

Please save plastic and paper grocery bags and bring to guild meeting in October.

Membership

Linda Merwin and Carol Hartman

We are happy to announce the following five new members. They are **Susan Coulter, Jane Fontana, Louise M. Johnson, Melissa Lang** and **Judy Severson**. We all benefit from the sharing of new ideas, techniques, different patterns, and the love of creating quilts and wearable clothing.

Our New Member Welcome Party is going to take place before the October 15th meeting at 5:45pm.

Don't forget to pick up, membership cards, name tags and Yearbooks when you sign-in.

Daytime Comfort Quilts

Joy Sussman

Daytime comfort quilts will meet once in October on the 20th at 1pm at my house.



Nickel Squares Cutting Bee

Janet Crane Vitkevich and Nanette Moffa

NICKEL SQUARES CUTTING BEE
November 19th

We are scheduling a brief nickel squares cutting session on November 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. You can either bring fabric from your stash to turn into nickel squares, or help us finish cutting squares from 5-inch strips of donated fabric.

More details will follow in the November newsletter.

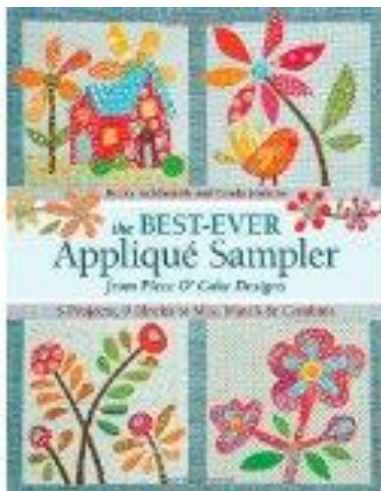


Programs

"Our Passion for Quilting"
Talk given by **Kathie Alyce of Waterfall Quilts and designer of the Flip Flop block.**

Kathie's talk will appeal to those of us who prefer more traditional quilts. A quilter herself, Kathie talks about the unique "stamp" we each bring to our quilt making that makes it our own individual expression. Kathie will also help us identify and pursue our own artistic growth.

"There really is an artist in each and every quilter. I tell my audience where she is and how to recognize her. I'll explain the many physical and emotional ways we all see color differently, and how that works into your quilting. My job is to inspire and encourage every member of my audience to have confidence in her own unique quilt work."



Library

Sheila Macauley and Janet Rich

Check out the new books from the library!
The Best-Ever Applique Sampler from Piece O'Cake Designs

Let's Twist Pinwheel Quilt Book

The Twister Original 10 Inch Square Template and also the 5 Inch Square Template Rulers to make the pinwheel quilt designs.

Big Leaf Workshop

With Pat Pauly November 20, 2014

Join us on **Thursday, November 20th**, for a workshop with Pat Pauly: "The Big Leaf" Design with Freezer Paper Templates. The fee for the class is \$40 (which includes the pattern) and is limited to 20 attendees.

In this class Pat will show us how to transform a line drawing into templates, how to choose color and fabrics, and assemble this "Big Leaf" quilt. At the end of this class you will know how to translate your own designs using this freezer paper method.



This is a great quilt to use up scraps. If you would like to purchase a kit of Pat's hand-dyed fabric (optional) it will be available for \$36.

The workshop will be held at the St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, 16 Great Road, Sudbury, Thursday, November 20th, from 9:30 to 3:30.

Please sign up early, as we would like to offer any spaces not used by our guild members to other area guilds.

For more information or to sign up, please contact Jennifer Grimsley at jgrimsley123@verizon.net. Please make checks payable to Concord Piecemakers.



Featured Quilter

Laurie LaConte is the featured quilter for October at Tumbleweed Quilts in Barnstable. If on the Cape stop by the gallery to see a display of her quilts including her award winning Snake River.

Wearables Arts

Pam Holland

Join us at either the Open Sew on Saturday, October 11 from about 10-1, or on Wednesday, October 15 at 6pm before the guild meeting to firm up plans for the group challenge and our next gatherings.

If you cannot make the 11th or 15th, please email Pamela.Holland@gmail.com with your ideas and to let me know if you would like to be on the Wearable Arts email list.

Small Quilt Group

Kristin Bartelson and SuzAnne Weisenbloom

Thank you for the terrific response to participate in our "Modern emotions" small quilt group. We hope those members who chose to participate are enjoying making their 'allure' quilt square. It was a simple quilt pattern and hopefully the color palette inspired you to create a beautiful block that you will share with the group prior to our November general meeting.

October's pattern is a bit more challenging, and the color selection fits well with this time of the year. We will have samples of our blocks at the October 15th general meeting to provide guidance and inspiration (if needed). We have heard about people getting together to make their blocks and that is wonderful!

We can't wait to see the eclectic display of quilt squares before the November meeting. We will plan to meet at the Harvey Wheeler building at 6:30 to share our September and October small group quilt squares.

Please bring your plastic folders to the October meeting to put your monthly pattern "emotion", fabric inspiration and pattern.

Thank you to everyone who joined our small quilt group. We appreciate your interest and participation.

Rising Star Quilters

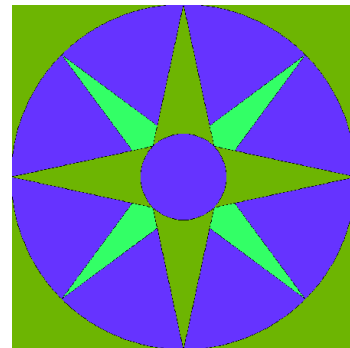
27th Annual Quilt Show & Sale
Friday, October 24, 2014: 10am-5pm
Saturday, October 25, 2014: 10am-4pm

New Location:
St. Brigid Church
1995 Massachusetts Avenue
Lexington, MA

Check our website for more details:
www.RisingStarQuilters.org

The 2014 Raffle Quilt is "After the Storm at Sea." Come for the quilts, our Boutique, Demonstrations, Raffle baskets, Vendors, Bake Shoppe and Scavenger Hunt.

NOTE: New location and days: Friday and Saturday. Large parking lot and handicap accessible.



Wayside Quilters Guild of Sudbury MA
proudly presents its show of members'
work

Saturday Oct 18, 10 am – 5 pm
Sunday Oct 19, 10 am – 4 pm

Lincoln – Sudbury High School
390 Lincoln Road, Sudbury

Admission: \$6

www.waysidequilters.org

Quilt Show 2015

Sharon Perko and Suzanne Knight

We hope you are dreaming about the beautiful quilts you want to make for the quilt show for next year. We'd like to say we can hardly wait, but then we remember the work that needs to be done between now and a year from now. Here are some of the things we're thinking about:

Challenge Quilts

There will be a challenge quilt section in the show this coming year. If you answered the call to last year's challenge, "My Favorite Place", or even if you haven't finished it yet, it will have a place in the show. The current modern block challenge will also be in the show as will any upcoming challenge that is taken up by our members.

Committee Chairs

We are delighted that a number of women have already volunteered to head up committees. We will have the list of current chairs as well as vacant "chair" spots posted at the October meeting. There are many opportunities to help with the show as a chair or as a volunteer on a committee. We hope you will show your commitment to the guild by becoming active volunteers.

Information on Last year's Quilt Show

Do you wonder which areas of the previous show brought in money and where the money was spent for the past show? We'll have a graph on display at the October meeting showing this information.

Planning for the Upcoming Show

We would like to make ourselves available to meet with any committee heads or members who wish to provide feedback about the past, make suggestions for the future, have general questions, or just want to be part of the Quilt Show discussion. We hope to be available for those informal meetings next month at 6:30 just before the regular guild meeting. Our emails are also available for feedback which we can pass on to the committee chairs.

Raffle Baskets

Look for the sign-up sheets at the October meeting. You can form a new group, be put on a random list to have a group formed for you or simply make a contribution to one or more groups. The people currently signed up will be given a list of their group members if they haven't already received an email with this information. The next step is getting the group together to start the planning.

Nickel Squares

Janet V and Nanette have been working on nickel squares since last spring and continue to request 5" squares or yardage of "good" fabric. There is a cutting session scheduled for Nov. 19th, before the November guild meeting, from 6:30-7:00. Bring your rulers, rotary cutters, and mat. Feel free to bring fabric to donate as well. After the first of the year, they will host small "bundling" sessions where members can put the squares into pretty packets of 100.

We're on the Web!
See us at:
www.concordpiecemakers.org

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