



Concord Piecemakers' Grapevine March 2015

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Wednesday, March 18, 7:00 pm

At Harvey Wheeler Center, West Concord, MA

Message from the President

Barbara Weiss

Piecemakers' Calendar 2014-2015

Mar 18- Speaker Dilla Gooch Tingley
Mar 21- Workshop - Sue Pelland - cancelled
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

Things to bring to the meeting:

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

By the time this newsletter gets out, maybe there will be some melting going on. What a winter! Still going to the P.O. to collect the mail.

However, I made some progress and found the mailbox still attached to its post, albeit tilted. As I was chipping carefully away at the snow on the mailbox with a garden trowel, I thought of a memory of my mother taking me and my young children to see Passaic Falls in N.J. What promised to be a boring outing for the kids was just that. If you can believe, the state had turned off the falls! Aaron took one look and renamed it, "Pathetic Falls". We all laughed so hard. That's what I thought about using a trowel on a seven foot snow bank- pathetic, pitiful.

We have just had another wildly successful quiltathon. Look for the summary in this newsletter. Thank you to Joy Sussman and Marla Richmond. for this well-run event. The work got done efficiently with new members learning the techniques and all enjoying a chance

to talk and laugh. Joy and Marla keep improving the process each year, and we produce beautiful quilts to share and finish during the year. Our nominating committee made progress and almost finished our slate for the next year. Look for a listing soon. Thank you to a dedicated team led by Barbara Kozenko.

The Quilt Side

The shirts and ties quilt is done except for the binding. Hopefully, it will be ready for showing at the next meeting.

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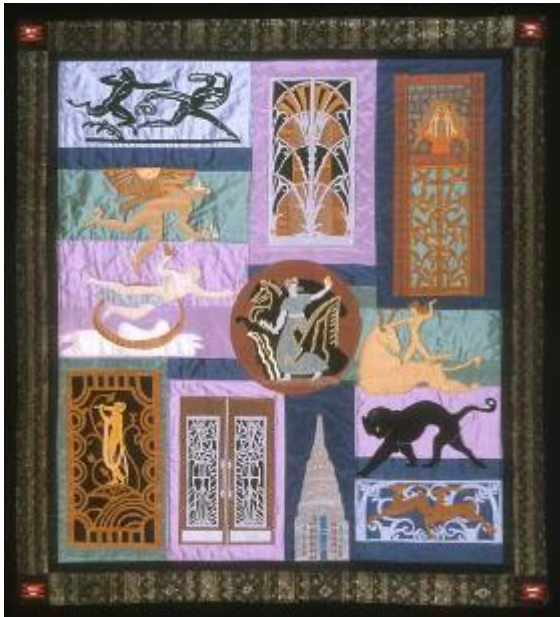


Programs

March Speaker: Dilla Gooch Tingley

Local, award-winning fiber artist, Dilla says about her work:

“Fabric is truly my medium. I have been fabricating creations of fiber since 1988. A love of fabric textures and saturated colors stimulates my creativity. A love of existing works of art drives me to people my work with beloved and recognizable images which I hope will inspire viewers to see these works in a new light.”



Message from the President

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My next ongoing project is a combination of impressions from Barcelona, Spain and Cuba. The broken tile work at the Gaudi Park and by Fuster in an extensive community installation in Cuba inspired me to make broken cloth tiles. Using Victoria Wolf's technique of building fabric worked again. This time there was much ripping and piecing to get the look of grout work. Two more to go and then the task of trying to figure out how to make background patterns conform to a rectangle from irregular –shaped tiles. Somehow, freezer paper should work.

Snack Table

Several members have commented they would like to see the snack table return to our guild meetings as a great way to mingle and provide tidbits for those attending the meeting directly from work.

Keep in mind providing a snack is totally optional. The guideline for participation in snack sharing is being done alphabetically by last name.

March A-F

April G-M

May N-Z

Cancelled - March Workshop with Sue Pelland

Due to low enrollment, the board has decided to cancel the March 21st workshop with Sue Pelland. If you are someone who signed up for the workshop, you would have been notified by email of this cancellation.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Carol Hartman and Linda Merwin

We are delighted to have three new members join the guild in January.

They are **Priscilla Ayite, Cassandra Bosworth and Nancy Jarboe.**

Please introduce yourself and get to know these new members!

Quiltathon/Comfort Quilt Group

Joy Sussman

We had another successful event thanks to all the members who came and worked diligently for the day.

Eighty-five quilts were completed to some level and the Comfort Quilt group is now in business again and will meet March 9 and 23 at my home at 1:00 pm.

Outreach

Kristin Bartelson

I reserved two beautiful comfort quilts that we had thought would be nice to have machine quilted. They have the batting and a back with them and I would love it if someone would like to quilt them for the guild. They will be available at the March meeting or feel free to contact me if you want more information. One is about 48" X 68" and the other is 56" X 68".

Website

Tina van Roggen

The Concord Piecemakers website is growing! In years past we shared tips and hints at the getaways. If you have a tip or hint that you'd like to have on the website's new page, please email it to Tina.

Breast Cancer Heart Pillows and Drainage Bag Covers

Jennifer Watchorn has started a project to make Breast Cancer Heart Pillows and Drainage Bag Covers for patients undergoing treatment for breast cancer. She is being supported by various quilt shops in the area, including The Quilted Crow.

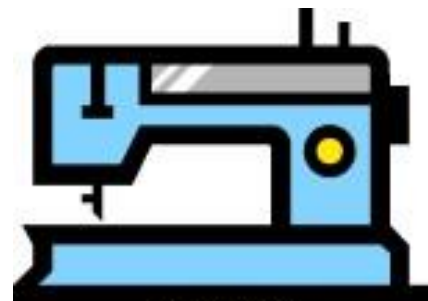
Various oncology offices have been requesting large numbers of these items for their patients. These pillows help alleviate the pressure of a seat belt as well as the discomfort of just having ones arm rest against their body. The Drainage Bag Cover prevents the fluids from being visible to others. More information including the pattern and directions will be available on the CPM website.

There will be a space to drop off completed pillows and bags at the monthly guild meeting.

Wearable Arts Pamela Holland

Wearable Arts has their sewing weekend on March 6-8 in Meredith, NH.

Looking ahead to April we will have a workshop on knits. Check next month's newsletter for details.



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