



Concord Piecemakers' Grapevine April 2015

Maura Cain & Susan Coulter, Editors

Wednesday, April 15, 7:00 pm

At Harvey Wheeler Center, West Concord, MA

Message from the President

Barbara Weiss

Piecemakers' Calendar 2014-2015

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

April 2015

I looked out my sewing room window this morning, March 30, and saw snow again. Two days early for April Fool's Day. I am reminded of my daughter's April birthday. It was always a toss up whether the scavenger hunt would be outside or a tear-through-the-house mess.

The guild cycle for the year is winding down with the new slate complete and the budget ready to present in May. The next large event is our quilt show in the fall. The quilt show team is planning and expecting quilt submissions from everyone.

Our speaker, Joan Ford, is ready to tame our scraps. I have a ton. Come hear her and see how she solves scraps.

The Quilt Side

Thank you to guild members for quilting tips, especially mounting small scissors on the machine with a removable hook. They don't fall in the waste basket so much.

Thank you also to the Modern Quilt Group for the introduction to the book "Modern Blocks". One block is an inspiration for a commission quilt and a great excuse to buy Kaffe fabric.

Thank you to modern science for cataract surgery. What a miracle to be able to see more clearly. Colors are more vibrant than I perceived, including that little mole under my eye. The French pasted those on. Now I can see my very own spot plus other spots I'd rather not!

Things to bring to the meeting:

- Name tag
- 5 inch nickel squares
- Library books
- Black & White fat quarter
- Batik fat quarter

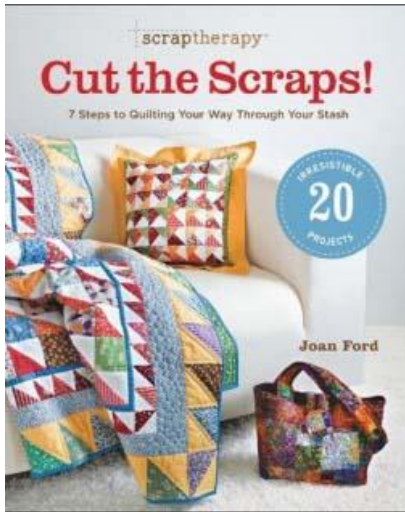
- String blocks

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.

Programs

April Speaker: Joan Ford



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

Quilt Show Report

Suzanne Knight and Sharon Perko

Mark your calendars for this year's CPM quilt show on Friday, October 16 and Saturday, October 17, 2015. Members received the 2015 quilt show packet at the March meeting.

The packet contains all you need to know about volunteer opportunities, registration and the boutique. For those who did not attend, these packets will be available again at the April meeting. Remaining packets will be mailed. Sharon and Suzanne will photograph quilts before the May and June meetings. Remember that registration ends on September 3. You must include two photographs of your quilts with the backing showing in one corner.



Raffle Baskets Maura Cain

It is great to see raffle basket groups meeting and planning before meetings! We are putting together a fat quarter black & white basket and a batik basket. **If you have a fat quarter for either basket to contribute please bring to meeting.**

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Carol Hartman and Linda Merwin

We are starting the process of membership renewal at the April meeting. The dues for the 2015-2016 year are expected to be submitted on or before the May 20 meeting. Our dues remain the same: Full membership is \$25 and Associate membership is \$15.

You may download a registration form from the website concordpiecemakers.org or pick one up at the membership table. All forms are due at the April or May meeting.

As a special incentive, all members who rejoin by May 13 will be entered into a drawing to be held at the June meeting. The winner will receive a free membership.

Please be prompt as late submissions run the risk of being excluded from the Yearbook and make more work for the Membership chair during the summer.

Wearable Arts Pamela Holland

Join us on Saturday, April 11, for a "Working with Knits" workshop. Please RSVP to Pam Holland for exact time and location.

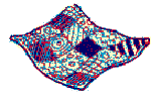


Comfort Quilts

Joy Sussman

Comfort Quilts will meet on our regular schedule this month - first and third Monday at 1:00 at my home.

Please join us if you can.



Small Modern Quilt Group

SuzAnne Weisenbloom and Kristin Bartelson

The small modern quilt group continues to be challenged monthly with an interesting pallet of colors to be created into a quilt block. Various feelings are expressed with an interesting color combination with a specific pattern each month by the small modern quilt block group. Please bring your completed 6 blocks to the April 15th general meeting to share with the group. We will be meeting at 6:30 to see each other's beautiful and unique expressions of feelings portrayed in the quilt blocks.

See you there to also get your 7th block.

2015-2016 CPM Slate of Officers

President – Pam Cincotta

VP – Darlene Butler

Treasurer – Mary Jalenk

Secretary – Leslie Vieth

Historian – Sue Lee

Library – Sheila Macauley, Janet Rich

Programs – Cheryl Dennis

Membership – Cassie Bosworth

Outreach – Nancy Maldari

Nominating – Barbara Kozenko

Communication/Events – Barbara Tarlow

Newsletter – Susan Coulter

Library Sheila Macauley and Janet Rich

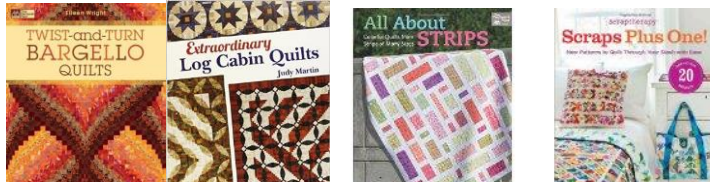
New Books for the library:

Twist and Turn Bargello by Eileen Wright

Extraordinary Log Cabin Quilts by Judy Martin

All About Strips: Colorful Quilts from Strips of Many Sizes by Susan Guzman

Scrap Therapy Plus One: New Patterns to Quilt Through Your Stash with Ease by Joan Ford



Outreach

Kristin Bartelson

I wanted to update you on where some of the comfort quilts have been going.

We regularly donate quilts to the Bethke Cancer Center at Emerson Hospital. Recently, we also donated 8 kids quilts to Project Linus, a couple to Household Goods in Acton, and thanks to one of our members who volunteers for Habitat for Humanity, 10 will be donated to low income families in Lawrence that will enjoy housing in a converted convent. Thanks to another member, we will be donating through her church, 7 quilts to a shelter in Phoenix that houses unaccompanied minors.

Your generosity touches many, near and far. I am always amazed by the beautiful quilts that our group makes for charities. I have enjoyed being the chairperson of comfort quilts for the last few years. You are a great group of women!

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

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