



# Concord Piecemakers' Grapevine

## May 2015

Maura Cain & Susan Coulter, Editors

### Piecemakers' Calendar 2014-2015

**May 20**-Annual Meeting  
& Election of New  
Officers &  
Sheila Macauley Trunk  
Show  
**Jun 10**- Ice Cream  
Social & Year End show  
& tell  
**Sept 16**-Speaker  
Victoria Findlay Wolfe  
**Sep 17**-"15 Minutes of  
Play" Workshop  
**Oct 16 & 17**- QUILT  
SHOW  
**Oct 21** Maureen  
Blanchard, Cobblestone  
Quilts

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

- Name tag
- Library books
- Pillowcases
- String blocks
- Membership Dues
- Black & White fat  
quarters for raffle  
basket
- 5 inch nickel  
squares

Wednesday, May 20, 7:00 pm

At Harvey Wheeler Center, West Concord, MA

## Message from the President

Barbara Weiss

### May 2015

This is my last month as president and my last column. The two goals I set for us, increased membership and active new leaders, are being met and will continue with our new president and board. They will set their own goals for guild growth. I look forward to jumping back into the general membership and participating actively in the guild.

I would like to thank the current board members who have made my two years a pleasure. They worked very hard on their own responsibilities and more. You will see them active in the quilt show and in many of the guild projects. They have kept the guild running smoothly, planned programs, informed you through the newsletter and website, publicized events and changed how we function. While the president oversees the guild, these are the women who make our plans turn out so well.

### The Quilt Side

As I came down to sew this morning, I started to sneeze. Time to vacuum and dust. It is amazing how much lint we produce while cutting and sewing, let alone all the threads from ripping seams. The coal miners have black lung disease, asbestos exposure produces brown lung. These are serious health problems. Is it possible that we are breathing in too much lint and cloth particles? Are we compromising our lungs?

My parting advice is to clean out your sewing space once a week, dust the tops of cutting areas, clean out the bobbin case and take a wool duster around the sewing machine.

How many of you have never had your machine serviced? We take care of our cars. I have to admit that cars are good for taking us to quilt shops. How much more fun we get from our sewing machines, especially when they hum along smoothly.

## Quilt Show Report

Suzanne Knight and Sharon Perko

**Basket of Quilts Quilt Show is October 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>.**

**What? You don't have a quilt for the show?** Here is one solution: Enter a small quilt into the "Challenge Quilt" area. There are three challenges that will remain open for entries up to our **Sept 3<sup>rd</sup>** deadline although one is already fully subscribed.

**1. My Favorite Place.** This quilt should not exceed 100" around the perimeter and also include a piece of a designated fabric in the design. If you want to enter the challenge but don't have the fabric, ask members at the meeting to bring in their excess challenge fabric to the **June** meeting.

**2. Self Portrait** This challenge can be a zany or serious look at yourself and be no larger than 12"x14". In addition, it must contain wool somewhere in the design.

**3. Modern Block Challenge – Emotions** This is a small group challenge that is fully enrolled. The participants will be receiving their final two blocks and fabric at the May and June meetings.

Tina's been busy registering quilts and recording their stories but is waiting for YOURS. If you cannot find your registration form and instructions, check the website. (By now every member has received her packet of information in person or by mail.) Photographers will be available at the May and June meetings to take pictures of your entries - unfinished or finished.

Volunteers are needed in many capacities to keep the show running smoothly. The May meeting is the beginning of volunteer sign-up for all committees. **Sign-up early and often** while recording your times on the personal sign-up card that we have for you.

### Wearable Arts Pamela Holland

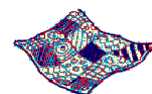
Join us on Saturday, May 23, at 10 am to try some Dyeing. Techniques we might try include glue resist, silk tie transfer and ice dyeing. Please email Pamela Holland if you plan to come to find out about what supplies to bring. We will meet at Pam Holland's house.



### Comfort Quilts

Joy Sussman

Comfort Quilts will continue on the first and third Mondays at 1:00 through the spring at my home. Please join us if you can.



### Snack Table

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

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## **MEMBERSHIP NEWS**

*Carol Hartman and Linda Merwin*

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](http://concordpiecemakers.org) or pick one up at the membership table. All forms are due at the May meeting.

**As a special incentive, all members who rejoin by May 20 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.

Payment may also be made by sending your completed registration form and check to:

Membership Chair  
c/o Concord Piecemakers  
PO Box 1381, Concord, MA 01742-1381.

Be sure to indicate your Photo Release choice along with your signature.

Membership cards for the 2015-2016 calendar year will be available at the September meeting along with the latest yearbook.

New name badges will be issued as needed and also be available at the September meeting. If you would like a new name badge printed, please indicate this on your registration form.

### **Pillowcases**

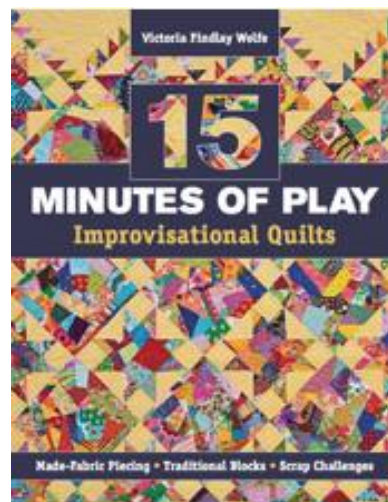
Maura Cain

Pillowcases were donated to the Parlin Hospice Residence in Wayland. Thank you Sue Colwell, Nanette Moffa, and Joanne Williamson for their help with this project. Please continue to bring in pillowcases for ConKerr.

## **PROGRAMS**

This month we will welcome **Sheila Macauley**, a long time CPM member as our speaker. Sheila will share with us her beautiful collection of quilts.

## *“15 Minutes of Play” Workshop with Victoria Findlay Wolfe Thursday, September 17, 2015*



We are pleased to have Victoria Findlay Wolfe coming to our guild for a lecture on September 16, 2015 and a workshop on September 17<sup>th</sup>. Victoria is the author of two books – “15 Minutes of Play” and “Double Wedding Rings: Traditions Made Modern”.

### **Workshop Details:**

**Date:** September 17, 2015

**Time:** 9:00 to 3:00 (please bring your lunch)

**Location:** TBD

**“15 Minutes of PLAY”:** Improvisationally explore new ways to use your SCRAPs, 15 minutes at a time! Learn techniques in playing in your scraps to make your own beautiful designed quilts. Sharpen your design skills, learn about combining colors and prints in new ways, push it further by using templates then watch your own unique quilt design emerge. Discover just how distinctive classic quilt blocks can be, when they are constructed with more spunk and spontaneity! Build confidence in color, quilting techniques, and design all through PLAY!

**Fee:** \$45. In addition, you will need Victoria’s book “15 Minutes of Play”. The book is available **autographed** from Victoria’s website at <http://vfwquilts.com/collections/all> , or you can purchase the book from Victoria on the day of the class for \$25. We encourage you to purchase the book directly from Victoria either online or the day of the class.

**Please sign up early, as space is limited!** Email Jennifer Grimsley at [jgrimsley123@verizon.net](mailto:jgrimsley123@verizon.net) to [sign up](#). Payment will be required by **July 15<sup>th</sup>** to reserve your spot. Please make checks payable to Concord Piecemakers. We will keep a wait list, and will contact you in late July after payments are due if there are openings. Guild members will have priority however, after August 1<sup>st</sup> any openings will be available to non-guild members. We will also keep a wait list right up to the workshop date.

## **Library** Sheila Macauley and Janet Rich

### NEW LIBRARY ADDITIONS

[1000 Quilt Inspirations: Colorful and Creative Designs for Traditional, Modern, and Art Quilts](#)

Sider, Sandra

[Judy Martin's Log Cabin Quilt Book](#)

Judy Martin

[Sensational Small Quilts](#)

Doyle, Christine

[Quilt As-You-Go Made Modern: Fresh Techniques for Busy Quilters](#)

Brandvig, Jera

[Color Play: Expanded & Updated Over 100 New Quilts Transparency, Luminosity, Depth & More](#)

Wolfrom, Joen

[Karen K. Stone Quilts](#)

Karen K. Stone

[Dynamic Designs - New York Beauty Edition](#)

Sarah L. Hahn

[Improvising Tradition: 18 Quilted Projects Using Strips, Slices, and Strata](#)

Ledgerwood, Alexandra

### **2015-2016 CPM Slate of Officers**

President – Pam Cincotta

VP – Darlene Butler

Treasurer – Mary Jalenak

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

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