



Concord Piecemakers' Grapevine

June 2015

Susan C., Editor

Wednesday, June 10, 7:00 pm

At Harvey Wheeler Center, West Concord, MA

Message from the President

Pam C.

June 2015

Piecemakers' Calendar 2014-2015

Jun 10-Ice Cream Social/
Technique Demo
Stations & 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

I am so excited and deeply appreciate this opportunity to act as your President for the next two years. Barbara Weiss is a tough act to follow but she has laid the groundwork by leaving a legacy of growth, participation and efficiency. I plan to continue working toward her goals and would also like to throw a few of my own into the mix.

This year I have participated in a few "challenges" in addition to setting some personal quilting related challenges. While initially hesitating and getting off to an uncertain start I have learned that taking on a challenge gives my mind a creative workout often forcing me to step out of my comfort zone. Quite frequently these challenges provide the opportunity for trying new techniques and digging out some of those many quilting books (I so love to buy) in search of that perfect technique to incorporate into my challenge. The end result is not only a completed quilt but the feeling of accomplishment and satisfaction. Not to mention the expansion of my comfort zone. This year one of my goals is to extend challenges to all of you each month. Sometimes these challenges will be an organized group challenge and others will be spontaneous.

So, my challenge to you this summer is to complete at least one of the guild's organized challenges. *My Favorite Place* is the group challenge from the 2013-2014 guild year. An exhibit of these will be included in our quilt show in October so there is still time to participate. The 2014-2015 challenge is to make a self- portrait incorporating wool into the finished product. These also will be part of a special exhibit in our quilt show. Lastly, if you have been participating in the Modern Emotions mini group, I'm challenging you to complete your blocks and design these into a quilt that you submit as an entry for our quilt show.

Officially the June meeting kicks off our 2015-2016 guild calendar year. Our meeting will feature demonstrations led by five of our talented members. Don't forget, the meeting will be enhanced by the consumption of scrumptious ice cream sundaes. What better way to spend a June evening!

Things to bring to the meeting:

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

PROGRAMS

Pam C., Cheryl D., Barbara K., Linda M., Polina S., Elana S.

Our June 10 meeting will begin at **7 pm** with an **ice cream social**. We will be collecting donations for offsetting the cost of the ice cream. Suggested donation is \$3. We will then move on to member demonstrations.

Member Demos

Cheryl D. will demonstrate the Quick Trim and Circle ruler for making flying geese and perfect circles.

Suzanne K./Tina van R. will be demonstrating the Lazy Angle ruler and various blocks that can be cut with it.

Amy L. will show us how to make a rag rug from scraps of batting and fabric.

Monica N. will share her back basting appliqué technique with us.

After the demonstrations we will arrange our chairs into a circle and have our **End of the Year Show and Tell**.

This will include handmade items for our **raffle baskets**, our **challenge quilts** and any other projects we have made throughout the year.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS *Cassy B.*

Welcome to our newest members!

New full members are **Joyce Biggs, Mary Hartman, and Anne Marie McGurry**. Our newest associate member is **Joanne Wiggin Allard**. We are looking forward to learning about their quilting experience.

Members who have not yet renewed their dues, **please do so by the June meeting**. The dues for the 2015-2016 year are: Full membership \$25 and Associate membership \$15.

You may download a registration form from the website concordpiecemakers.org or pick one up at the membership table. 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.

Library *Sheila M. and Janet R.*

Please return your guild library books at the June meeting.

These are needed for the summer book inventory of the Guild Library.



Raffle Baskets

Maura C.

Please finish raffle baskets over the summer and plan to bring items to the September meeting.

If you have all your items ready please bring to the June meeting.

Quilt Show Report

Suzanne K. and Sharon P.

Basket of Quilts Quilt Show is October 16th and 17th . with deadline for registration Sept 3rd to Tina's email or mailbox. Please note in order to submit a quilt to the Quilt show in the fall members must have a current year membership. (Don't forget to renew your membership dues!)

We will continue to offer a coffee shop and lunch options (for a fee) for our guests at **The Café** which is located up a flight of stairs from the show entrance/admissions. SuzAnne W. and Sue C. have plans underway to be sure that the tables are beautifully decorated, the food is good, and in addition, they are expanding the number of tables to encourage more of our guests to stay longer at the show as they relax and eat. **The Kitchen** is the location of the member lunchroom and is chaired by Faye and Lola. It will carry its usual delicious and varied food and drink options, supplied by members, and is available at no charge to our volunteers and vendors.

Did you sign up to volunteer at the show? Sign-up forms will be available once again at the June meeting along with a card to record your volunteer choices. If you are not sure about the commitment, please ask us or one of the committee chairs.

2015 Challenge Portraits

Please remember to bring your 2015 Challenge Portrait to the September meeting for show and tell. Please register them by September 3rd for inclusion in the 2015 Quilt Show.

(The self portraits are to include wool, be 12"x14" maximum size. You can piece, applique, glue – whatever! 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.)

"Green" bags Barbara W.

Patty Reed totes will be on sale at the June meeting. These are the new styles, some leftovers from last year and a few insulated lunch bags. The bag designs are bicycles, grapes, fish, teacups, and tall cherry zipper totes. There will also be a new item, nylon mesh bags for produce.

Totes cost \$8.00 or 2 for \$15.00; lunch bags are \$8.00 and the produce bags are \$2.50 for a pack of 3. This is the guild's contribution to environmental awareness and conservation.

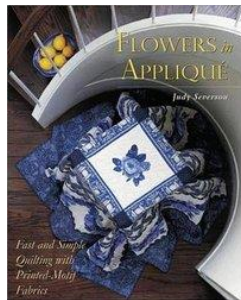
Judy Severson's Broderie Perse quilt display at the Concord Bookshop

Judy Severson, a recent transplant from the San Francisco Bay Area, brings with her the love for Broderie Perse quilts, made from 1780 to 1850. She wrote the book, Flowers in Appliqué, in 1998, showing how to make new quilts in this style. She traveled to quilt guilds across the United States and taught at the Elly Seinkeiwicz Applique Academy for sixteen years, until it changed hands in 2014, now called the Academy of Applique in Williamsburg, where Judy still teaches.

Judy loves to design her own quilts with printed motif fabrics, using flowers, birds and butterflies. She encourages her students to do the same, giving them basic information and showing them a variety of quilts and other examples. Along with Broderie Perse she adds garlands, pieced work, swags, English paper piecing, border edging and quilted feathers.

The Concord Library will have a display of Judy's quilts, titled "Broderie Perse, A Fresh Look", from September 3rd to the 30th, 2015. There will be a reception on September 10, from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm.

The Concord Piecemakers Guild has asked Judy to present a trunk show of her quilts at their January 2016 meeting.



Wearable Arts *Pamela H.*

Please consider displaying your Wearable Arts creations in the Quilt Show this fall. We'd all love to see what everyone is working on!



NICKEL SQUARES: SPECIAL REQUESTS *Janet V. and Nanette M.*

We would like to put together a few nickel square bundles in neutral tone-on-tone and solid fabrics in all shades of white, beige, grey, and black. Please raid your stash and cut some 5 inch squares to add to the variety of these useful assortments of “background” squares.

We are also particularly eager for more nickel squares cut from children’s fabrics suitable for “I Spy” quilts.

NOTE: After the June 10th meeting we can no longer accept contributions of uncut fabric. The September CPM meeting will be your last opportunity to turn in cut nickel squares to be sold at the fall quilt show.

Thank you to everyone for your amazing generosity.

Enjoy the summer!

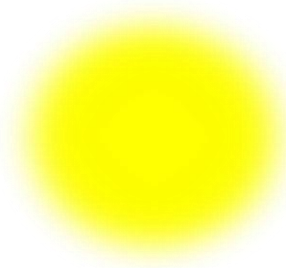
Dear Concord Piecemakers,

Thank you so much for your gift certificate to Quilter’s Way. I will truly enjoy planning a project and buying fabric there. I have been thinking about a new bed quilt. This gives me the freedom to choose with abandon. Forget the stash, new is fun.

It is also a pleasure to have served the guild as president and vice president. Your support during this time has made my tenure easy. I have learned to write my messages and do a little blogging without being formal. That was a breakthrough for someone who does not like to write. It forced me to be precise and then edit.

I hope that the new board will approach the next few years with energy, creativity and openness to new ideas and ways of directing the guild.

Sincerely, Barbara W.



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www.concordpiecemakers.org

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