



Susan C., Editor

Concord Piecemakers' Grapevine October 2015

Wednesday, October 21, 7:15 pm
At Harvey Wheeler Center, West Concord, MA

Piecemakers' Calendar
2015-2016

Oct 16&17-Quilt Show

Oct 21- Maureen
Blanchard, Cobblestone
Quilts

Nov 18- Marianne
Elizabeth Schwers
of Vintage & Vogue

Dec 9- Holiday Party,
Food Pantry Collection

President's Message Pam C.

Do you hear it? Do you feel it? There is a definite "buzz" of excitement in the air. We are just days away from our Biennial Quilt Show, our members have really stepped up to volunteer, and this show is on course to be exceptional. Why not invite your family, friends and neighbors. Let them see what Concord Piecemakers is all about.

Much thought has gone into this month's challenge to you. Certainly most of us set personal goals: spend more time creating quilts, make changes to improve our health, spend more time creating quilts (this goal can never be mentioned too often). A personal goal set by me in January was to take random and leftover blocks I have acquired and make them into comfort quilts. In order to get myself rolling, an adorable pieced lamb block was selected as my first effort. Armed with only one block someone else had made, I drafted a pattern and made 4 more blocks. After assembling them into the quilt top I spent days deciding how to machine quilt this little gem (I'm quite a novice in this area). I'm sorry to say, that quilt still waits patiently in my studio for its quilting and finishing touches. I give myself (metaphorically) a gold star for setting a goal and acting upon it. However, my follow-through to completion has fallen short.

This quilt came to mind while attending Victoria Findley Wolfe's workshop in September where she encouraged us to resurrect our leftover blocks and use them in "making" fabric. Bingo! Inspiration! I know I have many more blocks that could be put to use in this manner; all while experimenting with this new technique learned in Victoria's workshop.

My challenge to you is to locate extra blocks you may have hanging around from a past project and attempt to work it into a quilt or "make" it into fabric. No leftover blocks hanging around? Why not pick up an unfinished project and take it to completion. My goal to myself is to finally belly up to my Juki and put that quilting plan into action on my lamb quilt.

*Things to bring to the
meeting:*

- ✓ **NAMETAG**
- ✓ **Library Books**



CPM Quilt Show

Sharon P. and Suzanne K.

It is time for our quilt show and it is looking wonderful, thanks to all of you. Here are a few things to remember:

Wednesday night: Be at St. Matthews by **6:30 PM** to help with hymnals, chairs, couches and other furniture. Sue Lee will be instructing us.

Thursday morning: quilt registration and Boutique will begin their intake from 8 AM-10 AM. Campbell Hall and the Sanctuary will be **closed during the hanging of the quilts.**

Decorations should plan on going into place AFTER the show is hung (probably close to noon).

Committee chairs can set up their areas of responsibility on Thursday as long as they don't need to enter Campbell Hall or the Sanctuary while the show is being hung.

Vendors arrive around 3 PM

During the show:

- **Parking on Friday:** Drive around the church (heading) towards the exit and you'll see a door and a walkway. Members and vendors should park there on FRIDAY and enter that door.
- Parking on Saturday – temporarily park near the door indicated above and wait for a driver to guide you to the parking lot down the street and you will be shuttled back to the church. Preferably, drive directly to the parking lot down the street and there should be a car there to shuttle you back to the church. We'll try to keep a car at that lot from 9-1:00. If you come before or after that on Saturday, stop by the door near the parking lot exit and ask for a ride. (Do you have someone who would like to help with the "shuttle" driving? Give us a call)
- Pick up your **nametag** at Admissions and if you are volunteering, wear your **CPM apron** or borrow one from the box in the kitchen.
- Familiarize yourself with the **map** so you know where things are for our guests.
- Feel free to **stop by** different areas to see if you can lend a hand if you're not signed up for something specific. The volunteer sign-up sheets will be posted in the kitchen if you forget where you signed up.
- Hungry? The kitchen is the place to pick up food for members and vendors. You can direct guests to our Café.
- Drawings for Raffle Baskets and Raffle Quilts will occur at **3 PM on Saturday.**
- Show closes at **4 PM** on Saturday; quilts will be taken down by the assigned committee.
- Bring food for our volunteers – anything is fine and deliver it to the kitchen.
- Bake and bring cookies for sale.
- Have a **vacuum cleaner**? Feel free to bring it along for clean-up after the show (4 PM). Not sure where you can help? Ask. After we get the go-ahead for a clean and organized church, we'll start quilt distribution on the 4th "level".
- **Questions? Call Suzanne or Sharon**

Programs

October 21 – Speaker: Maureen Blanchard, Longarm Quilting



Maureen began quilting in 1978 using leftover fabrics from her clothing projects. In 2003 she bought a Gammill Classic and started her longarm quilting business. She is the winner of several ribbons at the Vermont Quilt Show, Maine Quilts, HMQS (Home Machine Quilters Showcase) and MQX (Machine Quilters Expo). Maureen's dream of owning a quilt shop became a reality when she opened **Cobblestone Quilts** in June of 2006 in Townsend, MA.

MEMBERSHIP *Cassy B.*

Three new members joined in the month of September, Judy J. Tica D., and associate member Janet R. Please take a moment to introduce yourself to them.

All new members since November of 2014 are invited to the **Welcome Dinner** hosted by the chair committee on Wednesday, November 18, from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. before the guild meeting. This is a great opportunity to get to know the board and what they do.

Please make sure to pick up your yearbook and membership card at the October meeting.

If you have lost your name tag email me at membership@concordpiecemakers.org and your new name tag will be waiting for you at the next meeting.

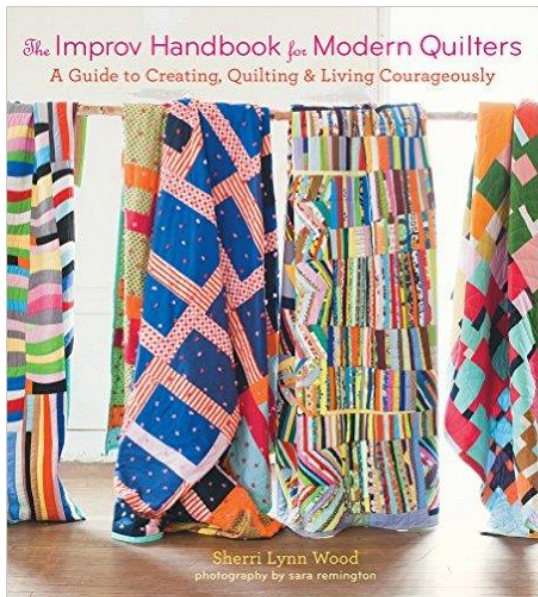
Welcome to our newest members!



From the Library Sheila and Janet

Please remember to return all library books that you have had out over the summer. We re still missing several.

If anyone wants to suggest a book for the library to buy, email Sheila and I will try and get it by the next meeting and reserve it in your name.



IMPROV SMALL GROUP Elana S. and Rita R. Guides

Book Group study of [The Improv Handbook for Modern Quilters](http://daintytime.net/improv/)
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For this month the Improv Book Group will meet at the 99 in West Concord at 5:00 for supper and discussion of the first Score. This group will be reading a chapter each month and doing the project described in the chapter. If you have not signed up and want to be a part of the group please drop Elana an email lahsch@verizon.net or call 978-692-7906 to let us know you are coming so we will have a large enough table. We decided to meet for supper so that those who have a job to do at the CPM meeting will be able to join us.

Pillowcase News Maura C.

ConKerr Cancer is now Ryan's Case for Smiles. Attached is the link to read all about the news. <http://caseforsmiles.org/>. We are still collecting kids pillowcases to donate to local and Boston area hospitals.

Recently I had 2 friends receive end of life care at Parlin Hospice House in Wayland. They were wonderful and would love some adult pillowcases. They are renovating and the colors of the rooms will be blue/grey and earth/beige tones. As you begin to think about your comfort quilts for our February Quiltathon, please keep them in mind. Hopefully we can donate a nice selection of quilts to them in February. Pillowcases are collected at every meeting. Thank you for donating and caring.

UPCOMING QUILT SHOWS

Quilt Show	Location	Dates/Times	Admission	For more Information
Burlington Quilters' Guild Annual Quilt Show	Middlesex Community College, Campus Center Bedford, MA	Saturday, October 24 10 to 5PM Sunday, October 25 10 to 4PM	6	http://burlingtonquiltersguild.org/
Proper Bostonian Quilters 2015 Quilt Show	Monsignor Donahue Hall, St. Theresa School 40 Saint Theresa Ave., West Roxbury, MA	November 6 6pm-8pm; November 7 10am-6pm; November 8 10am-4pm	\$7	http://www.properbostonianquilters.org

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