



Concord Piecemakers' Grapevine November 2015

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Wednesday, November 18, 7:15 pm
At Harvey Wheeler Center, West Concord, MA

Piecemakers'
Calendar
2015-2016

Nov 18- Marianne
Elizabeth Schwes
of Vintage & Vogue

Dec 9- Holiday Party,
Food Pantry Collection

President's Message Pam Cincotta

November is the time of year when most of us reflect on what we are most thankful for. Recently I had the pleasure of attending a Guild Rep meeting at the New England Quilt Museum. If you missed the Caryl Bryer Fallert exhibit you truly lost an opportunity to see an incredible exhibit of quilts. We as quilters are so fortunate to have such a lovely museum so close that is devoted entirely to the craft of quilting; an art form we love so much. Not too long ago I became a member of the NEQM and have learned that I truly am thankful for this gem of a resource that is devoted solely to my favorite thing; quilts! If you currently are not a member of the museum you should consider becoming a member. If you are currently a member, you may want to consider a donation to the museum when you consider your donation "opportunities" for the year. Relying solely on donations and funds generated from attendance and their gift shop sales means the museum quite often is running low on funds. Their major donation "pool" is mostly limited to quilters so they aren't considered for donations by as many people like other charities and groups.

*Things to bring to the
meeting:*

- ✓ **NAMETAG**
- ✓ **Library Books**

My challenge to all of you this month is to become a member of the New England Quilt Museum and/or consider the museum as a recipient of your annual donations. Their website also provides other means of supporting the museum through volunteering and donating quilts. Our guild's constitution states, "Concord Piecemakers is a non-profit organization dedicated to preserving, promoting and advancing the art of quilt making..." What better way to advance the art of quilt making by supporting this jewel of a resource.

While we are on the subject of thankfulness, our Challenge this year is to make a quilt that celebrates everything you love and are thankful for being a member of the Concord Piecemakers. In addition to being restricted to a quilt size no larger than 100" (total of all sides), we are adding a few other requirements to make the challenge more interesting. Being the 35th year we would like all quilts to incorporate the numbers 3 & 5 somewhere in the design. Also, coral is the traditional color for the 35th year anniversary. Please incorporate the color coral into your quilts. We would like to share these at our June 2016 meeting so don't wait too long to get started!

Programs



November 18 – Speaker: Marianne Elizabeth, Vintage and Vogue

Marianne Elizabeth, whom we know from Vintage and Vogue, will be our speaker this month. She will talk about how cloth gets designed and produced, historical techniques, and how best to showcase a collection of fabrics. She has been designing fabric for 18 years. Arrive early to get a close look at production samples and her fabric.

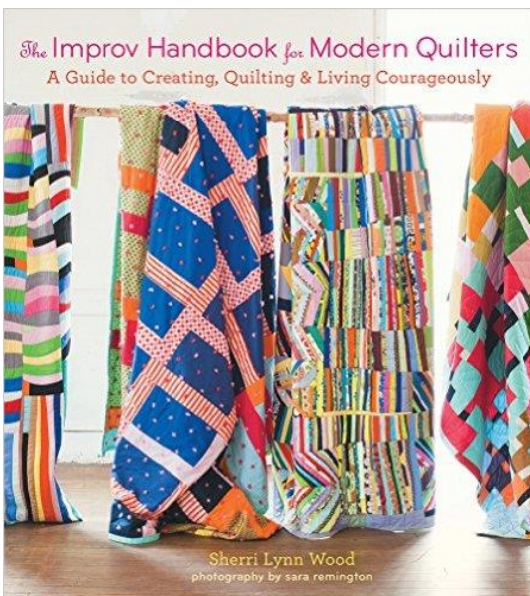


HALF-PRICE NICKEL SQUARES

Janet Crane Vitkevich and Nanette Moffa

We are continuing a tradition begun after the 2013 Quilt Show and will be offering the remaining Nickel Squares at half-price before the start of the November 18th guild meeting. Now is your opportunity to lay in a supply of handy Nickel Squares before the snow flies and to find stocking stuffers for the quilters on your holiday shopping list.

Come early at 6:30 PM for the best selection.



IMPROV SMALL GROUP

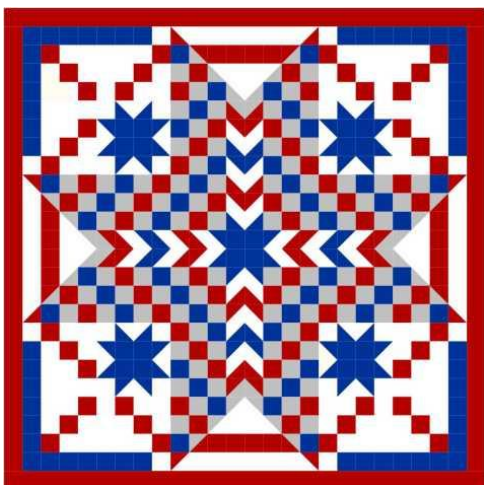
Elana Schreiber and Rita Robinson Guides

Book Group study of [The Improv Handbook for Modern Quilters](http://daintytime.net/improv/)
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This month the Improv Book Group will meet at the 99 in West Concord at 5:00 for supper and discussion of the second p34 and third Scores p42. This month we are reading two chapters. If you are going to the new members dinner, please stop for a beverage before you go Harvey Wheeler. You can go first showing and telling about your score so you can get over to the dinner on time.

Quilt of Valor

This Pinwheel quilt was presented to US Veteran James Antonangeli of Lancaster, MA at the Concord Piecemaker's Quilt Show on October 17th, 2015.



COMFORT QUILTS

Nancy Maldari

I think we all agree that CPM had a beautiful quilt show and seeing the colorful comfort quilts displayed was a pleasure. For those who are new to CPM, we donate quilts to a large group of organizations and to individuals in need. Please see me if you would like some of these quilts.

Veterans are one group that will receive our gifts. Our supply of these quilts is low. Patriotic colors would be a good choice as well as the bright colors we usually use.

Just put this need in the back of your mind for when you want to make a comfort quilt.



Quilt Show 2015

Suzanne Knight and Sharon Perko

We are so happy to have been at the helm for such a terrific quilt show. Committee chairs and all of the members who helped in some way deserve a heartfelt, “thank you” as it was because of your hard work that the show was a huge success.

If you were a committee chair, please jot down comments of what did and didn’t work and what you think should change, put it in your committee folder and give it to one of us at the November meeting. The 2017 quilt show and committee chairs will welcome your comments and suggestions.



A NOTE OF THANKS...

From Susan Monsegur, CPM member

Thank you to all the women who worked so hard to make and gather items for the winter raffle basket and the sewing basket. They were both full of fabulous items! I was very lucky to have won two baskets and I wanted to express my appreciation. Thank you!

From the Library

Sheila Macauley and Janet Rich

Just a reminder to members to email Sheila with the names of any books you would like the guild to purchase. Also, please return any books you have had out for more than 3 months.



MEMBERSHIP

Cassy Bosworth

This month our three new members are Atara Halpern and Kelley O’Conner and associate member Sharon Laughlin. We welcome them to our guild and are delighted to have them participate in our programs. We now have 129 full members and 15 associate members.

Welcome to our newest members!



We're on the Web!

See us at:

www.concordpiecemakers.org

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