



Concord Piecemakers' Grapevine December 2015

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Wednesday, December 9, 7:00 pm
At Harvey Wheeler Center, West Concord, MA

Piecemakers' Calendar
2015-2016

Dec 9- Holiday Party,
Food Pantry Collection

Jan 20- Judy Severson

Jan 23-25- Getaway
Wknd

Feb 20- Quiltathon

President's Message Pam Cincotta

*Things to bring to
the meeting:*

- ✓ **NAMETAG**
- ✓ **Library
Books**
- ✓ **Pillowcases**

Recently a Harvard family was displaced from their home due to a severe fire. Guild member, Barbara Weiss, took the opportunity to represent our guild by donating quilts that were given to each of the 4 children as well as a quilt to the parents. This community outreach was made possible by an active and generous group of women, the Concord Piecemakers, who work to keep a stash of comfort quilts on hand. Our members complete quilts all year long and donate to this stash. You may be one of the many members who routinely attend the annual Quiltathon and help crank out vast numbers of quilts for this stash. Let's not forget the ongoing completion of the Quiltathon quilts by a group of our women who meet monthly at Joy Sussman's home to complete quilts by tying. At this time, I have been told our supply of completed quilts is running low. But there is good news! Our Quiltathon is just around the corner! Completed quilt tops and backings are needed to make this full day of camaraderie and fun a success - ultimately replenishing our stash of comfort quilts.

Yes we are smack dab in the middle of the busiest time of the year but my challenge

to each of you is to allocate time in your schedule (once the dust has settled from the holidays) and complete a comfort quilt top. Are you totally unable to find the time? Perhaps you have a lovely piece of fabric that would work well for backing a comfort quilt; bring this with you to the Quiltathon. With or without a quilt top, attending the Quiltathon and lending your hands is another way to further this cause. Recently I've heard some fabulous, heartwarming stories surrounding our guild's generosity in giving comfort quilts and know that these quilts are truly appreciated and most often are presented to people who are facing a struggle in their lives. Please support this very important outreach program of our guild. The Comfort Quilt column of this newsletter includes a few of our most recent Thank You messages received.

Lastly, our annual Holiday Party will be held this month (2nd Wednesday of December). Please plan to attend and share in this evening and experience the good food, the joy of giving, and the joy of community. I wish you all a truly Blessed Christmas and Holiday Season.



December 9th – Holiday Party!

Come share and enjoy some holiday cheer with fellow guild members at our annual Holiday Party on December 9 at 7:00 where members of the Board will serve a lovely catered Italian dinner generously arranged by SuzAnne Weisenbloom. Though certainly not mandatory, we will be accepting a *suggested* donation of \$5 from those wishing to contribute towards the cost of the meal.

Those wishing to bring a dessert to share are invited to do so.

Please bring food donations for Open Table to the December 9th Holiday Meeting. Here is the link for recommended items.

<http://www.opentable.org/cms/wp-content/uploads/Suggestions-for-Donating-Groceries.pdf>

DECEMBER ORNAMENTS TO MAKE AND DONATE

This year for the December Holiday Meeting the board thought it would be a nice idea to make and donate holiday ornaments to Open Table along with our food donations. Below you will see what you need to take to the meeting—most of us will be able to make one ornament (maybe 2 if you're really fast).

Felt Angel

1. Your **small traveling sewing kit** with needle, thread, small scissors and a pair of NON fabric scissors for cutting paper and most likely can cut the felt as well.
2. Any **tiny embellishments** like beads, sequins, tiny buttons, embroidery thread, etc.
3. If you decide to bead or embroider on your angel please bring a beading needle and/or a large eyed needle for embroidering. We will have a smattering of embellishments and needles but if you want to bring some of your own doo-dads from home it will be welcome and make the project more interesting.

* the rest of the ornament, like the felt, pom pom and wire body will be supplied.

Folded flower

1. **Fabric hexagon** - 5" works well. We will prepare a supply of fabric hexagons, but if you have fabric you would like to use, you can either precut or we will provide hexagon templates. Fabric should be firmer cotton, not flimsy.
2. Your **small traveling sewing kit** with needle, thread, small scissors
3. **Decorative button** or accent to sew in the center,
4. **Floss, coat thread**, or embroidery thread for hanging loop. (Dental floss works great.)

Sue Lee and Darlene Butler



Message from your Librarians

Sheila Macauley and Janet Rich

Sheila and Janet are still waiting for 2 people who would love a wonderful sit-down job with many benefits!

You have lots of money to spend on books.

You get to pick out books to buy and get to read them first.

You can do any of the book ordering etc. at any time you have free time.

You don't have to go out at night to any meetings.

You meet all the members and get to talk to lots of people when they take out books.

Janet is retiring in December and Sheila will stay on till June. We offer to train you at each meeting till you feel comfortable with this job.

It is fun job to share with a friend.

And, no one will ask you to do some other hard job in the guild, once you become the librarian!

Think about it and come see us at the library table in December!

Sheila and Janet

MEMBERSHIP

Cassy Bosworth

November was a busy month with the new member reception held on the 18th before the meeting. Five of our new members enjoyed getting to know the committee and finding out about all that the Concord Piecemakers has to offer and get involved with. We have one new associate member, Joyce Blundell. Please keep an eye out for the email with all the new member information for you to add to your yearbooks. The remainder of the yearbooks have been mailed out. Look forward to seeing you all at the Holiday Meeting on December 9.

Welcome to our newest members!



IMPROV SMALL GROUP

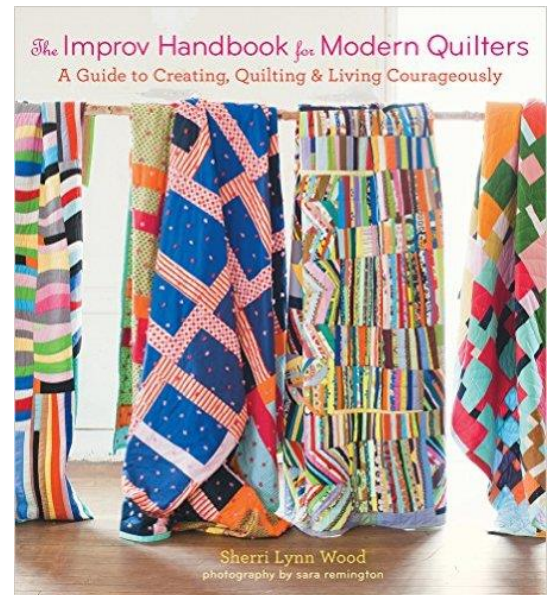
Elana Schreiber and Rita Robinson Guides

Book Group study of The Improv Handbook for Modern Quilters <http://daintytime.net/improv/>

This month the Improv Book Group will meet at the beginning of the Piecemaker's meeting at Harvey Wheeler because it is a dinner meeting. We will work with any one of the next three Scores. Score 4 p 51 is very open ended and may not be one people are comfortable with. Score 5 p59 has more structure in it so I thought people would be more comfortable with it. Score 6 p 71 is very similar to score 6 so I did not feel it would be necessary to do both 6 and 7.

If you want to work on the Improv Round Robin we decided to do that at the Open Sew on February 6th. This will be done in the one day. More information to follow on this.

If you did not have time to do the first assignment, do not let that hinder you doing the later ones, just jump right in.





COMFORT QUILTS

Nancy Maldari

Concord piece makers,

Because of our many donations recipients have written some lovely thank you notes:

Char visited me today and brought with her the beautiful lap quilt. Such a wonderful gift for someone who is receiving chemo. This is an especially appropriate gift for someone who is not crafty. While I dream about this kind of quilt, I could never make one. Because I worked at Emerson for 27 years, it means even more to me. Thank you for remembering me in this special way. Your kind handiwork and thoughts are greatly appreciated. Fondly, Ce Novak

The quilt is beautiful. It has so much meaning to us words cannot say how touched we are. Thank you for your thoughtfulness. We will cherish this forever. – Friend of Maura Cain

On behalf of the Emerson Hospital Auxiliary and Emerson Hospital, I want to thank the Concord Piecemakers for sharing their creativity and talents by sewing quilts for Emerson's patients. I wish you could hear first-hand the reactions of patients when they are given these items. The nurses feel that they are treating the whole person when they can give patients these items. Your generosity is appreciated. All my best, Sally Savelle, President Emerson Hospital Auxiliary

Recently my son, who is 8 months old, was admitted to Winchester hospital. After a long stint in the emergency room, we came up to the room he would be spending the next 3 nights in. In his little crib was a beautiful quilt. He loved it! It was so bright and colorful and he found a square that had a snail on it and immediately smiled. Probably the first time I saw him smile in 3 days! So, I just wanted to say thank you for showing such kindness, during such a hard time for me and my family. Thank you, Catherine Pauly