



Concord Piecemakers' Grapevine March 2016

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Wednesday, March 16, 7:00 pm
At Harvey Wheeler Center, West Concord, MA

Piecemakers' Calendar 2016

Mar 16- Jackie Kunkle &
March More Bepores!

Mar 17- Desert Sky
Workshop

Apr 20- Sue Bleiweiss

May 18- Annual
Meeting and Members
Presentation

Jun 8- Guild's 35th
Celebration

President's Message Pam Cincotta

Even weeks after the event I'm still feeling a sense excitement! I'm referring to the CPM Quiltathon of course. This event is amazing in so many ways. It's incredible how many willing and capable hands come together to create comfort quilts for so many. It's fantastic the way the group works like a well-oiled machine bringing over 100 quilts to various levels of completion with 31 of these quilts completed and in the capable hands of Nancy Maldari, our Comfort Quilt Coordinator. It's a great feeling knowing we belong to such a caring, giving group of ladies. And all this while having fun!

My challenge to each of you is to treat yourselves to something special as a way of congratulating yourself on a job well done. Perhaps an afternoon of guilt-free sewing? Or maybe visit a new quilt shop or an old favorite. Have you been eyeing a new ruler or quilting tool that you would love to add to your tool box?

Take a class? Get a massage? Whatever you decide, know that you deserve a big congratulatory pat on the back!

I'm hoping many of you are working on your CPM Challenge quilt. Just a reminder on the "rules", the theme is "Celebrate what CPM means to me". The finished quilt should not measure more than 100" around, should incorporate the numbers 3 and 5 (representing our guild's 35th birthday), and incorporate the color coral. We would like all challenge quilts to be shared at our June guild meeting.

Things to bring to the meeting:

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

MARCH MORE-BEFORE

Be sure to arrive early to our March meeting where two More-Before demonstrations will be available to all. Sue Colwell will be demonstrating the Disappearing Hour Glass block and Claudette Cavalier will demonstrate a technique for twisting fabric strips into fabric "twine".

We would love to hold a More-Before prior to as many of our meetings as possible. This, however, requires members to step up and offer to share techniques and information. So if you have something you would like to share, or know someone you could recommend to share a technique, be sure to contact one of our guild board members. The More-Before is a great way to pick up on new techniques while mingling with other guild members prior to our guild meeting.

PROGRAMS

"Getting to Know Me," Jackie Kunkel Wednesday, March 16, 2016



We are very happy to have Jackie Kunkel as our speaker this month. In addition to being a Judy Niemeyer Certified Instructor, Jackie is the owner of Canton Village Quiltworks, a published pattern designer, and the author of "Splash of Color". Jackie will be presenting a fun, interactive lecture and trunk show as she takes us through her quilting journey of 23 years.



Opportunities for Active Guild Participation

Barbara Kozenko

The following guild positions are currently in need of your assistance. Please give serious consideration to volunteering for one of these slots. The guild does not run on its own. Without co-chairs for our 2 major fundraisers we are in jeopardy of not being able to hold these wonderful events.

Historian – Sue Lee will be vacating this position as of May 2016.

Librarians – We are still looking for one more book lover to co-chair this committee.

Yard Sale – Kitty Shaw will be chairing the 2018 Yard Sale and is looking for a co-chair

Quilt Show 2017 – we are in need of co-chairs to run this major fundraiser.

Please consider one of these positions, do it with a friend, have some fun with it, and help keep our guild going strong!



IMPROV SMALL GROUP

Elana Schreiber and Rita Robinson Guides

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

The people who worked on their Round Robins at the February Sit and Sew were eager to get to the curves in the book; so the next Score for the Improv group will be 8 page 87 or if you would rather do Score 9 on page 97 go for it. You could even do both. We will share them at the 99 Restaurant in West Concord before the March Piecemaker's meeting.



Nickel Squares

We continue to accept nickel squares this month for the 2017 quilt show. Hope you have fabric scraps to spare for our popular 5 inch squares. Please save your selvage strips and contribute them with your squares. We will use them to tie the bundles. Nothing goes to waste!

Suggestions for fabrics: Background fabric in beiges, yellows and light blues; character fabric, 30's, civil war reproductions, batiks, florals, oriental, flannel, modern. Try to make the fabric squares of current material.

Barbara Weiss, Suzanne Knight, and Linda Merwin - and anyone else who wants to sort and package. Please get in touch if you want to volunteer.

UPCOMING QUILT SHOWS

Quilt Show	Location	Dates/Times	Admission	For more Information
Thimble Pleasures Quilt Guild	Blackstone Valley Tech High School; 65 Pleasant St., Upton MA 01568	Saturday, March 12 10 to 4PM Sunday, March 13 10 to 4PM	\$7	http://www.thimblepleasures.org