



Concord Piecemakers' Grapevine April 2016

Susan Coulter, Editor

Wednesday, April 20, 7:15 pm
At Harvey Wheeler Center, West Concord, MA

President's Message Pam Cincotta

Piecemakers' Calendar
2016

- Apr 20-** Sue Bleiweiss
- May 18-** Annual Meeting /
Members presentation:
Getting Your UFOS Finished
- Jun 8-** Guild's 35th
Celebration

*Things to bring to the
meeting:*

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

Happy Spring everyone!! Sometimes lately it has been a stretch to be happy about the not-so-Spring weather. Late season snow won't change the fact that so many quilt shows and quilting events are beginning to fill the Spring and Summer calendars for New England. As I was preparing for classes I'm taking at the MQX Quilt Festival during the next few days I was struck with how fortunate we are to have so many quilt related happenings in our area. I have never taken classes at MQX New England nor even attended the event and have totally stepped outside of my "box" by registering for all machine quilting classes ranging from quilting on a domestic machine to quilting on a Sweet 16. When speaking with a non-quilter friend about my up-coming classes, she innocently stated, "I thought you knew everything about quilting. Is there really more you could learn?" I had to laugh. Can we ever really know it all? New tools, techniques, fabric designs and books are continuously coming on the market and showing up at the quilt shows, quilt stores, and internet. Participating in classes and mingling with other quilters at the exhibits is such a treat for me. Who knows, maybe I will come away with a new love (and hopefully new skills) for machine quilting!

My challenge to you this month is to look at the list of quilt "happenings" in our area or maybe even an area you will be traveling to and see if there isn't an event that sparks your interest. A great website for checking out the events is www.quiltersresources.net which will allow you to search by state. No matter if you are looking for a large international quilt show or individual guild quilt show you will find plenty to choose from at this site.

Looking for a new project? If you haven't already begun working on your challenge quilt for the guild this year, it's not too late. The plan is to showcase these challenge quilts at our June meeting. The theme for the challenge 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.

PROGRAMS



Sue Bleiweiss Wednesday, April 20, 2016



Sue Bleiweiss is an award-winning, full-time fiber artist. Working with her own hand dyed cotton she creates vibrant, whimsical colorful art quilts intended to delight the eye of the viewer and draw them in for a closer look.

She will bring lots of her quilts to show as she talks about her art quilting journey, the materials, techniques and processes she uses, as well as how she found and developed her unique style.



CPM CRAFT YARD SALE

October 15, 2016
St. Matthew's UMC, Acton
9:00 AM - 2:00 PM.

Spring Cleaning time is a great time to organize your crafty supplies and sort through your stash. If possible, we would appreciate it if you could pre-measure and mark. We measure to the nearest 1/4 yd. If it is slightly under, it is marked the lesser yardage. Less than a 1/2 yd is NOT a 1/2 yd, and would be marked 1/4 yd.

We mark and sell by 1/4 yd, 1/2 yd, 3/4 yd, 1 yard, 1 1/4, etc. NO other measurements other than Fat Quarter -- 18" x 22".

A normal quarter yard would measure 44" x 9". Less than 1/4 yd will be placed on the scrap table. If in doubt, please mark your fabric with a "?"

We accept all fabrics, yarns, and craft notions. Please do not give us dirty, bug infested fabric, or wool fabric with moth holes. Also, no clothing. UFOs (quilt or wearable) are accepted. We reserve the right to discard unusable fabric or notions.

Watch for a notice for when you can start dropping off your contributions to the church basement. There is another big yard sale in May at the church, so we are limited with what we can accept until then.

Thank you in advance.

CPM Yard Sale committee:

Sue Lee, CindyLee Gee, Kitty Shaw.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS Cassy Bosworth

We are starting the process of membership renewal at the April meeting. Please submit your registration form and dues for the 2016-2017 year **on or before the May 18 meeting**. Our dues remain the same: Full membership is \$25 and Associate membership is \$15. You may download a registration form from the website <http://concordpiecemakers.org> or click on the link below.

<http://concordpiecemakers.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/CPMMembershipRegistration.pdf>.

Registration forms will also be available at the membership table. All forms are due at the April or May meeting. As a special incentive, all members who rejoin by May 13 will be entered into a drawing to be held at the June meeting. The winner will receive a free membership.

Please be prompt as late submissions run the risk of being excluded from the Yearbook and make more work for the Membership chair during the summer.



Message from your Librarians Sheila Macauley and Judy Jacobsche

Would anyone with books out 2 or more months please try to return them this month. Also, if any members would like Sheila to buy a book for the library, email Sheila with the name of the book so she can order it.

2017 Raffle Quilt News

We have selected all the fabrics for our 2017 Raffle quilt. Kits to paper piece sections of the block will be available at the April meeting. We would like the completed blocks returned at the May meeting so that we can begin to assemble the Raffle Quilt. Please stop by and take a kit or two.

Thank you ,
Barbara, Kitty, Pam, Mary

AUCTION EVENT

Who: Quilters' Connection is presenting their 1st Annual Auction!

When: Monday Night, May 9th
 Preview at 6:30 pm – Auction to start at 7pm.

Where: Bentley College – in LaCava Conference Center, 3rd Floor, 25 Forest Street, Waltham

The Auction will feature several quilts from well-known local artists, as well as many other items – fabrics, totes, and an array of “gotta haves”. We are also featuring one extremely large raffle basket - estimated value is over \$250.00. There will be other raffles and a Chinese auction.

Free Admission and Free Parking/ Handicap accessible.

You won't want to miss this event!



UPCOMING QUILT SHOWS

| Quilt Show | Location | Dates/Times | Admission | For more Information |
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| Northern Star Quilters' Guild "A World of Quilts" | Western Connecticut State University West Side Campus - O'Neill Center 43 Lake Ave. Extension Danbury, CT | April 30 - May 1, 2016 Sat. 10 am - 5 pm Sun. 10 am - 4 pm | \$10 | www.NorthernStarQuilters.com |
| Quiet Valley Quilters' Guild "Bennington Quiltfest 2016" | Mount Anthony Union Middle School 747 East Road Bennington, VT | Sept. 17 - 18, 2016 Sat. 9 am - 5 pm Sun. 9 am - 4 pm | \$7 | www.benningtonquiltfest.com |

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.

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!

CPM Slate of Officers 2016-2017

| Title | Name |
|----------------|----------------|
| President | Pam Cincotta |
| Vice President | Darlene Butler |
| Treasurer | Mary Jalenak |
| Secretary | Leslie Vieth |
| Historian | TBD |