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Concord Piecemakers' Grapevine November 2016

Wednesday, **November 16**, 7:15 pm
At Harvey Wheeler Center, West Concord, MA

Piecemakers' Calendar
2016-2017

Nov 16 - Amy Friend
Dec 14 - Holiday Party
Jan 18 - Valarie Poitier

President's Message Pam C.

November 2016 Message from the Pres

*Things to bring to the
meeting:*

- ✓ **NAMETAGS**
- ✓ **NICKEL
SQUARES**
- ✓ **5 INCH FABRIC
STRIPS**

As I sit down to compose my message this month I have so many thoughts nagging at me in the back of my mind. What to wear to the wedding (thankfully as a guest and not as a parent)? What to do for Thanksgiving? Did I just see a Christmas shopping commercial? Do I really have 3 nieces expecting early next year who will need one of aunties fabulous baby quilts? Is it really only 6pm but dark as midnight outside? The changing of the season is bringing us into one of the busiest times of the year for most. My goal; breathe deeply and enjoy the ride.

A "positive" thought on my mind at the moment is the preparation the CPM board is making for our December Holiday Party. We're sure to have another great time socializing with friends. A separate article within this newsletter provides a bit more detail. We wanted to get this information to you so when you are out fabric shopping you will take the time to pick up 3 fat quarters for a game we have planned. You won't want to be sitting on the sidelines.

Another "positive" thought – soon when all the hubbub of the holiday season is past, we enter into that time of year where I get the most sewing and quilting time of the year. Just in time for our annual CPM Getaway Weekend. So many projects planned; so little time!

Programs

November 16 – Speaker: Amy Friend

Amy Friend: “An Introduction to the Modern Quilting Aesthetic

Our November meeting will feature an hour long trunk show and include a discussion of Amy’s personal sewing history and evolution and how it fits into the modern quilting movement. By showing samples of her own work, she will introduce us to the characteristics of modern quilting.



Amy Friend is a former museum curator who currently spends her days designing patterns, quilting and sewing. Paper piecing, as well as modern quilt design, bring her the most joy. She authored the book *Intentional Piecing* which was published in spring 2016. Her second book, *Improv Paper Piecing: A Modern Approach to Quilt Design*, will be published in February 2017. She is an award winning quilter and her quilts have been exhibited at a number of quilt shows as well as the Texas Quilt Museum. Amy visits quilt guilds to speak about her quilts and to teach workshops. She is an active member of the Modern Quilt Guild having cofounded the Seacoast MQG where she served as the first president, as well as sitting on the MQG Charity Committee where she is Project Manager for the annual QuiltCon Charity Quilt Challenge. You can follow her creative path on her blog, www.duringquiettime.com.

More Before from Sally Ducha

Hi, I've been enjoying English paper piecing hexagons. It is a meditative, slow, and portable type of quilting! I will share my enthusiasm and some small projects before the next guild meeting at 6:30 p.m. November 16th. I also have a small number of kits so that you can try it, too. For a preview of what English paper piecing is about google English paper piecing or Millefiori quilts. My favorite instructions are at:

<http://flossieteacakes.blogspot.com/2012/07/english-paper-piecing-where-to-begin.html>

If you already love English paper piecing, I would love to see your project.

MEMBERSHIP *Cassy Bosworth*

We have three new members to welcome, Karen Mac Intyre, Laura Robb and the return of Edith McEvoy. Take a moment to introduce yourself to our new members and don't forget to wear your name tag.

Welcome to our newest members!

Nickel Squares

Barbara Weiss

To start off this year's collection, we are having a nickel squares cutting session before the next meeting, November 16, 6:30 p.m. Bring your 5" strips or fabric (ironed flat). We will have cutting mats, rulers and rotary cutters. Bring your own supplies if you wish. It is surprising how many squares you can cut in a short time.

Some ideas for contribution of squares or fabric to cut: batiks, florals, plaids, modern, retro, Kaffe, fabric that reads a solid color, kid prints, background colors, black and white, stripes, polka dots, fall prints, Christmas prints.

The more variety we have, the easier it is to form packs.

December Holiday Party

Activities for our December Holiday meeting, being held on December 14, will include a catered dinner (donations toward cost will be accepted), collection of non-perishable foods for Open Table, and a fun game where the winners will go home with a stack of fabulous fat quarters.

Participation in the game is optional but we're sure you won't want to miss out on the fun. In order for you to join in on the game **you will need to bring with you to the December meeting 3 Kaffe Fassett fat quarters**. Do not wrap them. We will separate into groups of approximately 10 for the game. One person from each group will go home with a jackpot of all the fat quarters from their group!

Orlando Modern Quilt Guild for Pulse nightclub victims

The OMQG received quilts from 23 countries & 50 states with enough donations & materials to make 1,800 quilts. Maura Cain, Sheila Macauley and Laurie LaConte collaborated on the beautiful quilt below and donated it for Pulse nightclub victims.



Quilt pieced by Maura Cain and Sheila Macauley, quilted by Laurie LaConte
Donated to Orlando Modern Quilt Guild for Pulse nightclub victims.

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