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Concord Piecemakers' Grapevine January 2017

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

Piecemakers' Calendar 2017

Jan 18 - Valarie Poitier
Feb 25 - Quiltathon
Mar 22 - TBD (4th Wed of month)
Apr 19 - TBD
May 17 - Tica DeMoor
(Member presentation)
and Elections
Jun 14 - Year End
Meeting
Sep 20 - TBD
Oct 13-14 - Biennial Quilt
Show
Oct 18 - TBD
Nov 15 - TBD
Dec 13 - Holiday Party

President's Message Pam C.

January 2017 Message from the President

Happy New Year Everyone! Are you exhausted yet from seeing all the ads for resolutions on weight loss and getting organized? Here are a few more interesting suggestions for goal setting.

This is a year where we have our Biennial Quilt Show which is always a favorite event for our members as well as those who mark their calendars every year to attend our fabulous show. Shortly you will be getting information on how you can help make our quilt show a success. Whether you are working on items for our boutique or your latest quilting creations to be included in the show, you will want to pay close attention to deadlines once they are provided.

If you're in need of another quilting goal, keep in mind our House Challenge (details located under its own heading within this newsletter). The guidelines for this challenge were intentionally left almost wide open to enable creativity and generate a larger participation than last year's challenge.

What about setting a personal goal for selling raffle tickets for our beautiful raffle quilt, *Aurora*? This quilt was made from fabric

Things to bring to the meeting:

- ✓ **NAMETAGS**
- ✓ **NICKEL
SQUARES**

donated at cost from Marian Bressel, paper-pieced by our members, organized and assembled by Mary Jalenak, and lastly beautifully long arm quilted by Laurie LaConte and is a wonderful example of the enormous talent within our guild. Selling plenty of raffle tickets is a great way to thank everyone involved with its creation. Soon you will be given details on how you as a guild member may assist in selling tickets.

There's always room for goal setting when thinking about our annual Quiltathon. Perhaps increase your contribution of completed quilt tops by 1, or pledge to increase your hours of lending a hand at the event, or even taking stacks of the sandwiched quilts that still have remaining work required at the end of the day, home with you to complete.

Whatever your goals or dreams for 2017, I'm hoping they include the Concord Piecemakers.



Membership *Cassy Bosworth*

Happy New Year! Our December holiday feast and fat quarter game was a wonderful way to wrap up 2016. Start 2017 off right by stopping by the membership table, signing in and picking up the yearbook update sheet. The update sheet has contact information for our new members and corrections and updates for existing members.

If you have not picked up a 35th anniversary pin, there are still some available at the membership table. Don't forget to wear your name tag.

Programs

January 18 – Speaker: Valarie Poitier

As a fiber artist Valarie's tools include thread, fibers, paint, glue, dyes, looms, machines, stream of conscious drawing, the study of emerging techniques, plundering old magazines and books for the tried and true techniques, guts and courage. She creates from the heart and puts so much of herself and thoughts into the piece that you must look beyond the obvious to behold the full banquet.

Her favorite series of Quilt Business Workshops were designed to encourage individuals and groups to transform how they think about themselves as artists and the works they create. To review how they speak about their work, and present themselves. Learn more about Valarie at valariepoitier.com.



QUILTATHON

On **Saturday, February 25, 2017** we will meet at St. Mathew's Church in Acton to spend a day making quilts to comfort those in need of a "quilter's embrace". **From 8:00 until 4:00** (or any time you have in between) we will pin, tie, sew and ready comfort quilts. Have you made your comfort quilt for the Quiltathon yet? Then get to work! We ask that all members bring a finished quilt top and some fabric to use as backing. Please measure your quilt top and pin on the size. A limited amount of quilt backings will be available, but one that goes with your quilt is greatly appreciated. Batting is supplied. Any size is appreciated, twin size is always needed.

It's a fun day for all. Lunch will be served, but feel free to bring a munchie to share. Water, coffee, tea will be available. This is what our guild is all about! We get to make quilts and help people we don't yet know. Join us and enjoy. It is also a great way to meet other guild members. Questions? Contact me at marla.richmond@comcast.net. See you there!



Pillowcases *Maura Cain*

Thank you for all the beautiful pillowcases, last year we donated 123. Kits are sometimes available at the guild meetings. Check the tables or ask Maura.





No February Guild meeting

A reminder that there is no February guild meeting and therefore no newsletter will be published for February.



2016 – 2017 Challenge Quilt – Houses

The theme for this year's quilt challenge is *Houses*. This could be any type of house: a depiction of your childhood house, current house, a dream house, fairy tale house, whimsical house, or any type of house you choose to depict. Use any techniques and embellishments you'd like. The only restriction for this challenge is the perimeter of all 4 sides must not be greater than 100". Our Challenge quilts will be shared at the June 2017 meeting.

