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Concord Piecemakers' Grapevine March 2017

Wednesday, **March 22**, 7:15 pm
At Harvey Wheeler Center, West Concord, MA

Piecemakers' Calendar 2017

Mar 22 - Linda Ramrth
(4th Wed of month)

Apr 19 - Linda Warren

May 17 - Tica DeMoor
(Member presentation)
and Elections

Jun 14 - Year End
Meeting

Sep 27 - TBD

Oct 13-14 - Biennial Quilt
Show

Oct 18 - TBD

Nov 15 - TBD

Dec 13 - Holiday Party

President's Message Pam Cincotta

March 2017 Message from the President

Orchestrated chaos! Sitting back and looking out over the room at our Quiltathon in February, that is what I saw. Quilts and batting were flying – electric scissors were buzzing – sewing machines were frantically trying to keep up with the quilts. The results were incredible. Approximately 135 fabulous quilts were worked on that day and will go a long way toward replenishing our Comfort Quilt Supplies. You are all to be congratulated on a job well done. Special thanks to Marla Richmond for her organization of the event.

Our guild is entering a busy time of year. We have nominations to be filled and confirmed for our VP and Program's Chair positions. Very soon our Membership Drive will commence. As the Quilt Show gets closer you will be hearing more about this; receiving packets for submitting quilts and items for the boutique and also opportunity to sign up for working the show. All while you are possibly working on quilts for the show, your House Challenge quilt, and selling the raffle tickets you were given at the January meeting for our raffle quilt. Not to mention Spring is just around the corner beckoning us to get outside and enjoy the beauty of nature.

Don't let time get away from you – be sure to update your calendars with important dates. Speaking of important dates, just a reminder that our guild meeting for this month is being held on March 22 (the 4th Wednesday of the month).

Things to bring to the meeting:

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

Programs

March 22 – Speaker: Linda Ramrath

CONFESSIONS OF A CATHOLIC QUILTER

This talk is a light-hearted and fun. Linda shares 40 + quilts as she confesses all the Commandments and quilting rules she breaks in order to accomplish her works of art. She hopes to inspire you to look at ordinary items as new quilting tools and maybe break a few rules yourself, next time you start a creating a quilt.



I have been sewing all my life, and embraced quilting in 1997. In an effort to share and inspire others, I have designed patterns, teach and created and produced a television show, "A Quilter's Touch", which can be viewed locally on cable and world-wide via www.hcattv.org.

My journey to quilting is unique. I am educated as an engineer (BSME Northeastern University 1985) and spent the first part of my career working in the corporate world. That experience has served me well as I translate eye-catching designs into simple steps for quilters of all levels of expertise. http://www.inspiredlayers.com/about_quilting.html





Raffle Quilt at Fabric Place Basement *Darlene Butler*

We have been given a great opportunity to display and sell tickets for our 2017 Raffle Quilt!

Saturday, April 8 will be the first day that Boston Modern Quilters will open their Annual Quilt Show at Fabric Place Basement in Natick. We are lucky that one of our 3 days of sales will be this day. There are 2 weekends and 3 days that we will be able to show and sell tickets. Being able to do this while the BMQ will be having their show should boost our ticket sales and in a relatively easy way. There is just one thing we need—Members! The 3 days are April 8, 29 and 30th. I am asking for all of you to think of a day before our March meeting that you could sell tickets for a 2 hour time slot. Please consider volunteering in this capacity—it's a great way to help the guild without a huge commitment. Mary Jalenak will have 3 sign-up sheets and they will be circulating during the meeting. Please think about a day that works for you (or even you and a friend) ahead of time.

Quilt Show News -March 2017 *Barbara Weiss*

All of the quilt show information is now on our website. This includes dates, times, forms for registration and boutique submissions. You can download copies.

Committee chair positions are filled. Most of these volunteers will be given a folder at the March meeting to help them organize and understand the committee. If you still have a folder in your pile from the last show, we would appreciate it if you would return it at the meeting; no fines, no questions asked.

In April and May each member will get a packet with samples of boutique and registration information and forms, and general instructions for the show. We will also have sign up clipboards at the back tables for each of the committees. To help you keep track of your volunteer schedule, there will be a daily calendar available to record your time slots. We expect each member to sign up for multiple slots.

Joy, Pam, Kathie and I have been meeting each month to organize the show and make decisions about content, set up and show functioning. We are very pleased with how many women signed up to help. Now we all have to produce the fabulous quilts for the show. Remember those last touches on your quilt: the label, the sleeve and the quilt's story for registration.

We will have a sleeve demo at the May meeting. That sleeve is the last pesky detail, which I forgot on three big quilts about six years ago when I was quilt show chair. That was so embarrassing, still remember my red cheeks and the trip home to put the sleeves on, really big stitches!

QUILTATHON RECAP

It takes a quilt guild to make a quiltathon, and what a quiltathon we made!

43 people signed in (we know there were more who were just shy), 135 quilts are on their way to completion, 11 people took quilts home to complete, 12 pillow cases were given and both Lola Chaisson (Rosie's Place) and Sue Lee (scraps for dog beds) needed to take more than one trip to their cars. One member said, "I thought I could get to meet people here, it's so hard to make friends at meetings." We laughed a lot. We ate a lot. We made lots of quilts. This year we had 13 sewing machines going. One quilter said it was a lot easier with more machines, she didn't get overwhelmed by all the quilts getting piled up in front of her machine. This has been taken in and we will ask for the same amount of machines next year. Quilts awaiting tying have gone to Joy Sussman's house for bimonthly tying sessions. Usually they meet the first and third Monday of the month at 1:00. Call before you go to make sure they are meeting.

Thank you everyone who came to this fabulous event. And, as my Grandmother used to say, we'll do the same next year.

- Marla Richmond



Barbara Weiss - Exhibit of Quilts

Our very own talented quilter, Barbara Weiss, currently has an exhibit of her quilts at the Life Care Center, 191 Foster St, Littleton, MA. Stop by and take in this lovely selection of 11 quilts. The exhibit will hang until the end of May. Congratulations Barbara!



New Library Books! Judy Jakobsche & Sharon Perko

Extra! Extra! Read all about it!

New acquisitions to the CPM Library for Spring 2017 will be available at the March 22 meeting. They are as follows:

1. **Sew Charming: Scrappy Quilts from 5" Squares**, by Mary Etherington
2. **The Quilt Block Cookbook, 50 Block Recipes, 7 Sampler Quilts, Endless Possibilities**, by Amy Gibson
3. **Miss Rosie's Farmhouse Favorites: 12 Captivating Scrappy Quilts**
by Carrie Nelson
4. **Simple Friendships: 14 Quilts from Exchange Friendly Blocks**
by Kim Diehl
5. **No Scrap Left Behind: 16 Quilt Projects that Celebrate Scraps of All Sizes**
by Amanda Jean Nyberg
6. **The Splendid Sampler, 100 Spectacular Blocks from a Community of Quilters**
by Pat Sloan



Nickel Squares Barbara Weiss

We had another productive morning of packaging nickel squares. The fabric squares which are needed now to continue our sorting are as follows:

- ~ I spy squares or character fabric squares
- ~ batiks
- ~ solids or those reading as a solid
- ~ variety in squares of all other fabrics
- ~ background fabrics in multiples (beige, tan, grey, white, light yellow, etc)



Membership *Cassy Bosworth*

It's that time of year, Spring, a time of renewal. The flowers return and so does our membership drive! Registration sheets will be on the membership table for you to fill out. We have a big year coming up with a quilt show in planning but only members in good standing may submit their quilts.

Register by May 21st and you will be entered in the raffle for free membership.

Link to membership registration form.

<http://concordpiecemakers.org/wpcontent/uploads/2016/03/CPMMembershipRegistration.pdf>



ROSIE'S PLACE

Lola Chaisson

The very generous donations brought to the quiltathon were joyfully accepted at Rosie's Place. They are still short on storage due to renovations, so no clothing other than new socks or underpants and new or gently used bras. I plan on putting in some more washcloths and making a few pillowcases for March. Toiletries always welcome.

It might also be a good time to consider Rosie's art program needs: paint brushes, markers, decorative papers, YARN, Crochet Hooks, Knitting Needles and, if you like, gift cards to AC Moore, Michaels or JoAnn's Fabrics.

We still have a few positions that need to be filled for the upcoming year.

- Vice President
- Programs Chair
- Nominating Chair

Please see me or any member of the board if you'd like to discuss these positions. Our guild runs on member involvement.

Please consider taking on a position and have some fun with it!