



Concord Piecemakers' Grapevine April 2017

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Wednesday, April 19, 7:15 pm
At Harvey Wheeler Center, West Concord, MA

President's Message Pam Cincotta

April 2017 Message from the President

As a guild, Spring signifies many changes coming our way. At the May meeting we will have the pleasure of welcoming our new president, Darlene Butler, into her role of leadership as well as a slate of officers, some new and some old. What is so troubling this year is two very important positions have not yet been filled.

The Vice President fulfills an important role in our organization by studying under the President of the guild and learning the ropes and people of our guild in preparation for becoming the guild President in 2 years. While a 4 year commitment seems too much for many, it is important we have someone prepared to take on the leadership role after 2 years of apprenticeship with the current President.

The other crucial position still not filled is the Program's Chair. This person, takes on the role of organizing and leading a committee of individuals who are all working to line up fabulous speakers and workshops for our guild. Filling this role ASAP is crucial since planning for our calendar year 2017-2018 needs to begin. I'm sure we would all hate to see our meetings become strictly business meetings without guest speakers.

To those of you who say: *I've done my part and served in a board or committee position in the past.* I say that at some point, we need you to serve again. Many, many of our guild members fit in this category and we are truly thankful for their support in holding chairs in the past but at some point we need to lure some of you back in order to fill roles otherwise our member pool to choose from becomes very small. Everyone deserves to take a few

years off but at some point we hope you are feeling refreshed from your break and willing, once again, to take on an active committee or board member role.

To those of you who say: *I'm new to the guild*. I say that this makes you the best candidates for these roles. Just ask anyone on our board today. All of us were basically new members to the guild when we took on our board positions and I can guarantee you, every one of us will say it's been a wonderful experience and has facilitated our getting to know other members and feeling a part of this fabulous guild. It's a win, win situation! You gain the immediate sense of being an active member and belonging that comes along with many new friendships. The guild gains by having a position filled with someone who has a fresh, new outlook to share.

To those of you who say: *I'm too busy*. My response is the majority of board and committee positions do not take up as much time as you would think. Many members currently holding these roles work outside the home and have families that depend on them. By breaking up the guild duties into several roles and even within those assigning committees we attempt to minimize the time commitment in holding these positions.

Please, please consider yourself for one of these roles.

2017 – 2018 CPM SLATE OF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

President	Darlene Butler
Vice President	TBD
Treasurer	Mary Jalenak
Secretary	Leslie Vieth
Historian	Sally Duscha

Programs

Piecemakers' Calendar 2017

Apr 19 – Linda Warren

Apr 20 – Linda Warren
Workshop

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

Things to bring to the meeting:

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

April 19 – Speaker: Linda Warren

Successful Fabric Selection



Linda started quilting in 1999 and soon discovered her love of designing machine-pieced quilts. She has been teaching quilting since 2004. She now teaches workshops, publishes her own line of quilt patterns, and offers lectures and trunk shows. She is the inventor of **The Learning Curve**.



Linda's workshop will be on Thursday, April 20th, from 9:00 am to 3:30 pm, (including a 30-minute lunch break) and will be held at St John's Evangelical Lutheran church in Sudbury. The cost for the workshop is \$45.

Raffle Quilt Sales and Sales to come! *Darlene Butler*

We had a great day Saturday April 8 selling raffle tickets at Fabric Place Basement in Natick. I'd like to thank everyone who signed up to sell—you make a difference in our guild's success.

There are 2 more days that we will be selling tickets at Fabric Place Basement and we still have some 2 hour time slots to fill. I'm going to give them to you here in hopes that you will look at your calendar before you come to April's meeting and see if you can help out.

Saturday April 29 we need 2 people from 12 noon –2:00PM. One person 2:00PM –4:00PM and 4:00PM –6:00PM.

Sunday April 30 we need one person 12 noon –2:00PM and 2 people 4:00PM—6:00PM.

Thanks to all who have already signed up!

Quilt Show News -April 2017 *Barbara Weiss*

Thank you to Judy C. for agreeing to chair the sleepover. Think about staying overnight in the church and having your own private showing. Bring some handwork, knitting, a book and enjoy the company.

At the April and May meetings you will get quilt show information packets and have the opportunity of signing up for volunteer slots at the show. It may seem early, but it helps the guild be organized. For working members, there are jobs that can be done after work: set up the church on Wednesday evening before the show and all day Saturday.

Some members have told me that in the process of sorting fabric for nickel squares, they have also gone through quilt books and magazines. Kathy B. will be collecting books and magazines at our meetings through September. These will be sold at the quilt show.

We hope that your quilts and challenge theme houses are progressing. Remember to register your quilts with **two photos by September 1**. Mail them to Tina V. or email forms to her. You will still need to mail photos to her.

Nickel Squares *Barbara Weiss*

We hit a record for sorting and packaging nickel squares – 46. We are at 130 new packs of fabric and hope to get to 200. That means we need 7000 new nickel squares.

The committee will accept squares through the June meeting. Please look at your fabric and cut up good stuff to sell. We need the following types of fabric: Kaffe, batiks, I spy variety (or what is called Character Fabric), modern brights, florals, small prints, background fabric of creams, white, beige in larger multiples.

After June, if you wish to contribute squares, you will need to bundle 100 per pack, with good variety, and tie it with a ribbon. These can be donated at the September meeting.

Thank you to Elana, Linda, Suzanne, Lola, Kathy and Nanette for continued support with sorting.



Membership *Cassy Bosworth*

We welcome new member Carol MacFarlane.

It's that time to reregister! 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 31 and you will be entered in the raffle for free membership.

Registration can be found online on the Concord Piecemakers under Forms.



ROSIE'S PLACE

Lola Chaisson

Another delivery of goods from Concord Piecemakers to Rosie's Place this week was met with gratitude and enthusiasm. As I was unloading the car a staff person came over to help. She expressed amazement over the quilts and said they would be going to women who were moving from the shelter into their own apartments. The towels, facecloths, and toiletries were met with equal excitement and a big hug. Let's keep it up. These people have so little that any size donation is appreciated. We can keep in mind items that would be helpful to those going out on their own.

*Remember, no warm winter items until next Fall.

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!