



Concord Piecemakers' Grapevine January 2018

Susan Coulter, Editor

Wednesday, January 17, 7:15 pm
At Harvey Wheeler Center, West Concord, MA

President's Message Darlene Butler

January 2018 Message from the President

Piecemakers' Calendar 2018

Jan 17 – Arlan & Pat Christ

Feb 24 – Quiltathon

Mar 21 – Carol Anne Grotrian

Apr 18 – Diane Beaman

Apr 19 – Workshop

May 16 – Annual Meeting

Jun 13 – Year-End Show
and Tell

Things to bring to the meeting:

- ✓ **NAMETAGS**
- ✓ **Pillowcases**
- ✓ **String Blocks**

Happy New Year Everyone—I hope ringing in 2018 was a pleasant one! We had a great year in Comfort Quilts 2017 there were 152 quilts given away – approximately 1/3 of those to Emerson's Hospitals Bethke Cancer Center. That is truly amazing!

One of our largest comfort quilt projects The Quiltathon will be rolling around soon February 24th and will be held at the Saint Mathew's Church in Acton. This is the same church we have our biennial quilt show. Marla Richmond a longtime member and past president will be running this operation like she has for so many years. Marla will have information in this newsletter so please have a look. This is our biggest member push for comfort quilts.

A purple lavender journal with The Concord Piecemaker logo on it will be showing up at our member's meetings, January Get-Away and Quiltathon. This is our "Book of Thoughts" and I hope throughout the coming months and 2018/2019 years that all of you take some time to write something in it about your love of quilting or a memory that is special to you. It doesn't have to be specifically C.P.M. related. Sally Duscha will have more on this so please read her article it will be in this newsletter.

I would like to give many thanks for the well run, entertaining and tasty December Celebration. Carol MacFarlane our Program Chair with the help of Susan Knight our Vice President figured out a creative game that was both clever and a good time. They kept the pace fast and at the

end everyone had some fabric to take home! SuzAnne Weisenbloom a longtime member that has worn many different hats in our guild once again used her connections to have the party catered. We always get a great Italian inspired meal that comes on time and arrives warm! SuzAnne is at Harvey Wheeler early to receive the food and keeps it hot for us in the kitchen until serving time. Thank you SuzAnn! Our board and extended board Suzanne Knight, Mary Jalenak, Leslie Vieth, Sally Duscha, Nancy Maldari, Cassy Bosworth and Carol MacFarlane who all planned, shopped for extras, setup,

brought drinks, served the food and cleaned up you did an exceptional job! Thank you! Of Course thank you to everyone who came to party and made delicious treats, brought fat quarters and helped us celebrate!

Lastly as I announced at the December guild meeting that Nancy Maldari is stepping down as the Comfort Quilt Chair and graciously Linda Merwin has accepted to step into this position. There may be a short time that Nancy will be transitioning out and Linda will be transitioning in so please be aware of that if you have comfort quilt questions.

Stay warm and see you on the 17th.

Darlene



In Case of Inclement Weather – Please check before you attempt to travel to a Guild Meeting. If Concord Public Schools are Closed we will not be having a meeting. Channel 5 WCVB is a good source for most school closings. Please check the morning newscasts.



MEMORIES



Please add a memory to the purple journal celebrating our years as a guild. The journal will be available at the next meeting.

Best charity project? Funny encounter? Favorite technique? Changing tastes in fabric and colors? Or remember when.....

If you would like to take more time to write, we can check it out to you like a library book. Just let me know you have the journal. Sally Duscha

PROGRAM



100 Years of Quilting from the "Christ Collection"

The lecture, "100 Years of Quilting," covers the period of quilting from 1830 through 1930. Approximately 30 antique quilts that represent style and format changes during this time period will be included in the presentation. The history of the quilts and the quilt makers provides an interesting journey through a very difficult time during the growth of our young country.

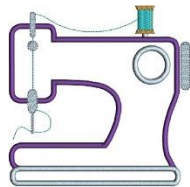
Arlan and Pat Christ live in Berks County, Pennsylvania. They continue to collect and study quilts while documenting their historical importance. Retrieving knowledge to secure the heritage of antique quilts has become the prime objective of The Christ Collection. Arlan and Pat want to preserve the legacy of quilts from past generations by providing lectures on the history that surrounds the art of quilting.

CPM Open Sew @ Harvard Congregational Church Sue Colwell

February 3. March 3 and April 7 are the upcoming Open Sew Days at the Harvard Congregational Church, 5 Still River Road, Harvard, MA 01451.

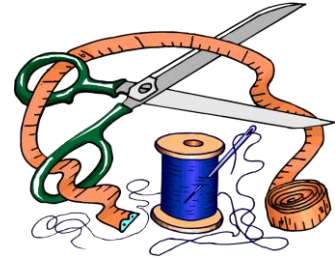
Time: 9-3. Come for the whole time, or just part of it.

As a "thank you" to the Church for donating this space for us, please bring a non-perishable food item to be sent to Loaves and Fishes, our local food pantry.





QUILTATHON



February 24 those who are in with the in crowd will be at St. Matthew's Church!

Concord Piecemakers' annual Quiltathon will be held at St. Matthew's Church, Central Street in Acton on February 24 from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. For those unfamiliar with the Quiltathon, it is the best thing we do all year. We prepare comfort quilts to be given to cancer patients, shelter dwellers, refugees, hospice patients and other folks in need of a "Quilter's Embrace." The guild supplies lunch (deli sandwiches and a fruit platter, coffee, tea and water) and we ask you to bring something to share for dessert or snack or a side dish.. We also ask you to bring a finished quilt top (any size, though twin bed, lap quilts and kids quilts are in demand), at the Quiltathon it will be either tied or quilted. Please bring an appropriate backing so we can finish it! We sew, we tie, we baste, we eat and we laugh a lot. Join us! Feel welcome to bring a friend/relative/stranger who wants to help. Stay all day or only for an hour, we take whatever time you are able to give. Warning: People have come for ½ hour and ended up staying all day and helping to clean up. This is what many of us took up quilting for.

In brief, please bring:

- 1) A quilt top with an appropriate backing. Please measure the top and pin the size to the two pieces. You can tie them together.
- 2) A dish to share with a bunch of hungry quilters
- 3) Your name tag for those of us who are too old to remember names
- 4) Your smile

If you don't get the top finished, we will accept you anyway, but we need the top. Try using colors you never use, you'll never see it again. Try a new pattern. Have fun with it.!

See you at the Church!

Questions? Call Marla at 978-692-6252

Marla Richmond

Nickel Squares Barbara Weiss

We are starting up again collecting 5" squares. All types of fabric are needed. Please make sure that fabric you cut up is relatively current. Previous packs of fabrics which are left over from the quilt show will be offered at half price at meetings.



Member Fabric Sale

At the JUNE meeting members will be able to sell fabric from their stash. Each member will have a portion of a table to set up fabric. Set your own price and label the yardage. After the sale, you might want to donate leftover fabric to the yard sale, which takes place in October.

So start going through your fabric and decide what fabric you want to sell. As Marie Kondo explains, handle each piece and if it does not give you joy, then it is time to part with it.

Please email me if you intend to participate in the sale.

Barbara Weiss



Ideas for Special Speaker Sought

As you may know, the guild received an anonymous gift of \$1000, which the Board decided should be used for inviting a special speaker to do a presentation and workshop (hopefully) in 2018-19. The Program Committee is soliciting your ideas for that special speaker. Please contact Carol at carolmacfarlane@gmail.com.



ROSIE'S PLACE

www.rosiesplace.org

Another load of warm coats, scarves/hats, gloves were dropped off at an ever grateful Rosie's Place last month. As I was walking in with one of the bundles a woman came up to me asking if I had any gloves. "My hands are so cold." They were blue! I reached into the bag and pulled out a pair of handmade mittens from someone in our guild. The sweet smile on her face was worth the entire trip!

Rosie's Place is still only accepting warm winter clothes and toiletries due to no storage place because of their renovations. If you bring them Lola and/or Kathy will deliver them.

Kathleen McIsaac and Lola Chaisson