



Concord Piecemakers' Grapevine September 2018

Susan Coulter, Editor

Wednesday, September 26, 7:15 pm
At Harvey Wheeler Center, 1276 Main St, Concord, MA 01742

President's Message Suzanne Knight

September 2018 Message from the President

Piecemakers' Calendar
2018 - 2019

Sep 26 - Elizabeth Sylvan
Sep 27 - Workshop
Oct 13 - **CPM Yard sale**
Oct 17 - Allison Wilbur
Nov 28 - David Taylor
Dec 12 - Holiday Party
Jan 16 - Sisters in Stitches
Jan 18-21 - Getaway wknd
Feb 13 - TBD
Feb 23 - Quiltathon
Mar 20 - Valerie Flanagan
Apr 17 - Janice & David
Jones
Apr 20 - Workshop
May 15 - Tina Craig
Jun 12 - Ginny Radloff
Jun 13 - Workshop

*Things to bring to the
meeting:*

- ✓ **NAMETAGS**
- ✓ **Pillowcases**
- ✓ **Nickel Squares**
- ✓ **Yard Sale Donations**

I hope you all had a relaxing and productive summer. CPM was not fully on vacation, however. I hope you seek out the women mentioned below and add your own thanks to mine. If I have forgotten someone, my apologies and please let me know.

Mystery Quilt: Nearly half of our members signed up for the Mystery Quilt that ran this summer – I'm not sure how many finished. **Elana Schreiber** organized this effort and sent out 12 clues spaced one week apart and also added her own helpful hints. I believe the Grand Mystery Reveal will occur at the October meeting.

Grants: **Maura Cain** and **Cathy Bakinowski** received grants from their employer. Check the Treasurer's report to read more.

Picnic in the Park Raffle Quilt: **Mary Jalenak** spearheaded the raffle quilt effort at Picnic in the Park on July 4th in Concord and was assisted in the selling of raffle tickets by **Alice Wiggin**, **Kitty Shaw**, **Joan Kerpelman**, and **Barbara Tarlow**. Barbara T. deserves a special thank you for coming early to hang the quilt and "set up shop".

Raffle Quilt: **Mary Jalenak** took the lead in the raffle quilt and shopped for fabrics at **Marion Bressel's** (wonderful) quilt shop, created paper templates, cut fabric and created and tracked about 100 packets for us to sew. Mary and **Barbara Weiss** put the blocks together and bound this beautiful quilt. Cathie Shoemaker at "A Stich in Time" did the quilting. Next steps? **All of us** will be asked to

sell raffle tickets.

Yard Sale: **Kitty Shaw** and **Joan Kerpelman** have been very busy collecting fabric, sorting, and measuring for our Yard(age) Sale on October 13th. Volunteers have come in during July and August (and ongoing) to measure and sort. Be sure to sign up to help with set up AND cleanup.

Open Sew: **Sue Colwell** has taken on leadership of the monthly sewing group and notifies us each month the room is available. Your only cost is a food item for Open Table. We did meet over the summer and will continue to meet throughout the year.

Membership: **Robin DeMott** has worked hard to create the new Membership Book. You'll receive it at the Sept meeting. This is no small task so please thank Robin as you pick up the book.

Website: A general shout-out to **Tina van Roggen** who works at keeping our website up to date. If you have an item that needs to be posted to the public, please email Tina.

Newsletter: **Susan Coulter** is the editor-in-chief of our newsletter. If you would like to add something to the newsletter as a committee head or general member, let Susan and me know.

Request from Suzanne

There are many people who volunteer outside the guild yet use items from guild members (pillowcases, Rosie's Place, Open Table, etc.). Please email me and let me know what you are doing and how it involves the guild or if you are involved with another organization and you'd like some guild participation, email that to me as well. I'm hoping that in a few months I can create a list for everyone to view and perhaps join in the effort.

Thank you to all you wonderful volunteers.

Membership Moira Ten-Hove and Robin DeMott

Please welcome our newest members Gail Boozer Coit and Lolita Elverrillo. The membership now stands at 107 members. Please submit your dues if you have not done so.

Wear your name badges to participate in the monthly drawing at each meeting. Yearbooks and membership cards will be available to pick up at the September 26th meeting. Yearbooks will be mailed to associate members after September 26. Yearbooks not picked up by the October guild meeting will be mailed out. If you know you will not be able to attend the meetings please email membership@concordpiecemakers.org and we will mail your yearbook to you.

If you joined in the last two years, we invite you to our New Members Dinner on October 17 at 5:30 at Harvey Wheeler. Individual invitations will be sent out.

Welcome to our new quilting year!

PROGRAM

September 26 - Elizabeth Sylvan: Constructing a Landscape Using Raw Edge Applique

Watch while Elizabeth lays out a landscape collage in front of our guild. Done on an easel, this presentation will take the audience through the steps and processes that Elizabeth uses to create her fabulous landscapes. Handouts will be given out on design concepts, tips, and finishing touches that will make your landscape pop. Bring a pen if you want to make any notes on a technique that inspires you.

A quilter of over 20 years, Elizabeth specializes in landscape collage art quilts. She will discuss basic principles of design while laying out a sample landscape, working from back to front after the style of watercolor painting. She will review contrast, value, movement, texture and scale, and allow ample opportunity for questions and discussion. www.SylvanQuilts.com



Fall Workshop – Workshop is full contact Elana Schreiber to be added to the waitlist.

Landscapes with Elizabeth Sylvan

Thursday, September 27, 9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Location Congregational Church – Harvard, MA

Join Elizabeth Sylvan and expand your skills through designing a small playful landscape using raw edge appliqué and free-motion machine stitching.

<http://www.sylvanquilts.com/>



Concord Piecemakers Yard Sale
St Matthew's church, in Acton

CPM YARD SALE

Preview for CPM members only: Friday, October 12th, 6:30 to 7:30 PM

Open to the public: Saturday October 13th, 9 to 2 PM.

We have received a lot of wonderful donations and have worked tirelessly to sort these donations, thanks to all those who have helped. This is a significant fund raiser for Concord Piecemakers. Please consider helping on the sale dates, Friday and Saturday.

Funds raised from this event help supplement our costs in engaging great speakers and expenses related to making comfort quilts for donation. We could not hold this fun event without your help. I will pass out a volunteer sheet at the September meeting. For our yardsale, we need clean regular size paper grocery bags with handles. So if you have any, please bring them to our September quilt meeting, in addition to any fabric donations.

In addition, currently we have a substantial amount of upholstery and non-cotton fabric in our inventory. So, we won't be accepting any more non-cotton fabric for our yard sale. But, we are still accepting cotton fabric and sewing notions. Thanks in advance for your help.

Kitty and Joan



Mystery ladies,

Finish your mystery top for the ***GREAT REVEAL*** on October 17th our next meeting. People asked for another few weeks because putting the quilt together takes longer than people anticipated. Mine is together and I really like it, there are even some points and many corners that match. Not perfect but some improvement.

Elana

Nickel Squares Barbara Weiss

We are back at collecting 5 inch squares of all types. While sorting fabric last week, there were a lot of scraps big enough for cutting nickel squares but not considered yardage. These included fat quarters with a small chunk cut out of a corner.

Everyone has been generous donating fabric for the yard sale. Now, it would be great if you could cut up those scraps into nickel squares instead of donating them. I have two large containers of fabric rescued last week to iron and cut up. This takes hours of standing and cutting. Please help by putting prepared nickel squares in the basket at our next meeting.

Barbara W.



Treasurer's Update – Mary Jalenak

The guild would like to thank two members for designating Concord Piecemakers as recipients of grant funds for their volunteer service. Maura Cain and Cathy Bakinowski applied for funding from their employer and also submitted proposals for how they would like the money to be used. Maura's grant will go toward quilting of comfort quilts at Electric Quilters in Burlington while Cathy's grant will be used to purchase cutting mats, irons, and other supplies to be used at the Getaway, Quiltathon, Open Sew and workshops. Sue Colwell has graciously volunteered to store these items at the Congregational Church in Harvard (where the Open Sews are held) and make sure the items get transported to other events.

Donations to the guild are always welcome. If your employer offers funding for volunteer service, I am happy to help with the application process.

COMFORT QUILTS

"Dear Quilters, As a new patient to Emerson Hospital's Infusion Center I happily received a beautiful quilt from my R.N., Amy. Thank you for your generosity."

Since our quiltathon in February, we have donated 38 quilts to Emerson Hospital's Bethke Center, Bedford V.A., Care Dimensions Hospice House, and our newest recipient organization, Wrap-A-Smile, an international organization that provides quilts to children receiving cleft palate reconstructive surgery.

Wrap-A-Smile has hand crafted stunning children's quilts for Rotaplast to send on missions. Each child that is treated on a Rotaplast mission takes home a beautiful quilt of his or her own. These quilts provide not just warmth, but also allow children and their families to take home a token of love to remember the day they were given a new smile. Each year, Wrap-A-Smile provides Rotaplast with more than 1,500 quilts to bring to 48 rotating sites worldwide.

We are poised to donate 26 more to some of the same organizations listed above, as well as to Rosie's Place, and House of Hope (Lowell).

For more information on our comfort quilt program go to our website and click on Community Service. Questions? Contact Linda Merwin, Comfort Quilt coordinator.



ROSIE'S PLACE

Our June donations were dropped off, and as usual the toiletries were greatly appreciated. As I walked up the front stair to drop them off, the ladies of Rosie's Place were lining the front porch with chants of "God bless you. God bless you". I responded "And God bless the Concord Piecemakers". This resulted in all of us laughing together. A sweet moment of connection.

As we start our 2018-2019 year, the requests are:

- New full-size and travel-size toiletries
- New and gently used bras
- Maxi Pads
- New and gently-used towels
- New underwear and socks
- Non-perishable food

Lola Chaisson and Kathy McIsaac

CPM BOARD MEETINGS

Board meetings are open to all members on these dates, at 7:00 PM.
Please contact Suzanne Knight for the location.

Oct 3, Nov 7, Jan 2, Mar 6, Apr 3, May 1



Marathon Quilters Quilt Show – "Common Threads"

Saturday, September 15 & Sunday, September 16 (10:00 am – 5:00 pm both days) at Hopkinton Center for the Arts, 98 Hayden Rowe Street (Route 85), Hopkinton, MA 01748. Admission: \$5.00 per person, Seniors \$3.00, free for children under 12.

Quilts on Display, Raffle Quilt, Raffle Baskets, Boutique, Yard Sale & Vendors ... also a Scavenger Hunt!

For more information, please visit the Marathon Quilters website at:

<http://www.marathonquilters.com>

The Hopkinton Polyarts Festival is also September 15 on the Hopkinton Town Common. Plan a fun day!