



Concord Piecemakers' Grapevine October 2018

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Wednesday, October 17, 7:15 pm
At Harvey Wheeler Center, 1276 Main St, Concord, MA 01742

President's Message Suzanne Knight

Piecemakers' Calendar
2018 - 2019

Oct 13 - CPM Yard sale
Oct 17 -Allison Wilbur
Nov 7 – Board Meeting
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**

- **Beth Nagel** will be providing snacks before the meetings. Chat with her if you can help by bringing a snack once in a while or simply by helping her to set up and clean up.
- **Robin DeMott** deserves your thanks for putting our Membership Book together. This is no small task.
- Members **WHO VOLUNTEER**. If you are willing to share, I'd like to place information about how you volunteer your time in organizations related to the guild or to sewing or quilting. When you email me, please include a bit of a description rather than just the name of the organization. Some of the volunteer efforts include Household Goods, pillowcases, Rosie's place, Days for Girls, etc. If one of those organizations is yours, tell me more. If I didn't mention something you do, let me know. I'd like to put this information in the November/December newsletter.

The **Mystery Quilt** Reveal will be held during Show and Tell during the upcoming October meeting. For me, making mistakes, ripping seams out and accepting that my stars may not have all their points is part of my quilting process. Truth be told, I could NOT figure out how it was supposed to go together and I finally had to rely on my husband to figure it out. (I think that's the reason he said it is his favorite quilt.)

The **Board's dinner** for **New Members** will be held before the October guild meeting. We will welcome 9 members who were new to the guild since May, 2016 and we will use this time to help them learn about guild activities from committee chairs. Your role is to find the new members (who are probably sitting in the back of the room) and invite them to sit with you and your friends. Sound advice was given to me when I was a new member - get involved. It worked (hint to our new members)!

I had made only one quilt in my life (Quilt in a Day) when I joined the Guild, but as I was new to the area, I wanted to meet some other fabric-loving women and learn to quilt in the process. During those first few months, I sat in the back rows and knew no one but decided to attend the Getaway in January as a way to get involved. When I walked into the huge sewing room, it seemed as if everyone had friends they were sitting with and I didn't know where I should go. **Susanne Fuller** came to my rescue. She asked me to share her table and made sure I met everyone. It was also Susanne who came up with the idea for the cornerstones for the guitar applique quilt I was working on. Every time I look at that border, I think of Susanne. Wouldn't it be nice if you were remembered for your friendship with a new member?

MYSTERY QUILT

Don't forget to bring your "mystery quilt" top you made over the summer if you were part of our mystery. When you come into the meeting please drape it on the back of your chair. I plan to fold mine in quarters and drape it over the chair seat and back. We can mill around the room and view each of them while we socialize. I wonder if we will have anyone who manages to have theirs quilted by then?

Future Mystery Opportunities:

- National Quilters Circle is holding registration to a free mystery over the next nine weeks. You can choose to make either the lap or the bed size. I have signed up for this one but know nothing else about it.

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- Also there will be a Bonnie Hunter mystery which will be announced at Halloween and will begin on Black Friday and run until New Years. This is the one that many of us have done in the past.

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PROGRAM

Wednesday, October 17, 2018: Allison Wilbur

Lecture and Trunk Show: Japan: Tradition and Inspiration

Did you know that Japan is home to the second largest quilting community in the world? Delve deeply into the Japanese aesthetic and learn about the many different traditional Japanese textiles traditions including cotton yukatas, silk obis, shibori dyeing, and sashiko stitching. See an array of quilts which incorporate these beautiful fabrics and motifs and entice you to step into the world of Japanese inspired quilting. Allison Wilbur is an award-winning quilter who has traveled the world and lived in Japan. Many of her quilts focus on Japanese fabrics and design principles. This slide show and trunk show combination will leave you with a greater understanding of the special fabrics made in Japan and how to use them in your quilts. Allison Wilbur's slide and trunk show combination will leave you with a greater understanding of the special fabrics made in Japan and how to use them in your quilts.

<http://allisonwilburquilts.com/wp/>



Nickel Squares Barbara Weiss

After the yard sale, there will probably be a lot of leftover fabric. We usually cut this up into nickel squares. Before the November meeting we will have several tables set up in the back to cut squares. Bring your ironed fabric, a small mat, rotary cutter and a ruler to help cut up your own and leftover fabric. There will be some mats and supplies set up for those who forget. Thank you to all who have contributed to our many buckets of cut squares.

In January, we will start to sort the squares and make packs. We meet in the morning and stop around 12:30 for lunch which I provide. We have a good time together and welcome you to come help.



CPM BOARD MEETINGS

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

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





Quilt Show 2019

Kathie Becker & Pam Cincotta (Co-Chairs) and Leslie Lowe (Co-Chair in training)

While being very early in the planning process there are a few bits of information we would like to provide to the guild. It was decided to bump up the date on our quilt show to the first weekend in October. **The actual show dates are October 4th & 5th, 2019.** Be sure to mark your calendars now!

We are currently in the process of contacting each of the 2017 Quilt Show's sub-committee chairs and co-chairs to determine whether they plan to continue in their role for our 2019 show.

To-date the following committees will need to have new volunteers to chair them. If you have any questions regarding these committees or would like to volunteer, please contact one of us. At this time, it's early so no real work at the sub-committee level is happening but we would like to have all our ducks in a row for early next spring when the detail planning begins. Also, there are other possibilities for those who would like to participate as a co-chair of one of our other committees. We'd be happy to help position you in one of these roles to your liking.

Committees needing Chairs/Co-Chairs

Vintage Quilt Room

Clean Up – after show cleanup of the church and putting the church back to its pre-show self

Raffle Table

Last quilt show we tried something different by including 2 members of the guild (at that time Kathie and Pam) as Co-chairs in training. What this meant was the co-chairs in training would participate in the meetings, mainly to get a feel for the process and how things are handled and when. A detailed action plan for the quilt show was compiled over the years and indicates by month what should be happening in the planning process taking much of the guess work out of it. The beauty of this is then to have co-chairs with some experience ready for hosting the next quilt show. For the 2019 Quilt Show, Leslie Lowe has agreed to be one of the Co-Chair's in training.

We are currently looking for someone who would like to take on the role of being the 2nd Co-Chair in training working with Leslie.

Please give this some thought. The Quilt Show is one of our Main Events and gives each of us an outlet for sharing our work with the community.

Lastly, it's never too early for our members to begin planning, sewing and quilting quilts and wearables.

NEW 9 PATCH EXCHANGE is about to kick off! Polina Shapiro

Wayside Quilting Guild's recent show had a variety of stunning quilts based on their exchange of 3 ½ " 9 patch squares.

We're organizing the same swap at our guild.

The rules are super simple: once a month every participant will have to make not less than 10 or more than 20 squares. The number will depend on how many people sign up.

Each square should have two contrasting fabrics and measure EXACTLY 3 ½" (to the best of each participant's abilities (we don't want anyone to be over obsessed about it) but do your best. It's a great way to use your scraps. All squares may be the same two colors or each one can be a different color combination that alternates light and dark values..

We would start swapping at our November meeting and will continue for 12 months. Each participant will end up with around 180 blocks, depending on how many people sign up for the exchange. Then we'll have almost 2 years to turn them to beautiful quilts for the next 2021 show. The sky is the limit.

Please reply to: ps1720@gmail.com if you would like to participate.

The sign up will be closed at our October meeting.

Here is a link to a tutorial on a 3 1/2 " 9 patch:

<https://nam03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fsotakhandmade.blogspot.com%2F2014%2F04%2Ftiny-nine-patch-tutorial.html&data=02%7C01%7C%7C86c3cbbf544c4c7df95708d62b3a4814%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C636743926644585418&data=D7tK7Pm3I039bLo1%2BhUf9akdcnTeds9rbT1%2F25tb7l8%3D&reserved=0>



An example of one of the 9 patch quilts shown at the Wayside Guild Show.