



# Concord Piecemakers' Grapevine NOVEMBER 2018

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**Wednesday, November 28, 7:15 pm**  
**At Harvey Wheeler Center, 1276 Main St, Concord, MA 01742**

## President's Message Suzanne Knight

Piecemakers' Calendar  
2018 - 2019

**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**

My interest in monarch butterflies was piqued after reading Barbara Kingsolver's novel, Flight Behavior. Our monarchs, only found in North America, were named by the early English settlers who named the orange butterflies "King Billy" and also "Monarch" after King William III of England, who was also William of Orange of Holland.

The monarch butterfly population, especially ours on the East Coast, is in decline. This decline is primarily due to the destruction of milkweed plants caused by land development, widespread use of glyphosate on corn and soybean fields (and in our gardens), and climate change. Milkweed leaves are the primary source of the caterpillar's food and the preferred plants on which they lay their eggs.

When I read about their decline, I felt I needed to take some action. I started by planting a number of different milkweed plants in my garden but did not see one monarch butterfly over the past three years. Then this year one lone monarch was flitting around the yard. I searched for eggs on the milkweed plants, found three and brought these into my house to hatch. I had learned to use only a special mesh cage which would protect them from their many predators but when carried outside (daily) would allow them to experience their normal environment.

Soon, teeny striped caterpillars hatched and began their only job – to eat as much milkweed as they could and as fast as they could. Twice a day I selected the most succulent milkweed leaves, attached them to a branch and let them feast. And they grew big and fat (and cute).

I love the caterpillar clown stripes almost as much as I love the orange and black wings and the tiny white dots on black that form the "borders" of the wings. Can you envision the collage I am dreaming of? The black pattern on the wings reminds me of a technique Sue Bleiweiss, one of our past speakers showed us at a guild meeting. (she used black strips to separate buildings in her modern city-scape)

The body would be a collage of small white dots on black and of course the wings will have lots of oranges and probably some more fanciful colors. I'm working this out.

But back to the story. Each formed a chrysalis and within 10 days, their orange wings were visible through the transparent covering. After emerging and unfolding their origami-like wings and filling them with fluid, they were ready to fly free. I encouraged each to climb onto my fingers and as soon as they were in the open air, they quickly

flew away. My husband commented “It is just like raising our children; you feed them, nurture and love them, and then they grow up and fly away”. But as he spoke, I was reminded of a more gentle expression of this thought, “There are only two lasting bequests we can hope to give our children. One of these is roots, the other, wings.” (Henry Ward Beecher – 1800’s). And these fragile butterflies had become like children to me.

As I remember family and friends who may be using their own wings and are near or far away over the holidays, I will also think of my little King Billy’s, hoping that they have reached Mexico to winter with their own kin.



## **PROGRAM**

**Wednesday, November 28, 2018: David Taylor**

**Artistry through Appliqué: Trunk show of award winning quilts and lecture.**

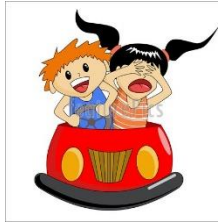
<http://www.davidtaylorquilts.com/index.html>



## Membership Moirra Ten-Hove and Robin DeMott

### Need a Ride? Can you Provide a Ride?

We would like to match members who might need rides to the meetings with members who can provide rides. Traveling with a buddy is always more friendly and fun! We will have signup sheets at the membership table. Please help us provide this needed service.



## Nickel Squares Barbara Weiss

**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.**



## Pillowcase kits Maura Cain

Pillowcase kits have been put together from some of the yard sale fabric. They will be available at the November meeting!

Pick up a kit or two and make a pillowcase for Ryan's case for smiles.





## HOLIDAY GAME FOR DECEMBER



We all know the game BINGO but, have you ever heard of QUILO? This is the quilter's version so, when you think you have a winning card you would say.... 'I have a QUILO!!' Well, we will be playing 'QUILO' during our December holiday meeting and it should be a lot of fun. In order to play a QUILO card (1 per player), you have to 'pay' for your card with something used by a quilter. For example....Clover clips, an ergonomic seam ripper, fabric (current please), self-threading hand needles, a scissors, a gift card to DD to sip coffee or tea while sewing, a few 45mm rotary blades, etc ..... **DO NOT WRAP IT!!** For each game played, some of the 'pay' items will be given out to that games winner(s). Can't wait to see what you ladies come up with!!

## HOLIDAY GIVING

Suzanne K

As part of providing some holiday cheer to others, we will once again support Open Table (Concord and Maynard) with non-perishable food items. Please bring your donations to the **December 12th** meeting. We are looking for a few drivers (2-3) to collect the items and deliver them to the pantry the next day. Volunteer for this at the November meeting.



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Community**

## Volunteer Opportunity *Suzanne K.*

The Board is looking for 3 volunteers to be our **Nominating Committee** for vacant Board positions that are coming up in the next guild year. This is a short-term, mostly phone focused activity that runs from January-March. I can explain the "job" to you at the November meeting. This is an important committee as your nominations are what keep our guild running smoothly during "change-over" periods. Please call or email Suzanne K. or talk with me at the November meeting.

## CPM BOARD MEETINGS

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

Jan 2, Mar 6, Apr 3, May 1



## SPRING GETAWAY

Sign up now for the April quilt get-away (the 6<sup>th</sup>, Saturday → the 8<sup>th</sup> Monday) right here in Bolton, MA. Sue, the owner of 'The Quilted Crow' has an absolutely incredible B & B that sits on a pond with an area dedicated to quilters! The cost is \$100/night plus tax and you get homemade breakfasts and dinners with dessert! Up to 9 people can sleep over with space for a couple of commuters if you prefer to sleep at your home. If you are staying overnight, a 2 night stay is required. The cost is a bit less for a commuter – I think it is \$75/day which includes the same meals as the overnights. A deposit of \$75 is needed to hold our dates so please sign up ASAP! Here is a link to what you get: <http://www.westpondinn.com/stay-with-us/> Once 4 of us sign up with a deposit check our April dates will be held. IF you have any questions, please call Beth Nadel Dorfman at 978-460-4950 or email her at [idecorate@comcast.net](mailto:idecorate@comcast.net)

