



Concord Piecemakers' Grapevine MARCH 2019

Susan Coulter, Editor

Wednesday, March 20, 7:00 pm

At Harvey Wheeler Center, 1276 Main St, Concord, MA 01742

President's Message Suzanne Knight

Piecemakers' Calendar
2018 - 2019

Mar 20 – Valerie Flanagan

Apr 17 - Janice & David
Jones

Apr 20 - Workshop

May 15 - Tina Craig

Jun 12 - Ginny Radloff

Jun 13 - Workshop

meeting:

- ✓ **NAMETAGS**
- ✓ **Nickel Square Fabric**

Thank you to Marla and Cassy for an amazing and productive Comfort Quiltathon. Thanks to the record number of members and friends who turned out to help, we finished 87 quilts and brought home 17 which still need sandwiching. Is anyone willing to sew 45" batting together to make it wider? All the remaining quilts need wider batting.

Welcome to March

March means Daylight Savings (March 10th), Spring Equinox (March 20th) and March 15th ("Beware the ides of March" when Julius Caesar was stabbed by Brutus and 60 Roman Senators who felt that Caesar was grabbing too much power)

A more cheerful and also tasty celebration this month is on March 14th. For this celebration, you'll have to enjoy a bit of a math – but no calculating skill is needed. This is an internationally celebrated day honoring pi (3.1415926...). Of course, it was highly celebrated on 3/1416 when the date would be printed 3.1416. If you're not sure what this is about, it is a

math property in which the circumference of a circle (the distance around) divided by its diameter (distance across the middle) equals 3.14... The dots mean that the digits never end and many people like to memorize many digits of pi. It doesn't matter the size of the circle; the formula always works.

An article that explains pi by animation is in the link below. Scroll down past the psychedelic pi symbol to see the animation.

<https://ftw.usatoday.com/2017/03/pi-day-10000-digits-explanation-how-to-understand>

Why do people celebrate this date? It is called Pi Day but commonly known as Pie Day. I have always made pies on Pi Day – savory (chicken pot pie, pizza pie) or sweet (blueberry, lemon meringue) and in a pinch, bought those tiny single-serve pies you find in the bread aisle of grocery stores such as Table Talk™ pies.

Do you want to get your sewing machine involved in the celebration? How about a pie potholder? <http://www.magpiequilts.com/2016/07/fruit-pie-potholders-or-hotpads-tutorial.html>

Or watch a video tutorial for a pie potholder:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-Df134lxG8I>

Or admire a 57"x57" wall hanging titled "A Slice of Pi" by Connie Kincius Grinner on a Studio Art Quilt Association blog. In her words, "A Slice of Pi" is a visual pun, exploiting the homophones pi and pie. The applique border features Pi to 70 decimal places. Circles and their diameters are quilted into the background."

http://www.saga.com/weblog/?attachment_id=3785

And there are many patterns using circles in quilts which so many of you have made. I find the math behind circles fascinating and of course enjoy the sweetness of Pie Day!

Enjoy sewing and snacking.
Suzanne

PROGRAM

Valerie Maser-Flanagan: "An Improvisation Approach to Composition"

Come for a dynamic presentation of bold, abstract quilt designs by Carlisle resident and nationally-acclaimed art quilter, Valerie Maser-Flanagan.

Valerie's compositions use improvisational piecing of hand dyed fabric with intentional machine quilting. "My designs are inspired by the lines and shapes I observe in nature, architecture, and ethnic designs," she says. Individual pieces are freely cut without a ruler, using a razor-sharp tool as a drawing device.

Valerie has displayed her work in numerous exhibitions and museums across the country, including the New England Quilt Museum, SAQA global exhibitions, and the Visions Art Museum in San Diego. Two of her quilts were just on display in Concord at The Umbrella's curated fiber arts show "Migration," and this May she will be an exhibitor at Quilt National '19.



Meandering Lines



Growth Rings #2



2019 Quilt Show - October 4 & 5

Pam Cincotta & Kathie Becker

We have been meeting periodically since last summer knocking around ideas for the quilt show, reading feedback from the 2017 committee chairs, and ticking off the items on the Master Quilt Show Timeline to stay up-to-date with the planning process.

One of the major decisions we made was to move the **quilt show one week earlier than typical**. We've seen a decrease in attendance at the last few shows and wondered if moving the show from the Columbus Day weekend and all the other local events would help to improve attendance.

We're happy to announce all our **committee chair positions** have now been filled. Folders containing general information regarding the committee and/or previous committee chair's feedback on the 2017 quilt show will be distributed at our March meeting.

The **guild website (www.concordpiecemakers.org/)** has been updated with all the information for the 2019 Quilt Show – dates, times, registration forms and boutique submission information and forms. All this information is available to you for downloading directly from the website. **Member packets** containing the quilt show information and forms have been printed and we will be distributing these at the March, April and May meetings.

Now what we need from all of you is to **begin creating and selecting quilts to submit** into our show. Don't forget each submission will require a hanging sleeve (directions may be found on our website), quilt label, and ultimately a Quilt Show Registration Form completed. We look forward to another wonderful Quilt Show and thank everyone for volunteering for committee chair positions.

Volunteer sheets will begin appearing at our guild meetings beginning in April. Be sure to sign-up to help. **Everyone is needed to make our show a success!**



The quantity of donations from January was astounding! My car, including the passenger seat was packed to the gills. Thank you all for being so generous to Rosie's Place. Kathleen also swiftly delivered additional bags of donations from the meetings. Because the weather is slow to switch over, I know that all the warm items, including a few quilts, have been greatly appreciated. Spring is supposed to be on it's way, so save winter coats for the fall now but keep those new toiletries coming as well as:

Yoga pants

- New t-shirts
- Jeans and sweatpants
- New slippers and bathrobes
- New underwear and socks
- New and gently used bras
- New full and travel-size toiletries
- Maxi Pads
- New and gently-used towels
- Non-perishable food
- Adult paperback books and children's books, hardcover and soft
- Regular sized mugs



Nickel Squares

We had a productive day sorting and packaging squares. With nine of us participating we made a great dent in the buckets of cloth: 26 layer cakes, 6 jelly rolls and 50 nickel squares packs.

As you can see, we are trying our new configurations of pre-cut fabric. So if you have larger pieces of fabric or width of fabric 2 ½ inch wide strips, we are packing them. We also need 5" squares of all types of fabric except children's motifs.

We will meet sometime at the end of April or in May to sort again. The basket will be on a table at all meetings to collect your donations. Barbara Weiss

From the Nominating Committee

We have almost all of the positions filled for the 2019-2020 year. There are two openings remaining, and we invite all members, whether veteran or brand-new to consider taking on or sharing one of them.

Secretary

Involves attending the 9 Board Meetings (first Wednesday of the month), recording and distributing minutes.

Publicity

involves sending news articles and photos to publications such as The Concord Journal and the Acton Beacon regarding such events as the Quilt Show, Yard Sale, and Quiltathon. Duties also include direct publicity for our yard sale and show, such as book marks for shops and shows distributed by members during the summer throughout New England, flyers for shows to quilt shops and local display prior to event, notification to other guilds as well as available media.

If you are willing to consider one of these positions, please contact Carol MacFarlane at carolmacfarlane@gmail.com.