



# Concord Piecemakers' Grapevine APRIL 2019

Susan Coulter, Editor

**Wednesday, April 17, 7:00 pm**

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

## President's Message Suzanne Knight

Piecemakers' Calendar  
2018 - 2019

**Apr 17** - Janice & David  
Jones

**May 15** - Tina Craig

**Jun 12** - Ginny Radloff

**Jun 13** - Workshop

*Things to bring to the  
meeting:*

- ✓ **NAMETAGS**
- ✓ **Nickel Square Fabric**
- ✓ **Quilt books to donate**

I recently read the author Mary Pipher's article about aging. I was struck by her comments on how our culture views older women as bossy, unhappy, negative and demanding. I began to wonder how I experience this in my daily activities. I soon found out. A few days ago, I attended a soap-making class. We were listening to the instructions and an older woman interrupted the teacher, and declared, "I thought this was a soap making class and this is just a soap-decorating class!" Then she stomped out of the room. Though a bit surprised by her reaction, the rest of us stayed and had fun just decorating soap. The woman who left the class exemplified, to me, what was mentioned in the article: negative and unhappy. Pipher states, "Attitude is not everything, but it's almost everything. The world is not organized around pleasing us... most people are not waiting for our opinions and judgements". I think that if the woman in the class would have been able to accept something that wasn't exactly what she expected, she might have been able to remain in the class and enjoy herself.

In contrast to the cultural view of older women, Pipher has found that most of us feel vibrant and happy. I certainly have found this among members of our guild who have many interests, activities and are happy. But being vibrant and happy takes some deliberate action. For example, in my pre-teen years, my dad would daily wake me up with his tuneless whistling and then exclaim "rise and shine". Rise and SHINE?? I was NOT a morning person and a smile was not part of my morning persona. One day I realized that I had to take action and change. Therefore, every morning I looked in the bathroom mirror and forced a big smile on my face. It didn't take long for my brain to recognize the muscle movement as a smile and start to adjust my morning mood to one that is happy. Pipher states "Our happiness is built from attitude and intention" and that it is important to look within ourselves to develop happiness rather than expecting other people or objects to make us happy.

I hope as spring continues to dazzle us with new growth and amazing flower colors after a long winter, you can join me in looking around with a smile and experience joy in our own growth.

All quotes are from Dr. Mary Pipher from the New York Times article, January 12, 2019, [The Joy of Being a Woman in Her 70's](#) and quoted with permission from the author.

## **PROGRAM**

### **Journey of an Art Quilter: Trunk show and lecture**

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

<http://davidronaldjones.com/>

Our speakers this month are Janice and David Jones, a husband and wife team who work in different mediums. She is working with fabric and he is working with paint. They will show us examples of their work. The art photo is of the piece that is in the current exhibit at the quilt museum. It incorporates many interesting and exciting embellishments that she has made.



## 2019 Quilt Show Book and Magazine Sale

*Judy J.*



It's time to think about donating all those quilt books and magazines you no longer use to the Quilt Show sale. A collection box will be available at our meetings, starting this month. If you have a large donation or need help, come see me at the library table. Thanks to everyone in advance.



### New Group Idea

A member recently contacted me noting that we don't have an art quilt group. I asked her to specify what she meant, and much to my delight, she wanted to leave the techniques used not constrained. Only rule is that these are not bed quilts! Nothing has been decided as we both decided we needed to gauge the interest of the guild members. Once we establish if there are enough of you that think it a good idea, then the group can develop their own plans for the logistics.

I told her that I'd be happy to collect email address and names...so feel free to email me or tell me at the meeting. We both think an autumn start date would work the best.

Suzanne Knight

## **Slate of Officers and Committee Chairs      April 2019**

*Submitted by Carol MacFarlane, Linda Merwin, Nancy Maldari*

### **Executive Board--Elected Positions**

President—Carol MacFarlane

Vice-President—Linda Merwin

Treasurer—Mary Jalenak

Secretary—Mary Redford

Historian—Open

Membership Co-Chairs—Robin DeMott & Lola Chaisson

Programs Chair-- Elana Schreiber & Sally Duscha

### **Committee Chairs--Appointed Positions**

Newsletter—Kathie Becker as of Nov. (Susan Coulter through Oct.)

Website—Tina van Roggen

Getaway Weekend—Marian Bressel

Library—Sharon Perko and Judy Jakobsche

Comfort Quilts—Eileen Ryan

Quiltathon—Marla Richmond

Quilt Show 2019—Pam Cincotta, Kathie Becker

Publicity for Quilt Show—Open (Eileen Ryan is willing but would appreciate someone taking this on)

Raffle Quilt—Mary Jalenak with Suzanne Fuller

Mentors—Claudette Cavelier, Alice Wiggin, Joy Sussman, Martha Supnik

Rosie's Place—Kathleen McIsaac, Lola Chaisson

Quilt Museum—Martha Supnik

Yearbook—Robin DeMott

## **Membership** Robin DeMott and Moira Ten-Hove

Our Annual Membership Drive kicks off at the April meeting. The renewal form is attached to the newsletter email and also will be available at the membership table for you to complete. Next year includes the Quilt Show and a packed schedule of speakers thanks to the hard work of our Program Chairs. Renew by May 15th and you will be entered in the raffle for free membership. Please make sure to update any address or email changes for the new yearbook. The membership renewal form can also be found on the Concord Piecemakers website under [Becoming a Member](#).