



Concord Piecemakers' Grapevine SEPTEMBER 2019

Susan Coulter, Editor

Wednesday, September 18, 7:00 pm
At Harvey Wheeler Center, 1276 Main St, Concord, MA 01742

President's Message Carol MacFarlane

Piecemakers' Calendar
2018 - 2019

Sep 18 – Guild Meeting
Sep 19 – Workshop
Oct 4 & 5 – **QUILT SHOW**
Oct 16 – Guild Meeting
Nov 20 – Guild Meeting
Dec 11 – Guild Meeting

*Things to bring to the
meeting:*

- ✓ **NAMETAGS**
- ✓ **Nickel Square Fabric**
- ✓ **Library Books**
- ✓ **Book Donations**

September President's message

September is always an exciting time of year for me. After the lazy days of summer are over (or not so lazy days!), everything starts up anew. It is a joyous time of year for me, filled with anticipation of new things to come. My nephew has just gone off to college, my granddaughter has just started preschool, and Concord Piecemakers is starting up a new guild year with an excellent array of programs and workshops. Many of our members have been busy for months planning our upcoming Quilt Show, which we are all looking forward to.

For me personally this particular September holds even more excitement and anticipation, for as I write this (at the end of August), my husband and I are about to embark on our dream vacation, which we've been planning for a year. We leave for Switzerland on Sept. 2 for a self-guided hiking traverse of the Bernese Oberland (or Swiss Alps). We will hike 10-mile days, going from Meiringen to Kandersteg with lots of elevation gain each day. Needless to say, many of my (not so) "lazy days of summer" have been spent getting in shape for this challenge.

In the meantime, Vice President Linda Merwin is taking over the helm. Please contact her with any questions or concerns. Thank you, Linda!!



Mountains have always been a passion for me, and it shows in my quilting. My first “mountain quilt” is a French braid quilt that I did in 2008. The quilt in the book was called “Shadow City,” but all I could see in my blue version of it were mountains, so I named it Mountain Majesty.

From there I created scenes from my photos at various workshops I took. The first is of a Seven Gables mountain in the Sierra, taken from our lakeside campsite at 6 AM. It’s simple but still one of my favorites.



The next is a scene from the home my parents owned on Lake Willoughby in northern Vermont, where I’ve been vacationing since 1950. It’s a very special place for me, very dear to my heart!

My last mountain scene was created from a painting by Fraser McGurk of Lefroy Lake in the Lake O'Hara region of the Canadian Rockies, my favorite place in the world for hiking. I fell in love with his painting and decided to make a quilt from it. I sent a photo of this quilt to him, letting him know how he has inspired me. We had a wonderful email conversation as a result.



I hope you have all had a wonderful (mostly) “lazy day” summer, and I look forward to seeing you in October.

-Carol

PROGRAM

September 18, 2019: Beth Helfter

<https://evapaigequilts.com/>



Trunk Show: Give it a Scrap Slap

A look inside my yearlong stint as a member of the Quiltmaker Magazine "Scrap Squad," a select group of 6 quilters from across the continent tasked with redesigning one pattern from each issue entirely in scraps. Each assignment led me not only into the morass of scrap hoarding in my own studio, but also inspired me to create several of my own designs based on the originally assigned projects.

Now YOU Give it a Scrap Slap! Workshop *Thursday, September 19th*

Beth Helfter, EvaPaige Quilt Designs

Thursday, September 19th

9 a.m. at the Congregational Church, 5 Still River Rd., Harvard.

In this three hour hands on workshop, we put the concepts discussed in the Give it a Scrap Slap lecture to the test by reworking a given block entirely in scraps. While all class members will work with the same block design, each person will be given different directions on color, value, contrast, and fabric placement to be used in their block as they sew. All fabrics are brought to the class as 3 inch squares and are put into a scrap pool, upping the scrappy fun of the completed blocks immensely! Participants will be taught the importance of value and creativity when choosing block fabrics, and in the end will be amazed by how one block can be transformed into so many different looks simply with fabric choices and placements. If time permits, participants will make a second scrappy block with no given "map" of color, value, contrast, etc just their own scrap interpretations!

There are still spots available at the workshop if members want to join. The fabric prep is not complicated and the fabric can come from your stash. Contact Elana at 978-692-7906 or lahsch@verizon.net.

We will have the workshop space for the whole day so you can continue to work on the exercises from the morning to get a better understanding of the principles or you could bring a different project. All are welcome to come and sew in the afternoon!

Membership

Lola Chaisson and Robin DeMott

Welcome to our new quilting year! We have 104 members.

Wear your name tags to participate in the monthly drawing at each meeting. Membership cards will be available to pick up at the September 18th meeting. Yearbooks will be emailed to members on September 18.

Comfort Quilts

We have received two major donations of fabric for our guild. I will be bringing lots of pieces for you to incorporate in your quilts, hopefully some for comfort quilts, but that is not a requirement. We also received quilt tops that the donor designated for comfort quilts and they need machine quilting. Many have been claimed, but it's not too late to volunteer for one or more.

The next few months will see rail fence variations for you to try. The first one was seen at the quiltathon and I have written directions for it. There will be more rail fence variations to come.

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At the June meeting we had pieces of peltex available for people to take to make 6 by 8 inch quilts to donate to the quilt show boutique. If you are finished with your MINI quilts, please bring them to the meeting so we can Plan how we will display them at the quilt show.

FROM THE LIBRARY

LIBRARY BOOKS REMINDER: To all members who did not return library books prior to the June inventory, please remember to bring them to the September meeting. Thank you, Judy and Sharon

DONATIONS FOR QUILT SHOW: Quilt book and magazine donations are still being collected for the Quilt Show book sale. There will be a donation crate at the September meeting. If you have any questions or need help with books, please speak with the librarians. All donations are appreciated. Judy and Sharon

Quilt Show Publicity

Pick up a few post cards to help you sell your raffle tickets and to advertise our show. If you have a place you think needs a poster, please let Eileen Ryan know.

9 patch exchange

We have only 2 months left in our 9 patch exchange.

Please bring all your July, August, and September squares to the September meeting.

Polina

The council of aging at HW would like to make a wall hanging, lap quilt, or something from 12 1/2 blocks of fabric.

Do you have extra you can spare? They would like a light background, but anything would be appreciated. They do not want a whole lot, maybe 10-20.

I will be at the Sept meeting also at HW on Tues morns, or if you are local you could drop it off at HW any day and ask for Lauren.

The Quilt Show is coming, the Quilt Show is Coming!

Pam Cincotta and Kathie Becker, Quilt Show co-chairs

It's hard to believe but our 2019 Quilt Show is quickly approaching. The quilt show design crew is busy developing the layout of the show utilizing the beautiful selection of quilts registered by our members. Thank you to everyone who submitted quilts. For those of you who didn't submit any quilts for our show, make that a personal goal of yours for the 2021 show. Two years always seems like a long time to create quilts for the show but of course many of us still end up frantically quilting in September for the October show.

Below are important dates to remember:

September 18, 2019 (Wednesday) This is our last guild meeting prior to the quilt show. We will have the Volunteer Sign Up sheets available at this meeting. There are many vacant time slots for many areas of the show. Please come prepared to sign up for multiple jobs and timeframes if you haven't already done so. We need everyone to volunteer! Many jobs are sitting jobs!

September 26, 2019 (Thursday) – this is the last day you are able to **withdraw your quilt** or wearable from the show. Be sure to contact Barbara Tarlow or Leslie Vieth if you find your quilt won't be ready for the show.

October 2, 2019 (Wednesday) – 5pm we will start to prepare the church for our show. This entails moving furniture to make way for the quilt racks. Everyone is invited to come and help.

October 3, 2019 (Thursday) – Drop off your quilts and wearable items for the show. Where: St Matthew's Church, 435 Central St, Acton – tables will be set up for this in the front lobby of the church. Drop off will be from 8am – 10am.

Please be sure your quilts have labels on the back and hanging sleeves! Be sure to fold your quilt so the label is visible.

The Quilt Show (cont.)

October 3, 2019 (Thursday) Vendor setup will begin at 1pm

October 4, 2019 (Friday) Quilt Show open from 9am-6pm

October 5, 2019 (Saturday) Quilt Show open from 9am-4pm

October 5, 2019 ((Saturday) Pick up your quilts and wearables after the show.

Remember: **Distribution of quilts will only happen once the clean-up of the church is complete!** Possibly by 5 or 5:30pm.

Be sure to set your date reminders in your calendar.

Our quilt show will include the following stations:

Lower Entry level – Admissions, guild info table, Cookie Sales & Used Books/Magazine Sales

Upper Level – Quilts of Valor & the CPM Raffle Quilt tables (both in hallway outside of Campbell Hall). In the Reception area will be our 2 vendors, Fabritique and Follow That Thread, along with Nickel Square Sales & the Boutique which will also include our 5"x8" mini quilts.

Sanctuary – Raffle Table

And as always our quilts will be on display in the sanctuary and Campbell Hall.

Be sure to tell your friends, family, and neighbors about our show. The more people that attend the greater our success!

If you have any questions regarding the show, please contact Pam Cincotta or Kathie Becker.