

Concord Piecemakers Guild December 2019 Newsletter Grapevine

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**DECEMBER HOLIDAY MEETING, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 6:30 PM
Harvey Wheeler Center, 1276 Main Street, Concord, MA 01742**

December Holiday Meeting:

Elana Schreiber and Sally Duscha

Our December Holiday meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 11th at 6:30. We'll begin with a catered dinner from Verrill Farm (donations of \$5 toward the cost will be gratefully accepted) and a potluck dessert (bring your favorite treat to share). We'll then partake in a fun game with a fabric exchange. Please bring three fat quarters. Remember to give the quality of fabric you would like to receive. Looking forward to seeing you and having time to spend with fellow quilters.

We will be showing our last summer mystery quilts, Undercover in Long Beach, at the December meeting. We will also have regular show and tell.

From the President:

Carol MacFarlane

I love snow! As I write this message, snowflakes are falling gently, the ground is blanketed with snow, the birds are busily eating at the feeder, and I'm nicely tucked out from pulling my grandchildren in their sled. It's this kind of a day that entices me to head up to my sewing room and work on my comfort quilt for the Quiltathon. And that's what I spent this morning doing! (After the snow blowing, of course.)

As some of you may know, I spent twenty years living in California, and I missed snow terribly. When I returned almost four years ago now, I created this Nine-Patch Pizzazz quilt. (See below.) I call it "No Time like Snow Time," because I absolutely love snow. The fabric in this quilt depicts a dark stormy sky, but I've added a bit of blue to suggest the promise of clearing skies. (There's nothing quite like the sunny, blue-sky day that follows the storm.) I even quilted it with a design of snowflakes.

I'm also glad that it's snowing, because it means the holiday season is upon us. I'm so looking forward to our guild's Holiday Party on Dec. 11th. Not only do we get to share a

yummy meal together with lots of time for socializing, but we get another chance at winning a number of fat quarters. I must get to Quilted Crow this week to purchase my three fat quarters for the game. Do you have yours?

See you soon.

-Carol



**Quiltathon:
Marla Richmond**

The Quiltathon is coming! The Quiltathon is coming!

At this point people should be finishing up their holiday quilting (no pressure, I know no one is finished yet). As you clear your studio, look at left over blocks/scrap/quilt tops and see what you can do with them to make a comfort quilt. You don't need to go out and buy new fabric (though you can). Take some fabric that has been waiting for a different place to be. Use colors you don't usually use. You never need to see it again and someone will love it! We are requesting a quilt top and a backing that goes with it, but we want YOU there! Get to work! Enjoy your holiday!

Our annual Quiltathon will be Saturday, February 22 at St. Matthew's Church in Acton.

**Comfort Quilts:
Eileen Ryan**

Comfort quilts are especially needed this time of year. Now is the time to be taking some fabric (please!) from our donations and turning them into tops for the quiltathon. Or if you took a class or started another project you set aside, now is the time to drag it out and finish it up. Try some machine quilting on it -- I'll get you backings or batting -- just try it. Walking foot quilting counts too!

I'll be bringing fall fabrics by the bolt as well as lots of scraps.

**Getaway
Marian Bressel**

Getaway weekend 2020, MARTIN LUTHER KING WEEKEND JAN 17, 18, 19, 20

The pricing for our 2020 Getaway is the same as last year, since the hotel has not increased their rates. You can start paying me whenever you want to. Checks made out to Concord Piecemakers, please. Please let me know if you are rooming with someone so I can start the rooming list for the hotel. If you need a roomie, please let me know and I will try to match-make. For anyone new to the guild and interested in coming, you can call me at 508-740-6509 (cell) or 781-773-1781 (home) and I will be glad to give you any info you need.

(Note from the editor: Pricing information was sent out to the membership on November 18. If you no longer have that email and need pricing details, contact Marian.)

**From the Rosie's Place Donations Committee:
Lola Chaisson and Kathleen Mclsaac**

When I (Lola) dropped off all the generous donations from last meeting, they loved it all and they especially admired the hand knit and home sewn winter hats. Rosie's Place will still be needing winter items (coats, hats, mittens, tissues....) at the time of the December meeting. Toiletries are always at the top of their list. If you have any doubts about what is needed, check their web site.

This is their Holiday Wish List should you want to send in a present.

- \$25 gift cards from CVS, Target, Old Navy and Walgreens
- Bath and body gift sets with lotion, body wash and body spray (from stores such as Bath & Body Works)
- Sets of hats, scarves and gloves
- Pajamas and robes
- Slippers
- Perfume (individual bottles and gift sets)
- Throws and blankets
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Kathleen Mclsaac will be making the December run.

Your generosity is really appreciated and quickly put to work! Thank you

Membership

Robin DeMott and Lola Chaisson

We extend a big and warm welcome to our new member who joined in November:
Cindy Walsh from Carlisle.

We are up to 110 members so we have a lively group! We are looking forward to our December meeting and seeing many of you.

Household Goods Sewing Kits:

From Suzanne Knight and Tina van Roggen

Many thanks to everyone who brought in items for the Household Goods Sewing Kits in November. We welcome donations at any time - look for the box at meetings.

If you receive any food gifts this holiday season, please think of us when deciding what to do with the leftover tins.