

# ***Concord Piecemakers Guild***

## ***January 2020 Newsletter***

### ***Grapevine***

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**JANUARY MEETING, WEDNESDAY, January 15, 2020**  
**Meeting at 7:15 PM, social gathering starts at 6:30PM**  
**Harvey Wheeler Center, 1276 Main Street, Concord, MA 01742**

#### **January Meeting: A Fabric Tour of Africa**

Our very own Marian Bressel will speak to us at the January meeting. She will bring fabrics that we can actually touch, no slides. She will show us the regional variety of African fabrics. She will teach us about the different ways fabric is made and designed. You will get to see and feel a lot of different fabrics on "our fabric trip to Africa". She also is planning to bring things to sell.

#### **President's Message**

Carol MacFarlane

January is a time for new beginnings. It's a time for saying "yes" to a myriad of possibilities. At our guild meeting on Wednesday we will be forming our Nominating Committee. Vice President, Linda Merwin, will head up the committee as I did last year in the same role. It may be time for you to say, "Yes, I'd like to help Linda on the Nominating Committee." The committee is charged with "working together to seek candidates and present a slate for all elected positions and appointed positions." That means that they will be asking you members if you would be willing to serve in various roles--from vice-president or secretary to Yard Sale co-chair or librarian. We do a lot of good work in this guild, but it takes worker bees to make it all happen. Please consider saying "yes" to being on the team of worker bees this year.

January also means our annual Getaway Weekend. Although I've never been to this guild event before, I am going this year and intend to work on some tops for the quiltathon. How about you? Are you working on your comfort quilt top? If not, consider using your time at the retreat to work on yours. I understand that Eileen is bringing some comfort quilts there that need quilting. I'd be happy to quilt one or two. How about you? Happy New Year!

**Attention: Workshop with Betsy Habich for Art Quilters and all who want to add a new skill to their repertoire.**

Sally Duscha

As requested by CPM members, we have invited Betsy Habich to teach us on Saturday, April 16th at the Congregational Church of Harvard, 5 Still River, Harvard.

Her beginning thread painting workshop will introduce you to thread painting and build your skills. She will teach how to make sharp edges, blend colors and add interest to backgrounds. Kits are provided to learn the principles of thread painting and to create a leaf similar to the one below.

The workshop early bird special will be \$80 which includes your kit. All you need to bring is thread and your machine. We need ten people to sign up so talk to your quilting friends in our guild or in another guild. Please, email Elana today to express your interest or get more details at [lahsch@verizon.net](mailto:lahsch@verizon.net)



## **Membership**

Lola Chaisson and Robin DeMott

In December, Robin spent a delightful evening with some of our newest Guild members and board members. Over coffee and cookies, we shared our stories of how we began sewing and got interested in quilting. Our new members all said that we are very friendly and extremely talented. That was nice to hear!

We welcome back Sally Abbott from Acton, who is rejoining after a hiatus, and a new member, Barbara Mack from Harvard, who joined after seeing our Quilt Show!

## **Comfort Quilts**

Eileen Ryan

We had a very productive year, folks! We took in 168 quilts and donated 153! There are just a few left for Emerson this month. No kid's quilts for Emerson pediatrics, no twins and no doubles for Lowell House of Hope. Just a few cuddles for our chemo patients. So back to work everyone!

I have kits available, so much fabric I'm going to have to rent additional space, and a few tops that could be quilted by those who want to practice their skills. I will bring tops, backings and batting to the getaway. Lots of fabric to be made into backings for the quiltathon. Patterns and ideas for quilts you can easily finish before the quiltathon. What more inspiration do you need? Let me know and I'll find it for you!

## **Quiltathon**

Marla Richmond

The holidays are over and you have a month to make a quilt top for the Quiltathon!

The Quiltathon is coming on Saturday, February 22! Please come and bring your friends! We tie or quilt quilt tops, eat too much, and laugh a lot! This is time to get to know other members and learn a bit more about quilts. Please make a quilt top (quick and easy is fine!) and bring it with a matching back, some munchies, your scissors (with your name attached!) and an adventurous spirit. We supply lunch, coffee (high test and no caffeine), tea, water, soup and surprises. Let me know if you are planning to bring your machine. If you are as ancient and decrepit as I am, don't forget your glasses! C'mon and have some fun.

## **Household Goods Sewing Kits**

Suzanne Knight and Tina van Roggen

Thanks for all the donations at the December meeting. We continue to really need containers (metal, plastic) with lids to hold the supplies, plus we can also use tape measures and bobbins .

We will also take scissors, thread, pins, safety pins, needles, or buttons that you are going to throw away - we can put them to good use. We don't need crafting supplies, however.

You can also bring donations to the get-away. Thank you.

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

### **Marian Bressel**

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.

## **Sound System**

As one can have difficulty from time to time hearing our speaker or fellow guild members using the mic we currently have, the Board has decided to research a better sound system. We are also reserving the front two rows in front of the lectern for anyone who needs to sit close for any reason.