

Concord Piecemakers Guild February 2020 Newsletter Grapevine

Happy Valentines Day
Editor, Kathie Becker

**February MEETING, WEDNESDAY, February 12, 2020
Meeting at 7:15 PM, social gathering starts at 6:30PM
Harvey Wheeler Center, 1276 Main Street, Concord, MA 01742**

February Meeting:

Happy Valentine's Day meeting. Bring a sweet treat to share and your quilt top that you plan to bring to the Quiltathon --finished or unfinished. Everyone can share their quilt and their story in a casual way. No one needs to get up on stage. Is it done or do you need to add borders? will be answered by your fellow quilters! Not that you need to take their advice. Kitty Shaw will show us the heart quilt from squares made last year. We will be making another heart quilt. One option is a scrappy half triangle heart quilt.[Heart Quilt](#).

On the next page is the picture of the heart quilt that Kitty Shaw put together from squares that various members made last year.

Quilt-a-thon:

The Quilt-a-thon will be held on Saturday, February 22, at Saint Matthews Church in Acton, from 9:00 to 4:00.



President's Message:

Carol MacFarlane

“Love and Comfort to You” says the label for our comfort quilts. Concord Piecemakers distribute just that to so many folks in need—Love and Comfort. We are a guild whose focus is creating quilts for others in need. And nothing says it more than our annual Quiltathon.

On Saturday, February 22 guild members will be working together to layer, baste, sew, turn, pin again, sew again, and tie (or prepare for tying) about 100 quilts to be distributed to others. In the weeks and months leading up to the Quiltathon we are each busy at our sewing machines creating the quilt tops for this event. It is our hope that everyone will create at least one quilt top (and backing) to bring. It's an unbelievably generous effort that brings us all together for a day of incredible accomplishment and fun. Each quilt will have the words “Love and Comfort to you from the Concord Piecemakers” sewn onto the back. Come, join us in spreading Love and Comfort to others, and feel the Love and Comfort of doing so.

Last year the Board and Program Committee decided together that it would be nice to have a February guild meeting (which had been eliminated because of the Quiltathon) to showcase everyone's comfort quilt tops that they had created for the Quiltathon. Because it was a change in tradition, there were only about 30 of us there, but it was such a nice evening. We arranged the chairs in a big circle, and we were able to lay out our quilt tops on the floor for all to admire. I felt the Love and Comfort very strongly in that circle. Well, we're doing it again. This coming Wednesday, at our guild meeting, we will again be showcasing the comfort quilts we'll be bringing on the 22nd. So please come and bring yours. Please come even if you don't have a comfort quilt to show, or if yours is a work in progress. Please come and feel the Love and Comfort.

Coming Attraction: March Nickel Square Extravaganza meeting

We will explore ways to use Nickel Squares in several demonstrations around the room. Disappearing traditional squares, a different half square triangle techniques, color theory, a design wall, and a cute pincushion or bean bag for the grandkids will be shown. Come join us. Packs of 100 Nickel Squares, carefully cut and sorted by color, fabric or theme, by Barbara Weiss and her cadre of helpers, will be for sale.

Hero: A Quilting Challenge for June, 2020!!!

Elana will challenge us to create a small quilt that celebrates a person who has made a positive change in the world. It can be someone famous or not. The person can be making a difference globally, locally or personally. Harriet Tubman and Jacques Cousteau were honored this year in quilts exhibited in Houston. Now it's your turn. You may use any technique you wish. It can be pieced, machine or hand appliqued or fused. It must have a 100 INCH PERIMETER. Who will you pick? What issues are you passionate about? One person that comes to Elana's mind is a her walking buddy who reuses ziplock bags, uses glass containers for leftovers and always has a reusable water bottle--small doable changes for a better environment.



Comfort Quilts

Eileen Ryan

This is the big push for tops for comfort quilts. I'm expecting to see lots coming in for quilt-a-thon, but would like to know who is up for machine quilting them, too. It would be nice to have a list of names to turn to when we have quilting opportunities! That doesn't mean just those who can do fabulous, intricate free motion work, but also those who still like their walking foot or are just starting the free motion journey. Expect a sign up at the Feb meeting.

In related news, Joy, as many of you know, is in construction mode at her house for the next few months and we need a place to store all those freshly turned, but untied quilts that emerge from quilt-a-thon. She frequently goes home with up to 70 quilts for her team to tie over the year. Do you have room for a couple of months worth of storage? Please make yourself known to one of us.

Quiltathon

Marla Richmond

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

We can always use 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.

Next Workshop: Join Betsy Habich on Saturday, April 18th in Harvard

Betsy will teach us a new skill to add to our quilting repertoire. In Thread Painting 101 she will teach us how to use the thread in our sewing machines to paint. She provides kits for us to first practice and explore thread painting and then to work on a fall leaf pattern. Smooth edges, shading and blending colors of thread and decorative methods to enliven backgrounds. See her website at [Betsy Habich](#) for examples of her pieced quilts, her thread painting, and more. Cost: \$80. Location: Congregational Church in Harvard, 5 Still River Rd. Harvard, Ma. Time: 9:30 a.m.

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