



CONCORD PIECEMAKERS QUILT GUILD

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Editor, Barbara Kozenko

**June 10, 2020 Meeting to be held on Zoom
6:45 PM Socializing, 7:00 PM Meeting**

If you'd like to visit our virtual guild meeting, please contact president@concordpiecemakers.org for the Zoom link.

Speaker: HollyAnne Knight Zoom Lecture

HollyAnne Knight will do a virtual meeting on how to finish your quilts with confidence. Her specialty is free motion quilting. She will demonstrate how different quilting will enhance your piecing or add pizzazz to a simple quilt design. Visit stringandstory.com for more information about HollyAnne. You can practice quilting on a comfort quilt!

Meeting Show and Tell

Carol MacFarlane

Molly Eberly made a suggestion to improve our Show and Tell time, and I think it will work beautifully. Please email me photos of any quilts that you would like to show at our guild meeting Wednesday. I will "Share" them to the screen, so that we can get a much better view of them than if you were to hold them up in front of your computer camera. Thank you.

Board Positions

President - Carol MacFarlane
Vice President - Linda Merwin
Treasurer - Mary Jalenak
Secretary - Judy Jakobsche
Historian - Marian Bressel
Membership - Robin DeMott, Lola Chaisson
Programs - Elana Schreiber, Sally Duscha

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Newsletter - Barbara Kozenko
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Publicity - Donna Morales-Oenig
Getaway - Marian Bressel
Yard Sale - Kitty Shaw, Joan Kerpelman
Comfort Quilts - Eileen Ryan
Quilt Museum liaison - Martha Supnik
Quiltathon - Open position
Membership Book - Robin DeMott
Library - Janet Rich, Donna Peterson

The President's Message

Carol MacFarlane

Fortunately, I'm not going as stir-crazy as I would if I didn't live so far out in the boonies (on the Lancaster/Harvard side of Bolton). I get out for either a walk, hike, and/or bike ride every day. (I also count my blessings that I do not live in a city right about now.) Yesterday was an exceptional day. A friend and I went for a short hike in Bolton's Vaughn Hills conservation area to the beaver pond, which I visit frequently. But this time she showed me something which I'd never noticed. Perched atop various dead trees were 8 different precarious-looking nests. I had only noticed one before and assumed that it was an osprey nest, though I'd never seen the osprey. Yes, it was an osprey, and this time we saw it perched on a branch above his/her nest. I pulled out my phone, googled "osprey," and it was indeed an exact image of our friend above the nest.

But what awed me even more than the osprey were the seven other nests. Each one housed a family of Great Blue Herons! In some we could only spot one adult (with our binoculars), often standing up tall like a sentinel. In others we spotted two chicks, though I hesitate to use the word "chicks," because they were huge. Just when I was wondering if they were adult herons, down swooped mama Great Blue into her nest with dinner, towering over her chicks. Boy, those chicks can squawk when they're hungry and know food is coming. We watched as mama regurgitated her treat and fed her noisy "little" ones. It's no wonder an hour and a half passed in the blink of an eye. What a treat that was!

The President's Message (cont.)



May you, too, discover some wonders of nature as you venture outdoors in the warm summer months ahead.

Great Blue Heron, which I created at a workshop by Kathy McNeill in 2014 in San Jose, CA.



The President's Message (cont.)

Thank you, and Welcome

I wish to thank Mary Redford for serving at our board secretary this past year. Not only did she take meticulous minutes and contribute to our many discussions, but she also served as our Zoom meeting host during the past few months (even in the midst of moving to Pittsburg!) We will miss you, Mary, but as long as we are Zooming, you can join us! A silver lining!

Thank you also to Kathie Becker for editing our newsletter, to Pam Cincotta and Kathie Becker for co-chairing our Quilt Show, to Marla Richmond for organizing our Quiltathon, and to Judy Jakobsche and Sharon Perko for serving as our librarians. And deep gratitude for those officers and committee chairs who are continuing on for another year—Board members Linda Merwin, Mary Jalenak, Robin DeMott, Lola Chaisson, Elana Schreiber, and Sally Duscha; Committee chairs Tina van Roggen, Eileen Ryan, Marian Bressel, Suzanne Fuller, Kitty Shaw, Joan Kerpelman, Kathleen McIsaac, and Martha Supnik.

Please welcome Judy Jakobsche as our new board secretary, Marian Bressel as our Historian, Barbara Kozenko as our new newsletter editor, Donna Morales-Oenig as publicity chair, as well as Janet Rich and Donna Peterson as our librarians. Thank you all for saying “yes”!



Programs

Elana Schreiber, Sally Duscha

Continuing Challenges

Keep counting the number of masks you have made. We have added a most creative mask category, too. Consider who is your Hero and make a small quilt celebrating them, and their contribution to our world. Keep working on your UFO so that you can enter our Quarantine Raffle. Make a heart quilt block for a nurse, a grocery store employee, a grandchild you can't see right now, or a friend who has died. Love is the answer. (4, 6, 8, 12 inch blocks) The block will be combined with other members to make next year's Valentine's Day comfort quilt.

Mystery Quilt Summer 2020

Hi all, are you interested in making a mystery quilt over this summer? If so, please sign up with Kitty before the June meeting. The cost is \$7 each to cover the cost of purchasing the pattern.

Here is what the process will involve:

Elana and I have selected a pattern, Chicago Chicago Five. The quilt, intermediate skill level, can be either a lap or twin size, and has nine steps. We will email the participants instructions for each step on a weekly basis starting the beginning of July. The first email is for fabric requirements, total of four, and color suggestions. Then the first step will be emailed the following week. As you know, we won't see the pattern until we complete the last step of the instructions.

To give ourselves an incentive to finish the quilt top, we plan to have a show and tell of the finished top/quilt at the October meeting. This is really the fun part, seeing the various colors each participant selected and the resulting product.

So, if you are interested, please email Kitty and send a \$7 check to Kitty, either email me for the address or check CPM's address book. We hope you will participate in this fun project! Please contact us with any questions.

Quarantine UFO Challenge

Sally Duscha

For every UFO, you finish before our next meeting, you will receive a ticket to enter a raffle to win a gift certificate to a local quilt shop. It is time to work from your stash. Happy Sewing! Heart Blocks Love is the answer so why not make a heart block for the cooperative Valentine's Day quilt? Please, make your blocks in sizes that are a multiple of 2 inches (2, 4, 8, inches). There are many different free patterns to choose from or design your own. One quilter said, that all reds go together. Let's test that theory. White and black backgrounds work well. Take a break from a bigger project and make a heart block for the cooperative guild Valentine's Day quilt.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TUyxg9uSUYg> This is a Jenny Doan video but the block is 8 inches not my original idea. Please, adapt the idea to a size that is a multiple of 2 inches such as 2, 4, or 8 inches.

Membership

Robin DeMott and Lola Chaisson

65 members have rejoined to date! If you haven't paid your dues, please submit them now. Full membership is \$30 and Associate membership is \$15. You may download a registration form from the website concordpiecemakers.org or use the form that was emailed in April. Please make sure to update any address or email changes for the new membership book. Payment should be made by sending your completed registration form and check to: Membership Chair c/o Concord Piecemakers PO Box 1381, Concord, MA 01742-1381.

Please be prompt as late submissions run the risk of being excluded from the membership book and make more work for the Membership chair during the summer.

Link to our membership form:

<https://concordpiecemakers.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Membership-Renewal-Form-2020-2021.pdf>

The form was also attached to the May Newsletter

Household Goods Sewing Kits

Suzanne Knight and Tina van Roggen

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.

Comfort Quilts

Eileen Ryan

They're stacking up ladies! Yes, all kinds of opportunities for you! Some are turned and you can tie them at home - Joy will talk you through it. Some are tops and if you don't want to pin baste to practice your free motion quilting, I'll even do that for you. And fabric! Lots of scraps and larger pieces, lots of backs, lots of new donations from members, and kits, kits, kits! So, come check out my no virus offerings available from the trunk of my car. I recently checked in with all the places we normally send quilts and they're not quite ready for us. Remember we donated 80% of our quilts last year starting in the fall and we still donated more than 150 quilts. So, don't let those stacks that we have now (about 70 completed, which includes the label!), slow you down. We are getting a nice number now that are gender neutral, so thank you for that, as well. Keep at it! Remember, there are bins in my trunk, released from afar, in which you can pick through scraps, backings, and now larger chunks that Joy has been collecting for us from various members. I'm also happy to cut batting for comfort quilts.