



CONCORD PIECEMAKERS QUILT GUILD

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September 16, 2020 Meeting to be held on Zoom
6:45 PM Socializing, 7:15 PM Meeting

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

Speaker: Ann Shaw September 16 and 17

Ann will share her quilts and techniques with us. She has launched a new Red Star Gold Heart quilt campaign to honor and remember those essential workers and those loved ones lost during the pandemic. She will demonstrate her freezer paper technique for the Red Star Gold Heart pattern 7 p.m. the following evening, September 17. Ann is offering a workshop for those interested. [Ann Shaw](#)

The President's Message

Carol MacFarlane

Welcome back, Piecemakers! The summer is waning (sigh!), and we are gearing up for another guild year—albeit a Zoom year! Elana and Sally, our program co-chairs, have planned a fantastic line-up for the fall. And the good news is that you don't have to drive anywhere! You can join us from the comfort of your home.

Indeed, it's been a challenging spring and summer, with restrictions on our comings and goings, with wearing masks everywhere we go, with limited ability

to see friends and family. But I do hope you have been able to get outdoors in the nice weather both for exercise and fresh air and for opportunities to spend some time, social distanced, with friends and/or family.

In late June, early July I led a Zoom workshop on free motion quilting. Ten of you joined me for those two sessions, and I think it went well. Since then I've been formulating an idea. I would like to offer a workshop where we all work on the same project, and I have one in mind for starters. I had intended to offer this in person before COVID hit, but now we'll have to do it by Zoom. Again, the good news is that we won't have to drive anywhere. The Board suggests that we do this as a fundraiser, since the only other expense to you would be the pattern and fabric. There are no rental fees to pay, and no workshop leader fees to pay. So, whatever we charge will go directly to the guild.

I'd like to offer this workshop starting at the end of October, when the cold weather confines us more to the indoors. We would "meet" once a week for 4 or 5 weeks for two hours. I'll begin by introducing the project and discussing fabric choices. Once we get rolling, we'll start each session with a check-in to see your progress, then continue sewing on our machines together, much as we did during the free motion workshop. Again, it would be an experiment, but I think it would be fun. Stay tuned, and please contact me with your feedback and/or questions.

Our first project will be Shazam from Colleen Granger's book, Circle Quilts. It's paper pieced, and here are two examples that I've done. It's FUN! Consider joining in.



In the meantime, I hope to see you all for our Welcome Back Zoom meeting on Wednesday, September 16th.

-Carol

Programs

Elana Schreiber, Sally Duscha

Ann Shaw is willing to schedule a workshop via Zoom if we can get 10-15 members to attend. Timeframe depends on her availability. Please email Elana at lahsch@verizon.net if you are interested in Ann Shaw's workshop. Here is the link to Ann's patterns. <https://annshawquilting.com/red-star-gold-heart-patterns/>

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.



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

Welcome to our new quilting year! We have 93 members. We welcome new members Lorie Coston from Maryland (!) and Patricia Kent from Concord. 2020-2021 Membership books will be emailed to members on September 9.

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. All donations can be dropped off at Suzanne's or Tina's homes. We thank you for your donations.

Comfort Quilts

Eileen Ryan

Just before the Quiltathon we distributed the last of our stockpile of quilts. Since then, most have come in from the Quiltathon, either tied or machine quilted, and several have been completed by members in their lockdown. We have 120 quilts so far this year. Emerson had started accepting quilts and the VA says they will be ready this month. I am a little low on children's quilts.

Don't forget that the guild has batting at my house for you, that I have fabric available for you from previous donations, that kits are available for quick and easy quilts, and that labels are available. I can make packages of anything you need for easy, touchless pick up or even delivery.