



## CONCORD PIECEMAKERS QUILT GUILD

### OCTOBER 2020 NEWSLETTER

#### GRAPEVINE

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Wednesday October 21, 2020 Guild 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](mailto:president@concordpiecemakers.org) for the Zoom link.

#### The President's Message

Carol MacFarlane

October is one of my favorite months. The days are cooler and drier, the apples are ripe for the picking, and the colors are absolutely breath taking. I had feared that the foliage would be muted this fall due to the lack of rain, but they are not in the least. If anything, they seem more vivid than some other years. As I write this, it is raining out, and though the gray day doesn't bring out the colors as much as on a sunny day, there is something about the wet and darkened tree trunks against the oranges, reds, and yellows of the foliage that brightens my day.

The downside of October is that the cold and dark days are not far off. And this year will seem colder and darker than usual because of our approaching isolation due to COVID-19 precautions. Gone will be the shared happy hours and dinners at separate tables on the outdoor patio or deck. Gone will be the long socially distanced walks or hikes with friends. How will we maintain a sense of connection during the winter months this year? The CPM Board has been working on some ideas that should help. This week I launched my 5-6 weeklong Zoom workshop with nine of you participating. It's really fun to work together using the same pattern and getting totally different results from each of you depending on your fabric choices. And best of all, I felt that I was in

your company for those two hours. I'm looking forward to seeing you again next week. I expect we'll find another pattern to begin another workshop when this one ends. Stay tuned. Also, we plan to offer a "Sit and Sew" activity via Zoom if there is interest. Just let me know what days and times would work for you. And if you have other ideas for our maintaining a quilting connection, I'd love to hear from you. We will find ways to stay connected.

In the meantime, get outside while you can, take in the spectacular fall foliage, and let it inspire your next quilt.

-Carol

## Programs

Elana Schreiber, Sally Duscha

**SPEAKER:** Christina Cameli

What's the smallest scrap you save? Quilter, Christina Cameli started quilting with her grandma's fabric scraps and has never looked back. Christina has a favorite way to use up each and every scrap, whether large or small. From "strings" to "crumbs" and beyond, see some inspiring free-spirited approaches to joining your leftovers into something beautiful. Christina will discuss using scrappy patchwork both with and without patterns.

Here is the link to Christina's virtual classes.

<https://www.christinacameli.com/events>

She is a wonderful teacher and we urge you to sign up for the virtual class that best fits your schedule. I have taken a number of her classes and loved all of them.



## 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.

## Comfort Quilts

Eileen Ryan

You may have already heard that the guild had a new comfort quilt project. Emerson has requested high contrast, tactile fabrics for a mat made for very young babies who are in the hospital for an extended time in the Special Care nursery. This style of fabric

will give the babies some stimulation. If you did not get the email I sent to the Yahoo group, please let me know and I will send it directly to you.

We are looking for black, white, or high contrast black and white fabrics cut as 5 inch squares. These mats will use 30 squares. What we really need are fabrics with texture: corduroy, velveteen, silky, just so long as it's washable. You may have home dec fabrics that would work or cut up clothing when you change out your seasonal wardrobe. I am backing slinky, stretchy stuff with interfacing before I cut the squares. We will use color in the backings, so if you'd like to get rid of flannel or minke or polar fleece, we'll use it for backings and that will be a little bit more texture. I will be making kits and let you know when they're ready.

Of course, you can come get socially distanced fabric and kits anytime, or quilt tops ready for you to try out your machine quilting skills. We've had recent fabric donations from Kathy Harrison and Donna Morales-Oemig. Kathy's batch included some beautiful partially completed quilts with additional fabric for you to finish them. Donna has also donated size 70 microtex needles for comfort quilt makers.

Let me know how I can help you complete some comfort quilts!

## Quilt Getaway

Marian Bressel

The get-away, usually scheduled for Martin Luther King weekend, is on hold as of this writing. The hotel is working on an 8-week lead time, and is basing their ability to hold an event on the governor's guidelines as of that 8 week window. If they are constrained by the governor and cannot hold our get-away, we will have the option of re-scheduling for 2022 and moving the deposit to reserve that time, or completely cancelling and getting our money back. If they are not constrained by gubernatorial guidelines, the ball is in our court. If we decide then to cancel, we will lose our deposit. I think they are being fair, and we lose nothing by waiting, and we just might just be able to preserve both our deposit and the weekend. Stay tuned.

## 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.

## Rosie's Place

Kathleen McIsaac and Lola Chaisson

Thank you all for the great donations! Between donated items, donated full baggies and purchases made with the monetary donations we have over 40 Care Packages for Rosie's Place. 14 "Art" 12 "Personal Care" and 17 "Toiletries". Kathleen will be making an appointment to drop them off this week so they can be something positive in the lives of these homeless women.

