

CONCORD PIECEMAKERS QUILT GUILD

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GRAPEVINE

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Wednesday November 18, 2020 Guild Meeting to be held on Zoom
6:45 PM Socializing, 7:15 PM Meeting

Speaker—Debbie Wendt, Crafts and Textiles of Egypt

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

The President's Message

Carol MacFarlane

Now that the election is finally behind us, we can put more energy into moving forward into this upcoming winter, co-existing with the ongoing pandemic. As your Board, we are working hard to come up with ideas and activities that will minimize our sense of isolation and maximize our sense of connection. Getting together virtually helps immensely.

This will be the year of "ZoomBees." What is a ZoomBee? The possibilities are endless! Here are some of our ideas.

Currently I am running a workshop via Zoom, working on a Shazam circle quilt pattern by Colleen Granger. We can now call this one the Shazam ZoomBee. It meets Tuesday afternoons from 1:45 to 3:45. When this project is over, I intend to start a new project and to invite anyone interested to join me.

Beginning Friday, Nov. 27th, Elana is launching a Bonnie Hunter Mystery Quilt ZoomBee, which will meet Friday mornings, 10-12. For more details, see Elana's article below.

We talked about a Nine-Patch ZoomBee to create quilts from our collections of nine-patches that we worked on two years ago. We would welcome someone to take this

on, suggest some pattern options, and find a time that works. I know I'd be interested in doing something with all my nine-patches.

Also, we hope to set up a time for a Sit and Sew ZoomBee, with everyone working on their own project. And for those who would like company while tying quilts, a Quilt Tying ZoomBee. How about a Scrap ZoomBee to have fun with scrappy ideas presented by Christina Cameli at our October guild meeting?

Perhaps you have an idea and would like to start a ZoomBee at a time that works for you and others, either with a specific shared project in mind, or just a time to sit and sew together. Please let me know what you have in mind, so that we can offer all guild members the opportunity to join.

My president's Zoom account can be used for all these ZoomBees. If you are particularly tech savvy and would be willing to assist a potential ZoomBee leader who lacks tech confidence, please let us know. Thanks.

More exciting news! In addition to our ZoomBees, we are going to have a modified MLK Weekend January 16-17 Getaway, which will also be via Zoom. Marian Bressel is working with our programs co-chairs, Elana and Sally, to come up with a weekend full of activity and camaraderie. Stay tuned! You won't want to miss it!

-Carol



Bonnie Hunter Mystery ZoomBee, Fridays, 10AM-12 noon

Elana Schreiber

Ready for another Mystery Quilt? Bonnie Hunter offers a freebie, Grassy Creek Mystery, with the first clue to be revealed on Friday, Nov. 27th. Let's work together on this project via Zoom. Beginning Friday, Nov. 27, join me each week for a two-hour ZoomBee to show and tell of your progress in the Bonnie Hunter's free Mystery Quilt. For more details check out Bonnie Hunter's blog at: <https://quiltville.blogspot.com/2020/10/grassy-creek-quiltville-mystery.html>. You will want to gather your fabrics before our first session.

Bonnie has picked the colors for this project, but if you want to be a maverick, you can choose your own colors. (However, I recommend using her colors if this is your first

Bonnie Hunter mystery to avoid frustration and confusion.) Bonnie will launch her first sewing clue on November 27th, Black Friday, on her blog. A new clue will come out each Friday until her reveal, which is usually early in the new year.

Her patterns typically make a large double bed-sized quilt, but you can make a third or a half of the blocks each week to make a smaller quilt, as her patterns are usually symmetrical.

We will meet on Fridays from 10-12 on zoom to share our progress and share any tips we have learned during the week. Please contact me to sign up, so that I can put you on the list for receiving the Zoom links. Again, check out her blog for

<https://quiltville.blogspot.com/2020/10/grassy-creek-quiltville-mystery.html>



Programs

Elana Schreiber, Sally Duscha

November Guild Meeting Program: Debbie Wendt Crafts and Textiles of Egypt

Debbie Wendt will share her knowledge about Egyptian textiles from Bedouin tents to modern textiles. Sit back and enjoy some armchair travelling. <http://www.wendtquilting.com/index.htm>

While living in Cairo, Egypt, Debbie was introduced to and befriended the men known as Tentmakers. They make the applique decorated panels used as tents for ceremonies. Tentmaker references have been recorded as far back as Biblical and Pharaonic times. It is a dying art. She will share the pieces purchased while living in Egypt and others purchased since she left.



January Quilting Getaway

Marian Bressel

A Virtual January Getaway

In lieu of a “real” Getaway, we are setting up a virtual one on Zoom. It will be fun to sew with all our friends. Our proposed schedule includes an **optional workshop with Kathryn Pellman**.

Saturday January 16

8:30-9:00 Breakfast with friends (general meeting)

9:00-whenever Sit and Sew, chat. The zoom room will be open all day. Feel free to come and go. (or break away to watch some football). Bring a lunch or take a break

11:00-12:00 Materials discussion for those taking Kathryn Pellman’s workshop.

Workshop participants can re-join the general Getaway after the discussion period.

5:00 Bring some booze (or not) for a Happy Hour.

6:00 Zoom room will close

Sunday January 17

9:00 – 3:00 Sit and Sew, chat

11:00 – 4:00 Workshop. Bring a lunch

3:00-4:00 Show and Tell from the workshop, socialize. Zoom room will close.

We are hoping for a return to our usual Getaway in 2022. Stay safe, everyone.

The Virtual Getaway is free!! (But the food won’t be as good!) 😊

There is a cost for Kathryn Pellman’s workshop. Details below.



Getaway Workshop

On Saturday January 16th 11-noon Kathryn will talk about fabric for Fashionistas so you can pull from your stash. You will need a 14"x14" piece of Pellon or something similar-stiff is preferred. Everything else I'm sure you already have.

On Sunday January 17th, 11 a.m - 4 p.m. Kathryn will teach us how to make Fashionistas: paper dolls for grown-ups, add some words to our quilts, and give each of us individual attention. You will finish your project unless you want to go wild with thread painting which might take more time. This should not turn into a UFO.

Getaway Workshop Early Bird Discount—\$40 in 2020. \$50 in the new year. Please register by sending a check, made out to Concord Piecemakers, to Marian Bressel, 19 Holbrook Ave. Hull, MA 01045.

Comfort Quilts

Eileen Ryan

This month I distributed 10 quilts to Naka at Emerson and 15 to the pediatric unit. I also delivered the first 8 tactile black and white quilts to the special care unit within pediatrics. I have kits for those very basic and very quick black and white quilts. I can make you a kit for a quick trip quilt with bright and fun fabrics. I can give you directions and fabric for rail fence variations. I have battings and backings for you and a bin of fresh scraps to pick through. It's not too late to come get fabric to do another of those mystery quilts either!

Publicity

Donna Morales-Oemig

Some of you may have seen the article published in the Action Unlimited inviting interested stitchers to become new members for the guild. The pandemic has sparked a new interest in sewing, and by now, those newer stitchers might want to explore more than mask-making. If you belong to a neighborhood group online, would you be willing to have this same article published in your groups? I can save you the trouble of retyping if you send me an email asking for the article text. A quick copy and paste will be all you need to share the welcome to others who want to learn more about the Concord Piecemakers Guild.

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 Mclsaac and Lola Chaisson

The ladies were so appreciative of our Care Packages last month. Let's load them down with more gifts! The following is right off their website.

Donate Holiday Gifts

We work to brighten the season by providing guests with holiday gifts. This year we are **only** accepting \$25 gift cards to CVS, Walgreens, Target, and/or Old Navy as well as bath and body gift sets with lotion, body wash and body spray (from stores such as Bath& Body Works). With your help, we can provide a warm holiday experience that will be—like everything else at Rosie's Place—wrapped in unconditional love and respect.

They are not in a position right now to accept winter clothes.

As we did with the care packages, bins will be placed outside the homes of Lola Chaisson 77 Walden St., Concord and Kathy Mclsaac 235 Concord Rd., Wayland, from Sun. November 22nd to Thurs. Dec. 10th.

Happy Holidays to you all!

