

# CONCORD PIECEMAKERS QUILT GUILD

## DECEMBER 2020 NEWSLETTER

### GRAPEVINE

Editor, Barbara Kozenko

Wednesday December 9, 2020 Guild Meeting to be held on Zoom  
6:45 PM Socializing, 7:15 PM Meeting

Speaker—Julie Brown Neu

Julie invites us to have a few supplies on hand--some paper (printer paper is fine), a pen or pencil, and some crayons, markers, or colored pencils (just a few colors, no need for the 128 box). For more information, please visit her website at: <https://julieneu.com/>

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

The holiday season is upon us, seeming very different from other years. Since we can't share a meal together at our December meeting, our holiday gift to all of you is a Julie's presentation which is part lecture/ part fun workshop. Join us for socializing at 6:45 and the meeting at 7:15. Wear something festive (a gaudy Christmas sweater?) and BYO holiday treat. (Optional :-)

Since our last meeting, we've been busy creating opportunities for us to gather together via Zoom. We currently have four ZoomBees in progress, so please feel free to join any or all of them. (I have to confess that I am a bit of a ZoomBee junkie!)

**Nine Patch ZoomBee**—Monday afternoons, 1:30-3:30—Still trying to figure out what to do with the gazillion 3 1/2" nine-patches we made in 2018-19? We've brainstormed many ideas, which we're happy to share with you. Join us working on this project Monday afternoons.

Join Zoom Meeting

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**Shazam ZoomBee**— Tuesday afternoons, 1:30-3:30, starting Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>—We're starting a new project, Ricky Tims' Convergence Quilt, and it's not too late to join in. You will need to purchase the book and gather four 14" to 16" squares of fabric for starters.

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**Sit and Sew ZoomBee** –Thursday mornings, 9:30 - 12:30 —Join us anytime on Thursday mornings for as long as you want with any project you are working on. Socialize while you sew. No commitment necessary. Come when you can.

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**Bonnie Hunter Mystery ZoomBee**—Friday mornings, 10:00 -12noon—Join us in creating Bonnie Hunter's free Grassy Creek mystery quilt. Go to her blog to learn more about the project and what fabrics you'll need. Her clues will be revealed every Friday morning, so get your clue, then join us at the ZoomBee to show and tell of your progress, and to socialize while you sew.

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

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And finally, don't miss our upcoming **Virtual January Getaway** Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>. Marian Bressel, with a little help from the Board, has arranged for a weekend full of opportunities to connect and have fun from the comfort of your home. My check is in the mail. Is yours? Thank you, Marian!



# January Quilting Getaway

Marian Bressel

## *A Free 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’re working on three member demos during the Getaway weekend.

Watch your email for more details!!

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

## Getaway Workshop

Kathryn Pellman is an artist, fashionista, quilter, cook, baker, gardener and storyteller. Her whimsical quilts combine fashion and quilting along with her passions and are a celebration and exploration of women and femininity. Please visit her website at:

<https://www.kathrynpellman.com>

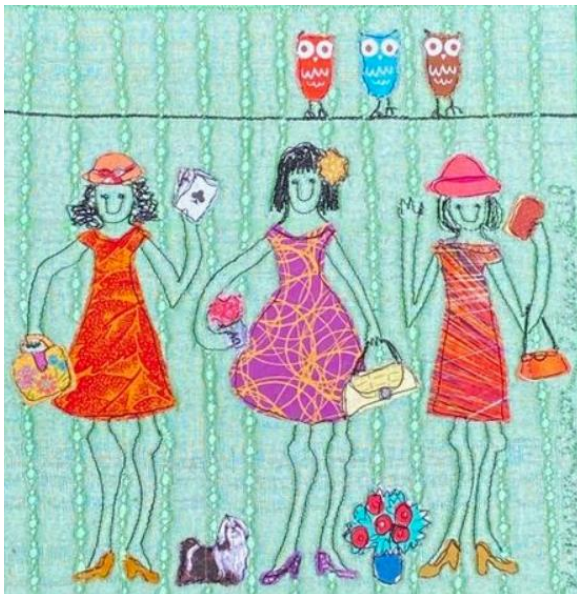
On Saturday January 16th 11-noon Kathryn will talk about fabric for Fashionistas so you can pull from your stash. You will need a 14"x14" piece of Pellon or something similar- stiff is preferred. Everything else I'm sure you already have.

On Sunday January 17th, 11 AM - 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.

**\*\*\*Don't miss out on the 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 02045.**

## Workshop Description

In this fun, creative class, you will use your imagination, fusible appliqué, conversational prints, free cutting and free motion quilting, create a small single frame scene featuring your own unique fashionistas. You will learn how to draw figures, style hair, create dresses, shoes and handbags. The project is a 12" - 14" finished piece with one or more fashionistas that is easy to complete in a day.



## SUPPLY LIST FASHIONISTAS — PAPER DOLLS FOR GROWN UPS

- Sewing Machine (cleaned & oiled) with machine embroidery/free motion foot
- Fabric Scissors • Paper Scissors • Embroidery or smaller scissors that allow you to cut detail • Thread snips
- Paper, pen and pencil • Pins • Rotary Cutter
- Rotary Cutting Mat (small is fine. your finished piece will not be larger than 12" square)
- Rotary Cutting Ruler. If you have a 12.5" square, bring it
- Assorted Thread including black and decorative if you have any
- Pressing Sheet • Disappearing Ink or Chalk Pen • 1/2 yard Wonder-Under 805
- 1/2 yard white felt (this is your batting)
- Fabric • lots of small pieces of conversational printed (flowers, fashion accessories, props, dogs, cats, etc. Note figure is approximately 5" head to toe)
- A selection of approximately 14 x 14 or larger solid or neutral monochromatic print for background (cotton, polished cotton, silk dupioni)
- A selection of approximately 3"x5" or larger printed "dress fabric"
- 14 x 14 or larger print for back with matching thread for bobbin



### Why take the Virtual Getaway Workshop?

We selected a fun upbeat workshop, January 17 for the virtual getaway this year. It deliberately does not involve lots of new skills or a challenging pattern. Probably you have everything you need on hand with the exception of a piece of Pellon. Our thinking was this is a trying year, doing a virtual getaway was going to be challenging in and of itself. We need to be supportive of each other as well as supportive of ourselves. How can we best do that? Be with each other in a different way that is safe. I urge you to take this workshop to make a mini quilt that can hang on your work area at the next real live getaway. Sign up by the end of 2020 and take advantage of the early bird price of \$40 it will be \$50 after January first. Send you check to Marian Bressel to reserve your spot.

--Elana Schreiber

## Comfort Quilts

Eileen Ryan

Beautiful quilts continue to arrive in all sizes and colors. I think by the end of the calendar year, we should have made about 160 quilts. We have a couple that would make great raffle quilts if you hear of a need.

Meanwhile, kits, fabric yardage and small pieces, batting and backings are available with COVID free pick up! Happy and generous quilting.

## Membership

Lola Chaisson and Robin DeMott

We welcome renewing members Cheryl Dennis from Westford and Katie Walter from Colorado. I have sent out an email with an addendum to the membership book.

## New England Quilt Museum

Martha Supnik, Liaison for CPM

Last May we voted to donate \$1,500 to the New England Quilt Museum. That happened this week and they are truly grateful for our generosity. The museum is open, has wonderful exhibits, and is totally uncrowded. Here's the note about COVID precautions:

<https://www.neqm.org/director-welcoming>

I hope you'll come see the current exhibits.

<https://www.neqm.org/on-view-index>

And put these upcoming exhibits on your calendar for 2021.

<https://www.neqm.org/exhibitions-looking-ahead-details>

The museum is open in December on Tuesday through Saturday from 10am to 4pm. The museum store has wonderful gift items, especially unusual jewelry and very clever socks.

After a week off following New Years, it will reopen on Thursday, January 7th, and switch to special Winter Hours of just Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 10am to 4pm through March.



## 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

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 McIsaac 235 Concord Rd., Wayland, from Sun. November 22nd to Thurs. Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Happy Holidays to you all!**