

CONCORD PIECEMAKERS QUILT GUILD

JANUARY 2021 NEWSLETTER

GRAPEVINE

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Wednesday January 13, 2021 Guild Meeting to be held on Zoom
6:45 PM Socializing, 7:15 PM Meeting

Speaker—Kathryn Pellman

Fashionista in quarantine: A chronicle of how quilting frames and tells the story of my real and imagined life along with my fun filled journey and love of story-telling that took me from fashion design to traditional, hand-pieced miniatures to quilts to sleep under to cartoon quilts to word salad, girlfriends and fashionistas to angry women and everything that influenced me and happened along the way.

<https://www.kathrynpellman.com/>

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

Happy New Year, friends! Finally, 2020 is behind us, and we can only hope for a better year in 2021, once those perpetrating the ugliness of this past year are brought to justice, and once we have all been vaccinated against the insidious Coronavirus. Bring it on!

Thank goodness for quilting to take our minds off the events of the day, if only momentarily. Thank goodness for quilting to keep our hands busy during these long winter months. Thank goodness for quilting to keep us connected to one another through our various Zoom gatherings—our guild meetings, our ZoomBees, and coming next weekend, our Zoom Getaway. Thank goodness!

Let's give ourselves a pat on the back for maintaining our programs and our connections to one another, as I've learned that some other guilds have simply closed down for the duration. Many thanks to our program's co-chairs, Elana and Sally, for providing inspiring speakers each month, and to the other members of our board who have been working hard to keep things going so successfully. And many thanks to all of you for just showing up and being there for one another. You are the best!



Our ZoomBees are really going well. Our Monday Nine-Patch ZoomBee includes about a dozen of us who are incorporating our 150 or so 3 1/2" nine-patches in an inspiring variety of ways. We promised ourselves we would complete these projects by the Spring Equinox, so stay tuned for our Show and Tell. The Tuesday Shazam ZoomBee is currently finishing up our Convergence Quilts (Show and Tell at this month's guild meeting!), and we'll be starting our new jellyroll project starting on the 19th. (Mariner's Compass coming up next.) The Friday Mystery ZoomBee has about 15 of us very busy with weekly assignments creating bits and pieces to be eventually assembled into blocks, and those blocks into a quilt that until today remained a mystery. But this morning was the Big Reveal, so now we know what we need to do to put them all together. It's going to be beautiful. Perhaps we'll be ready to share (at least the pieced top) by the February Show and Tell. The Thursday morning Sit and Sew ZoomBee attracts a few members each week who enjoy sewing and chatting together.

All ZoomBee links are in the December Newsletter.

With all these opportunities for presentations, projects and connection, 2021 holds much promise for us all!

Gratefully, Carol



Related Opportunities

Sally Duscha points out that Tower Hill Botanic Garden in Boylston is offering an outdoor exhibit called Yarnstorm, January 16-March 31. Check it out at <https://www.towerhillbg.org/yarnstorm>. Only \$11 for seniors, \$16 for others.

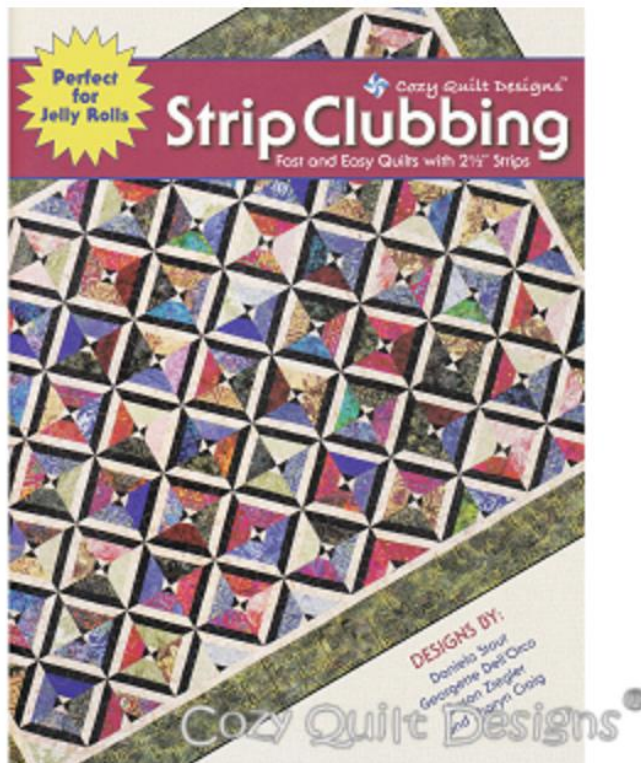
She also recommends SAQA's Textile Talks which are presented and recorded weekly. Check them out at <https://www.saqa.com/about/news/join-us-textile-talks>.

And of course, our very own New England Quilt Museum has many offerings you won't want to miss, some of them on-line. Check out <https://www.neqm.org/>.

Shazam ZoomBees Tuesdays, 1:30-3:30, next project starting Jan. 19

Join us for a jellyroll project of your choice. Many of us are using the book, Strip Clubbing, which you could order and get fairly soon. But since we'll be selecting from various patterns in the book, there's a good chance that you have a pattern in your personal library, using jellyrolls or strips, that would work for this project. Please join us on Tuesdays, starting on Jan. 19 at:

If you have questions about the ZoomBee, please contact president@concordpiecemakers.org.



January Quilting Getaway

Marian Bressel

A Free Virtual January Getaway

Time: Jan 16, 2021 08:30 AM
Jan 17, 2021 09:00 AM

If you have questions about the Getaway, please contact
president@concordpiecemakers.org.

This year our Martin Luther King weekend getaway will be held via Zoom. We had planned to have a workshop with Kathryn Pellman, but due to an underwhelming response from our membership, we have had to cancel. The schedule, therefore, has been revised.

Saturday:

8:30 - 9:30 General milling about, talk with friends, get comfortable with Zoom, do some sewing.

9:30 - 10:00 Member demo.

10:00 - 12:00 Sit and Sew

12:00 - 1:30 Break for lunch. The Zoom Room will remain open for more sit and sew or chat

1:30 - 2:00 Member demo

2:00 - 5:00 Sit and Sew

5:00 - 6:00 Grab a glass of cheer for Happy Hour, Show and Tell if anyone wants to. Maybe a "Tah-Dah" from the Sit and Sew.

Sunday

8:30 - 12:00 Sit and Sew. Zoom room closes at noon.

Hopefully next year we will be back in Gardner!



February Heads Up

Elana Schreiber

Here is a reminder, we will continue our tradition of a show and tell of comfort quilt tops as our February meeting. Sadly, we will not be able to have a Quiltathon this year, but maybe this is the year to try machine quilting your charity quilt. Call Eileen Ryan if you need batting. Check the CPM website for quilt sizes, as well as some simple patterns. Eileen has a new, fast 3-yard-quilt if you want to start something now and be done by the February meeting. I bet she has fabric, too. 😊

Comfort Quilts

Eileen Ryan

While we will be missing our Quiltathon, there is no reason to not make some comfort quilts, especially as you will be asked to share them at next month's meeting for us all to enjoy. Every year I see quilts that inspire me to make more. If any of you need inspiration, I have a few possibilities. Missouri Star Quilts has a presentation on YouTube for 3-yard quilts. The designer is Donna Robertson of Fabric Cafe, who gave permission for the 3 styles that Missouri Star demonstrated. They are quick, but unusual enough to be interesting. Donna Robertson also presents on YouTube many other of her quilts that she either explains or you can see how to reproduce by watching the video. I have made up simple instructions for one of the quilts, a Jacob Ladder style, that takes just three 1-yard pieces of fabric, including borders. I can give you a kit or just the instructions -- let me know or check out the videos. Lots of fabric here if you need to fill in with something you already have. Also, batting and backings available.

We had a pretty good year of distribution, even with all the COVID restrictions, giving away 105 quilts plus 15 of the little baby mats for the special care nursery. I have 40 more quilts ready to go and a few that are out for labels. I have kits, I have fabric, I have batting and backings. Please take them away!

Membership

Lola Chaisson and Robin DeMott

We welcome new members Sherry Emery from Weston and Beth Garvin from Newton. We'll welcome them via Zoom soon!

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>

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 are still making sewing kits for Household Goods. If you received sewing supplies for Christmas, please give us your leftovers...you can always leave them at my house or Tina's. Last year thanks to the generosity of our guild, the Chelmsford guild, and a friend of Alice's, we were able to donate 320 sewing kits. In this time of COVID, clients simply check off on a form if they need a sewing kit and pick it up with their household items.

What does this do with you? We need all of the usual items, but especially containers (cookie tins, for example), scissors, safety pins, bobbins (if you can, wind them with a little bit of white or black thread), leftover spools, and tape measures. For now, we do NOT need pins or needles.

If you feel like you can, please feel free to let friends or neighbors know about these kits. If you think about yourself without anything, but finally having a home, being able to repair clothes (hems, buttons) is important particularly once people can get back to work. Feel free to pass around the notice below that I left around my neighborhood (edit as you see fit).



Help make sewing kits for clients of Household Goods to pick-up (or order, given COVID). These are basic supplies for those just moving into a home and needing to sew on a button or hem. On an on-going basis we need the following:

1. Thread (partial spools are perfect). White/black wound - partially filled - on bobbins or even a piece of cardboard. If you have no time for that, give me the spools and I'll do it. Everyone gets black, white and some other color.
2. Tape measure of some sort (not 12" rulers)
3. Scissors - new or used - all sizes
4. Sewing needles
5. Sewing pins
6. Containers for small items - small metal tins (think breath mints) or labelless pill bottles
7. Buttons: white ones, shirt buttons, dark - all sizes, and large sizes and then all colors
8. Safety pins - all sizes
9. Something to put items in... we've used cookie tins (Christmas or not), new or nearly new plastic containers, or whatever you think would work.

So, as you go through your Christmas gifts or clean your attics, please think of recycling these things for people who need them. They can be dropped off at my house (64 Bayberry Rd West Concord).

If you can circulate this through your churches or among your other groups or neighbors, it would be helpful.

Suzanne

