

CONCORD PIECEMAKERS QUILT GUILD

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Wednesday February 17, 2021 Guild Meeting to be held on Zoom
6:45 PM Socializing, 7:15 PM Meeting

February Show your Comfort Quilt

Please send a photo of your comfort quilt top to Carol MacFarlane at carolmacfarlane@gmail.com to show at the guild meeting. All tops will be admired, and you can ask for thoughts about borders, "quilt as desire" ideas, and more.

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

The cold has settled in, the snow continues to blanket our landscape, the days are getting longer, and vaccinations are beginning for the general population. Things are looking up. And, you know, I'm getting used to this Zoom thing. Are you? I'm wondering how much of our present "normal" is here to stay. I mean, I truly love our ZoomBees. Why stop once we are all vaccinated? And virtual quilt workshops are so convenient. No schlepping of stuff, no worries about leaving something crucial at home (like the cord to your machine--been there, done that), your entire stash at your disposal. And about all those meetings. It sure is nice not to have to drive. That being said, I'm looking forward to getting together again at Harvey Wheeler Community Center, but maybe we'll meet via Zoom in the snowy, cold, dark months of winter. Why not? It's working rather well, don't you think? So, there is some good that's come out of this year of isolation. Let's look on the bright side.

I'm the type of quilter who generally works on one project at a time. That's why I don't have any UFO's. I just finish whatever I started. Well, that all changed when I signed on to three ZoomBees! I have my nine-patch quilt going (the Monday afternoon ZoomBee), my strip-piecing project (the Tuesday afternoon ZoomBee), my mystery quilt (that's Friday mornings), and now I have an unfinished project from the Saturday workshop that Wayside Quilters offered (thanks, Tica, for offering that to us as well)! So, I now have four unfinished projects going at once (depending on the day of the week), and it's a lot to juggle. My design wall, which admittedly is my floor, is covered with the pieces of two quilts at the moment. Thank goodness I have no pets (though my 2-year-old grandson likes to jump on them). Ah, so much quilting to do, so little time!

But I'm setting aside another entire day to work on my quilts. That would be Saturday, February 20th—our Virtual Quiltathon! We're organizing a number of demos to help you complete your comfort quilts, since we can't be working on them together this year. (See below for details.) Another whole day for quilting—Yay! Bring it on!



******* Membership Dues—A Heads Up (from the CPM Board) *******

Due to the loss of income from a Yard Sale (FYN Sale) this year, and the question of whether or not we can put together a fundraiser for next fall, and the steady increase in speaker fees, we are most likely going to have to increase our membership dues for the 2022-23 fiscal year. Just a heads up. (That sounds so very far away. Is that really a year from this coming fall?)

Quiltathon

Saturday, Feb 20, 2021 09:00 AM - 4 PM

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

Sadly, we will not be able to have a Quiltathon this year in person, but we are meeting on Zoom for a Virtual Quiltathon, Saturday, February 20th. We can sew with friends, get a refresher on easy ways to finish quilts, and get advice on quilting.

Call Eileen Ryan if you need batting.

Call Sally Duscha for narrow batting.

If you send Lola Chaisson a stamped, self-addressed envelope, CPM labels can be sent to you. Please let her know **how many** you need for your comfort quilts.

Check the CPM website for quilt sizes as well as some simple patterns. Happy Sewing!



Comfort Quilts

Eileen Ryan

Looking forward to our virtual Quiltathon on the 20th with you all. I can't wait to see your tops and quilts. I have two new 3-yard quilt directions that I've taken from YouTube and Missouri Star quilts for you, hoping to keep you very busy this spring.



Membership

Lola Chaisson and Robin DeMott

We welcome new member Peter Muise from Waltham. He is Ann Bonsett's husband and he got a sewing machine during the pandemic.

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

