

CONCORD PIECEMAKERS QUILT GUILD
MARCH 2021 NEWSLETTER
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Wednesday March 17, 2021 Guild Meeting to be held on Zoom
6:45 PM Socializing, 7:15 PM Meeting



Our March speaker is Kathy Doughty from Australia. She will be talking to us about Organic Appliqué. These appliques are done on top of pieced work to add a wonderful dimension to the quilt. Kathy says these ideas are appropriate for beginners and advanced quilters. She mixes contemporary fabrics and traditional designs to make spectacular quilts.

Check out her quilts, patterns and workshops at the Material Obsession website: [https://www.materialobsession.com.au/epages/mama12093.sf/en_AU/?ObjectPath=/Shops/mama12093/Categories/Classes/"Virtual Workshops"](https://www.materialobsession.com.au/epages/mama12093.sf/en_AU/?ObjectPath=/Shops/mama12093/Categories/Classes/). You can sign up directly through the website for an existing zoom workshop.

Join our Guild Zoom Meeting

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

Spring is in the air. I just know it is. March certainly came in like a lion, roaring its loud and ferocious roar, but the gentle airs of spring showed themselves this week, and I welcomed them with open arms (and an open winter coat).

Looking back at the month of February, I am still aglow with the success of our Virtual Quiltathon. Many thanks to all those who did demos for us—Kitty, Eileen, and Marian on various layering methods, as well as Joy, Eileen, Barbara W., and Elana on various binding techniques. Many of you have commented on how much you enjoyed those demos. I'm still in awe at how connected one can feel to others in a virtual gathering like our Quiltathon or the ZoomBees. Who knew?

This month the Nominating Committee is busy at work considering next year's Board and Committee Chair positions. I invite each of you to give serious thought to how you might be able to contribute something of yourself to the guild, and what position you might like to fill. Please be open to saying "yes" if you are contacted by Joy Sussman, Marian Bressel, or Barbara Kozenko. Or, if you have in mind a way in which you would like to contribute, especially if you are a relatively new member, don't wait for a phone call. Please call us! Being involved is fun and it's a great way to get to know other guild members better. The Board is a great group of women who work well as a team. Consider joining us. Or consider chairing or co-chairing a committee. There are lots of opportunities to get involved.

-Carol



Mystery ZoomBee (Friday mornings)—We are currently finishing up our Bonnie Hunter Mystery Quilt projects. One suggestion is that next we'll spend this time working on our UFO's. Stay tuned. Please note that this is a **NEW ZOOM LINK**.

Time: Fridays, 10:00 AM - 12 noon

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

Programs

Elana Schreiber, Sally Duscha

Save the date: May 22 and 23 All Star Virtual Sampler from 3-6 p.m. These two Global Connection's zoom meetings are free to all our members. Have you tried a zoom workshop? Join in for as long or short as you wish.

An All-Star cast of 18 quilt teachers will demonstrate some of their favorite quilting techniques over two different days. They will be showcasing a wide variety of styles and techniques, from traditional to modern and art quilting techniques. Something to please everyone! You will be able to download a PDF that includes written instructions to go along with each teacher's demonstration, as well as a page with tips for making the most of live Zoom workshops. A schedule will also be provided ahead of time so you won't miss your favorite quilter.

It is free to you because our guild is joining this event for a very small fee--\$50! What an opportunity!



Connecting professional teachers with quilters
and guilds in a virtual world.



[The New Global Quilt Connection Website!](#)

We are thrilled to announce that [our new website](#) is now live! We worked really hard to make it easy for you to navigate and find the resources and virtual teachers you're looking for.

New Features Include:

- A new library of [downloadable, printable, documents](#) that are pre-sorted by subject or delivery method. All the documents include teacher emails and live links to their websites.
- A [sortable master list](#) that includes teacher locations, time zones, techniques, contact information, website links and more

- The new [online teacher directory](#) has links directly to the teachers websites and the webinars that they presented at.



An exciting event for your guild!



All Star Virtual Sampler Platter Event!

Saturday May 22, 2021 3-6pm (eastern)

Sunday May 23, 2021 3-6pm (eastern)

Do you still have some Zoom-phobic members? We are here to help you alleviate the fears and worries of your reluctant Zoomers with a jam-packed exciting virtual event that is sure to be a rollicking good time for everyone! We will give your members the chance to experience some of the best teachers the virtual world has to offer.

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[Click here for more information about this event](#)



The links above are not active. More to come about accessing.



Comfort Quilts

Eileen Ryan

What a great turn out we had at our virtual Quiltathon. I'm already receiving quilts! Right now, we have about 40 (not counting the little baby mats) and our stock is quickly mounting. I should be able to make a delivery to Emerson this month.

Of course, I still have fabric, batting, backing and kits waiting for you. If you'd like your own personal copy of one of the three-yard quilts, or rail fence variations, just let me know and I'll deliver. We also have quite a delectable group of fabrics in the scrap bin for touch free perusal in the trunk of my car.



Membership Previews!

Lola Chaisson and Robin DeMott

Our Annual Membership Drive kicks off in April. At that time, we'll email you the membership renewal form for 2021-2022. Dues are \$30 and pay for our wonderful programs and operating expenses, such as our Zoom account and batting for comfort quilts.

The Board is recommending a dues increase of \$5 for the 2022-2023 membership year. This will be discussed and voted on at the May meeting.

2021 CPM FYN Sale (Fabric, Yarn & Notion), Nov. 6

Kitty Shaw and Joan Kerpelman

It's happening, if all goes well!!! Joan Kerpelman and Kitty Shaw are planning to hold a FYN Sale (formerly known as the Yard Sale) on Saturday, November 6th. *Save the Date!*

We are sure that you have had ample time to sort through your stash over the past 12 months and have set aside any items you want to donate to our FYN sale. We thank you for that. At a later time, we will send along instructions for measuring and marking your fabric before donation. This will help us sort the fabric quickly without having to spend time measuring.

We hope to start accepting donations in mid-June, weekly, from Thursday to Noon on Friday only. This may change depending on the Church's status at that time.

We would like to limit donated magazines to no older than from 2015, and Fleece to a minimum of 1/4 yd,

Because of limited space for storing our donation, we can't accept the following:

- * No upholstery fabric
- * No patterns, other than quilting patterns
- * No wool fabric
- * No Polyester fabric

Please be considerate and donate items in good condition, not damaged, soiled or containing mildew.

We hope to hold sorting of donated items every other Tuesday beginning late July until the sale.

Please notice that this is our **first fund raiser** since the pandemic, and we need to raise a lot of income to make up for our cash outflow this past year. So, we need your donations and your help.

Please remember that this is all tentative pending any issues with Covid-19 virus. Thanks in advance for your help.

Joan & Kitty



Rosie's Place

Kathleen McIsaac and Lola Chaisson

Kathleen and Lola hope that in the fall we will be able to resume regular Rosie's Place drop offs. As a suggestion for a giving option this month, consider tossing a box of period supplies in with your grocery shopping and when you drive near St Matthew's (where we have our quilt shows and yardage sales), dropping it in their collection bin:

Saint Matthew's in Acton has launched March Matters.

For the month of March, we are collecting women's sanitary items to donate. There will be a bin identified with a Dignity Matters sign right just inside our front and back double doors. The priority currently is for sanitary pads/tampons (any kind) and incontinence items such as Poise or Depends (or store brands). New underwear (with store tags) and new or slightly used bras in all sizes & styles & brands are also needed.

Household Goods Sewing Kits

Suzanne Knight and Tina van Roggen

There is an ongoing project for creating sewing kits for Household Goods in Acton. We are especially looking for scissors and tape measures right now. But the following is the full list:

Sturdy containers (metal, plastic) with lids to hold the supplies, tape measures, scissors (particularly 6" or less, though all sizes are fine. No pinking shears please), thread (any color, partial spools are fine), pins, safety pins, needles, or buttons that you are going to throw away. Also useful are very tiny boxes for pins, and bobbins or small embroidery floss cardboard organizers to wind thread on.

Please - no general crafting supplies, however.

Contact Tina or Suzanne if you have any donations.

Thank you!

