

CONCORD PIECEMAKERS QUILT GUILD
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TUESDAY September 21, 2021 IN PERSON Meeting
6:45 PM Socializing, 7:15 PM Meeting

Programs

Carol MacFarlane, Gayle Coit

September 21, 2021 in person: Welcome Back Quilters

Quilts with a Story—As we gather in person for the first time since COVID, bring with you a quilt that has a story to tell. How much can you tell us about this quilt in one minute? Perhaps it was especially challenging, or created during COVID, or intended for someone special, or for a special place, or it's just your favorite. Bring it with you and briefly tell us about it.

In addition, all quilts are welcome for show and tell!



The President's Message

Marian Bressel

Welcome back, quilters! In the 70's, there was a TV series named Welcome Back, Kotter in which a teacher returns to the school he attended as a boy. So, when it turned out that we could resume our in-person meetings it seemed appropriate to say Welcome Back, Quilters.

Welcome back to a wonderful group of talented quilters; welcome back to the camaraderie that we experience as people with a shared interest; welcome back to the opportunities we have for sharing our enthusiasms and knowledge.

I spent several months of the isolation just wandering around my studio wondering what to do. Finally, I got involved in our Zoom Bees, and had a great time with new projects. It may seem strange, since we had Zoom meetings almost every day, that other guilds did nothing at all to keep active. I think that our guild has a unique combination of talent, perseverance, and synergy. And even though a lot of quilting is a solitary activity, we are all better together than alone.

We have an interesting year planned; hopefully we can continue to meet in person, albeit masked for safety. The board has decided that our winter guild meetings will be via Zoom. After all, we do live in New England with the attendant winter events. We will continue to monitor the availability of our Getaway venue and will keep everyone informed. Even though we had a virtual Getaway last year, it really is better up close and personal.

I hope everyone remains well and the isolation is behind us. Welcome back!!

-Marian

2021 CPM FYN Sale (Fabric, Yarn & Notion)

DATE: NOVEMBER 6, 2021

PLACE: ST MATTHEWS, 435 CENTRAL ST, ACTON, MA
Co-Chairs: Kitty Shaw, Joan Kerpelman and Eileen Ryan

Remember this is a big money raising event for our guild and we need your donations. We hope you had a great summer staying cool and/or enjoying time together with family and friends (Finally).

First, thank you for all your donations to the FYN sale to date!! You still have time to go through your stash through mid-October and drop off anything you want to donate at St. Matthew's. Although we have collected a good amount of donations, we still need more in order to make this a success.

We are collecting quilting fabrics, wools, and fleece, no upholstery fabric. Please measure the fabric in $\frac{1}{4}$ yards (that is, $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{3}{4}$, 1, 1 $\frac{1}{4}$, etc.) and rounding down if a fabric is close. This year, we are including fat $\frac{1}{8}$'s as well as fat $\frac{1}{4}$'s. Write the measurement on blue tape if you have it, if you don't, no worries. We also are taking any knitting related items, craft kits, notions (such as scissors, needles), cutting mats, rulers, magazines from 2010 and newer, books etc.

Joan, Eileen and Kitty will be available to pick up any donations at the September guild meeting.

Also, you can drop off any donations at St Matthew's every Thursday (any time) through Noon Friday until mid-October. Just leave items inside the back entrance foyer, on the side of the office.

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There is still room!

Thursday, Oct. 21, 9AM to 4 PM—Workshop, Piece Curves with Confidence!

by Sheri Cifaldi-Morrill of Whole Circle Studio

To be held at the Congregational Church in Harvard center.

Does the thought of sewing curves give you anxiety? Don't fear the curve!

Students will learn tips and tricks to create a fantastic curve while making blocks needed for Picnic Petals designed by Sheri. Class includes step-by-step instructions and quilting tips. Sheri will also share her favorite tools and tips for staying organized. This is a good class for quilters who have never sewn curves or those who want to gain more experience. By the end of the workshop, most students will have completed one Center Block and one Border Block.

Each registered student needs to purchase the Picnic Petals quilt pattern (\$12) online (shop.wholecirclestudio.com) prior to class in order to complete prep work, including fabric selection.

OPTIONAL Picnic Petals Acrylic Template set (makes cutting quicker and more efficient plus you don't need to make your own templates) is available.

Send a \$70 check, made out to CPM, to Carol MacFarlane, by October 1. Please check your membership booklet for her address.



Guild Challenge

Elana Schreiber, Sally Duscha



We are making medallion quilts with prompts for the next border. You decide the colors, width, and size of the borders. Mystery prompts will guide your quilting adventure. Inspiration for these types of quilts can be found in traditional to modern quilters' work. Join us on the second Wednesday of the months probably on Zoom, but it would be really nice to see you, in person.

The first step is to find or make a no larger than 12-inch center. Do you have a UFO, appliqué block, Mariner's compass, panel, a group of small blocks that you intended for a "life time quilt" or perfect fabric that can't be cut? Voila you have your center.

Next decide whether you want to work alone--Lone Robin or in a small group-Round Robin. If you are a Lone Robin you work on your own quilt only with total control. If you are working in a group you are adding to someone else's quilt and then passing it on. There are surprises and

new fabrics to work with along the way. To join as a Lone Robin or join a Round Robin group please, contact Elana Schreiber <lahsch@verizon.net> by our September meeting.

October will be our first meeting Wednesday October 15th, Where, Zoom. So, start gathering your fabrics, (P.S. You can shop the FYN Sale (Yarn and Notions sale on November 6th to fill in any gaps after the meeting.)

A prompt will be given each month we are meeting and you will use this idea to add a border to at least two sides of the quilt. For example, the prompt may be to include a particular shape, use a technique, or turn it on point.

If you are part of the Lone Robin you work on your own quilt with the ZoomBee or in person meeting, if possible, to support you.

If you are a member of a Round Robin group, you will pass the quilt and its fabric box to the same person, A, and receive from a different person, B, each month. As the quilts get passed around, you will add a border to each person in your group's quilt by the end of the challenge. You will only be making the center of your own quilt.

Prompts will be ready for November, January, February, April, and June. In June we will unveil our quilts. Is there a new quilt in your future? Join your quilting friends as we navigate the next part of the pandemic sewing together.



Nickel Squares

Sally Duscha and Barbara Weiss

If you are doing any spring cleaning, please consider cutting some 5-inch nickel squares or 10-inch layer cake squares from your unwanted scraps. Fabric must be current, clean, unscented, and any style. We are preparing bundles for the yard sale in the fall. Please deliver to Barbara Weiss or Sally Duscha. If that is difficult, contact Sally (see email address in Membership book).

Thank you.



Comfort Quilts

Eileen Ryan

Despite being so distant from each other, our sewing machines have been very busy. You have made 149 quilts so far this year and many have been delivered. The Veterans at Edith Nourse Rogers hospital have started accepting our quilts and Emerson has been taking them all year. In addition, we've distributed 16 of the black and white baby mats.

We always have a need for kids quilts and our distribution of gender-neutral styles is working out well. Keep up the good work! I will read you some thank you notes at the meeting and have kits and patterns for those who'd like them. Here are the sizes we like: 40x50 kids, wheel chair and throw for veterans; minimum 50x60 for Quilts of Valor; up to 50x60 for Emerson Naka.



Membership

Lola Chaisson and Robin DeMott

Welcome to our new quilting year! We have 92 members.

We welcome new member Karen Simmons from Bolton.

The final electronic version of the membership book will be emailed to members on September 20th. Booklets will be available at the September 21st meeting for those who want one.

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.

