

CONCORD PIECEMAKERS QUILT GUILD

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GRAPEVINE

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Wednesday October 20, 2021 IN PERSON Meeting

6:45 PM Socializing, 7:15 PM Meeting

PLEASE REMEMBER TO WEAR A MASK

Program: Speaker – Sheri Cifaldi-Morrill of Whole Circle Studio

Content, Concepts & Quilts: Approaching Quilting as a Graphic Designer

Our own life experiences can play a big role in our work as quilters. In this presentation and trunk show Sheri will share how she applies her graphic design training and practices to design quilts while showing a selection of her award-winning quilts. Come hear, see and be inspired as Sheri describes her creative journey and process.

Sheri's quilts have gained international recognition, including awards from QuiltCon, International Quilt Festival, Quilt Week/Paducah and the Modern Quilt Guild. Additionally, her work has been featured at art centers and galleries around the country. Her work has been included in books and publications and magazines. She self-publishes and distributes her quilt patterns, which can be found at quilt shops worldwide and online.



***** PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE WILL BE NO SHOW AND TELL THIS MONTH SO WE CAN GIVE OUR SPEAKER THE TIME NEEDED FOR HER PRESENTATION. *****

The President's Message

Marian Bressel

It was great to see all of you in person at the September meeting and I hope to see more faces in October.

This promises to be a year of inspiration for us. The Tuesday project ZoomBee is beginning work on Bargello techniques. The Lone/Round Robin group will be underway at the meeting. The library is open with a great diversity of information to get those creative impulses going. And our speaker will have a lovely trunk show of her work to inspire us.

Don't forget that we are having a workshop on October 21, given by our speaker, on curved piecing. Perhaps it's time to add that technique to your repertoire.

Store up some ideas from your fellow members; in a few months we will be virtual again as we hedge against the winter weather.

So come on down, the price is right.

-Marian



Programs - Workshop

Carol MacFarlane, Gayle Coit

There is still room!! \$70 - Contact Carol MacFarlane

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

With 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 sewed 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.

2021 CPM FYN Sale (Fabric, Yarn & Notion)

DATE: [NOVEMBER 6, 2021 9AM-2PM](#)

PLACE: [ST MATHEWS CHURCH, 435 CENTRAL ST, ACTON, MA](#)

Co-Chairs: Kitty Shaw, Joan Kerpelman Eileen Ryan

First, you guys have been very generous in your donations so far to our major fund raiser for this year, thank you. We are getting very close to our sale date, and you still have time to go through your stash through the end of October and drop off anything you want to donate at the St. Matthew's Church. 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 October guild meeting. And we will be setting up at the church a few days before the sale.

To make this sale a great success, we need your help on the day of the sale to be a tally person, a cashier, or a floor monitor or set up and clean up.

2-hour shifts will start at 8:00 to 2:00 PM. Set up starts from 8 AM, We'll probably need 2 cashiers and tally's from 9:30 on, monitors from 9 AM to about 12:30 PM. Please email either Joan or Kitty if you are available to help. Thank you in advance for your help.

We will pass around a sign-up sheet in the October's meeting and we hope you will sign up to help with this fun fund raiser.



***Please be sure to pick up some bookmarks to distribute. These advertise the upcoming FYN Sale, and are important for getting the word out. ***

Thanks, Donna M-O, Publicity

ZoomBees are starting up again!!



Bargello ZoomBee Tuesday afternoons, 1:30 - 3:30, beginning Oct. 12th

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

We are learning the technique of making Bargello quilt-as-you-go quilts. For starters, we will make a small quilt (about 16" x 22"), then a larger 34" square Bargello, and finally create a stunning quilt using a pattern from Eileen Wright's Twist and Turn Bargello.



Thursday morning Sit and Sew ZoomBee, 10:00-12 noon, beginning Oct. 14

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

Wednesday Evening Monthly Lone/Round Robin ZoomBee, 7 PM, next Nov. 10th

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

Barbara Kozenko is interested in a Monday Sit and Sew. If anyone else would be available and interested, please let Carol MacFarlane know, and she'll set it up. Thank you

Wearable Art – Art to Wear – Ann Bonsett

Are you interested in making clothing? How about designing your own wearable art?

Our guild has a lot of members who make garments or have an interest in making or updating garments.

Years ago, Concord Piecemakers had a wearable arts group. We met regularly.

We did all sorts of things and taught one another a variety of techniques.

We learned a variety of embellishment techniques. We challenged each other.

We usually displayed some of our creations in the quilt show.

One of my favorite sessions was “Flatter Your Figure” as taught by our own Marian B!

Sometimes we challenged ourselves to repurpose an item into something new. I remember taking my dad’s old denim work jacket and converting it into a garment with a peplum and incorporating funky sleeves, fabric paisleys & bead work. It was brought back to life in a new form and was worn for a number of years.

For those who were in the group, do you remember when Shirley acquired all of the bridesmaid dresses and thought we could make something fabulous?

Sometimes we had a garment that we wanted to recreate. With the assistance of our group knowledge, we were generally able to make it happen.

What I remember most is that we had great fun, a lot of laughter and support, and we created lasting friendships. There was no pressure.

The purpose of this article is to see if we have enough member interest in possibly re-starting a Concord Piecemakers Wearable Arts group.

If yes, please let me know.

Taken from Wikipedia

“**Wearable art**, also known as **Artwear** or “**art to wear**”, refers to individually designed pieces of (usually) handmade clothing or jewelry created as fine or expressive art. While the making of any article of clothing or other wearable object typically involves aesthetic considerations, the term *wearable art* implies that the work is intended to be accepted as a serious and unique artistic creation or statement. The modern idea of wearable art seems to have surfaced more than once in various forms.”

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 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.

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.

Membership

Lola Chaisson and Robin DeMott

PLEASE WEAR YOUR NAME TAGS! We have many newish members and it is very helpful to have name tags so we can connect names and faces. If you need a new name tag, please email membership@concordpiecemakers.org or talk to us at the meeting.

We welcome renewing members Sharon Perko, Mary Cornett, and Monica Natwig. We have 95 members now.



Comfort Quilts

Eileen Ryan

Are you starting to feel winter's approach? Time to settle in and quilt those short days away. Lots of kits and 3-yard bundles to entice you to make comfort quilts. There are patterns for nickel squares and 3-yard quilts on our web site. Let me know if I can bring you something to our meeting.

Eileen



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.



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.

