

CONCORD PIECEMAKERS QUILT GUILD
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Wednesday November 17, 2021 IN PERSON Meeting
6:45 PM Socializing, 7:15 PM Meeting

~ PLEASE REMEMBER TO WEAR A MASK ~

Program: Speaker – Michelle Banton— of Little Pup Designs

Looking Great, Dresden Plate

A look at the history of the nearly 100-year-old Dresden Plate quilt block. What inspired it? How is it being kept current? Something old is still new. We'll see traditional designs and more modern variations. <https://www.littlepupdesigns.com/>

The President's Message

Marian Bressel

I really love Thanksgiving. The day is almost a set piece. The family gathers. The main course for dinner is easy – no orders for medium rare, and the sides are pretty well set. (I left the marshmallows off the sweet potato pudding one year and had an insurrection of grandchildren). Yet each family has its own interpretation of the day and the choices are almost unlimited.

Quilting seems to be almost the same. The array of fabrics at our highly successful yard sale was amazing. There was a ton of books (or at least it felt that way moving them), and a multiplicity of patterns, notions and yarns. The round robins we are doing are each very different – given the same set of instructions we are coming up with a myriad of interpretations.

It was not always that way. I was introduced to quilting in the late 1970's by Rosemary Ponte who owned a fabric store on Rt. 20. "You will love quilting," she said from behind a large hoop. (I was buying Italian wools from her for "business lady" suits at the time.) I replied, "I think I will, if I don't have to do it by hand and the fabric is something other than little beige calico flowers".

I am thankful that both have come to pass. Our fabric choices are almost infinite and machine quilting is no longer regarded as an inferior method. Hand or machine, solids or prints; while the underlying pattern may be the same, each interpretation will be different.

Happy Thanksgiving, however you do it, and Happy Quilting!

-Marian

2021 CPM FYN Sale (Fabric, Yarn & Notion)

Co-Chairs: Kitty Shaw, Joan Kerpelman Eileen Ryan

We want to give a big thank you for all who helped with this year's FYN sale. We couldn't have done it without your help, your donations and your purchases. To those who helped measuring fabric, sorting books and notions preparing our space for our sale, and helping with the sale on Saturday, we send a big thank you from our hearts. We really appreciate your hard work as a team in making this fundraiser a success. To quote Henry Ford, "**Coming together is a beginning, staying together is progress, and working together is success**".



While we all know that a lot is involved in the preparation of our FYN sale, the result speaks volumes for our hard work. In addition, we had a lot of fun finally getting together and just chatting away and socializing again face to face.

We will report our final result at our November meeting, but just to let you know we did very well at our Saturday sale this year.

Also, bring cash and/or checks to the November meeting, we will have a few leftover fabric available for sale at ½ price.

Thank you all
Kitty, Joan and Eileen

ZoomBees



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 Jan 12th

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



Bonnie Hunter Mystery ZoomBee, Fridays, 10AM-12 noon

Elana Schreiber

Ready for another Mystery Quilt? Bonnie Hunter offers a freebie, Rhododendron Trail, with the first clue to be revealed on Friday, Nov. 26th. Let's work together on this project via Zoom. Beginning Friday, Dec. 3 join me each week for a two-hour ZoomBee to show and tell of your progress in the Bonnie Hunter's free Mystery Quilt. For more details check out Bonnie Hunter's blog at: <https://quiltville.blogspot.com/p/rhododendron-trail.html>

You will want to gather your fabrics before our first session.

Bonnie has picked the colors for this project, but if you want to be a maverick, you can choose your own colors. (However, I recommend using her colors if this is your first Bonnie Hunter Mystery.)

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

Wearable Art – Art to Wear

Ann Bonsett

We have had some interest in starting up a wearables group again. A clipboard will be passed at the meeting for interested parties and we'll plan to start up something in the new year. More to come in our next newsletter!

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 <lahsch@verizon.net>.

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.

Quilt Show Announcement - CPM Quilt Show will be November 4-5, 2022

Set up and quilt registration Nov 3, show on Nov 4-5. **Save November 4th and 5th a year from now in your calendars and get sewing.**

There are 5 of us who are overseeing the organization of the event: **Gayle Coit, Sally Duscha, Suzanne Knight, Joy Sussman, Barbara Weiss.**

if you chaired one of the functions in the past and would like that as your job in the show, please let one of us know before we start throwing out calls. We need all of our guild members to pitch in to help.

At the quilt show, we will have our usual attractions, but there will be some simplification including elimination of the guest coffee shop, vintage quilts, scavenger hunt and silent auction table. We'll keep the demo room and of course lunch room, but it will be pot-luck. Admission fee will rise a bit as will cookie sales and the Guild's share at the Boutique will go up a bit. Nothing drastic don't worry. More information and more details will be announced in the future.

Gayle, Sally, Suzanne, Joy, and Barbara

Comfort Quilts

Eileen Ryan

We are completely out of children's quilts. Emerson pediatrics took 20 this month! So, keep the kiddies in mind as you make your comfort quilts. At the meeting I will have Quick Trip kits and 3-yard quilt kits available. Step right up!

Eileen



Membership

Lola Chaisson and Robin DeMott

We welcome new member Elizabeth Howley from Acton, and renewing member SuzAnne Weisenbloom. We have 97 members now.



Nickel Squares

Sally Duscha and Barbara Weiss

As you go through your stash, 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 need your squares to make a variety of packs. Please deliver what you have to Barbara Weiss or Sally Duscha at our meeting. If that is difficult, contact Sally (see email address in Membership book). **We will have a marathon cutting event soon before a meeting.**



Rosie's Place

Katheen Mclsaac and Lola Chaisson

Our Campaign to provide Rosie's with greatly needed toiletry supplies continues. Because of staff reductions and security concerns, they are limited as to what they can accept. Again, here is the list. Many thanks for all the contributions last month.

Toiletry: Toothpaste, Toothbrush, Deodorant, Feminine care products, Lip balm, Shampoo, Conditioner, Soap, Lotion

All items in any of the care packages need to be new and unopened.
You do not need to include all of the items listed, but you should end up with a filled bag.
Please only include items on the above lists in the packages.

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.

***Partial spools of thread - all types, colors are VERY welcome. Some of the thread only needs enough length to sew on a few buttons or make a hem.

Please - no general crafting supplies, however.

Contact Tina or Suzanne if you have any donations.

