

CONCORD PIECEMAKERS QUILT GUILD
DECEMBER 2021 NEWSLETTER

GRAPEVINE

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Wednesday December 15, 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/>



*** For those of you who took placemat making materials home, please bring them to the meeting. They will be given to Minuteman Senior Services to distribute to seniors at a special dinner. Thank you, everyone, for putting together these placemats at our November meeting and at home.***

The President's Message

Marian Bressel

Welcome to our last in-person guild meeting for 3 months. As the days get shorter, the temperatures drop, and the threat of snow always looms, I think we will all be grateful for the ability to Zoom with each other. We hope that the use of Zoom will eliminate the shivers and driving hazards associated with the early months of the year in New England and allow us to enjoy some of the warmth of the guild.

A big shout-out to all who attended last month's meeting. We were notified at the last moment that our speaker might have COVID. Rather than put us all at possible risk, she opted for safety and notified us as soon as she knew. (Turns out she was negative, but didn't know that in time.) We had planned on making placemats for charity at the December meeting. Instead, we quickly switched programs and made placemats in November. It took a lot of hustle by our program chair-people to get everything successfully organized in 2 days! Our speaker will be with us this month.

As a sneaky aside, if you have thoughts of borrowing a library book, you could keep it until we meet again in person in April. We have a wonderful library.

A very happy and healthy holiday season to all. Love, peace and quilting in the New Year.

Getaway, Martin Luther King weekend January 14, 15,16,17 2022

We are planning on our fabulous annual getaway at the Colonial Hotel in Gardner, MA. The hotel will be under the Governor's COVID protocols; at present, we are a go. This year the Governor prohibited large gatherings. We hope that is not the case in 2022.

We had more than a third of the guild attending in 2020. It's a great way to meet your fellow guild members, enjoy some R&R (the hotel has a pool and very good food) and sew lots of quilts. Or garments. Or just hang out with like-minded people. There is always a scrap bag to use for our string quilts in case you have nothing of your own to do (yeah, right). The energy in the room is fantastic.

We have been going to the same hotel for over 20 years. They are always responsive to our needs, and love to have us come. They set up the room so that each person has ½ of an 8 ft table. Or bring your Sew-Ezi and set up a personal space. There are ironing stations and cutting areas provided.

We have a group of football fanatics who take a break to watch the playoffs. Lots of Wild Card games that weekend. Sorry, no divisional games.

If you just want to try it out, come for a Sit'n'Sew day. I think you will be hooked!

I will send out another email with the details in case they got lost in the Thanksgiving crush. Hope to see you all there.

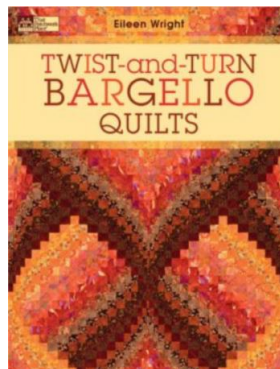
ZoomBees



Bargello ZoomBee Tuesday afternoons, 1:30 - 3:30

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

We have just begun our Bargello quilts from Eileen Wright's book, Twist-and-Turn Bargello. It's not too late to join us. Just find 20 fabrics in your stash (depending on the pattern), and/or head to your nearest quilting store to fill in the blanks, and begin your strip sets. It's fun! And the results will be utterly stunning!



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
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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.)

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

We have debuted new name tags! These colorful name tags are available on the membership table at meetings. Please pick yours up and wear it proudly!

We welcome new member Cathy Block from Acton, and renewing members Fiona Anderson-Bell, Lolita Elverillo and Margaret Hallisey.

WE HAVE 101 MEMBERS NOW!!

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 calling the membership. 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 of Boutique sales. Don't worry, nothing drastic! More information and more details will be announced in the future.

Gayle, Sally, Suzanne, Joy, and Barbara

Comfort Quilts

Eileen Ryan

I know you're all thinking about the Quiltathon -- Not! But if you do, and need a quick and easy pattern, please let me know. Also, don't forget if you need a quilt for someone in need of comfort, that you can take one for that as well. Let me know if I can bring anything to the meeting for you -- batting, backing, kits.

Eileen



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).

Rosie's Place

Katheen Mclsaac and Lola Chaisson

Rosie's Place has just opened up for some Holiday Donations. However Open Table has a 12 Days of Giving Program and we have decided to continue with donations to them for this Season. We would like to encourage members to consider gathering either a Family Bag or a Seniors Bag for our local food pantry's holiday drive. Bring your bag, marked either "Family" or "Senior", to our next meeting. They will all be transported to OPEN TABLE. Please note that there are some sewing opportunities.... napkins and bags, and knitting opportunities ..hats, scarfs, mittens.

The list of suggested items for your bags follows.



OPEN TABLE
Family-to-Family
12 Days of Giving

Partner with Open Table to sponsor a **family** or a **senior** by building a gift kit during our 12 Days of Giving! Use the list of requested items below as a guide and Open Table will complete the kit with more gifts and distribute them to our food pantry recipients!

OPTION A. Choose one item each day for a family of four:

- Day 1: Movie night snack (microwave popcorn, pretzels, chips)
- Day 2: Special breakfast (pancake mix, syrup, scone mix)
- Day 3: Fun family activity (puzzle, board game, cards)
- Day 4: Gas card or CVS/Walgreens gift card
- Day 5: Favorite baking mix (brownies, cookies, cake) and cooking oil as needed
- Day 6: Nice moisturizer or hand cream for cold weather
- Day 7: Hot chocolate mix
- Day 8: Festive holiday napkins
- Day 9: Favorite store-bought holiday treats (chocolates, ribbon candy, candy canes)
- Day 10: Warm socks, mittens, scarves, or hats for the family
- Day 11: Your favorite spread for toast (jellies, jams, Nutella)
- Day 12: Dried fruit and/or nuts

Please note: for all kits, we are unable to accept homebaked goodies!

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OPTION B: choose one item each day for a senior:

- Day 1: Movie night snack (microwave popcorn, pretzels, chips)
- Day 2: Quick bread or muffin mix
- Day 3: Fun activity (word search, sudoku, crosswords)
- Day 4: CVS or Walgreens gift card
- Day 5: Favorite baking mix (brownies, cookies, cake) and cooking oil as needed
- Day 6: Nice moisturizer or hand cream for cold weather
- Day 7: Tea or coffee
- Day 8: Festive holiday napkins
- Day 9: Favorite store-bought holiday treats (chocolates, ribbon candy, candy canes)
- Day 10: Warm socks, mittens, scarf, or hat
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Received this from Open Table...

Dear Lola,

Your support of the Open Table Family-to-Family Gift Bag Drive made the 2020 holidays brighter for local families during a difficult time for our community. We are deeply grateful for the effort your family put forth to make each gift kit bountiful and special.

We are delighted to invite you to join Open Table this year in creating a gift kit for either a **family** or a **senior**. Once again, there will be a list of suggested items and reminders sent out for each of the first 12 days of December.

Gift bags will be collected in Maynard and Concord during the weekend of December 17 and 18 and given to our clients with their final food distribution of 2021. **Please pack your 12 days of giving in either a sturdy paper grocery bag or a reusable grocery bag.**

Thank you for considering this opportunity to make the holidays more meaningful not only for the families who rely on Open Table, but for your family, too.

You may sign up to make a kit at opentable.org/family-to-family.

With gratitude,
Carolyn Coffin & Open Table

