

CONCORD PIECEMAKERS QUILT GUILD  
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Wednesday January 19, 2022 **ZOOM** Meeting  
6:45 PM Socializing, 7:15 PM Meeting

Program: Speaker – Ellen Lindner—Adventures in Color



Color is the first thing we notice about a quilt. It either attracts us or repels us. Learn how to avoid color surprises in your quilts, and how to get color to work for you. Basic color theory is explained in simple terms, and demonstrated with fabulous quilts. A variety of different color combinations are discussed, from subdued to dramatic. <http://adventurequilter.com/>

**Join our Guild Zoom Meeting**

If you'd like to visit our virtual guild meeting, please contact [president@concordpiecemakers.org](mailto:president@concordpiecemakers.org) for the Zoom link)

## The President's Message

Marian Bressel

I am busy getting ready for the Getaway; we have been doing this for over 20 years. I am always up beat when I am with the Guild. There is always a lot of energy in the room, a great variety of projects to look at, and new designs and techniques to learn. The quilting community, and especially Concord Piecemakers, has space for everyone – handworkers, machine queens, piecers, appliquers, modern and traditional designers. It is always exciting when someone looks at my project with new eyes and says, “have you thought about doing it this way?” Because, obviously, I hadn't. I always bring too many projects but use this opportunity to be working through my UFOs. I am sorry that this nasty COVID has reduced our numbers to half of what we usually have. On the plus side, it means everyone will have a personal 8 ft. table. On the minus side, there will be fewer interactions and new people. My fervent wish is that next year we will all be together again in person.

Our next meeting will be via Zoom. Please send me any photos you have for show and tell as an email attachment and I, with Carol Macfarlane's help, will try to put together a presentation. We will be happy for that technology when the nights are cold and the snow is flying.

Once we are back to our in-person meetings we will have a great workshop on Thread Painting in April. It is a good opportunity to learn a new skill. I have already signed up. Gray hair does not prevent the infusion of new ideas into the brain!

Everyone stay healthy, see you all via Zoom.

Marian



## Rosie's Place

Katheen McIsaac and Lola Chaisson

We are still limited to what they are accepting at Rosie's Place but they are always happy to take unused toiletries, so let's start collecting them again! We'll be collecting them this weekend at the Getaway. Or contact Kathy or Lola to make arrangements.



## The Quiltathon is coming! The Quiltathon is coming!

Marla Richmond

On Saturday, February 26 everyone who is anyone will be at St. Matthew's Church in Acton from 9 to 3 (or anytime there in). This is the day that we come together as a group and make comfort quilts for our community. The Guild supplies lunch. It is a fun day spent doing something really good. Come show your face! The last event before shut down was our last Quiltathon. Let's make this a grand re-opening!

What you need:

- A quilt top with a matching back. Please pin the size of the quilt top to it. Tying it with a string of fabric works well.
- Scissors with your name on them (unless you want to donate them to the guild).
- Munchies to share. Hint, hint, I didn't see any Hershey kisses at the last Quiltathon!
- A thimble if you use one.
- If you plan to bring your machine, please inform Marla a.s.a.p. so we know where to put you. (Contact information found in our guild directory).
- A smile and a sense of adventure.

## 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.

April 2022 Workshop  
Carol MacFarlane

*Concord Piecemakers Workshop, Saturday, April 23, 9:00 - 4:00, Congregational Church,  
Harvard, MA*

*Thread Painting 101: Autumn Leaf with Betsy Habich*



Autumn Leaf

Thread-painting gives you the freedom to make a very realistic image entirely with thread! We'll start with warm-up exercises to learn how to balance your sewing machine's tension, do straight-stitch and zig-zag free-motion thread-painting, and mix colors and shade them. With these skills in hand, we'll thread-paint an autumn leaf (provided by the instructor). You'll be amazed what you can do! Required kit (\$30 fee, paid directly to instructor).

**Early Bird Discount: \$50 if paid by January 31.**

\$60 if paid after January 31.

Make checks out to Concord Piecemakers  
and mail to Carol MacFarlane. Please find her address in our Guild directory.

ZoomBees



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

If you have questions about this ZoomBee, please contact [president@concordpiecemakers.org](mailto: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**

If you have questions about this ZoomBee, please contact [president@concordpiecemakers.org](mailto: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](mailto: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>

## 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. Please find her email in our Guild directory.

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

Our committee of five has been busy recruiting members to chair show functions. Everyone has been generous volunteering. We have the following openings:

White Gloves

Show clean up-putting the church back together

Quilt take down – folding and organizing to distribute

Quilt pick up

Cookie Sale

Books, Magazines, fabric

Books and magazines were sold out at the yard sale. Therefore, please go through your books and magazines to donate to the quilt show. We will also accept cotton quilt fabric: clean and unscented, ironed, and folded.

Labeled for yardage with blue painter's tape. No other type of fabric will be accepted.

Leadership of a function involves setting up a committee and/or co-chair to help you. Ask a friend or a new member to join you.

Here are some dates to help you organize for the show:

September 15, 2022 is the deadline for registering quilts.

November 3, 2022, Thursday, is set up for the show.

November 4, 5 2022 Quilt show

In an effort to save space and money on racks, we will only accept quilts measuring up to 95" or just under 8 feet wide and 95" long. Longer quilts will drape on a sheet.

We are hoping to have a fabric truck as a vendor. It looks more like a large bus and is very well-stocked.

Another change is our member hospitality kitchen. This will be completely pot luck except for beverages.

In March we will be getting our forms for registration, boutique, and other information. Please volunteer for a chair position and expect lots of help from our committee and members.

Gayle, Sally, Suzanne, Joy, and Barbara

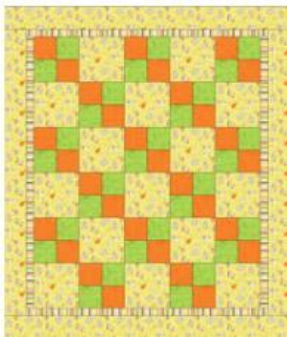


## Comfort Quilts

Eileen Ryan

Are you ready for Quiltathon? I have kits and patterns if you're stumped for a comfort quilt. We always need lots of kids quilts, so put those brights to work! How about a panel just waiting for fun borders? I even have tops, batting and backing waiting for your quilting designs. Don't be shy!

Eileen



## 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 or bring them to the Getaway!!