

CONCORD PIECEMAKERS QUILT GUILD  
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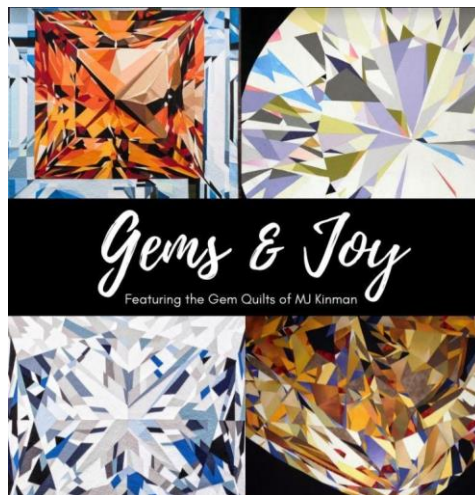
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Wednesday March 16, 2022 **ZOOM** Meeting  
6:45 PM Socializing, 7:15 PM Meeting

Program: Speaker MJ Kinman

Gems and Joy

The most beautiful gemstone captures light and reflects it back to us with unique brilliance, revealing its fiery personality. These are the divas and the drama queens of the gem world. Every one of them has a story to tell...just like people. This slide lecture and trunk show chronicles MJ's story—her 20-year adventure in learning how to create the biggest diamonds in the world in cloth.



Join our Guild Zoom Meeting

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

## The President's Message

Marian Bressel

This is the last time this year that we will be doing Zoom Guild meetings. (The Board will continue to meet via Zoom.) I think it has been an experiment with positive results. While it took a bit of getting used to, I think we all were glad to have the ability to interact electronically with no thought of darkness or the weather forecast. Attendance at the Zoom meetings has been outstanding. I hope the great attendance continues as we get back to meeting in person.

Sometimes it takes a while for new technology to be accepted. We all machine quilt some, if not all, of our quilts. The development of the sewing machine in the mid-1800s allowed quilts to be machine finished, and many quilts were. Yet, for years, it wasn't a "real quilt" unless it was hand-quilted. The first best of show at Paducah to be both machine-pieced and machine-quilted was Caryl Bryer Fallert's "Corona #2: Solar Eclipse", in 1989. It caused quite a stir, but certainly opened the door for machine quilting excellence. Now there are separate categories for hand- and machine-quilted pieces. There is room in the quilting world for everyone.

I don't know what the future will hold for our electronic meetings. I, for one, would like to see the same thing happen next year: in person in good weather, via Zoom in the dark winter months. We are supporting our various Zoom Bees and hope to continue that portion of our programming. I hope that Zoom might work out a way to have simultaneous discussions rather than one at a time, but that is way beyond my technical expertise.

We had a very successful, high energy Quiltathon and ended up with approximately 90 quilts either finished or in process. Thanks to all who organized it and those who came to work. And chat. And laugh. And eat. We are a great group!

Marian



## The Quiltathon!!

Marla Richmond



Thanks to all our members who donated quilt tops and backings. We had 37 members in attendance. We got lots of quilts prepped for tying, but also added a table to pin quilts to be machine quilted by members at home which was well received. We had many wonderful baked goodies at the event. Next year we will be planning on at least ½ the guild bringing salads!!

## Membership

Lola Chaisson and Robin DeMott

We welcome new members Alicia Tillman from Bedford, Erna Berg from Acton, and Anne Marie Lesniak-Betley from Maynard. We have 104 members now.

## April 2022 Workshop

Carol MacFarlane

### Workshop Updates

\*\*\*Betsy Habich's Thread Painting workshop has been canceled due to lack of signups. But we are replacing it with a new offering.

**FREE**, Saturday, April 23, 9 am to 12 noon, Harvey Wheeler Auditorium

**Free Motion Quilting for Beginners** with Carol MacFarlane

Are you tired of stitch-in-the-ditch quilting? Tired of straight-line quilting? Or quilting by check? Perhaps it's time to give free motion quilting a try. What's holding you back? Come and try some easy-to-learn patterns. It does take practice, but what better way to practice than on your most recent comfort quilt? This workshop is designed for beginners to free motion quilting. Perhaps that's you!

Although this guild-supported workshop is free to you, you will need to sign up by contacting Carol, so that she knows how many sets of handouts to print. Please contact Carol ASAP.

You will need your machine, a free motion foot (that fits your machine!), quilting gloves, 50 wt. thread, a 90/14 needle, and about 10-12 quilting sandwiches, which are 9" to 12" square (or rectangular). (Use leftover batting, if you have it, and solid fabric—muslin will do). Measurements do not have to be exact. You just want your sandwiches big enough for practicing. They can be rectangular, but at least 9" is best. It's best to put them together with spray adhesive and avoid pins.



## May 2022 Workshop

Carol MacFarlane

### Adventures in Double Reverse Appliqué with Ellen Lindner

Saturday, May 21, via Zoom, from 9:30 to 4:30 with an hour lunch break

Early Bird Discount: \$65 if paid by March 15, \$75 if paid after March 15

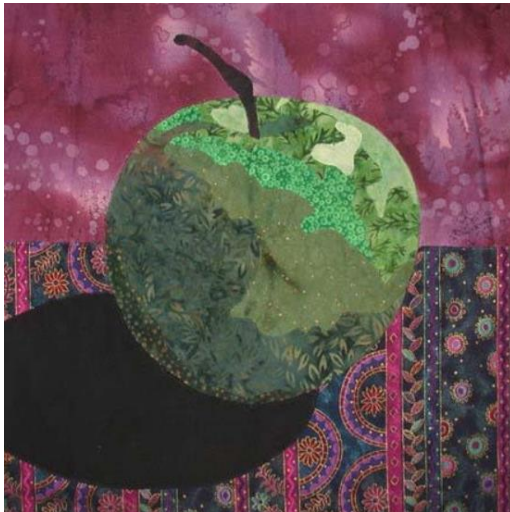
Please make checks out to Concord Piecemakers and mail to Carol MacFarlane.

Please find her home address in the membership book.

Questions? Contact Carol MacFarlane.

Check out the killer projects for this class! You'll finish the apple in class and start on the pear. This raw edged appliqué technique is extremely accurate. Ellen's tricks for staying organized will ensure that your class time is efficient, productive, and free of frustration. You'll also learn tips for making your own DRA patterns. *Note: This class is for intermediate quilters. Participants must be familiar with free motion sewing. There is no longer a Kit fee.*

**Maximum 20 students**





ZoomBees



**PLEASE NOTE: ALL ZOOMBEE LINKS HAVE BEEN CHANGED**

**Improv ZoomBee Tuesday afternoons, 1:30 - 3:30 PM**

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

**Lone/Round Robin ZoomBee 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday Evening Monthly, 7:00 – 9:00 PM**

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

**Sit and Sew ZoomBee Thursday morning, 10:00 AM - 12 Noon**

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

**Block of the Month ZoomBee Friday Morning, 10:30 AM - 12 Noon**

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

The Friday zoom bee group is changing to a pick your own block of the month and get together and sew on Fridays. Most people have finished the Bonnie Hunter winter mystery quilt. Come join in and let's quilt together.

## Art at Harvey Wheeler

Suzanne Knight

Our dates to show quilts at Harvey Wheeler are fast approaching.... installation on April 21 and take-down on June 2nd.

I will need some help in the hanging (which is done with 3M command strips. They tell me it has been done before and works without harming the quilt). Do you have a "small-ish" quilted item you would like displayed? Nothing as big as a twin size, but there is room for one larger lap quilt, and lots of spaces for smaller quilts.

Shoot me a picture (see email address in the membership book) and tell me a brief story about it so the text can go up with the quilt. I can collect the quilts anytime, but don't wait until the April meeting as it is the night before the installation happens and by then I'd like to have everything in hand.

## Guild Challenge

Elana Schreiber, Sally Duscha

Medallion Quilts are Growing!

We met on March 9<sup>th</sup> to share a medallion quilt, get inspiration for borders, or just to encourage the medallion quilt-makers-- as some are in the homestretch.

We started with a center block, and now the quilts are 38 inches or more (or less). A lot of beautiful piecing has happened in those 38 inches! The clues for the borders have been: square, triangle, cross and now circle. As you can imagine there is lots of scope for interpretation and artistry. Some of us have passed our quilts around for each border. Others have worked on their own quilt using the clues. For all of us, figuring out what comes next has taken some time as each quilter has put their own spin on it. It's been a lot of fun.

There's still time to start your own, as you can make it as simple or as complicated as you wish. As with all quilting, it isn't a race.

## CPM Quilt Show - November 4-5, 2022 - Update

The quilt show committee has identified chairs for almost all the quilt show committees. A heartfelt thank you to all who have stepped forward to chair a quilt show committee!

To our membership at large, we need everyone's participation for this event to be successful!

Here are some ways you can help support the quilt show:

1. Enter a quilt to show! This show is for everyone! All skill levels are welcomed. Size matters: Quilts may be up to 95 inches wide (just under 8 feet) and 95 inches long. Longer quilts will drape on a sheet. *The registration deadline is September 15<sup>th</sup>.*
2. To help with magazine/book sales, please consider donating slightly used books and magazines which are not more than four years old. We sold almost everything at the FYN sale!
3. Please save one pound coffee cans, large yogurt or ricotta containers to use for the cookie sales – a very popular part of our show.
4. Donate fabric! Cotton only please, clean and unscented, ironed and folded. Please label yardage with blue painter's tape. Nickel squares are also welcomed!
5. Make something to sell at the Boutique!
6. *Volunteer to help on a committee!* Sign-ups will begin in June.

Registration packets will be available at our April meeting and will be available soon on our website. The excitement builds!

Gayle Coit, Sally Duscha, Suzanne Knight, Joy Sussman and Barbara Weiss

## Nickel Squares

Sally Duscha and Barbara Weiss

Please keep cutting squares and bring them to the next in person meeting. We need many more and varied types of cotton fabrics/colors. Accepting layer cake size-10" squares, 2 1/2" width of fabric strips as well as nickel squares-5" squares.

## Rosie's Place

Katheen Mclsaac and Lola Chaisson

We would be happy to collect new toiletries for Rosie's Place at our April guild meeting.



## Comfort Quilts

Eileen Ryan

It was so nice to see such a large turnout for the Quiltathon! The large number of quilts had to be indicative of too much time alone in the sewing room and not enough time spent together (check out some of the upcoming classes if you want to see real people).

I am looking for some new quilt recipients. House of Hope has moved to all new, still in the wrapper products and Emerson's Naka group hasn't taken any in a while. Almost all housing charities only want things that are new. Household Goods loved your quilts and I made a drop off with the Veterans Administration in Bedford. Thoughts? Suggestions for new venues? Anyone seen any Habitat projects or Veteran's housing projects?

Meanwhile, we have fresh batting after using every scrap at Quiltathon. Let me know if you'd like some.

## Household Goods Sewing Kits

Suzanne Knight and Tina van Roggen

This is an ongoing project for making 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, and 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.

We are delivering up to 45 kits a month, so all donations are appreciated.