

CONCORD PIECEMAKERS QUILT GUILD
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Wednesday October 19, 2022 In-Person Meeting
6:45 PM Socializing, 7:15 PM Meeting

Program: – Secrets From the Judge’s Chambers — Kathie Beltz



Have you ever attended a quilt show and been mystified why one quilt won a ribbon, while an equally wonderful quilt did not? What are the qualifications for first, second, and third place? What are the special awards? What is the process of evaluating and judging quilts? These questions, and more, will be answered when I reveal the secrets from the judging room. (Actually, there are no secrets. You probably already know the answers!)



The President's Message

Marian Bressel

Carl Sandburg's fog came in on little cat feet. Our quilt show is also approaching, but not on soft little feet, but rather more like on a thundering herd! It does take our whole herd to put our show together.

Please take note of the vacancies as listed in recent emails. We especially need help to clean out the church on Wednesday night. It is mostly shoving stuff into closets so we can have our lovely open space for display.

Please also remember to put sleeves on your quilts so we can hang them up! I am frantically quilting and binding the quilts I entered. Nothing like waiting for the last minute.

On a different note, the science of the day has bypassed some of us, and the board is contemplating adding a technology team to our organization. If you have some expertise in the area of hybrid meetings, use of a laptop for presentations, and more of same, please reach out to one of the board members to volunteer. We are winging it now, and really need to get crisper about it.

Can't wait to see all the beautiful quilts.



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 Janet Altobello, Mary Cornett, Donna Peterson, and Polina Shapiro. We have 96 members now.

CPM Quilt Show - November 4-5, 2022

Basket of Quilts Show
November 4-5
Saint Matthews United Methodist Church
435 Central St., Acton

Thank you for signing up to help with The Show! The design team has been busy laying out the show with over a hundred quilts. We have been sorting the great books that you donated. We've been baking cookies and stashing them in the freezer. Bake at least 1 dozen cookies. Place each dozen in a zip-lock baggie and place in a yogurt container. (Freeze, if made ahead.) Before you bring these to the quilt show, wrap the yogurt container in a fat quarter, tie with a ribbon and label the type and contents of the cookies. There will be yogurt containers and lids available at the meeting. Just get that quilt done!

We are so excited to see your quilts in person! Please, spread the word that you are helping to put on a spectacular quilt show.

Drop off your quilt Thursday, November 3rd between 8-10 a.m.
Pick up your quilt on Saturday between 5-5:30 p.m.

We will have nickel squares, fabric, yarn, books, thread, and beautiful handmade boutique items for sale. Unfortunately, the scissor sharpening vendor will not be coming.

Best,
Quilt Show Committee
Barbara Weiss, Joy Sussman, Suzanne Knight, Gayle Boozer Coit, and Sally Duscha

Quilts of Valor

Joan Schwerin will be at the quilt show November 4 & 5 to answer any questions about the Quilts of Valor Program and take quilts you wish to donate. There are specific requirements for these quilts so please check out their website -- <https://www.qovf.org>. 320,927 quilts have been awarded to Servicemen or Veterans to thank them for their service as of September 3, 2022.

Publicity

Donna Morales-Oemig

It's time for placement of bookmarks and other advertising materials so the general public gets word of the show. We'll need people to step up to take items to shops, local libraries, and community bulletin boards. Please think about where you can deliver some of these things in your town and on your local travels and help us advertise our show. More details will be at the meeting.

November 2022 Workshop

Carol MacFarlane, Gayle Coit

**Sat., Nov. 19—Birthstone Series (by MJ Kinman) with Michelle Banton
9:00-3:30, Congregational Church, 5 Still River Road, Harvard
Early Bird Discount by Oct. 18—\$40; after Oct. 18, \$50
Deadline Nov. 5th—Will have to cancel if we don't have enough signups.**

Make out checks to Concord Piecemakers and mail to Carol MacFarlane. Please find her address in your membership booklet.



Row 1 - July (Ruby), September (Sapphire), October (Pink Tourmaline)
Row 2 - April (Diamond), February (Amethyst), May (Emerald)
Row 3 - December (Tanzanite), November (Citrine), June (Alexandrite)
Row 4 - August (Peridot), March (Aquamarine), January (Garnet)

Want to create larger than life-sized gemstones? Michelle is a Certified Gem Affiliate, trained by MJ Kinman, our presenter in March 2022. MJ has been creating giant diamonds and other gemstones for over 20 years. She recently designed a birthstone series with her unique technique that anyone can do! Yes, anyone! In the workshop, each participant works on the 18" x 18" gemstone of their choice. There are birthstones for each month, and required patterns are \$18 each. (Michelle does have curated fabric packs available for \$30, or students can use their own fabrics based on requirements listed on patterns.) There is about an hour's worth of homework before class (which isn't difficult, but helps make the class move along much more quickly).

Members can go to her website www.LittlePupDesigns.com/shop to order patterns and fabrics. Make sure to double check whether you want a KIT \$30 (Pattern AND Fabric) or Pattern ONLY \$18. You can securely check out online and she will mail the items to you. The sooner, the better. She has most everything in stock right now, but will need a bit of extra time if she needs to order certain items.

Quilts for Ukraine – Carol MacFarlane and Gayle Coit

WRAP UKRAINE WITH QUILTS: Our quilts are on their way to Ukraine! They will be received in about a month, just as the weather is turning cold. Five quilts were made with blocks we all donated, designed by the guild working together, then pieced and quilted by Martha Supnik, Carol MacFarlane, Leslie Lowe, Donna Morales-Oemig and Elana Schreiber. Moira Ten-Hov and Joan Kerpelman graciously donated two more quilts, bringing CPM's donation to seven quilts! Well done!



Comfort Quilts

Eileen Ryan

Big question for next week's meeting: do we want to take on Emerson's request for pediatric themed pillow cases? The guild used to make a lot for ConkerCancer. Can we do it again? I will bring copies of Marian's quick and easy pattern.

Current ZoomBees



Tuesday Project ZoomBee, 1:30 - 3:30 PM

On Tuesday, Sept. 27th, bring your project ideas for us to discuss. We'll decide together what our next project(s) will be.

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

Thursday Sit and Sew ZoomBee, 10 AM - 12 noon

Work on whatever project you wish, while checking in and chatting with your friends.

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

Friday Mystery ZoomBee, 10:30 - 12 noon

Join your friends with any project until the Mystery Quilt Project begins the end of November.

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

Rosie's Place

Katheen Mclsaac

Another call-out for assistance on the Rosie's Place Team. The reason I continue is to experience the happiness of the Rosie's Ladies when I drop off our donations. The joy of the staff when they hear about all the toiletries contained in the bags and boxes, and the opportunity to get some glances at the work being done at the shelter. There is never a glum face over there! Join me!

For this month we will continue collecting books for their library, and as always TOILETRIES. Start thinking about the holidays that are coming up fast. In November we will collect holiday bags and baskets. They are also requesting \$25.00 Gift Cards to CVS, Walgreen's, Target and Old Navy.

Household Goods Sewing Kits

Suzanne Knight and Tina van Roggen

Sewing kit supplies are always welcome. Things that we need....

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. Contact Tina or Suzanne if you have any donations. We are delivering up to 45 kits a month, so all donations are appreciated.

