

CONCORD PIECEMAKERS QUILT GUILD
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Wednesday November 16, 2022 In-Person Meeting
6:45 PM Socializing, 7:15 PM Meeting

Program: – EPP vs FPP: The Showdown — Tina Craig

English Paper Piecing or Foundation Paper Piecing? What's the difference? What are the pros and cons of each technique? Which technique is your favorite? We will try to answer these questions as Tina shares dozens of quilts and many tips and tricks. Quilts from each technique will be pitted against each other and you will vote for your favorites. At the end, we will tally up the votes and declare a winner!



***Looking ahead... It's been decided that we'll be having an in-person meeting in December. Our speaker is David Sirota. More to come in the next newsletter.

The President's Message

Marian Bressel

Wow! We did it. What a beautiful show we put together. Concord Piecemakers has been known for our show, and this one did not disappoint. More than one person asked about being "juried" into the show, and I was so proud to tell them that the only requirement for being in the show was to be a member of the guild. We are a group with many diverse and wonderful talents.

And if it "takes a village", our village came together for our show. So much work goes on behind the scenes. Thanks to everyone for such a successful production.

We decided to have an in-person meeting in December; I think the show reminded us of how much we enjoy each other's company.

And don't forget the Getaway, Martin Luther King weekend. See you all soon.

The Getaway

Our yearly event will take place as usual over the Martin Luther King weekend, January 13,14,15 and 16, and will be at the Colonial Hotel in Gardner, MA.

Info for those new to the guild and/or the weekend: Friday night we socialize, have dinner and do some handwork (or not). Breakfast on your own time. The studio opens at 8 on Saturday morning, and closes at 11.59 Saturday night. Lunch and dinner are provided. Breakfast Sunday on your own time, studio opens at 8, closes at 11.59 Sunday night. If you pay for Saturday night only, lunch Sunday is included, dinner Sunday is not. Monday the studio opens at 8 and closes before 5, breakfast and light lunch included.

All reservations go through Marian Bressel. Let me know if you have any other questions. Rates below. If you want a roommate, let me know and I will try to do some matchmaking.

Friday night: Double \$100 each, single \$200.

Saturday night Double \$250 each, single \$325.

Sunday night Double \$200 each, single \$300.

Please make out your check to Concord Piecemakers, indicate nights and roommate if you have one, and send to Marian Bressel, (see address in your membership book).

I know the rates are more than last year. The hotel has raised its food rates and the studio rate also went up.

If you do not wish to stay over, we offer a Sit'n'Sew. Come for the day, have lunch. No dinner or breakfast. \$45. This is not a drop-in; you have to reserve a place.

Thank You for a Wonderful Show

Thank you for your quilting creativity, organizing energy, physical prowess on ladders, strength moving furniture, culinary contributions, chatting, selling, and smiling. We did it. Thank you for ALL you did. Our guild pulled together and put on a lovely, diverse, and interesting show.

Please, bring your clean black Concord Piecemakers aprons to the meeting. Also, if you chaired a committee, please bring your folder with you so we can use it next time to guide us.

Take care and rest,
Quilt Show Committee

Suzanne Knight, Joy Sussman, Barbara Weiss, Gayle Boozer Court, and Sally Duscha

Here's a little note for Publicity:

A couple of months ago, I saw that Quiltfolk Magazine was inviting guilds to register on their website as they were creating a database for guild support, and marketing (of course!). As a result, CPM is listed in their directory, and as a thank you, they sent two copies of their recent magazine issue. I'll leave one with the library, and the other can be a door prize. In addition, members can use the code GUILD24 for 15% off their next order at Quiltfolk.com.

Thank you to everyone who invited friends and neighbors, distributed bookmarks and posters near and far, and otherwise helped to advertise our show. Hopefully, the attendance numbers will show the good result it seemed. I know at least ten people who came because of postings and reminders I sent. One drove from Dover, NH and another from Vernon, CT!

Donna M-O

Membership

Lola Chaisson and Robin DeMott

We welcome new members Colette Cooke from Carlisle, Christine Coughlin from Westford, and Marilyn Mahoney from Acton, and renewing members Janet Altobello, Maura Cain, Mary Cornett, Beth Garvin, Donna Peterson, and Polina Shapiro. We have 101 members now. We'll have an addendum to the membership book at the November meeting and I will email it out closer to 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

Cost: \$50 - Make out checks to Concord Piecemakers and mail to Carol MacFarlane (see address in your membership book).



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.

PILLOWCASES FOR EMERSON HOSPITAL

Please consider making at least one pillowcase to donate to Emerson Hospital. Making one pillowcase for a child in the hospital is easy to do and can make a big difference to the child who receives it. In the past, the Guild has made over 100 pillow cases for Ryan's Cases for Smiles. Now we have the opportunity to support our local hospital and children. If you've never made one, there are many YouTube videos or you can ask one of us or a friend who has made them. These cases are easy and fun to make, and take very little time. Let's do this!!

If it is not possible for you to participate, donations of fabric or cash are always welcome.

3/4 yd of nondirectional fabric or 1 1/4 yd of directional fabric for body
1/4 yd for cuff
2"-3" for decorative band.

We can also make them at the getaway. Perhaps a "Group sew" for a half hour when we all stop what we're doing to make 1 pillowcase. Right after lunch!

Questions? Please ask—

Nanette Moffa and Sue Colwell

Comfort Quilts

Eileen Ryan

Beth Nadel Dorfman encouraged Fabric Place to donate a really great beginning quilting package to the guild and Comfort Quilts. You will be seeing some of the tools offered as raffle prizes and some included in the sewing kits made for Household Goods. They also included the fabric and pattern for a great nine patch - pinwheel quilt made from bright fabrics which Ann Bonsett had volunteered to sew up. What a great gift to the Guild! I will write a thank you note, but please let them know how honored we were to receive this when you visit the store.

The Special Nursery at Emerson has made another request for sensory baby matts. I have kits, or just the textured fabrics if you'd like to use your own black and white fabrics. This is such an easy stitch up. Our pattern is to use 5-inch squares, sewn into a 5x6 matt of squares, consisting of about half and half textured black or white fabrics and quilting cotton black and white fabrics. We have been using bright fabric backs, usually of pre-washed flannel, sandwiched with regular batting. They can be simply quilted in the ditch or 1/4 inch on either side of the ditch and then the backing is folded to the front, instead of using separate binding, and machine stitched down. I use my walking foot throughout the process because so many of those fabrics are a little slippery. Label on the back and off they go for some preemie baby in the special nursery to crawl around on and go home with. Please consider making one or more.

Current ZoomBees



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

The Tuesday Afternoon ZoomBee's next project will be Wonky Fun Log Cabins. We will begin the Tuesday after Thanksgiving, Nov. 29th. Please consider joining us for this fun project.

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

Block of the Month ZoomBee, Friday, 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM

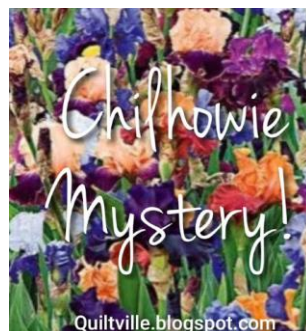
The Friday Zoom Bee is moving to Fridays at 1:00 p.m. beginning November 25th. It will be a combined Bonnie Hunter, Chilhowie Mystery, or UFO (unfinished object) - perhaps, an older Bonnie Hunter mystery or anything else-group.

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

Bonnie announced her colors, and clues are released each Friday after Thanksgiving until sometime in January, 2023, when the finished quilt is revealed. Be forewarned that Bonnie Hunter mysteries usual have teeny, tiny pieces, scrappy is encouraged, different colors can be chosen, and making half is challenging.

<https://quiltville.blogspot.com/p/chilhowie-mystery.html>

If you prefer to finish an old UFO rather than start a new one, that's admirable. Please, be willing to show your project, plan your next step, and then share your progress. If you get stuck, I'm sure suggestions will be offered. Who knows, maybe Bonnie Hunter's piecing will be your next step? Come sew on Friday afternoons through the holidays as a gift to yourself.



Library book loans for the Zoom months

Come over to the library table at the November meeting to borrow a book or two for the in-person meeting hiatus. We have a great selection of books for machine quilting, baby, scrap, strip and pre-cut ideas.

Need some quick projects for holiday gifting? We have those, too.

We also have a great collection of what can be described as “just-looking” books filled with luscious quilts we can dream about making but probably never will. Kaffe Fassett anyone? Leafing through those can get those creative juices flowing.

Looking for a particular book? The library is fully catalogued and we can tell you pretty quickly whether we have it. Finding it might take a moment or two but we'll have it for you by the end of the meeting if it isn't already on-loan.

And, perhaps the best thing about library books is that you get to give them back! All of our books have large colorful labels on the spine so there are few worries about losing them in your space.

Finally, even if you don't want a book, come over and say hello to your librarians!

Beth, Donna, and Moira



Rosie's Place

Katheen Mclsaac

I checked with staff at Rosie's about what to donate for the HOLIDAYS. The response was loud and clear for....

\$25 Gift cards to Target, Walmart, CVS, Walgreens and Old Navy to allow guests to shop for the items they need most.

You can bring cards to the November and December meetings and I will drive them over. Or, you can mail them directly to:

Liz Silva
Rosie's Place
P.O. Box 51399
Boston MA 02205-1399

Household Goods Sewing Kits

Suzanne Knight and Tina van Roggen

Our guild, with the help of others, continues to honor Alice Wiggins by making sewing kits for Household Goods in Acton. Help us out...visit yard sales, Goodwill, etc. Or buy things and donate.

Things that we need:

- * Sturdy metal, plastic or wood containers 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)
- * needles, pins and safety pins
- * buttons
- * Also useful are very tiny boxes for pins, and bobbins or small embroidery floss cardboard organizers to wind thread on.

Contact Tina or Suzanne if you have any donations. We are delivering up to 40 kits a month, so all donations are appreciated.

