

CONCORD PIECEMAKERS QUILT GUILD
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Editor: Barbara Kozenko

Wednesday December 14, 2022 In-Person Meeting
6:45 PM Socializing, 7:15 PM Meeting

Program: – Quilt While You're Ahead — David Sirota

First of all, the title has nothing to do with the content of this lecture. But now that I have your attention...

Let's get together for a fun-filled, interactive look at quilters and the little quirks, passions and obsessions we all share and hold a mirror up to ourselves. Only this time, it's within the context of Quilting Classes. That's right, we're gonna laugh at who we are in class, this instructor included. Are we the same kind of student in quilting classes are we were in school? I know I am!



The President's Message

Marian Bressel

In "On His Blindness", Milton wrote "they also serve who only stand and wait". A wonderful image of a phalanx of angels waiting to be called to serve God. Is there a hidden group of members just waiting to be called? Would you like to attend our meetings, help with the Quiltathon, take a workshop, go to the Getaway? If so, please speak up. Please do not wait silently like the angels. Less than half of the guild attends meetings, either in person or on Zoom. Filling workshops is very difficult. The quilt show has become more and more difficult to produce. We will have to discontinue the Getaway, try to find another venue, increase the cost, or open it up to non-Guild members if the attendance doesn't cover the costs.

If you have any suggestions for the Board, please let us know. One recent suggestion is ride sharing. If you have difficulty driving at night, perhaps a neighbor could help. Should we have daytime meetings? If you are technologically challenged, maybe we need to do a quick course on how to use Zoom. If you are not interested in the workshop offerings or the speakers at the meetings, make some suggestions that the Board can work with. We are happy to talk with you.

This is OUR guild, and it only functions with input from its members.

This is the last in-person meeting until April. Crank up the computers; see you on Zoom.

A Happy and Healthy Holiday time to all. Peace in the New Year.



Membership

Lola Chaisson and Robin DeMott

We welcome new members Barbara Barton from Maynard and Denise Leach, also from Maynard, and renewing member Liz Malsky. We have 104 members now.

The Getaway

Marian Bressel

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. Her address can be found in our 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.



Help Wanted

Tech Team members needed

We would like to put together a team of tech savvy members to help us provide hybrid meetings for our members. Are you tech savvy? Would you like to join us? Please contact Carol MacFarlane or Gayle Coit, program co-chairs.

Email addresses and phone numbers can be found in our membership book.

Concord for Ukraine - Lola Chaisson

The quilt below was Lola's September newsletter entry.



Update!! At the Tree-Lighting in Concord Center last Sunday, the winning ticket for the quilt that CPM contributed to raise funds for beds for a Ukrainian Children's hospital was drawn. Raising \$16,325.00 from ticket sales and donations, our one quilt covered costs for 65 beds!

Some of the material was donated years ago to a CPM yard sale by Marian Bressel, the backing was donated by Eileen Ryan, Lola Chaisson designed and pieced it, several members helped critique the design and Eleanor Pickard machine quilted it.

PS, if you want to make the total even higher the site is still open for donations until the end of December just click on <https://go.rallyup.com/e56c9f/Campaign/Details>

The screenshot shows a mobile app interface for a fundraiser. At the top, it says "Rally Up" with a logo and a user icon "LC". Below is a photo of a quilt with a handwritten note that reads: "Love & Comfort to you from the Concord Piecemakers. Pieced by Lola C. quilted by Eleanor?". The main text of the fundraiser is "Ukrainian Quilt Raffle: FUNDING CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL BEDS IN UKRAINE". It shows that \$16,375 has been raised, which is 65% of a \$25,000 goal. A progress bar is visible below this. At the bottom, it says "Fundraiser ends in:" followed by a countdown timer showing 0 days, 0 hours, 0 minutes, and 0 seconds. A red "Donate" button with an envelope icon is at the very bottom.

Comfort Quilts

Eileen Ryan

The Quiltathon is just around the corner and when you finish up all your holiday present sewing, don't forget to make a top to donate. We'll have a pin basting table again, so you can bring a top, get it pin basted, and bring it home to quilt yourself -OR- you know, drop it off to be turned and tied.

I also hear pediatric pillow cases will be flying off sewing machines at the Getaway. Bring some extra children's prints or brights to try the easy patterns. You'll be amazed how quickly you can produce a moment of pleasure for a child in the hospital.

Patterns for pillow cases and easy quilts will be available at the December meeting!

PILLOWCASES FOR EMERSON HOSPITAL

Nanette Moffa and Sue Colwell

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. Patterns will be available. 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

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

We are on Week 3 of Bonnie Hunter's mystery quilt or Week 52 plus of UFO projects, but who's counting! Join us Fridays, 1 p.m.

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

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

Zoom months at the Library

Surprise! Another in-person meeting! If you missed it last month why not take the time to come over to the library table at the December meeting to borrow a book or two for the three months(!) in-person meeting hiatus.

Don't just think about the books in the library as a pattern resource we have lots of technique books, too. I have just finished reading Roberta Horton's 1990 book, *Plaids and Stripes: the use of directional fabric in quilts* —borrowed from Concord library if you'd like to check it out. It was time well spent. If anyone has a copy lying around gathering dust, they'd like to donate we'd love to have it. There are several fabric lines coming next year that feature plaids and stripes in quilting cotton.

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.

All our books have large colorful labels on the spine so there are few worries about losing them in your space. Come over and say hello to your librarians:

Beth, Donna, and Moira

