

CONCORD PIECEMAKERS QUILT GUILD
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Wednesday January 18, 2023 **Zoom** Meeting
6:45 PM Socializing, 7:15 PM Meeting

Join our Guild Zoom Meeting

If you'd like to visit our virtual guild meeting, please contact
membership@concordpiecemakers.org for the Zoom link

Program: – Material Matrix and the Paths Taken — Sandra Bruce via Zoom

Sandra's lecture is full of images showing her journey from a career as a commercial illustrator and lecturer to quilter. There's humor, quilts (of course) and the story of how Material Matrix came to be, thanks to her fascination with the artist Chuck Close. She'll show you samples of her work and how she does it, samples from her students, what inspires her, and more.



The President's Message

Marian Bressel

Welcome to the New Year. Our first event in the New Year is our Getaway Weekend. Many years ago, some members requested that we have it over Martin Luther King weekend so they could attend for an extra day without missing a work day (that's how much they enjoyed it!). We have had it on that weekend for quite a while now. One year the hotel didn't realize that we always had that weekend and sold a wedding on the Sunday. What were they thinking? I hope that marriage lasted! Our Getaway certainly has.

It has been happening for 25 years, or thereabouts. (It has been so long that I have lost track!) The nicest thing about it is the chance to meet new Guild members. And the reverse, for new members to feel a part of the Guild. The major drawback to doing everything on Zoom is the loss of that personal interaction. Zoom is static and serial; our meetings in person are vibrant and parallel (can you talk with 3 people at once? Yep.) The energy in the room is always fantastic; the breadth of projects, amazing.

I always find that the Getaway is the perfect segue into real life after a round of Christmas/New Years dinners and parties. Time to get back to the sewing machine without the pressure of having to complete something by Christmas. Time to realize that the days are actually getting longer, even as the temperature drops. Time to go through the stash and see what can be transformed into 5" squares, or scraps for the string quilts.

The next thing that happens right now is the nomination process for next year's board. I have served for 2 years, and, per our bylaws, may not serve as President again. There are other job openings as well. In my last message I spoke about "they also serve who only stand and wait". Our Guild cannot run on bystanders; we must have active participants. So please say "yes" when the nominating committee comes calling. Also please realize that people who held a position in the past are very willing to help a new office holder. Committee chairs are not vote-able (is that a word?) by the membership. But they are how the Guild keeps doing its magic. Not rocket science, just the willingness of the members to participate. Let's keep it going.

Membership

Lola Chaisson and Robin DeMott

We welcome new member Debbie Dionne from Littleton and renewing member Nan Conway. We have 106 members now.

Comfort Quilts

Eileen Ryan

The last donation of the year went to Emerson Hospital in December to include 50 (!) pillow cases, 12 pediatric quilts, and 2 special nursery mats. We gave away 137 quilts last year, mostly to Household Goods, Emerson, and the VA, with a few to members for friends and family in need of some comfort. That leaves us with 55 (minus an early January run of 10 to the VA and 8 to Household Goods) quilts of the lap size because the request for those has dried up, except for pediatric ones and gender-neutral VA ones. I know this log jam will break; I'm told the Naka Center is starting to ramp back up. I have been exploring other hospitals that have a chemo center, but the holidays have slowed the response. Meanwhile, if the quilts you make for Quiltathon were a tiny bit longer, in the 70-inch range, they would be most welcome at household goods, whose clients are most eager for your beautiful work to brighten their beds.

PILLOWCASES FOR EMERSON HOSPITAL

Nanette Moffa and Sue Colwell

Thank you to those who have already made pillowcases for the children at Emerson Hospital. With the Getaway a few days away, we have the opportunity to add to the donations that have already been made. It's helpful if you would wash the fabric ahead of time, but if you can't, we will wash the pillowcases after the Getaway. If you're not going to the Getaway, you can still donate.

Here are the fabric requirements:

3/4 yd of non-directional fabric or 1 1/4 yd of directional fabric for body

1/4 yd for cuff

2"-3" for decorative band

There are directions on our website and many on YouTube. Search for "magic pillowcase".

For those who are new to the guild here's the history of what we've done in the past.

Many years ago, guild members of CPM began making pillowcases for a charity originally called "ConKerr Cancer" started by a mother whose son was hospitalized for cancer treatment. She noticed that everything in hospital bedding was WHITE!

Thus began a charity of friends, quilters, and others nation-wide making colorful pillowcases to brighten hospital rooms. CPM members contributed hundreds of cases to this charity.

Now we have the opportunity to make cases for Emerson Hospital.

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

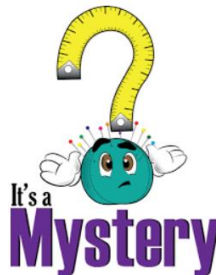
Work on whatever project you wish, while checking in and chatting with your friends.

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

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

The Friday 1 pm ZoomBee will focus on UFOs (unfinished objects). Finish up the most recent Bonnie Hunter Mystery, a previous year's mystery or any other project lurking in your studio. If you're stuck, ask for advice. Of course, you do not need to take the advice, but sometimes another person's thoughts are a great jumping off place for some new ideas that you can incorporate into your quilt. Come join us.

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Rosie's Place

Katheen Mclsaac

Looking forward to all the small toiletries for the ladies of Rosie's. Collect what you can at the hotel. A collection box will be available. For those not collected at the Getaway, I will pick them up at your house! Just let me know. I am "greedy" to experience the joy when I drop off the "goods". If anyone wants to come with me on the "drop off", you are welcome.

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. All donations can be delivered to either Suzanne's or Tina's house. Please see addresses in your membership book.

News from the New England Quilt Museum

Martha Supnik

Here's the benefits our guild gets for being a generous supporter of the New England Quilt Museum.

Cumulative Annual Contributions
One designated week per year for guild members to receive complimentary admission and 15% discount on all Museum Store purchases. Guild to schedule specific dates with NEQM membership coordinator.
Display guild raffle quilt and sell tickets at the NEQM one Saturday per year
Lending privileges for Museum exhibits at your guild's quilt show: Fallen Heroes Memorial Quilt Project - or - From Lobstah to Green Monstah: What's Best About New England
Once a year curator-led tour with complimentary admission for guild members

And below is the thank you letter we recently received for our \$1500 donation.



New England Quilt Museum

December 28, 2022

Concord Piecemakers
c/o Martha Supnik
601 Heald Road
Carlisle, MA 01741

Dear Concord Piecemakers,

On behalf of the board, staff and volunteers of the New England Quilt Museum, I want to thank you for your recent donation of \$1500.00, which we have applied to your guild's annual membership dues. The Museum's ability to operate and fulfill its mission depends on the generous support of guilds like yours, whose members share our belief that quilt making is an important artistic legacy that must be advanced, respected and celebrated.

GUILD PASSES ARE NOW ELECTRONIC:

Four complimentary passes, each admitting two guests, are now stored in your guild's membership record at the admissions desk. **No paper passes are required.** When your guild members want to use this benefit, they simply present their guild membership card or driver's license to the admissions staff. We will document the date and name of each guest who uses your guild's complimentary passes.

Additional benefits associated with your guild's level of support are outlined on the enclosed **Guild Membership Form**. Please keep this form on file to update us regarding changes in your guild representative and to make future contributions. Please remind your guild members who become individual NEQM members that they receive a \$10.00 voucher for any fabric or quilt making product purchased in the Museum Store.

The New England Quilters Guild understood the importance of our common mission when it founded the Museum in 1987. Now, more than ever, supporting guilds are an essential part of our success. We deeply appreciate the time, talent and resources that your guild shares with the New England Quilt Museum.

With gratitude,

Nora Palermo
Executive Director