

CONCORD PIECEMAKERS QUILT GUILD
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Wednesday February 15, 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

Programs: – Sharing of Comfort Quilt Tops via Zoom

We hope that all members have been working on some Comfort Quilt tops for our Quiltathon. For any that are finished by the time of our guild meeting, take photos and send those to Marian for a Comfort Quilt Top slide show.

The President's Message

Marian Bressel

I am sitting at my computer amazed at the balmy weather. In February 2015, there were over 24 inches of snow on my driveway and the roads were barely passable. That was my first winter in my new house; welcome to Hull. Nature can sure make a mess without our intervention (no, we are not going to discuss global warming or climate change here). We are going to discuss the mess Nature has made in Turkey. Pictures coming over the Net can break your heart; destruction everywhere, you can imagine the babies crying.

Our Quiltathon is coming up at the end of the month. The situation in Turkey is why we gather to make quilts that will ease someone's suffering or warm a child who needs comfort. I hope we make lots of quilts; there are lots of potential recipients waiting for the work of our hands and hearts.

I have asked Eileen Ryan to look into ways to get quilts to Turkey. There are lots of agencies that are asking for money, but not so many that will actually accept and then ship quilts to places in need. There are several local agencies that we donate to who take care of our neighbors, but I think we can do both at this time.

So please be generous with your quilts this year; there are real people who are really cold.

Marian



The Quiltathon

Joy Sussman and Marla Richmond

February's big event is the Quiltathon on Saturday, Feb.25 at St. Matthews United Methodist Church in Acton (same place as our quilt show). The church is reserved from 8 am to 5 pm. We will start setting up at 8 and hopefully be done well before 5.

At lunch time sandwiches and beverages will be provided. Bring healthy side dishes and /or desserts to share if you wish.

For those of you who have not been to the Quiltathon before this is the day we put together 90 - 100 quilts that will be donated over the next year where needed. We bring finished tops matched with slightly larger backing fabric. The guild provides batting. After assembly these go home to be machine quilted or tied. The recommended sizes and current destinations are: Emerson Hosp. Pediatric 40"x50", Bedford VA 36"x45" and 40"x55", Household Goods 50"x70". These are approximate sizes.

If you need backing fabric, I have purchased on sale four-yard cuts at \$2.00/yd. Call me at (see membership book for phone number) to come and select one for your quilt.

If you are planning to bring your sewing machine, I would appreciate a quick e-mail to me, (see membership book for email address), so I know how many tables to set up.

Prep your quilt by removing loose threads and measuring it. Fold the top, put the backing inside, roll them together and gently tie with a selvage strip. Attach quilt measurements with a safety pin.

If you do not have a quilt to contribute, come anyway! Many hands are needed to do this. Also, it is a great way to spend time with other quilters.

Joy

Nominations

Ann Bonsett and Marla Richmond

Concord Piecemakers Needs YOU!

It is that time again! Each Spring we reach out to YOU our guild members to find volunteers to serve on our Executive Board and our various committees. Each role and each committee is vital to keep our guild interesting, informative, fun and in sync with the needs and wants of our membership. Marla Richmond and Ann Bonsett are heading this year's nomination committee.

Please let us know if you are interested in serving on the Executive Board or in participating in any of our variety of committees. Do not be shy! It is a great way to get involved, to meet new people and to support our wonderful guild initiatives! It is also a great way to initiate change and to incorporate new ideas!

We have begun to collect names of people who are interested in serving the guild in different areas. We are also looking to find a small team to investigate Technology and how it might be able to improve our meetings and workshops.

This year, we have four openings on the Executive Board:

- **President; Vice President; Secretary; and Programs**

The Executive Board has the following roles in place for the coming year:

- Guild Treasurer: Mary Jalenak
- Membership Robin DeMott and Lola Chaisson (They also create the Membership Book)
- Historian: Marla Richmond

We have a variety of committees, ranging from Communications (Newsletter and Website) to Publicity, Getaway Weekend and Library. There is also Fundraising which includes FYN Sale, Quilt Show and the Raffle Quilt.

Outreach includes Comfort Quilts, Mentors, Rosie's Place, Quilt Museum and the Quiltathon.

Do you want to make a difference? Reach out to Marla Richmond and Ann Bonsett with areas of interest. Thank you for helping to strengthen our guild and continue to make it a welcoming and fun organization!

Membership

Lola Chaisson and Robin DeMott

We welcome new members Sylvie Aguilar from Acton and Lynda Olsen from Concord. We have 108 members now.

Comfort Quilts

Eileen Ryan

Hope to see you all at Quiltathon with lots of inspired quilt tops and backings. I will be having a pin basting table again and you can get a quilt that you'd like to quilt yourself, rather than see tied, pin basted to take home.

Remember the primary places we're giving right now are Emerson pediatrics (lap size and smaller bright and themed quilts), VA Bedford (wheelchair and lap size gender neutral quilts), and Household Goods (at least 68 to 70 inches long so they'll cover a bed, at least 50 inches wide, although the wider the better).

Upcoming Workshop: Building a Visual Vocabulary with Pat Delaney, Saturday, March 4, 9:00 AM—4:00 PM

at the Congregational Church in Harvard Center

Fee—\$85

Make your checks out to Concord Piecemakers and mail to Carol MacFarlane, (please see membership book for Carol's address).

We have opened this popular workshop to other guilds, so get your checks in soon!

The quilter's dilemma is always to choose an appropriate design to fill a space on the quilt top. It would be helpful to have a collection of usable designs at your fingertips as you begin to think about your selection. This class will stitch your way through many designs and keep them organized for you. Browsing your collections will undoubtedly inspire your next project! We will explore multiple styles of free motion stitches to add to your collection.



New England Quilt Museum News

Martha Supnik

Call for entries

Concord Piecemakers has the honor of submitting a quilt to represent our guild at the “Summer Celebration of New England Guilds : The Best of the Region’s Quilt Guilds” August 15 –September 9, 2023 at the New England Quilt Museum in Lowell, MA

A Free Community Festival

In the past we’ve entered the Viewer’s Choice winner from our most recent show. Since we didn’t have a viewer’s choice option in 2022, we’re asking members to participate in this way. If you have made a quilt that meets all the requirements and would be happy to represent Concord Piecemakers in this exhibit, please send a digital photo to Marian Bressel shnuffy1@gmail.com before the March 15 CPM meeting on zoom. Guild members will vote for the image of their choice without knowing the name of the artist.

Requirements for this exhibition include:

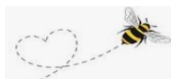
- Entry deadline June 6, 2023 with 2 photos and entry form to download below
- Deliver quilt on July 19, 2023 between 10:30am and 3:30pm at museum
- Pick up quilt after exhibit on Sept 12 between 10:30am and 3:30pm at museum
- Quilt must have been made since 2020 but could have been made after our quilt show
- No tied quilts or kits allowed
- Maximum size is 80” wide X 88” long, minimum size 24” wide X 24” long
- 4” hanging sleeve on upper back
- Label on back with title, guild name, artist name, address, phone number

Photos can be e-mailed to the museum director or printed 4” X 6” or larger and mailed with the entry form. Photos must include the whole quilt and a detail view showing the quality of the work.

5-page Instructions and entry form ready to download from the CPM website at:

<https://concordpiecemakers.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/Summer-Celebration-of-New-England-Quilts-2023.pdf>

Current ZoomBees



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

The Tuesday ZoomBee is going to start another project, a Nine-Patch Pizzazz, on March 7th. If you are available from 1:30 to 3:30 and interested in a really fun project, please consider joining us. Below are photos of the book that you'll need as well as two examples of quilts that I have made using this technique. You will need a focus fabric (panels are ideal), so you may want to begin searching for it now. If you google "fabric panels," you'll find lots of options and sources for purchasing them.

9-Patch Pizzazz by Judy Sisneros, available new for \$16.95. Less expensive copies can be found on eBay (for \$1.95 and up).



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. Come join us.

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

PILLOWCASES FOR EMERSON HOSPITAL

Nanette Moffa and Sue Colwell

Thank you to those who made pillowcases for children at Emerson Hospital this past month. Thirty-eight were delivered to Eileen that were made at the Getaway!

Don't stop now, keep them coming!
There will be a spot to drop them off at the Quiltathon.



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.