

CONCORD PIECEMAKERS QUILT GUILD  
MARCH 2023 NEWSLETTER  
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Wednesday March 15, 2023 [Zoom](#) Meeting  
6:45 PM Socializing, 7:15 PM Meeting

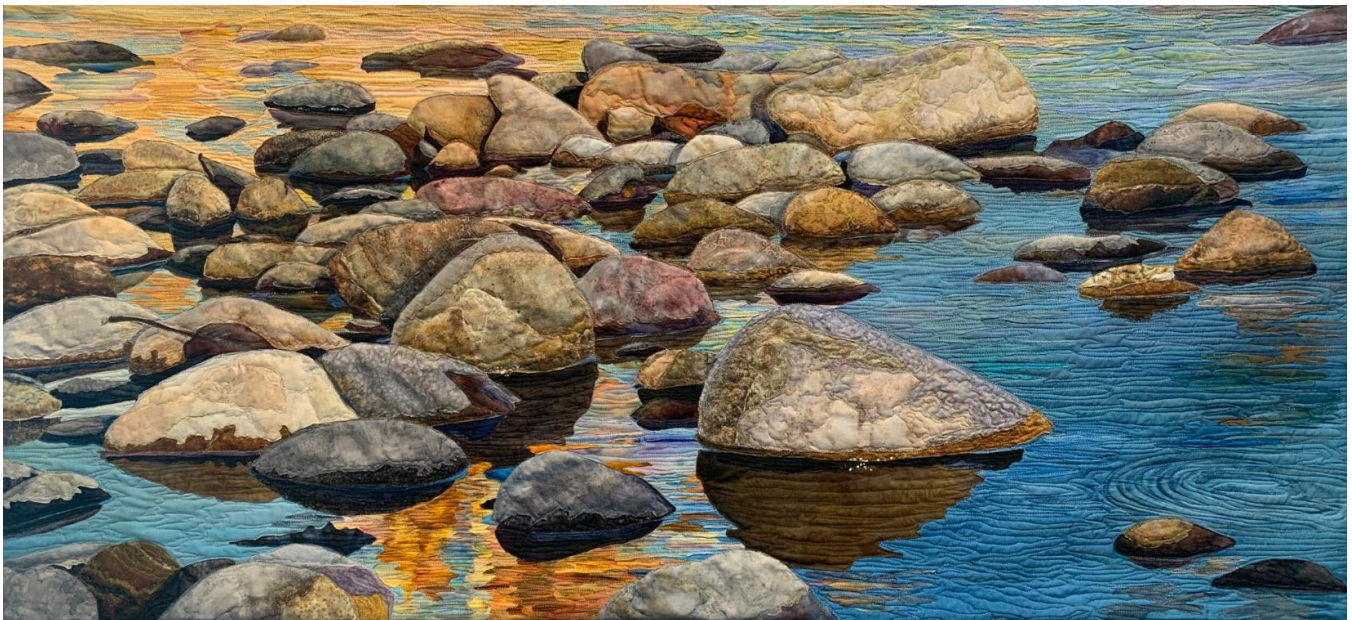
Join our Guild Zoom Meeting

If you would like to visit our virtual guild meeting, please contact [membership@concordpiecemakers.org](mailto:membership@concordpiecemakers.org) for the Zoom link

Programs: – Sandra Mollon

Realistic Fused Art Quilts from Photographs

From selecting a photograph, editing, and modifying it if needed, selecting fabrics, and adding media, Sandra discusses her style and the techniques she uses to make quilts that really capture a realistic impression of the landscape, animal, or still life in fabric. She shares lots of photos of her work, and encourages you to give art quilting a try.



## The President's Message

Marian Bressel

It is hard to believe that we are most of the way through our Winter. This will be the last group Zoom meeting (except, of course, for the ZoomBees) until next year. (I am so glad that someone invented Zoom; he or she deserves our thanks.) Perhaps it is because we haven't (as of yet) been clobbered with feet, rather than inches, of snow. Lots of snow does make the winter seem longer as we continuously go for the shovels and snowmelt.

As they say, there is good news and bad news: bad, we had to cancel our workshop because of the forecast of lots of snow; good, we could reschedule for April. Perhaps that push into a Spring date will encourage more of you to sign up. Pat Delaney is an excellent teacher, and you will leave with your machine quilting vocabulary considerably enlarged.

Our Quiltathon produced, as usual, an amazing number of quilts. We are a talented, and generous, group.

We will vote on a quilt to represent us at the Quilt Museum; whichever one wins, I'm sure it will be wonderful. If you want to enter your work, please send me a picture in the next week. The quilts will be presented anonymously at the March meeting.

Look for the crocus buds, Happy Spring.

Marian



## The Nominating Committee

Ann Bonsett and Marla Richmond

### **Please Consider Getting More Involved with Concord Piecemakers!**

Each Spring we reach out to our guild to see if any of our members are interested in serving on the Executive Board and our various committees. A special thanks to those of you who have already begun to think about how you can participate and make a difference. Our membership is the future of Concord Piecemakers.

If you are interested in a specific area, let us know. We have all sorts of areas; Leadership roles; Programs; Library; Quilt Show; Raffle Quilt; Quilt-a-thon; Comfort Quilts and Pillowcases; Get-Away; Mentors; Rosie's Place, New England Quilt Museum and Fundraising.

**Coming soon will be the FYN Event** – It's the **Fabric Yarn and Notions Sale** that usually takes place in the Fall. There is a lot of preparation in getting items ready for this fun and profitable event. We have already begun to receive lots of fabric-related items so it is sure to be another great revenue stream for our guild initiatives. There is a lot of preparation needed to make the event run smoothly. In the past members have met at St. Matthew's Church in Acton to get the donations organized and fabrics measured. Advance preparations make for a smooth and profitable event.

### Interested in making a difference?

Please reach out to Ann and Marla. Please see your membership book for email addresses.

## Membership

Lola Chaisson and Robin DeMott

We welcome new member Nancy Hartle from Concord. We have 109 members now.

Our Annual Membership Drive kicks off in April. Dues for 2023-2024 are \$35. Next year includes the Fabric, Yarn, and Notions Sale and a packed schedule of speakers thanks to the hard work of our Program Chairs. The membership renewal form can be found on the Concord Piecemakers website under "Becoming a Member".

<https://concordpiecemakers.org/concord-piecemakers-guild-membership/>

## Comfort Quilts

Eileen Ryan

Everyone worked so hard at the Quiltathon; I can't wait to see all those quilts completed. What a wonderful display of color, style, and artistry. So many ideas represented in your work. Thank you for making the guild look good to all our beneficiaries.

**Rescheduled Workshop: Building a Visual Vocabulary with Pat Delaney,**  
Saturday, **April 15**, 9:00 AM—4:00 PM

**at the Congregational Church in Harvard Center, 5 Still River Road**

**Fee—\$85**

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.

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



# 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 (see membership book for email address) by March 14 (before our 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

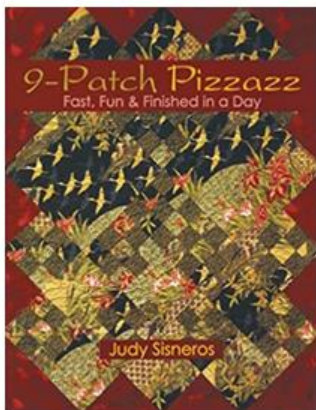


### **Tuesday Project ZoomBee, 1:30 - 3:30 PM**

The Tuesday 1:30 ZoomBee starts its new project tomorrow, March 7th.

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, even if you haven't selected your focus fabric/panel yet.

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 will 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](mailto: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.

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### **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.

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## PILLOWCASES FOR EMERSON HOSPITAL

Sue Colwell and Nanette Moffa

WOW!!

A **HUGE** Thank You!! to everyone who made and brought pillowcases to the Quiltathon. Fifty-three cases were donated and are now being washed and ironed before donation to Emerson Hospital.

Please keep up the good work making pillowcases that will make a child smile!



## 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.

Ideas: Try looking at the dollar store, asking neighbors or having a church get involved?

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.