

CONCORD PIECEMAKERS QUILT GUILD
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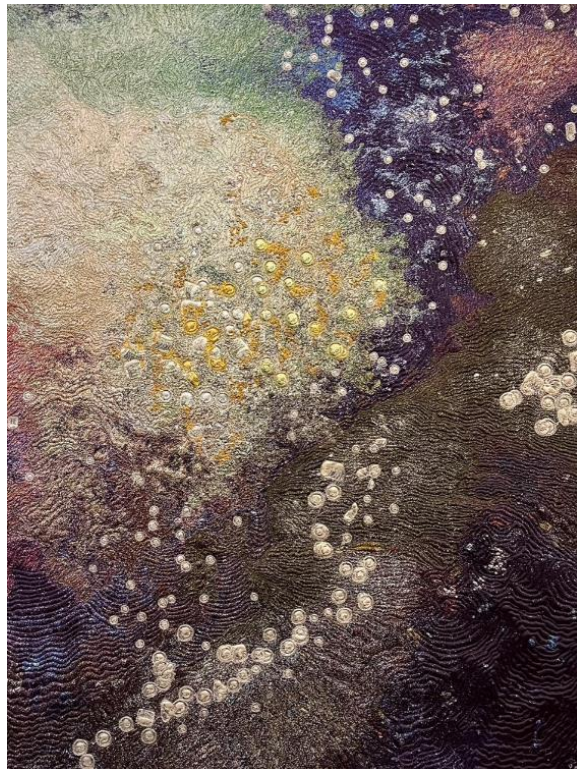
Wednesday April 19, 2023 In Person/Hybrid! Meeting
6:45 PM Socializing, 7:15 PM Meeting

Harvey Wheeler Center, 1276 Main Street, Concord, MA 01742

Programs: – Rebecca Linson Szetela

Silk Art Quilts: Digitally Designed

From hand-quilting a king size bed quilt to creating digitally designed silk art quilts has been a decades long journey for Rebecca Szetela. In this presentation, Rebecca will explain how she started creating her art quilt designs digitally on an iPad and show samples of her work. Discovering the digital process and printing directly onto silk with the addition of learning how to use a mid-arm quilting machine has completely changed her approach to art quilting.



Update from Your Tech Team

Gayle Coit, Leslie Garrison, Carol MacFarlane, Donna Morales-Oemig

Your Tech Team has been busy purchasing new equipment and practicing with it, so that we can offer hybrid meetings in the future. We have a new speaker, speaker stand, microphone, head set, and projector. At our meeting this month (April 19th) we will be trying it out. Please forgive the distraction as we work with our new equipment for the first time.

If you are unable to attend the meeting in person but are available to tune in on your computer, feel free to join the meeting virtually as we attempt to offer a hybrid meeting for the first time. And please be patient with us. We are learning! :-)

Join Zoom Meeting

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

The President's Message

Marian Bressel

Hooray, the daffodils are up! and we have all weathered (pun intended) another New England winter. Not so bad this year – I do hate shoveling 8 inches of partly cloudy off the driveway.

We are entering into a new meeting style. This month for the first time we will be doing a hybrid meeting – in person and on Zoom. The Tech Team has been working hard to get this accomplished. Please bear with us as we work out the kinks.

Please remember that we will be back in person for the next few meetings. Please avail yourselves of the benefits of “in person”: talk to someone you do not know but would like to, ask a question of your board, take a book or two out of the library. While I love the ability to attend a meeting via Zoom in my jammies and not have to fight the cold and dark, I really look forward to the energy generated by the group as a whole. So come on down, even though you could stay home! Love to see you.

Marian Bressel



Proposed Executive Board Positions

Ann Bonsett and Marla Richmond

Concord Piecemakers 2023-2024

**Presented to the Membership
April 2023 Newsletter & Membership Meeting**

**President: Donna Morales-Oemig
Vice President: Eileen Ryan
Treasurer: Mary Jalenak
Secretary; Co-Chairs: Cathy Block & Leslie Lowe
Historian: Marla Richmond
Membership – Robin DeMott & Lola Chaisson
Programs: Gayle Boozer Coit**

**To be voted on by the Concord Piecemakers
Membership at the May 2023 Membership Meeting.**



2023-2024 - Committee Volunteers for Concord Piecemakers

Comfort Quilts: Leslie Garrison

FYN Sale (Fabric; Yarn & Notions): Marian Bressel; Molly Eberle;

Judy Jakobsche; Moira Ten-Hove

Getaway: Marian Bressel

Library

Chair: Moira Ten-Hove

Helpers: Ann Bonsett + 3 Additional Openings

Membership Book: Robin DeMott

Newsletter: Barbara Kozenko

Programs Chair: Gayle Boozer Coit

Programs Team: Erna Berg & Felicity Hileman

Publicity: Open

Quiltathon: Marla Richmond, Joy Susman

Quilt Museum Liaison: Martha Supnik

Quilt Show Committee: (Quilt Show Fall of 2024 – Possibly November)

Gail Boozer Coit; Sally Duscha; Carol MacFarlane; Eileen Ryan

Quilt Show Registration Team:

We need a few volunteers to handle different aspects of the members' quilt registration process

Raffle Quilt: Mary Jalenak

Rosie's Place: Kathleen Mclsaac

Technology Team: Sally Duscha; Gayle Coit; Eileen Ryan and Carol MacFarlane

Technology Zoom Master: Carol MacFarlane

Website: Tina van Roggen

Note: We welcome additional members for our 2023-2024 committees.

Please contact Ann (see membership book for email) if you are interested in volunteering.

Many hands make light work!

Membership

Lola Chaisson and Robin DeMott

Our Annual Membership Drive kicks off in April. The renewal form is attached to this newsletter email. Next year includes the FYN Sale and a packed schedule of speakers thanks to the hard work of our Program Chairs. Renew by May 17th and you will be entered in the raffle for free membership. Please make sure to update any address or email changes for the new yearbook. The membership renewal form can also be found on the Concord Piecemakers website under “Becoming a Member”.

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

New Feature: For your convenience, we now accept credit cards for membership fees. We will charge a \$1 processing fee, so members who renew via credit card will pay \$36.

Library news — Moira Ten-Hove

The library doors will be open again this month! Hurrah for Sharon Perko having an extra key. Don't forget to return your over-the-winter books — if you haven't used them yet, you probably aren't going to, just sayin'...

We have several new look books — Quilts of Gees Bend, Modern Quilts, Unconventional and Unexpected, and Quilts in Wales. Also, a couple of how-tos — Adventures in Paper Piecing and Design, and Quilt Out Loud. Come and see.

Something new we're trying: A magazine swap. Bring up to 3 magazines from the last 2-3 years to swap with others. Any left at the end of the evening will be put into the yard sale. Finally, I'd like to thank Donna Dickson and Beth Garvin for their assistance with the library this year and welcome Ann Bonsett as my co-librarian for next year. With the two of us at the helm things at the library may get a little weirder.

Shoutout to one of our members.... Rebecca Szetela has a quilt going to Quilt National at The Dairy Barn Arts Center in Athens, OH. Congratulations Rebecca!



Workshop Opportunity Shared by Material Girls Quilt Guild

I am the Program Coordinator for Material Girls Quilt Guild in Leominster. Our May 20 workshop is being presented by Betsy Habich. We have a few openings and would like to extend an invitation to your membership. Anyone interested is asked to contact me directly at (via Material Girls Website).

Thank you,

Sue Millman

Betsy Habich is the guest speaker for our April 27th Meeting. "Fusible Applique + Surface Design = Fun"

A trunk show and power point; how her work translates from photographs, develops a pattern, and then translates that pattern to an art piece.

Betsy's work has earned awards at regional quilt shows including the Vermont Quilt Festival, The Gathering, and Machine Quilters Expo (MQX), and has been juried into national and regional shows, including International Quilt Association (IQA/Houston), American Quilters Society (AQS/Paducah). She has taught at Fiber College of Maine, Connections Quilt Festival, and at guilds, and has had several solo shows at local shows, shops, and libraries. She lives with her husband, three cats, and a happy studio full of fabric and thread in Beverly Farms, MA.

"I love the moment when my students 'get it' and start to fly on their own!" to that end Betsy will be leading a workshop for us on May 20th Titled " Surface Design + Fusible Applique Play Date". Starting with fusible fabrics to design a Hibiscus Flower, then adding Inktense blocks and pencils, Neocolor II water-soluble crayons, Aquarelle watercolor pencils, Tsukineeko inks, Liquitex acrylic media to enhance the flowers realism. Workshop fee is \$40 with a kit fee of \$35, which includes, pattern, freezer paper, parchment paper and the use of instructor's media. (Basic supply list will be available at guild meetings prior to the workshop or by e-mailing Sue Millman)

Here is a link to her Facebook page to view a short video of the project.

<https://fb.watch/iSI-uTOPGI/>



New England Quilt Museum News

Martha Supnik

Current and Future Exhibits at the New England Quilt Museum

The Best of Quilting in Canada: A Juried Exhibition from the Canadian Quilters Association, on view through May 6, 2023

Visitors are saying this is one of the best collections of quilts they have seen at the museum. If you have not come to see it yet, make a date with a friend and enjoy the quilts.

Northern Comfort: New England Quilts from the Permanent Collection on view now through April 22, 2023

Come see antique quilts owned by the museum that are typically New England in style.

Portable Patchwork: Potholder quilts, the real quilt-as-you-go on view April 18 through July 15, 2023

Quilts Japan: The 16th Quilt Nihon on view May 9 through August 12, 2023

The Quilts of Timna Tarr: on view July 18 through September 30, 2023

Summer Celebration of New England Quilts: The Best of the Region's Quilt Guilds on view August 14 through September 9, 2023

Animalia: The Animal Kingdom in Quilts and Textiles on view September 12 through December 30, 2023

Medallion Quilts: by the American Quilt Study Group on view October 3 through December 30, 2023

Comfort Quilts

Eileen Ryan

Spring has sprung and those who are going to Pat Delaney's workshop will have all kinds of new quilt designs to try out on their comfort quilts! Swirls and twirls and free motion birds and bees -- I know they're coming soon to a comfort quilt near you. If you need some to practice on, let me know and I'll get them for you.

Lots of quilts on hand if you need one for family or a friend who needs a little comfort in what they are facing.

Current ZoomBees



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

The Tuesday ZoomBee started 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

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

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.

