

CONCORD PIECEMAKERS QUILT GUILD  
MAY 2023 NEWSLETTER  
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Editor: Barbara Kozenko

Wednesday May 17, 2023 In Person/Zoom (Hybrid)! Meeting  
6:45 PM Socializing, 7:15 PM Meeting

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

The Zoom link for the hybrid meeting:

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

Programs: – Barbara Weiss – Trunk Show

Long-time and beloved member, Barbara Weiss, will begin her trunk show with some general quilting information, then tell us about trends in her own quilting. She will also demonstrate how she designs paper-pieced quilts. Come see some of the amazing quilts Barbara has created over the years.



## The President's (Last) Message

Marian Bressel

It hardly seems possible that I have been President for 2 years. Seemed like a long time when I started, looking back, not so bad!

We have done some unusual things these past years: more Zoom meetings, and in particular, our new foray into the hybrid world. I think that we have done very well as a group: mounted our first quilt show in years, and ran a very profitable Fabric, Notions and Yarn sale. We quickly rearranged our schedule to do a charitable Holiday program.

We have had speakers from far and near that we would not have had were it not for the capabilities of Zoom and our willingness to use them. We have sat comfortably at home during the cold and dark months and kept the Guild moving forward. There is a special kind of energy in this wonderful group of people. Together we are much more than our individual selves. Perhaps that is a good outcome of crowd psychology: we tend to catch and amplify the emotions of those around us. I love that our emotions are curiosity, excitement, and compassion.

I am reassured by the attendance at our meetings that we have found a viable way through the vagaries of COVID, flu, the New England winter, and technological innovations. And I am also reassured that I am passing on a vibrant Guild to an outstanding new Board.

It has been a pleasure serving you.

Marian Bressel



Concord Piecemakers Quilt Guild  
Proposed Executive Board Positions 2023-2024  
Presented to the Membership  
April 2023 Newsletter and Membership Meeting

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

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



## Committee Volunteers for Concord Piecemakers 2023-2024

Comfort Quilts: Leslie Garrison

FYN Sale (Fabric, Yarn, and Notions): Marian Bressel, Molly Eberle, 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 Sussman

Quilt Museum Liaison: Martha Supnik

Quilt Show Committee (Fall of 2024): Gail Boozer Coit, Sally Duscha, Carol MacFarlane

Quilt Show Registration Team: We need a few volunteers to handle different aspects of the members' quilt registration process.

Raffle Quilt: Mary Jalenak, Claudette Cavelier

Rosie's Place: Kathleen McIsaac

Tech Team: Gayle Coit, Leslie Garrison, Carol MacFarlane, Donna Morales-Oemig

Zoom Master: Carol MacFarlane

Website: Tina van Roggen

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

**Please contact Ann Bonsett if you are interested in volunteering.**

*Many hands make light work!*

## Membership

Robin DeMott and Lola Chaisson

The dues for the 2023-2024 year are expected to be submitted on or before May 17. Full membership is \$35 and Associate membership is \$20. You may download a membership form from the website [concordpiecemakers.org](http://concordpiecemakers.org). Please make sure to update any address or email changes for the new membership book. Payment should be made by sending your completed registration form and check to: Membership Chair c/o Concord Piecemakers PO Box 1381, Concord, MA 01742-1381.

As a special incentive, all members who rejoin by May 17 will be entered into a drawing to be held at the June guild meeting. The winner will receive a free membership.

Please be prompt as late submissions run the risk of being excluded from the membership book and make more work for the Membership chair during the summer.

## Zoom Teach-In

Tuesday, May 16, 7:30 PM

Do you want to learn more about how to get along in the land of Zoom? Join Carol MacFarlane and others as we talk about how to share your screen, blur your background, and much more. We will learn from each other.

Join us at

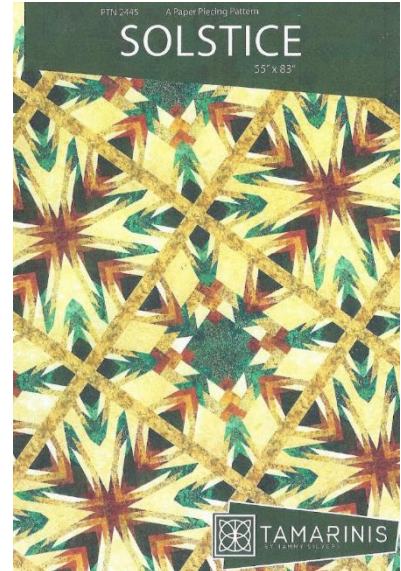
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## Raffle Quilt 2024 Blocks

Mary Jalenak and Claudette Cavelier

Time to start the Raffle Quilt!! Raffle Quilt kits - fabric and foundation papers – will be available for distribution at the May meeting. The design, Solstice from Tamarinis, was selected by those in attendance at the Getaway in January. Your Raffle Quilt Committee - Claudette and Mary - has been busy testing the pattern, selecting fabrics and assembling the kits. Stop by the table at the meeting to pick up a kit (or two or three). Completed blocks should be returned at the June meeting. If you are unable to pick up kits at the meeting, please contact Mary or Claudette to arrange a pick-up time. See membership book for email addresses.



## New England Quilt Museum News

Martha Supnik

### Current and Future Exhibits at the New England Quilt Museum

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

## Library News

Moira Ten-Hove

### Why You Should Volunteer to Help with the Library Inventory

Every June your librarians and member volunteers get together for a couple of hours to review and take inventory of our well stocked library to ensure that it remains a vibrant useful resource.

Here is why you should participate if you are able:

- You get to see the books by category — although we maintain a digital inventory, we can only put out about 10% of our collection at meetings. This is your chance to see what we have for your quilty endeavors — scrappy, appliqué, pre-cuts machine quilting — you name it, we've probably got it.
- You get to help determine where the holes in our collection are. Maybe you can suggest a must-have book that should be added.
- We remove some titles from the library each year — inventory helpers get first dibs!
- You get to borrow books for your use over the summer.
- You get to spend time getting to know other members better. It's a great chance to get involved without a long-term commitment.

I'll have a sign-up sheet at the library table in May — I'm traveling in June — with a couple of dates that we can get access to the Clock Tower Room at Harvey Wheeler.

Please consider adding your name!

## Comfort Quilts

Eileen Ryan

Lots of quilts distributed this month to Household Goods (15) and Emerson pediatrics, both quilts (14) and pillow cases (60!). Three black and white mats were made for the special nursery.

For those of you who are in other guilds besides Piecemakers, would you see if others would like to take up making the black and white mats? If you find some interest, I would be happy to make a presentation to them about how we make them and why they are helpful. The special nursery could use more than we seem able to make and asked us to reach out to other folks.

## 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](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.

If you have questions about this ZoomBee, please contact [membership@concordpiecemakers.org](mailto: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](mailto:membership@concordpiecemakers.org)



## Rosie's Place

Kathleen McIsaac

A reminder, Rosie's wants toiletries and new sports bras, panties, and socks, all in original packaging.

They are always happy to get \$25.00 gift cards. The list of preferred stores is on their web site.

Let's fill up the Rosie's Place bin at our meeting next week!

### Wishlist

- Travel-size shampoo, conditioner, lotion, toothpaste, deodorant, and body wash
- Full-size shampoo, conditioner, lotion, toothpaste, deodorant, and body wash
- Toothbrushes, floss
- Chapstick
- Disposable shaving razors
- Hairbrushes, picks, and combs
- Elastic hair ties
- Socks (new and in original packaging)
- Underwear (new and in original packaging)
- Sports bras (new and in original packaging)
- Paperback and hardcover books (new and like new, no textbooks)

### Items for Care Packages (Full size packed in large zip locked bags)

- Toothpaste, Toothbrush, Floss
- Deodorant, Soap, Body Wash
- Lip Balm, Face Cream, Hand Lotion
- Shampoo, Conditioner
- Hand Sanitizer, Wipes



## 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 house of worship 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.

