

CONCORD PIECEMAKERS QUILT GUILD
JUNE 2023 NEWSLETTER
GRAPEVINE

Editor: Barbara Kozenko

Wednesday June 14, 2023 **In Person/Zoom (Hybrid)!** Meeting
6:45 PM Socializing, 7:15 PM Meeting

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

Zoom made easier!

Starting June 1, there will be only one link for all Piecemakers meetings—Board, Guild, ZoomBees, etc. for everyone's convenience.

If you'd like to attend our guild meeting or visit virtually, please contact membership@concordpiecemakers.org

Programs: – Christina Arcenegui Bono

Direct to us from Spain, Cristina Arcenegui Bono will be presenting her lecture “My Whole Cloth Journey.” Influenced by her childhood and her imagination, Cristina's whole cloth quilts are far from traditional, but are rather whimsical in nature. Cristina is an award-winning quilter, whose quilts have been exhibited at Houston, Paducah, Daytona Beach, Lancaster, and other cities.



After our meeting: Our Annual Ice Cream Social!

The President's Message

Donna Morales-Oemig

Three years ago, if anyone had told me I would now be addressing the Guild as the President, I might have laughed (or scoffed) and told them they were mistaken. With a business to run, lots of travel to quilt shows to do, boxes to move around and orders to place, etc. I had no time to commit. Even as recently as the Quiltathon, this was not even on my radar. Then Carol MacFarlane floated an idea by me that made me reconsider. That idea morphed a little bit, and here we all are. I am a little nervous, but also delighted in the Executive Board that developed from our members. I can't wait to bounce ideas off of VP Eileen, hear what Gayle and the Programs team line up for our meetings, hope Robin has to add a page or two to the Membership book, read the Board minutes from Leslie and Catherine as they share the Secretary role, review our financial reports from Mary, especially after we have another fabulous FYN Sale (we all hope). Then all of us can make our reports to Marla who archives Guild history as it happens.

We have an active, inspired, and adaptable Guild. The last three years have reminded us all how important it is to roll with the punches and keep doing what we love. We have restarted our main fund-raising activities, resumed our in-person Getaways, Quiltathons, and Meetings (complete with our own Library). Plus, we now provide virtual access to our in-person meetings thanks to the Tech Committee. During the summer, some committees meet in preparation for the new Guild year. Members can work on a new Summer Mystery project, and meet in the continuing ZoomBees. Each meeting month, the happy email containing this Newsletter arrives. Not bad for a like-minded community of fiber enthusiasts.

This month we are adapting yet again. The opportunity to bring in an International Quilter presented itself, and after a flurry of emails and texts and Zooms, we have both the Ice Cream Social >and< a presentation to enjoy before the summer break. I hope you will be there.

Happy Quilting,

Donna M-O

As a registered Guild with Quiltfolk magazine, members are entitled to a 15% discount on their website. Use the code ***** to receive the discount on quiltfolk.com if you are interested.



Membership

Robin DeMott and Lola Chaisson

We welcome new members Kathryn McKinley from Carlisle and Stephanie Opalka from Harvard.

Dues for 2023-2024 are due now. Full membership is \$35 and Associate membership is \$20. You may download a membership form from the website concordpiecemakers.org or use the form that was emailed in April. 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.

New Feature: For your convenience, we now accept credit cards for membership fees. We are charged a processing fee, so members who renew this way will be asked to pay \$36 to help cover the fee. It is optional, but much appreciated.

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.

Raffle Quilt 2024 Blocks

Mary Jalenak and Claudette Cavelier

Thanks to all of you who have been piecing blocks for the raffle quilt. Please return your completed blocks at the June 14th meeting. If you are unable to come to the meeting on the 14th, please contact Mary or Claudette (please refer to your membership book for contact information) to arrange a drop off.

Nickel Squares

Sally Duscha and Kathy Becker

Please help cut nickel squares 5"X5". Cut your own fabric scraps or grab a bag of scraps at the Guild meeting. We will sell fabric packs at the Fabric Yarn and Notions sale this fall (and at the Quilt show the following year). Batiks and Kaffe Fassett fabrics seem to sell especially well. Any questions contact Kathy Becker or Sally Duscha.

Library News

Moira Ten-Hove

All Library Books are now Due!

We'll be taking inventory on June 29.

Please return all your CPM library books at the June Meeting. Ann Bonsett will be there to receive them.



Comfort Quilts

Leslie Garrison

I have all the comfort quilts in inventory from Eileen, and they are a beautiful sight. Thank you for all the contributions at the May meeting, both quilt-a-thon quilts that have been tied as well as other quilts from members. For me, summer has always been a big quilting time because I wasn't working and had air conditioning! If you need supplies, I have a variety of fabrics for backing, borders, or sashing on your comfort quilts, plus a good supply of batting. Please remember to sew a label to the back. I'm in Boxborough -- just give me a call!

The question that I am asked the most is "what size should my quilt be?". The answer is on the guild's website under the community service tab. However, these are the types and sizes that are most in demand right now.

- Kid-themed quilts around 40 x 50". Please keep them smaller than 50" on any side for the little patients!
- Bed-sizes quilts for kids or adults -- A twin-sized quilt should be about 57 x 82", but definitely at least 55 x 70". Adding just one more row of blocks might make your quilt long enough!
- Gender-neutral and/or patriotic quilts for veterans in wheelchair size 36 x 45" or lap size 48 x 60"

Publicity

Donna Morales-Oemig

Publicity: ISO someone to take on Publicity. Ideally someone who can edit a Word doc for dates and to add the new raffle quilt picture for the Show flyers and posters when necessary. If not that, then at least someone who can order the print jobs online, pick them up, and get things distributed to the membership for further distribution. Please step up since the most recent Chair is now wearing a couple of other Guild hats. Thank you!

Announcing the 2023 Summer Mystery--Sign up by June 14

Are you interested in taking part in the CPM Summer Mystery? Mystery at the Ranch 2 designed by Debbie Caffrey will take about two months.

A new clue will come out each week by email. Typically, the pieces are larger than Bonnie Hunter's quilts so you will have a finished quilt top by the end of summer. These quilts make wonderful comfort quilts.

If you want to make a scrappy quilt, go for it. If the pattern calls for two yards of a medium green, you could use eight fat quarters of a similar medium green. Or keep it simple with a single two-yard length of medium green fabric. Pre-shop the fabrics we are gathering for our fall Fabric Yarn and Notions Sale! We have some beautiful fabrics.

We will check in if you want to at the 1:00 ZoomBee on Friday.

Send a check made out to Concord Piecemakers for \$15 to Elana Schreiber, (see address in membership book) by June, 14, or signup at our meeting. We'll be ordering the pattern the next day.

Any questions? Please contact one of us.

Elana Schreiber, Sally Duscha and Kitty Shaw.



Current ZoomBees



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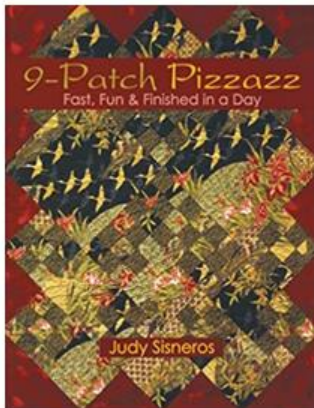
Starting June 1, all ZoomBees are using the same link.

If you have questions about our ZoomBees, please contact membership@concordpiecemakers.org

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).



Thursday Sit and Sew ZoomBee, 10 AM - 12 noon

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

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.

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

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. From their website:

[\\$25 Gift cards](#)** to Target, Old Navy, Walmart, CVS and Walgreens

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



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.

HAPPY
SUMMER!

