

CONCORD PIECEMAKERS QUILT GUILD  
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Editor: Barbara Kozenko

Wednesday October 18, 2023 In Person/Zoom (Hybrid) Meeting  
6:45 PM Socializing, 7:15 PM Meeting

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

If you'd like to attend our guild meeting or visit virtually, please contact  
[membership@concordpiecemakers.org](mailto:membership@concordpiecemakers.org)

Programs: – Beth Helfter – Trunk Show - “Oompah! Accordion Sewn Half Square Triangles”

Beth will show us how to make scrappy quilts yet not waste fabric. Using her Accordion HST (half square triangles) method, the HST squares are unique, there is no fabric wastage, and you can put together blocks for an entire quilt almost like magic!



## The President's Message

Donna Morales-Oemig

It's always amazing how quickly a month goes by. October is an important month in my family with a number of births, deaths, and other anniversaries dotting the calendar. For the first time in a long time, hubby and I are expecting visitors from each side of our respective families. Should be fun!

Ann Brauer was fun last month as our speaker. Her color sense and lovely sense of humor had me smiling for days. This month, Beth Helfter will give us a different sort of humor and creativity. She is a friend and quilting colleague of mine. It will be nice to see her again after taking her latest workshop in June. She loves scrappy quilts, and her half-square triangle techniques are perfect for scraps.

This month is our FYN Sale. Most of my donations are delivered. You still have time to make donations and help with sorting. It will take many hands to setup and staff the Sale too. Please also help us advertise to your fiber-loving friends and family. The last of the bookmarks and posters will be available at the meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup>. See you then.

Happy Quilting,

Donna M-O



## Membership

Robin DeMott and Lola Chaisson

PLEASE WEAR YOUR NAME TAGS! We have many newish members and it is very helpful to have name tags so we can connect names and faces. If you need a new name tag, please email [membership@concordpiecemakers.org](mailto:membership@concordpiecemakers.org) or talk to us at the meeting.

We welcome new members Pauline Charpentier from Maynard and Mimi Flanary from Acton. We have 97 members now.

## FabricYarnNotions - Sale

Our bin is getting full! Yay! That means we will have more to sort on Wednesday. Please consider helping with the sorting. We meet Wednesday from 10-12 at St Matthew's Church in Acton. **Our sale is on October 21**, so we shall be getting ready all the week before. The major push around of tables and set-up will be October 20, so we are ready to roll on the 21<sup>st</sup>. Please also consider helping on the 21<sup>st</sup>. You can sign up online by emailing Marian Bressel (please see membership book for email address). There is constant replenishment of the tables, packing and check-out chores to be done. We will have a credit-card station to make checking out easier, both for us and the customers. This money we make at the FYN sale goes a long way to funding our programs. Please be a part of this endeavor.

Marian Bressel

Editor's note... I saw this on a towel while shopping in Maine...

**I rescue fabric. I'm kind of a hero!!**

## Nickel Squares

Sally Duscha and Kathy Becker

Thank you to everyone who cut, sorted and/or bundled nickel squares. Nickel Squares and charm packs will be available at the Fabric, Yarn, and Notions Sale.

As you quilt, please cut 5 inch squares out of your small scraps and pass them on to us at a meeting. Layer cake or jelly roll size cut fabric is also being collected. We will probably start putting together bundles after the Quiltathon in February.

## Comfort Quilts

Leslie Garrison

I delivered 15 quilts to Household Goods this month. I also dropped off the awesome 35 pillowcases to Emerson Pediatrics along with 3 baby mats and 4 quilts. Thanks for all your hard work! When I was at the Merrimack Valley Quilters show, I put together sets of kids' fabric for more pillowcases from their sale, and they agreed to donate it to us! If you enjoy making pillowcases, please look for me at the October meeting. Remember that I can bring batting, labels, and fabric choices for quilt backing or sashing to the meeting as well. Or, you can stop by my house to see the full selection!

Don't forget our upcoming workshop on November 18:

Amazing Abstracts Workshop via ZOOM with Julia Graves:



Create an abstract quilt that has amazing movement and drama, using the techniques pioneered by Ursula Kern. Go from inspiration to a simple sketch, then have fun “coloring” your sketch with bits of fabric to create a mock-up of your design – see before you sew! The design is gridded and blocks are foundation pieced using an easy sew and flip method with room for creativity and improvisation. Lots of discussion of design principles and how to use color and value to create the drama and desired effects.

*Note: On-line classes will be conducted in two parts – Part 1 will develop the design and Part 2 will focus on sewing.*

Julia Graves – Quilter, Longarmer, Teacher and Artist, Julia started her quilting business, Special Occasion Quilts LLC, in 2007. She won Best Longarm Machine Workmanship Wall Quilt Category at the 2016 Mid-Atlantic Quilt Festival. Her quilts have been published in books by Gloria Loughman, Katie Pasquini-Masupust and MJ Kinman. Julia was an Artist in Residence at Empty Spools in 2019, and taught at Empty Spools in 2021 and 2022. Julia has made more quilts than she can count, many for charity, and is partial to scrap quilts and working with color to achieve amazing results. Julia lives in Leesburg, Virginia.

We already have 19 members signed up for this workshop, but there are a few spaces left if you'd like to join in the fun! Please mail your \$60 check made out to Concord Piecemakers to Gayle Coit, (see address in our membership book), or give your check to her at our next meeting. **The sign up for this workshop will close November 1<sup>st</sup>! Julia needs to receive the list of participants with email addresses in plenty of time for her to send you the workshop supply list and secure Zoom link.**

## Current ZoomBees



Join any ZoomBee or Guild Meeting at:

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

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

For this fall's project we have the option of beginning with either a log cabin variation or an optical illusion quilt.

### **Thursday Sit and Sew ZoomBee, 10 AM - 12 noon**

Join us on Thursday mornings to sew and chat, sharing ideas and progress on your current project.

### **Friday Block of the Month ZoomBee, 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM**

Until the Bonnie Hunter Mystery begins at the end of November, we will work on either UFO's or scrap binge quilts. Come join us!



## Pillowcases for Children at Emerson Hospital

There continues to be a need for pillowcases for the children at Emerson. While shopping the FYN Sale, you might find some fabric that's just perfect for a pillowcase, or two! Don't hesitate to connect with either of us for help or questions. Thank you!

Sue Colwell and Nanette Moffa



# New England Quilt Museum News

Martha Supnik

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

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



### \*\*\*PLANNING AHEAD\*\*\*

The year 2025 marks the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the historic battles of Concord and Lexington. About a year ago, Concord formed a **Concord250 Executive Committee**. Their charge is to plan and manage the commemoration of historic events and to sponsor activities which will take place over an entire year.

They will coordinate events with our 4 sister communities along Battle Road - **Lincoln, Bedford, Lexington, and Arlington**. There are **11 subcommittees** working on history and education, public ceremonies, communications and publicity, parade planning, security, and community participation.

For quilters, this is an opportunity to be involved in a major historic event. We are in the "community participation" category. If you would be interested in working on **a quilt show with a 250<sup>th</sup> theme and to be staged in 2025**, here's your chance.

Concord Piecemakers members can participate in two ways:

- 1) Help develop a joint quilt show which incorporates the guilds located in Concord, Lexington, Arlington and Bedford. To join this exciting project, please contact Gayle Coit (see membership book for email address).
- 2) Present our own 250th-focused show at the Harvey Wheeler art gallery in Spring 2025. Molly Eberle and Suzanne Knight have offered to co-chair this event. (Please see our membership book for email addresses.)

## Rosie's Place

Kathleen McIsaac

About two weeks ago I dropped off the load (and I mean load) of notebooks pencil, etc. to support the start of their education program for their residents. So much gratitude from the residents and staff.

It appears that at this time they do not have a big need for more. So, if you have some more notebooks to drop off, please drop them off and they will be used on behalf of the students.

Now, in preparation for winter, they are looking for:

- Disposable shaving razors
- Hairbrushes, picks, and combs
- Elastic hair ties
- Socks (new & in original packaging)
- Underwear (new & in original packaging)
- Sports bras (new & in original packaging)
- Paperback and hardcover books (new & like new, no textbooks)

If anyone wants to come over with me when I make a drop off let me know. I would be thrilled to share the love, and you would get a bit of a sense of what Rosie's Place is doing.

## 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 need...

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.

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.