

CONCORD PIECEMAKERS QUILT GUILD  
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Editor: Barbara Kozenko

Wednesday November 15, 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: – Julia Graves – “No Scrap Left Behind”

This month we welcome Julia Graves from Virginia presenting her program “No Scrap Left Behind” via Zoom. Julia will tell us how she sorts and stores scraps, and how to create quilts with more richness and depth by combining scraps into a lovely color palette.



This meeting represents a new expansion for our Tech Committee – producing a hybrid meeting while projecting a zoom presentation! You may be tempted to watch this presentation from the comfort of your home, but if glitches arise to confound our attempts “to do it all,” you may miss out on our presentation! Plus, you will miss out on the camaraderie of being together, experience show and tell, and miss the opportunity to donate items to help the other charitable programs we support. We hope to see everyone there!

## The President's Message

Donna Morales-Oemig

October was a busy month. My husband and I enjoyed our family visits, and CPM had our FYN Sale, and I started on my Log Cabin variation ZoomBee project. I drove a lot during the month, and happily, the weather was mostly good. Halloween was disappointing in our neighborhood, since we had no Trick-or-Treaters. Our next-door neighbors came by after the official hours were over, and went home with a few handfuls of the treats we bought.

Beth Helfter was very informative and entertaining last month. The audience response was good and there was a lot of activity at her table after the presentation. This month's intrigue is Julia Graves' presentation and workshop. I'm watching for the preparation instructions and hope I didn't give away too many of my scraps to the FYN Sale. Just kidding, I still have a good bin's worth to use.

Has anyone else noticed how many more holiday-themed emails are in your inboxes every day? Once the pumpkins were extinguished, the holiday onslaught began. I'd rather focus on Thanksgiving next, as the calendar goes. A perfect way to spend the month is in projects such as the Pillowcase Zooms. Many thanks to Barbara Kozenko for asking for a group meeting (or three) to learn how to make them. If you missed the early one, you have two more chances to join in. More news below.

Happy Quilting,

Donna M-O



**Special note...** Cobblestone Quilts is closing on November 18. At 60% off you can't get a better deal. I was there yesterday and bought 17 yds of fabric for \$87.

Plenty of beautiful fabric left. Help Maureen have less to pack.

Barbara Weiss

## Membership

Robin DeMott and Lola Chaisson

We welcome new member Nancy Jarboe from Acton. We have 98 members now. We'll have an addendum to the membership book at the November meeting and I will email it out closer to the meeting.

## FabricYarnNotions Sale Results

The results of the FYN Sale are in and reported to the membership. We had a healthy result, in spite of the awful weather that day which led to lower attendance.

Everyone did a great job preparing for and working during and after the Sale. The money will help towards activities such as next year's Quilt Show. However, with rising costs, we have a lot of work to do to bring in even more visitors to the Show than usual. More on this during the year as the Quilt Show Committee develops the show plans. Thanks again to the FYN Committee, members who donated, shopped, and worked at and after the show. Your efforts paid off.

## December Preview:

Gayle Boozer Coit

December marks our last in-person meeting until April 2024! Our program this evening will be Member Demonstrations – Members sharing tips, tricks, and techniques that may help us on our quilting journey. Plus, we will have a nickel square block swap! Details will be presented at our November meeting.

## Save the Date

### 2024 Quilt Show

### October 18-19, 2024

The guild's next fundraiser is the Quilt Show next Fall. Please consider showing one of your quilts. If you start now, it will be ready. Our goal is to have at least one quilt from each member!

In January, we will announce a guild challenge for small quilts to be hung together at the show.

We are looking for new ways to raise money at the show. Would you like to assemble raffle baskets, sew gift bags or gnome toppers, weave potholders or decorate unusual witches' hats? Please contact us with ideas.

Gayle Boozer Coit, Carol MacFarlane, Joan Kerpelman and Sally Duscha

## Library News — Moira Ten-Hove & Ann Bonsett

We have added a number of titles to the library that will be available for borrowing over the extended winter period...my thanks to Sylvie Aguilar for her suggestions for art quilting titles and to Sally Duscha for the shibori title.

Rather than try to describe them here, I've added links to the titles on relevant websites.

Come and see these and all our other available titles at the November 15 meeting. If you do not plan to attend, feel free to email me before about any book and, if it isn't borrowed at the meeting, I am happy to bring it home with me and we can arrange for you to pick it up from there.

- A. *Beth Helfter*, [Oompah! Jazz Up Your Scrap Quilts With the Accordion Sewn HST™ Method](#)
- B. *Beth Helfter*, [Another Round of Oompah! More Accordion Sewn HSTs™ to Make Your Scrap Quilts Sing](#)
- C. *Jane Callender*, [Stitched Shibori :Technique, Innovation, Pattern, Design](#)
- D. Valerie S. Goodwin, [Art Quilt Maps: Capture a Sense of Place With Fiber Collage—a Visual Guide](#)
- E. *Elizabeth Barton*, [Visual Guide to Working in a Series. Next Steps in Inspired Design](#)
- F. *Emily Taylor*, [Take Flight: Fun with Textile Collage](#)
- G. *American Folk Art Museum*, [Red & White Quilts: Infinite Variety](#)

## Comfort Quilts

Leslie Garrison

This has been a quiet month for Comfort Quilts. We have LOTS of fabric for backings! I collected suitable leftovers from the FYN yard sale, and I have my usual supply. Think about the top that you will make for the Quilt-a-thon. I will haul my backing stash to the December meeting as this will be our last time together beforehand. Happy sewing!

## Nickel Squares

Sally Duscha and Kathy Becker

The Nickel Square committee welcomes any contributions you wish to add to the Nickel Square supply. Nickel Squares continue to be a significant part of our fundraising, especially at the Quilt Show. Watch for news about opportunities to help with assembling packets, after the holidays. And if you need a stocking stuffer or small holiday gift for a quilter (or yourself) consider nickel squares packs. I'll bring a small sampling if people are interested or contact me directly. Sally

## Amazing Abstracts Workshop, November 18, 9:30 am – 3:30 pm via Zoom

Julia has the email addresses of those who signed up for this highly anticipated workshop. You will be hearing from her soon (if not already!) with instructions on how to prepare for this workshop and be given the secure Zoom link for participation. If you do not hear from Julia by November 15<sup>th</sup>, please contact Gayle Coit and we'll track down the problem! I can hardly wait!



## 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**

**NEW!!!** As Tuesday Zoom's log cabin quilts come to an end, we will be taking up the mighty Lone Star Quilt with Eileen Ryan as lead. Jan Krentz' book Lone Star Quilts will be our guide. She has clear instructions for strip pieced diamonds, excellent guidance for manageable Y seams, several projects to replicate, and lots of extra tips for working with bias edges. There are lots of other Lone Star patterns out there that might call to you as well.

We will begin on Nov. 28th at 1:30, on Zoom, with a slide presentation by Eileen on the basics of Lone Star Quilts, including sizing, techniques to begin, color selection and its placement in your stars, and lots of encouragement to try this classic.

### **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**

**NEW!!!** Calling all mystery lovers. The winter Bonnie Hunter Mystery colors have been chosen; indigo, light blue, red and white. Maybe you want to make it for Quilts of Valor. Maybe you want a smaller time commitment and resulting quilt. Maybe you want to work cooperatively with a friend. Maybe you want to do totally different colors. Maybe you want to dye your own fabric with shibori techniques. There are choices and possibilities to consider.

Remember, Bonnie's quilts use tiny pieces 1 1/2-inch blocks or strips are not unusual so if you do not like to work with small pieces chose another project. The mystery finishes sometime in January. For more information check out Bonnie Hunter's Quiltville blog - look for the Indigo Way tab. For tips from a Bonnie Hunter mystery veteran contact Elana.

Join us on Black Friday, November 24 for the first zoom meeting at 1:00 p.m. Come sew with us. We can't tell if you are working on this year's mystery, last year's mystery, or something else.

## Pillowcases for Children at Emerson Hospital

Thank you, Barbara and Donna, for setting up the pillowcase Zoom. It was nice to spend an hour together, and I think everyone either finished or was very close to having completed their pillowcase. We're looking forward to the next two sessions.

Thirty pillowcases have been donated the past 2 months. **Thank you** everyone who contributed!!

Sue Colwell and Nanette Moffa

## Pillowcase Zoom Sessions

As mentioned above, our first Pillowcase Zoom was very productive. Below are the next 2 sessions. (Reference my November 3<sup>rd</sup> email for more info and the attached instructions.)

Before the Zoom begins, have your fabric cut, ironed and ready to begin.

3/4 Yard (27" x 42/43") Main Fabric

1/4 Yard (9" x 42/43") Cuff Fabric

1/16 Yard (2 1/4" x 42/43") Accent Trim Fabric – iron the long way in half, wrong sides together

You should be able to complete a pillowcase in one (1 hour) session. Please join us!

1) Day after Thanksgiving Day Session... Let's shake off that turkey coma by putting together a pillowcase!

Friday 11/24/23 - 11:00am - Noon

2) Beat the Monday Blues Session... Nothing beats the Monday Blues than being at our sewing machines and collectively making a pillowcase with our fellow quilters!

Monday 12/4/23 - 1:00pm - 2:00pm

Barbara Kozenko

## 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

## Rosie's Place

Kathleen McIsaac

Happy beginning of the Holiday Season!

I am enclosing the updated Wish list. The latest communication I had from Rosie's is that they are especially in need of new underwear in original packaging.

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 & in original packaging)
- Underwear (new & in original packaging)
- Sports bras (new & in original packaging)
- Paperback and hardcover books (new & like new, no textbooks)

## Household Goods Sewing Kits

Tina van Roggen

We are still making sewing kits that are donated to Household Goods in Acton. Their clients choose to take about 40 kits per month. We especially need donations of tape measures and small scissors, but could also use thread, needles, pins, buttons, and safety pins. If you have extras of any of these items, please bring them to a meeting. Thanks!

Or you can contact Tina or Suzanne Knight 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.

