



CONCORD PIECEMAKERS QUILT GUILD  
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Wednesday December 13, 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: – Members' Demonstration Night!**

One thing I've learned since joining CPM – this guild has many very talented members! Join us as the following members and guest share tips and techniques which may inspire you in your quilting journey!

**Mary Jalenak** – Paper Piecing (If you haven't helped make a raffle quilt, this is for you!)

**Eleanor Pickard** – Ann Brauer's Technique Decoded

**Barbara Weiss** – Working with Flanges (Good for pillowcases and decorative bindings!)

**Eileen Ryan** – Quilting with Embroidery Functions

**Donna Morales-Oemig** – Accordion sewn HSTs in Person

**Kitty Mascia** – Turning Scrap Strips into Rugs, Trivets and more!

**BLOCKS!**

At our last meeting, we asked that everyone bring three blocks to the December meeting so that we may create unique, sampler block comfort quilts, like what we created for our quilts donated to Ukraine. These blocks may be orphan or demo blocks you have lying around, they may be simple strips sewn together, or you can wow everyone with intricately pieced blocks! Your choice! Hopefully we'll have enough blocks to make more than one quilt featuring complementary colors. Elana has graciously offered to piece the tops, but more help would be welcome!

## The President's Message

Donna Morales-Oemig

Here we are in December (already?). It's a quick rush to the new year, with lots of holiday hurdles to jump before we get there. Last month's meeting was a thrill for a couple of reasons. First, Julia Graves' presentation was wonderfully inspiring. The method she learned from Ursula Kern is especially useful for abstract work AND it is do-able for anyone who can stitch a line. If you missed the workshop, Quilters' Connection is hosting her in February and might have spaces available, though at a different price. Second, I was thrilled that our first "Super Zoom" worked so well. In reality, I knew it would, but there's nothing like seeing the screen projected and hearing the presenter and seeing the gallery of home viewers all together. The Technology Committee tested the process, but the live event was the important one. I'm proud of Leslie, Gayle, and Carol's ability to calmly make our hybrid sessions work.

This month, the meeting is a week earlier, and it is our last in-person meeting before April. A few of our members will demonstrate different techniques around the room after the business meeting and show and tell. See the Programs section for more details. As always, we will also collect comfort quilts, pillowcases, and donations for sewing kits and Rosie's Place.

Thinking of Comfort Quilts reminds me that our February Zoom meeting will include a Parade of our Comfort quilts ahead of the Quiltathon later that week. After the holiday rush, think about which quilt tops you have or would like to make and be sure to photograph them for the Parade. More about that next month. In the meantime,

Happy Quilting,

Donna M-O



## Membership

Robin DeMott and Lola Chaisson

We sent out an addendum to the Membership Book last month via email. Other than that, it's been a quiet month for Membership!

## Our Quilt Getaway – New Location!

Marian Bressel

As described in the November 15<sup>th</sup> email to the membership, this year's Getaway is in Devens at the Spring Hill Suites for sleeping, and at the Devens Common Center for sewing and eating lunch and dinner. Our dates are February 2,3,4,5. Those coming beginning Friday night can get into the ballroom at 5 pm for setup and dinner. All the details of accommodations and general info about meals are in that CPM email, so please review it if you haven't yet.

The key thing for this month's meeting is to SIGN UP! Our final date to provide a headcount to the hotel is in early January, and since I'll be out of town in January, we need to sign up this month and asap after the meeting. Once the headcount goes to the hotel, we are committed, so **no refunds for whatever reason after that time**. Bring your checkbooks to Wednesday's guild meeting. Here are the costs:

Friday, Saturday, and Sunday are all the same: Single, \$260 each per night; Double, \$185 each per night.

Friday Single \$260

Friday, Saturday Single \$520; Saturday, Sunday Single \$520

Friday, Saturday, Sunday Single \$770.

Friday Double Each \$185

Friday, Saturday, Double, each, \$370, Saturday, Sunday, double, each \$370.

Friday, Saturday, Sunday Double, each \$ \$555.

Sit 'n' Sew \$60 any day. Includes lunch and all the coffee you can drink.

Please make checks out to Concord Piecemakers.

This should be an adventure! Marian Bressel



## THE QUILTATHON IS COMING! THE QUILTATHON IS COMING!

FEBRUARY 24,2023 - 8 A.M UNTIL 3 P.M. AT ST. MATTHEWS UNITED  
METHODIST CHURCH, 435 CENTRAL STREET, ACTON, MA.

Yes, it's that time of year again! We make comfort quilts for many different places of need. Any size quilt will do, with favorites being twin size or wheel chair quilts. Use pieces left over from holiday quilts. Use colors that are not "you", If you hate the combination, you never have to see it again!

What you will need to bring with you:

- 1) Quilt top and same sized back. We will supply the batting. Please tie the quilt top and back together with a spare piece of fabric (no, it doesn't have to go!)
- 2) A pair of scissors, needle threader, etc. that will help you with your work without having to borrow, P.S. unlabeled artifacts will be considered a lovely donation to the Guild.
- 3) Enough food to keep 5-10 hungry quilters from cannibalism. We have requested healthy salads, chocolate, soup, etc. The Guild will supply sandwiches for everyone, a little side course helps. Did I mention chocolate?
- 4) If you think your quilt is quilt ready, please put it to the side so that it can be quilted.
- 5) Did I mention that we eat and have a lot of fun? You should know that.

We also request a few sewing machines for machine quilting. If you want to bring yours, please tell both of us that you will so one of us will remember.

This is truly one of the best workshops of the year. Come when you can, leave when you feel like it. We are there for the day so fit it in! Looking forward to seeing you!

Joy Sussman and Marla Richmond



## Pillowcases for Children at Emerson Hospital

The pillowcase Zooms have been very successful, a big THANK YOU to everyone who participated. For anyone who wanted to attend but wasn't able to, please connect with one of us for the easy instructions or help with any questions. We'll continue to provide Emerson Hospital children with colorful, fun cases to make their stay there a little brighter. Any cases that we receive that don't fit the need of the children will go to others in need.

Sue Colwell and Nanette Moffa

## 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.

Come sew with us. We can't tell if you are working on the BH mystery, last year's mystery, or something else. And this is a great chance for those new to the guild to get to know your fellow members.

## Comfort Quilts

Leslie Garrison

At the December meeting, I will be bringing my fabric supply for backings or sashing. If you know the approximate size of the comfort quilt top you will be making for the quilt-a-thon in February, I would be happy to cut some fabric for you! If there are other comfort quilts that you are making, please bring what you have so that we can find the right fabric choice for you! If you miss this, you can always come to my house in January or February to obtain your fabric for backing.

Many people ask me about the appropriate size to make. Here are the guidelines, but they are definitely not exact.

- Kid's themed quilts for Emerson Pediatrics, around 40" x 48" and definitely less than 50" on any side \*\* our most urgent need \*\*
- Wheelchair size, 36" x 45"
- Lap quilts, 48" x 60"
- Twin bed quilts, 57" x 80" ideally, but at least 70" long

I have identified skilled nursing facilities that appreciate lap and wheelchair size quilts for residents in need of extra comfort. Rivercrest Concord and LifeCare Acton each received four quilts, and I will be bringing more to help with their Christmas programs in December. Thanks for your hard work!



## Nickel Squares

Sally Duscha and Kathy Becker

Contact Sally if you want nickel squares for a February Quiltathon quilt top (or another project.) One of our members is making disappearing nine patches with our precut nickel squares. She says it's hard to stop at just one as it's so fun, quick, and easy. I'm happy to bring your favorite colors to the meeting or you can come by.

It is fine to wait until April to give us your nickel square donations too. However, the December meeting is the last time that it will be easy to give them to us, until Spring.

Many thanks to all who have donated. This activity does bring in a sizable amount of money to help with CPM programming.

## News From the New England Quilt Museum

Martha Supnik

December 2023

### The Animal Kingdom in Quilts and Textiles

**On View through December 30, 2023**

*Animalia*, the scientific name for creatures that populate our planet and share the characteristics of breathing oxygen, eating organic matter, reproducing sexually, and having very similar cell structures at the molecular level. There are more than seven million types of animals in this kingdom. NEQM Curator Pamela Weeks has selected works that portray some of her favorites, both fearsome and playful, from celebrated quilt and textile artists across the country. The extraordinary array of techniques, materials, and artistic styles represented in this exhibition offers an inspirational, and sometimes whimsical, perspective on the animal kingdom.

### Personal Expression: The Legacy of Gwen Marston

**On View through December 30, 2023**

Guest Curator, Barb Vedder honors the legacy of Gwen Marston (1936 – 2019) with a selection of quilts directly inspired by her innovative techniques. An icon in the quilt world, Marston was a beloved teacher and internationally renowned artist for more than three decades. Her method of “liberated quilt making” inspired countless students to explore their own creative intuition and encouraged an entire generation of quiltmakers to put aside templates and patterns to create original quilts with their own unique personal meaning.

### Medallion Quilts from the American Quilt Study Group

**On view through December 30, 2023**

AQSG members were challenged to select and study an individual “medallion-style” quilt. Each participant either chose to make a small replica or create a new quilt using the original as inspiration. The NEQM Genre Gallery features 25 of these medallion-style quilts along with photographs of the original inspiration quilts, most of which span the 19th century. Included are personal statements about what the quiltmaker learned during the process and their reflections on the original quilt that inspired them.

### Medallion Quilts from the Permanent Collection

**On View through December 30, 2023**

**\*The Museum closes for winter maintenance January 1 – 15\***

## Winter 2024

The Quilted Canvas Part IV:  
Works by Ruth McDowell, Jo Diggs,  
Jude Larzelere, and Judy Dales

**On view January 16 through April 27, 2024**

Improv and Abstraction in Antique Quilts  
Curated by Marge Tucker

**On View January 16 through March 23, 2024**

## Holiday Shopping

### **DECEMBER 1 - 30, 2023 - Exclusive Members Sale**

NEQM members receive 25% off all purchases in the Museum Store during the entire month of December. There are no restrictions and no quantity limits. Stock up on holiday gifts for everyone on your list, or treat yourself to something special.

The Museum Store features a variety of fine handcrafted items from New England artisans and international fair-trade workshops. Also available are contemporary and vintage quilts in diverse styles, unique accessories, seasonal gifts and holiday items, specialty books, and quilt making supplies.

