

CONCORD PIECEMAKERS QUILT GUILD JANUARY 2024 NEWSLETTER GRAPEVINE

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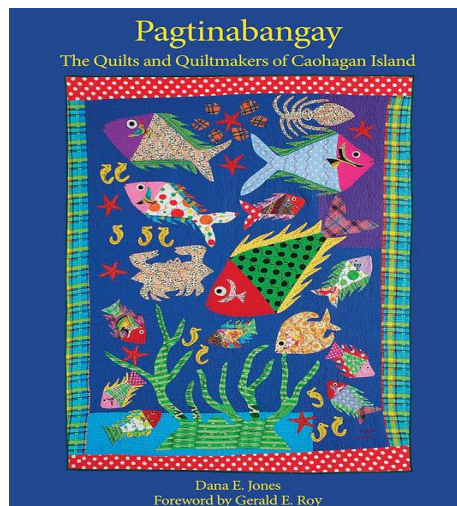
Wednesday January 17, 2024 [Zoom](#) Meeting
6:45 PM Socializing, 7:15 PM Meeting

If you'd like to visit our virtual guild meeting, please contact membership@concordpiecemakers.org for the Zoom link

Programs: – Dana Jones presents “Pagtinabangay – The Quilts and Quiltmakers of Caohagan Island”

Come join us as we leave the cold snow behind and travel virtually to the Philippine Islands where Dana Jones will introduce us to the amazing quilts and artistry of Caohagan Island. More than 100 women and men of this tiny island have created a form of art quilting that supports their families. They have developed unique techniques to create these quilts, which have been shown in many US quilt museums, including the National Quilt Museum in Paducah, KY.

Pagtinabangay is a Visaya word that means cooperating and collaborating for the well-being of the community. This is the spirit of Caohagan Island. This is the spirit of the Caohagan quiltmakers.



The President's Message

Donna Morales-Oemig

As I'm writing this, the first snow storm of the winter is winding down. I'm not a big fan of winter weather and what it brings, but can appreciate the quiet beauty listening to snow fall and watching my beloved birds enjoying the tasty seeds at the feeders. Nature needs a blanket of snow to protect soil and plants from drying winter winds, and to rehydrate the ground so plants can sprout and grow in spring. It was nice not to have to go anywhere today. I'll be out in the weather again soon enough.

January starts our break from in-person Guild meetings for the next three months. What a treat to watch the meetings from the comfort of our own homes with no concerns about school closings, or being out in the cold. If you need a library book or to drop off a donation for HGRM or Rosie's Place, etc. you can make arrangements with the chairs of those committees. Check this or earlier newsletters for who you need, or reach out to any Board member for the right contact's name.

This month's program might feel like a mini tropical vacation. The people involved live on a tiny Philippine Island a little over 10° north of the Equator. I am intrigued to see and hear how they use quilt-making and their creative ideas to support their families and share their art with the world. All the world uses textiles in various ways and every culture has something to share in their approach to textile arts. I am looking forward to this presentation.

Very soon after the meeting is our Getaway in the new location at the Devens Common Center. It is a great weekend of fun and sewing. Then quickly after that are both the Quiltathon and new Sewathon, which could be called Quiltathon II. More on that here in the newsletter. Don't forget to make or select a finished top or two, photograph the tops to email the images and set the tops aside with backing fabric for these charity events. We need the photos for February's Program and the tops for the Quiltathon.

Happy New (Quilting) Year,
Donna M-O

Show and Tell for the next three months...

Anyone who wants to share during Show and Tell must email a photo to me (see email in our membership book) by 6pm Monday January 15th to be included in the slideshow. You can then tell us a little about your quilt during the Show and Tell portion of the meeting.

February 19th, and March 18th are the next Mondays before the Zoom meetings.

Membership

Robin DeMott and Lola Chaisson

We welcome new member Abbe Alpert from Harvard. We have 98 members now.

Our Quilt Getaway – New Location!

Marian Bressel

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. All our reservations are made. Start packing up your projects! Looking forward to seeing you there. This should be an adventure!

HAVE YOU MADE YOUR COMFORT QUILT YET?

The Quiltathon is coming! Your quilt for it needs to be done! And as soon as the top is done, photograph it and send a copy to Donna Morales-Oemig to put it in our slide show. Best sizes are lap and twin or queen. Finish the top and put it together with an appropriate backing and tie it together so it won't get mixed up. Bring labeled scissors and other pieces that you may need to work at the Quiltathon. Bring a side dish or dessert to feed 10 hungry quilters (we supply the sandwiches). And have a grand time! You can come at the beginning of the day and stay a few hours, you can come in the middle of the day and stay a few hours, you can come to help set up tables and spend the whole day having fun. It's up to you. But please show your shining face, we are doing important work! And a few weeks later we will have a Sewathon where you can pick a quilt to machine quilt and sit with friends (and mentors) and quilt! The Quiltathon is on:

Saturday, February 24 from 8:00 a.m. to 3 p.m.
St. Matthews United Methodist Church
435 Central Street, Acton

We still can use more sewing machines for the Quiltathon. Please tell one of us that you are bringing it.

See you at St. Matt's!

Joy Sussman and Marla Richmond

Programs: – Looking ahead...

February 21: Celebrating our Comfort Quilts!

Please start taking pictures of your comfort quilts and send the pictures via email to Donna Morales-Oemig, (see email in our membership book). Since Donna is great on the computer, she has offered to help with this presentation! Thank you, Donna!

March 9: SEWATHON!

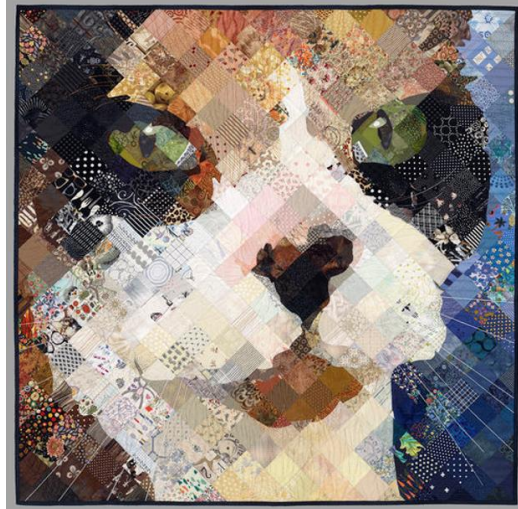
This is a new event! We've had a wonderful workshop on quilting using a walking foot with Marge Tucker, a terrific free motion quilting workshop with Carol MacFarlane, and we've broadened our free motion quilting vocabulary with Pat Delaney – now let's put these skills to work quilting comfort quilts!

This workshop comes on the heels of our Quiltathon. Pick out a quilt (or more) at the Quiltathon and let's spend the day quilting them together! Those that are more experienced quilters can help those of us who could use some guidance. The goal is for us to become more comfortable with quilting. What better way to gain experience than quilting comfort quilts with friends? This workshop will be held at the Pompositticut Community Center in Stow. More details about this workshop will be shared closer to the event. Mark your calendars now!

March 23: Zoom Mosaics workshop with Timna Tarr via Creative Spark – A Guild Event! (Picture below)

I hope you all were able to see Timna Tarr's solo exhibition at the NEQM! It was amazing! Timna will be sharing her rarely seen quilts at our March meeting, but our workshop will focus on developing the techniques to create a mosaic quilt using one of your own pictures. Check out her gallery of pictures on her website at www.timnatarr.com/gallery. Start looking for pictures now that you would like to capture in a mosaic quilt! With this zoom workshop, you will have the opportunity to either stay at home surrounded by all your quilting stuff, or quilt together in a room with a large screen TV that I have reserved at the Pompositticut Community Center in Stow!

I need 10 interested people to contact me right away so that I can reserve this workshop as a guild event with Creative Spark, which reduces the normal fee by 20%. Charging \$45 to attend this workshop will allow us to have Timna come on live to monitor our progress and answer questions.... To have Timna travel to us to present this workshop in person would have cost over \$1,000! This is a deal! Please contact Gayle Coit at (see email in our membership book) to reserve your place. Please make your check out to Concord Piecemakers and mail it to Gayle Coit, P.O. Box 264, Harvard, MA 01451.



Textured Black and White Baby Mats

Textured Mats for the neo-natal unit at Emerson Hospital, the special care nursery, are made by our guild for these tiny babies who cannot see color yet, but can feel texture as they lie on them. We have come up with a size and plan, but of course you can do lots of other designs. We use 5" squares, or charms, that are black and/or white. We usually use half 100% cotton and half textured, that is suede, flannel, lace, taffeta, silk, satin, whatever you can think of that provides texture. Our quilts are made using 30 squares, sewn in a 5x6 arrangement, then sandwiched with batting, and then backing, usually flannel. We quilt simply (because lots of the textured fabrics are stretchy), either stitch in the ditch or 1/4" either side of the seam. Then fold the backing to the front as an enclosing edge and add a label. I can make you a kit, or I can give you just the textured fabrics, or anything in between. Let me know if I can bring you a kit.

Eileen Ryan



Comfort Quilts

Leslie Garrison

December was a busy month for donating quilts! In addition to supporting Emerson Pediatrics and Acton Household Goods, I brought a total of 24 quilts to 5 skilled nursing and memory care facilities in the area. With Joy Sussman's help, I was also able to connect with Acton-Boxborough United Way to help the new Emergency Family Shelter with 11 rooms at the Minuteman Inn. Each bed now has a cheerful, welcoming quilt to bring comfort to the refugees and other families at the shelter.

I also wanted to share some of the comments that I receive when I bring quilts to new facilities. Sometimes I have heard members say that it's "just" a comfort quilt, but they help spread joy and caring. Here are some quotes:

- Thank you for the GORGEOUS quilts. They are truly stunning.
- These will be a soothing distraction for our patients when they are upset.
- They made this for me!?!?
- These are beautiful. Thank you so much for thinking of us.
- We are truly grateful ... for their tireless and beautiful work.

Pillowcases, Pillowcases, Pillowcases!

Thanks to everyone who contributed to CPM's stash of cases for donation to Emerson Hospital!

Just a few reminders and hints:

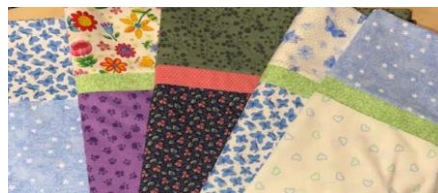
Our donations are given to patients ages 3-17.

Please be mindful that the fabrics you choose should reflect the interest of these age groups. For example ... cars, trucks, dinosaurs, animals, princesses, dance, unicorns, soccer, hockey, basketball, football, sport teams and logos. Flowers and/or geometric shapes are a hit for older teens.

Any fabrics/cases which are more "adult" you can donate to Household Goods in Acton. Here is their website:

<https://www.householdgoods.org/>

Sue Colwell and Nanette Moffa



Update--Quilt Show 2024, Fri. & Sat., Oct. 18 & 19

Your 2024 Quilt Show Committee would like you to know that all function chair positions have been filled. Thank you, everyone, who said "yes" to taking on a chair position and to those who've already volunteered to help in other ways.

Two updates—

1. This spring we will begin a special ZoomBee with the purpose of creating together items to sell at the quilt show. It will be a way to help fund our guild, have fun with other quilters, and get rid of some of those scraps in the process. Keep tuned for details.
2. Announcing the 2024 Quilt Challenge, "Colors Inspired by High Fashion." Your inspiration for this challenge will be available to you at the Getaway (Feb. 2-5), the Feb. 24th Quiltathon, or at our next in-person meeting on April 17th.

Your 2024 Quilt Show Committee

Gayle Coit, Sally Duscha, Joan Kerpelman, Carol MacFarlane

Current ZoomBees



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

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

Tuesday ZoomBee is finishing up lone stars. You will be amazed at what some of our members have created! We'll be coming up with a new project soon, so tune in to check it out.

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

The Dreamline instructions are available for purchase on her website if people didn't download them in December. See below if you want a link....

Serendipity and the Art of the Quilt

Creating with Brenda Gael Smith

[Dreamlines Project Files Now Available!](#)

By Brenda Gael Smith on Jan 09, 2024 10:54 am

The 2023 Dreamlines monthly art project for my subscribers closed on 31 December. Since then, I have received numerous requests asking if the project files are available for purchase. I am excited to say the answer is now a resounding yes!

The **Dreamlines Project 2023 PDF** includes step-by-step guidelines for freeform piecing 10 linear designs in either mini-scale (12-15in) or larger format (approximately 40in strips). There is also a design module for creating YOUR composition including consideration of colour, construction, components and layout.

These resources are now available for immediate download in my **online shop**. If you live in the United Kingdom or European Union, purchase via: **Dreamlines Project for European Dreamers**.

For inspiration, check out the **Dreamlines Project Gallery**. New additions are welcome in 2024. Keep on dreaming.



Nickel Squares

Sally Duscha and Kathy Becker

I can bring some nickel squares to Devens on the Saturday of the Getaway. Otherwise please keep cutting nickel squares from your scraps as you quilt. Many thanks to all who have donated already!

Rosie's Place

Kathleen Mclsaac

Rosie's Place staff and clients sure did appreciate all the warm socks you donated last month. We have until April to help them restock their clean/new underwear supplies. Also, toiletries! A reminder of what they need follows:

- Toothpaste, Toothbrush, Floss
- Deodorant, Soap, Body Wash
- Lip Balm, Face Cream, Hand Lotion
- Shampoo, Conditioner
- Hand Sanitizer, Wipes
- \$25 Gift Cards to Target, Old Navy, Walmart, CVS and Walgreens*

Email me if you have any questions.

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 drop them off at either Suzanne Knight's or Tina's house. Please see addresses in your membership book. Thank you!



News From the New England Quilt Museum

Martha Supnik



New England
Quilt Museum

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

