

CONCORD PIECEMAKERS QUILT GUILD
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Wednesday February 21, 2024 [Zoom](#) Meeting
6:45 PM Socializing, 7:15 PM Meeting

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

Programs: – Parade of Member's Comfort Quilts and a Quilt Shop
Presentation by Tina van Roggen

Comfort Quilts: Don't forget! Please send pictures of your comfort quilts to Donna so that she can prepare the Parade of Comfort Quilts for our February meeting!

We will be having a **bonus program**: Tina van Roggen will present a slide show of a road trip she and Walter shared in 2023. Having visited 103 quilt stores, Tina will share her Mega Shop Hop Report! (Walter is now known as Saint Walter) Tina writes...

I was newly retired in July 2023 and was looking for interesting activities. When I realized that the new All New England Shop Hop of 58 stores last September didn't include some of my favorite stores, I decided to embark on my own personal Mega Shop Hop! I ended up going to 103 stores in the New England States, plus another 7+ stores during our Midwest car trip. All of that was done during July through December 2023 - Whew! For each store I kept notes and took pictures. If you would like to see the info I collected, you can find the links to the reports on our Tips and Hints page: <https://concordpiecemakers.org/tips-and-hints/>



The President's Message

Donna Morales-Oemig

Last month's meeting was inspiring to me both because it involved far away lands and because the people involved have to do a tremendous amount of work just to restock their quilting supplies then make the quilts to help support their families. Here, shopping is much easier and casual. Shopping is so easy, it's almost its own hobby. Raise your hand if you shop for quilt fabrics faster than you sew. I have started keeping a simple list of inputs and outputs of my supply. As long as I use more than I buy, it's ok. I want to have thriving local shops and I want to use what I have and this list keeps track. Every pillowcase uses a yard, every quilt uses much more, even scraps add up when every 3-3.5 yards weigh a pound.

This month, the fabric use total will increase thanks to our Quiltathon. I have some UFOs to donate in my stack complete with backing and binding. It was wonderful to see how many people at our recent Getaway were working on Comfort Quilt tops. The Quiltathon is coming up fast, and I am excited to see what you all have made in support of the community. Thankfully, we can all see the Quiltathon tops during our Parade of Quilts in this month's Zoom meeting. Remember to take a picture of your quilt tops and email them to me to include in the slideshow. If you have a Show and Tell quilt, email a picture of that too and it will be in a separate slideshow.

After sharing our work, our own Tina van Roggen will present her slideshow of shops and quilt museums she and her husband Walter visited on their vacation last summer. Tina also created a wonderful resource of regional shops, even larger than the list of participating shops in the "All New England Shop Hop". Just think of all the places to visit to shop and add to your working fabric supply. It's only a stash if you don't use it.

Happy Quilting,
Donna M-O

Show and Tell for the next two months...

Anyone who wants to share during Show and Tell must email a photo to me at by 6pm Monday February 19th, and March 18th 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.



Membership

Robin DeMott and Lola Chaisson

Discounted membership fees for new members begins in February. Dues for the rest of the program year (until June) are only \$20. If you have a friend who is interested in joining CPM, now is the time to do it. This applies to new members only and the usual dues rate applies to them for the 2024-2025 program year.

Our Quilt Getaway – Devens was a hit!

Marian Bressel (with a little help from DMO)

Our shake-down cruise for the Getaway at Devens was a success!! (If I do say so myself!). Lots of work space, a brighter room, the food was great, and nicer hotel rooms won us over. We have secured our place for next year, but we have to change the date again. The DCC is already booked on Saturdays in January and early February. Mark your calendars for the weekend of Feb 21-24, 2025. If we can reclaim the first weekend of February we will, but we have this weekend on hold. Looking forward to seeing more of you next year!

It's Quiltathon Time!

Joy Sussman and Marla Richmond

The Quiltathon is here! Your quilt for it needs to be done to be included in the slideshow Parade of Quilts! Photograph your quilt(s) and send images to Donna Morales-Oemig to put in our slide show. We hope to have lots of lap, twin, or queen-sized quilts. Please put your finished tops together with an appropriate backing and tie them together so they won't get mixed up. Bring labeled scissors and other tools 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!

Programs: – Looking ahead...

March 9: SEWATHON!

Where: The Pompositticut Community Center

Time: 9 am – 4 pm

At the Quiltathon, pick out one or more comfort quilts that you would like to quilt at the upcoming Sewathon. These quilts need to be separated from the quilts destined to be tied and placed in a group of quilts to be PINNED.

To help this process go smoothly, please...

- Write your name on a piece of paper and attach it to the quilt.
- If you have safety pins to hold the sandwiched quilt together, please bring some in a zipper bag and attach this to the quilt top.
- Remember to take the sandwiched quilt home with you and bring it to the Sewathon for your quilting efforts!

Please let Gayle Coit know if you plan on attending the Sewathon. If this proves to be a popular event, we may need a larger room to accommodate us all. Currently, all need to bring their own lunches, but if we become a crowd, maybe something more can be done about lunch. Please let me know if you plan on attending! Thanks!

Gayle Coit

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

The Timna Tarr Mosaics workshop on March 23d is fast approaching! Have you picked out your picture yet? You may either join with others to watch this zoom workshop on a large screen TV at the Pompositticut Community Center or participate from the comfort of your own home. I will be sending out the General Supply List to all registered participants shortly. If you would like to join in the fun, please send a \$45 check made out to Concord Piecemakers and send it to Gayle Coit.

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. Detailed info was included in the January newsletter. I can make you a kit, or I can give you just the textured fabrics, or anything in between. Let me know if you need a kit. I can collect finished quilts most anytime.

Eileen Ryan



Comfort Quilts

Leslie Garrison

So many of us were working on comfort quilts at the Getaway! I'm looking forward to seeing all the tops at the Quiltathon. I will be there working hard at the tables pinning tops to be quilted. So, you can also bring me any completed comfort quilts that day. This has been a quiet month with only one donation for a friend of a member undergoing cancer treatment. My inventory of quilts is low, but I know that will change soon with everyone's hard work. Thanks for all of your efforts!

Pillowcases for Children

Sue Colwell and Nanette Moffa

WOW!! Thank you to all who contributed. We received 45 pillowcases at the Getaway! The need continues, so we'll keep asking for child themed cases. If you have questions or need instructions please don't hesitate to ask.

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

At the Getaway, the Quilt Show Committee introduced a guild challenge: Using the color combinations represented in a Swedish clothing magazine, Gudrun Sjoden, create a small quilt not larger than 24 inches in any one direction. This is to challenge us to use color combinations we may not choose on our own, and to create something completely unique – it could be blocks, landscape, abstract, contemporary..... You decide! If you were not at the Getaway and wish to participate, please contact Gayle Coit and she will send you a couple of pictures to choose from. This should be fun!

Your 2024 Quilt Show Committee
Gayle Coit, Sally Duscha, Joan Kerpelman, Carol MacFarlane

Current ZoomBees



Join any ZoomBee or Guild Meeting at:

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

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

Tuesday ZoomBee is currently in flex mode, quilting our lone stars, or working on other projects before we choose the next project. The Lone Star quilt reveal will happen at the April meeting. 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 Project by designer Brenda Gael Smith is the current Friday ZoomBee topic. Details were in the January newsletter. Join us if you are participating, or if you are curious to learn more about this freeform piecing project.

Nickel Squares

Sally Duscha and Kathy Becker

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

Worcester Art Museum exhibit on March 13 at noon

Moira Ten-Hove

Faith Ringgold: Freedom to Say What I Please



From the exhibit page: The exhibition title comes from a portion of the story inscribed on Picasso's Studio, spoken by a fictional character inspired by Ringgold's life experiences: "You asked me once why I wanted to become an artist and I said I didn't know. Well, I know now. It is because it's the only way I know of feeling free. My art is my freedom to say what I please. [It's not important] what color you are, you can do what you want [with your] art. They may not like it, or buy it, or even let you know it; but they can't stop you from doing it."

You can get a sneak peek at the exhibit here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Yd-PR8DSJVs>

Join with other guild members for a guided tour of this Worcester Art Museum exhibit on March 13 at noon.

Cost is \$23 — \$19 for seniors. This is museum admission plus \$5 tour fee.

Contact Moira Ten-Hove for more information, to sign up, and to organize carpooling from our many towns.

Rosie's Place

Kathleen McIsaac

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

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

