

CONCORD PIECEMAKERS QUILT GUILD
MARCH 2024 NEWSLETTER
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Wednesday March 20, 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: – Timna Tarr Lecture

This month we welcome Timna Tarr to present both a lecture and workshop! If you were fortunate enough to see Timna's recent exhibit at the NEQM, you know we're in for a treat! In this lecture, Timna will share her quilts which she does not usually share, either because they've been sold or are too big to carry around. What a treat!

Show and Tell for this month...

Anyone who wants to share during Show and Tell must email a photo to Donna M-O (see email in our membership book) by 6pm Monday 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.



The President's Message

Donna Morales-Oemig

National/Worldwide Quilting Day is fast approaching. It's on Saturday, March 16th this year, and you'll probably receive our newsletter on or about this day. It's funny to me that the non-quilting world assumes this is celebrated only once a year (if they are aware of it at all), but to full-fledged quilters, it can be an everyday celebration. I'm writing this the day after 14 of us got together for the Sewathon at Stow's Pompositticut Community Center to work on comfort quilts and get them nearer to the finish line. We shared tips and tricks, gave each other ideas on the quilts we brought to work on, and enjoyed the time and facility enough to want to make this a more frequent event. Watch for more news on this soon.

This workshop came pretty soon after our fabulous Quiltathon just a couple of weeks before. Roughly 40 people stayed for much of the day working through the stack of donated tops. I am extremely grateful to Leslie Garrison and a guest named Bailey DerMarderosian for layering and pinning tops for machine quilting at home. Basting is my least favorite part of quilting which is one reason my tops tend to stack up. Thanks to the Sewathon and some work today, the first quilt is almost ready for binding, then it's off to finish the next quilt.

This month, we'll hear from one of my favorite quilters, Timna Tarr. Her use of color is masterful, and she's a terrific teacher as well as a genuinely friendly person. Some of us will gather at the Pompo Center for her workshop via Creative Spark. I plan to bring a pile of scraps to share. Lots of quilting activities are happening this month. I hope you find a way to celebrate and participate.

Happy Quilting,
Donna M-O



Quiltathon

Joy Sussman

Once again, the Quiltathon was a success! Thirty-eight people came and 99 quilts were processed through. Special thanks to Lola for printing the labels, Mary for getting the batting, Marla for organizing the lunch (and all who contributed), and Leslie for organizing the pinning of those quilts to be machine quilted.

Thanks to everyone for your help. Also, thanks to the group that came to my house and finished turning and pinning the last of the quilts.

Membership

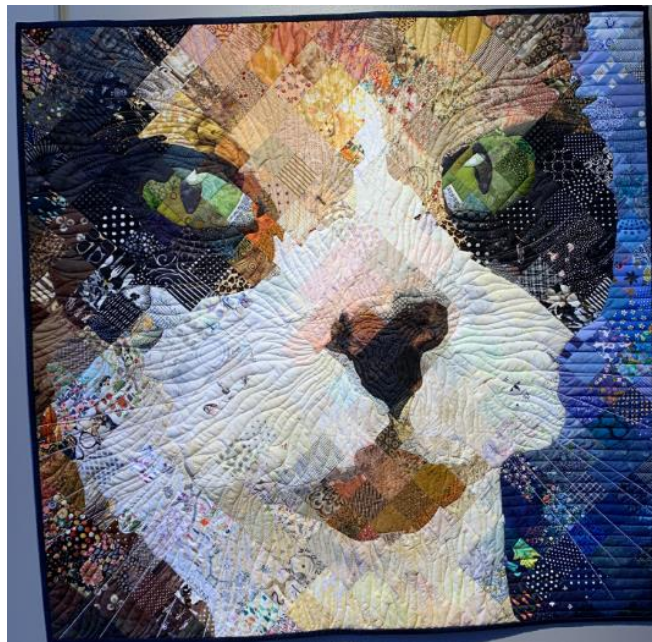
Robin DeMott and Lola Chaisson

We welcome new member Nancy Nelson from Concord. We have 99 members now.

Our Annual Membership Drive kicks off in April. Dues for 2023-2024 are \$35. Next year includes the Quilt Show and a packed schedule of speakers thanks to the hard work of our Program Chairs. The membership renewal form can be found on the Concord Piecemakers website under 'Becoming a Member'. https://concordpiecemakers.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/CPM_MembershipForm.pdf

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

Coming up FAST: On March 23d, eleven members of the guild will participate in a “Stitched Mosaics” workshop with Timna through Creative Spark. The general supply list was sent to all in a February 26th email. I will send it out again with directions for logging onto the Creative Spark website. You may attend this workshop from the comfort of your home, or join with others at the Pompositicut Community Center in Stow. This should be lots of fun!



Quilt show - October 18th and 19th, 2024

It might not seem it, but warm weather is just around the corner ... and so too is our quilt show. Before the summer activities demand all your energy, it's time to work on a quilt or several quilts for entry into our show.

September 6th is the final date for accepting quilts. That date is before our September meeting, so now is the time to be working on your entries.

Since vendors are hard to sign up, we will be selling fabric and books at the show. As you go through your stash, please consider donating fabric or books that can be sold at the show. As always, please donate good fabric (the kind you'd want to buy yourself); and be sure to write the size on blue tape.

There are new registration forms that are being created and will be available as soon as they are ready.

Our guild challenge is High Fashion using Gudrun Sjoden's catalog for color inspiration. These are to be small quilts (24" or less) of any design you want but using the colors from the catalog page you choose. If you haven't gotten a page yet, speak with Carol MacFarlane who has the spring catalog.

Your 2024 Quilt Show Committee

Gayle Coit, Sally Duscha, Joan Kerpelman, Carol MacFarlane

Raffle Baskets for the Quilt Show

Are you a fabric shopper, Halloween fanatic or chocolate lover? We are putting together raffle baskets for our October Quilt Show. We would like to have an Ergometric Sewing Supplies for Older Hands Basket, Halloween Basket, a Chocolate Basket, and a Fall Basket. You can contribute or be in charge of a basket.

Other baskets that have been started are Let's Play--I have a Kimball's gift certificate and Patchwork board game, Ice Cream--I have an ice cream scoop and a West Acton Creamery gift certificate, and a Sashiko and Japanese Treats---Marian volunteered to contribute to this basket.

I would like to include fun fabric fat quarters with each basket and, of course, we need baskets/containers. Please, contribute an item/s to a basket, your energy to arranging items in a basket, or other ideas. I will begin collecting non-perishable contributions starting at the May meeting. Look for a basket! Thanks in advance. Please, contact Sally (see email in our membership book) if you have questions.

Membership Raffle Quilt

Mary Jalenak and Claudette Cavalier

Thank you again to those of you who stitched parts of the 2024 raffle quilt. The assembled quilt top, along with backing and batting, was sent off to fellow guild member Laurie LaConte for quilting. The completed quilt came back to the guild at the Quiltathon where many of you were able to see Laurie's fabulous stitching. She has created a masterpiece yet again.

The quilt will be on display at our April meeting so members will be able to see Laurie's work (and your own!) "up close and personal." Tickets for members to sell will also be available at the April meeting.

The quilt still needs a label – and a name. The pattern we used was called Solstice and incorporated Stonehenge fabrics. We can keep the original name or choose a different name. The raffle quilt is also a fundraiser; the goal is to find a number of venues for selling chances to win this beautiful quilt. Suggestions for names and/or venues can be sent to Claudette or Mary (see emails in our membership book).



The SEWATHON!

Gayle Coit

Fourteen members gathered at the Pompositticut Community Center on Saturday, March 9th, for our first SEWATHON. New members Mimi Flanary and Nancy Jarboe dropped by to check us out. Our room was packed! Eileen Ryan, Elana Schreiber, Donna Morales-Oemig and Mary Jalenak all shared great tips for making our quilting process better. We're going to tally those tips and share them on the website! If you've got tips to share, please, add to it! I believe the consensus of this group was: LET'S DO IT AGAIN!



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. Email me (see email in our membership book).

Eileen Ryan

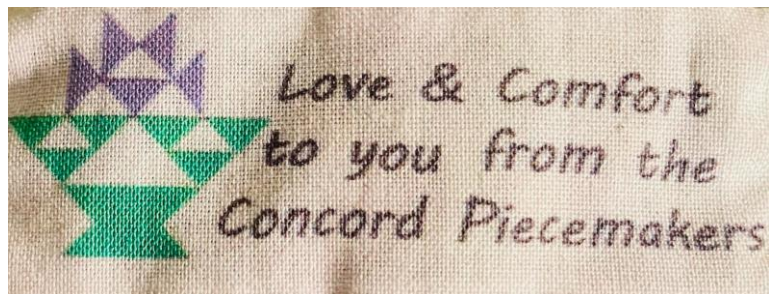


Comfort Quilts

Leslie Garrison

The quilts are rolling in! I received 12 completed comfort quilts at the Quiltathon and another nine since then. They are in a beautiful stack right now, and I will restart contacting potential recipients this month.

For those new to these quilts, you may have heard me ask if the quilt has a label. All of the quilts that we donate need one of these sewn to the back. It's okay if you attach it to the backing before quilting, stitch it on by hand at the end, or anything in-between. Lots of members have a few labels around, but I think that Joy Sussman and I have the largest stash. There are several versions, and this picture is one of them. Thanks for your help with this.



Nickel Squares

Sally Duscha and Kathy Becker

FYI, we'll be cutting nickel squares at the June meeting. Otherwise please keep cutting nickel squares from your scraps as you quilt. Many thanks to all who have donated already!



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 making optical illusion quilts. 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.

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



Improv and Abstraction in Antique Quilts: Curated by Marge Tucker - On View January 16 through March 23, 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

