

CONCORD PIECEMAKERS QUILT GUILD
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Wednesday April 17, 2024 **In Person/Zoom (Hybrid)** 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: – Joy Sussman's Trunk Show

Last year the Programs Committee thought it would be uplifting to have a program featuring the talents of one of our own. This year we will feature the talents of Joy Sussman! As you know, Joy has been a member of Concord Piecemakers for many years and has served the guild in many capacities. Last year one of her quilts was chosen to represent the guild at the NEQM's event honoring the talents of member guilds. At this meeting Joy will share more quilts she has made over the years. This will be a veritable feast for the eyes!

SLATE OF OFFICERS 2024-2025

PRESIDENT	Donna Morales-Oemig
VICE PRESIDENT	Eileen Ryan
MEMBERSHIP	Robin DeMott, Lola Chaisson
HISTORIAN	Marla Richmond
TREASURER	Mary Jalenak
SECRETARY	Nancy Hartle, Leslie Lowe
PROGRAMS	Tina van Roggen, Leonie Davis

To be voted on by the Concord Piecemakers Membership at the May 2024 Membership Meeting.

The President's Message

Donna Morales-Oemig

We are finally ready to shake off winter and step outside and into spring. Not that it's been a bad winter, but the lovely, warmer, brighter days are a welcome sight. Spring brings a flurry of quilt shows and the return of our meetings to in-person at the Harvey Wheeler Center for the rest of the '23-'24 CPM year.

Speaking of quilt shows, I visited Thimble Pleasures' show in March and County Line's show this past weekend. Both shows were very nice, with a wide variety of colorful quilts shown in spacious venues. Each guild had raffle quilts, raffle baskets, vendors. One even had a snack bar. Throughout, the activity of attendees and members working the shows kept the spaces lively. I enjoyed taking in all the quilts, chatting with other visitors, meeting up with friends from my other guild and those who recognized me from my vending days. Next month, my other guild, Quilters' Connection, will have its show, and ours is coming in October. Spring and Fall are the busiest for quilt shows. If you belong to other guilds, please be sure to share information about those shows with CPM. Weekends are always more fun if you can take in a show.

This month, the Nominating Committee will present the '24 - '25 Slate of Officers which we will vote on in May. Then our own Joy Sussman will present a trunk show of her work and what has inspired her over the years. Inspiration is everywhere, whether it's a pattern you like, or something in nature (Eclipse quilts anyone?). Perhaps something you'll see in Joy's presentation will inspire you? See you at the HWCC and be inspired.

Happy Quilting,
Donna M-O

Membership

Robin DeMott and Lola Chaisson

Our Annual Membership Drive kicks off in April. The renewal form is attached to this newsletter email. Next year includes the Quilt Show and a packed schedule of speakers thanks to the hard work of our Program Chairs. Renew by May 15th and you will be entered in the raffle for free membership. Please make sure to update any address or email changes for the new yearbook. The membership renewal form can also be found on the Concord Piecemakers website under "Becoming a Member".

For your convenience, we now accept credit cards for membership fees.

Quilt show - October 18th and 19th, 2024

As you spring clean your sewing studio, please, consider putting aside fabric, books, or raffle items for our Quilt Show in October. We hope everyone will consider showing one of your quilts and take part in the Guild Challenge - Colors from High Fashion. Quilt registration information is now on the website. We have a new registrar, Carol Duff so please, extend your thanks when you see her.

What can you do in preparation for the show? Work on your quilt, practice your cookie baking, add to a raffle basket, and/or make something for the boutique. It takes a village, no, I mean a whole quilt guild to put on a show. Thanks in advance for all your contributions. Do you have any questions or ideas? Please, contact us.

Your 2024 Quilt Show Committee

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

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 Ergonomic 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 if you have questions.



Quilt Show Boutique

Pam Cincotta

A major part of our quilt show is providing our membership the opportunity to sell their craft as well as giving our guests the opportunity to browse and shop after viewing our lovely show. Many of you have consistently provided crafted items for our boutique and I thank you for that and am hoping you plan to continue this year. Those of you who have thought about crafting items for the boutique but never done so I encourage you to make this the year you participate in the boutique.

Items that have done well include: children's toys/items, knitted items (hats, gloves etc.), home décor items (napkins, placemats, table runners etc.), décor and useful items for our sewing rooms, and handbags. At the time of our show, we will be at the beginning of the Thanksgiving, Hanukkah, and Christmas seasons so holiday items such as ornaments and holiday decor would be great items for us to showcase in our boutique.

Membership Raffle Quilt

Mary Jalenak and Claudette Cavelier

Our raffle quilt will be on display at our April meeting so members can see it "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. We also need ideas for venues for selling chances to win this beautiful quilt. Suggestions for names and/or venues can be sent to Claudette or Mary.



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.

Eileen Ryan

Pillowcases For Children

Sue Colwell and Nanette Moffa

THANK YOU, THANK YOU ALL!

Since the Quiltathon, we have received 58 pillowcases for children, and 12 for Home Goods. They have all been washed and ironed, and are ready to give to Leslie Garrison to distribute to Emerson Hospital and beyond. Please keep sewing these pillowcases! Our original Mission is to make pillowcases for children between the ages of 3-16, so look for fabrics that are cheerful and colorful.



Again, thank you all!

Nickel Squares

Sally Duscha and Kathy Becker

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!

Comfort Quilts

Leslie Garrison

This month we received a beautiful set of quilts from former member Fay Martin to go to comfort quilts. I will be bringing these to the April meeting to show off. I'm looking forward to seeing what everyone has been working on over the winter and will have my car ready to take any completed quilts. I will have labels available at the meeting, but I can also bring batting cut to whatever size you need. Please give me a day to pull it together, and I can have it ready with your name on it.

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 still making optical illusion quilts. We'll reveal our Lone Star quilts at the April meeting. A new project starts soon, so join us to choose the next theme.

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 want to work on any project of your own.



News From the New England Quilt Museum

Martha Supnik



Through April 27, The **Quilted Canvas IV** is the final exhibition in a series that began in 2017 at the New England Quilt Museum to recognize and celebrate America's pioneering art quilters. This fourth installment features the works of **Ruth McDowell, Jude Larzelere, Tafi Brown** and **Jo Diggs**. Video programs by Ruth McDowell and Jo Diggs are playing continuously on a monitor in the gallery.

Through June 15, following the success of her 2021 exhibition *Great American Road Trip*, the NEQM is delighted to welcome back fiber artist **Dawn Allen**. Her latest series **Domestic Partners** captures the relationships that humans share with their animals.

Beginning on April 30 through July 13, NEQM is proud to host the world premiere of SAQA's global exhibition, **StitchPunk**. The imaginative textile arts and three-dimensional works in this traveling exhibition explore a variety of science fiction themes and sub-genres of which "steampunk" is perhaps the most widely known across cultures. For some, steampunk is a source for creative inspiration. For others, the idea of a world set in a past that never happened and a future that will never be simply offers more optimism than the real one.

Through July 13, **Yellow Quilts** from the Permanent Collection.

Get a taste of all these works on the museum website at <https://www.neqm.org/on-view-index>

And for the rest of 2024:

June 18 through September 14, 2024 **Kaleidoscope Quilts** by Paula Nadelstern

July 16 through October 19, 2024 **The Electric Needle** 160 Years of Innovation in Quilting Arts, Anita Loscalzo, Guest Curator

September 17 through October 19, 2024 **Works from the Bayberry Quilt Guild**, Winners of Summer Celebration 2023

October 22 through December 28, 2024

Go Figure: Portraits in Textile Arts

Barbara Barber Tribute Exhibition

Joe Cunningham, In Our Time

***Please reference Martha's March 31 email for more details about the exhibits.

Rosie's Place

Kathleen McIsaac

Here is the latest "Wishlist" for Rosie's Place.

- 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)

Email me if you have any questions.

Household Goods Sewing Kits

Tina van Roggen

We continue to make sewing kits for Household Goods in Acton. Their clients 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 the April meeting. Thank you!

