

CONCORD PIECEMAKERS QUILT GUILD
MAY 2024 NEWSLETTER
GRAPEVINE

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Wednesday May 15, 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: – Jenny K Lyons via Zoom

Our May program will feature Jenny K. Lyons via Zoom from sunny California, sharing her Tippy Top Tips for successful and joyful free motion quilting. This presentation will be an informative and engaging discussion of useful tools, products and tips that will enhance your free motion quilting – some of them downright quirky!

Jenny has been teaching the art of quilting since 2006. She uses her domestic sewing machine to create art quilts and wearable art. Her work has been juried into a variety of major shows including Houston and Paducah as well as art galleries and SAQA exhibits.

Jenny's current work is centered around whole-cloth pieces, with intricate free-hand free motion quilting. Because there is little to no piecing, the story is told through the line of thread. She considers this work to be "sculpting" the fabric since the stitches create line and shadow upon the quilt's surface.



The President's Message

Donna Morales-Oemig

It's hard to believe another CPM year is almost over. May 31st is the end of our fiscal year and June turns the page to 24/25. What a year we've had! This became the year of the Scraps with many presentations related to how to use more of them in our quilts. Many of us enjoyed a nice variety of workshops that were either project-based or technique-based. We had a little something for everyone. We traveled virtually to the Philippines, and stayed near home to enjoy learning about our own Joy Sussman's quilts and inspirations. The Quiltathon and new Sewathon were successes, and the Getaway in the new venue was fresh and fun. Our ZoomBees continue to offer extra group time to sew on different projects. Membership grew a little, too.

The current Board worked well together to keep us operating smoothly, always with our 501(3)(c) status, and the benefit to the membership in mind. We strive to educate and entertain, all while doing some good for the community. One Guild responsibility is to have an Annual Meeting, which is the main focus this month. We are required to have this formal meeting to vote for next year's Executive Board, and approve next year's budget. Next fall's Quilt Show will flex our financial muscles a bit, as usual. No surprises, just slightly different numbers to make it all happen.

Because we need to hold the formal Business Meeting and Budget review this month and still allow ample time for the speaker to present, some of the general announcements can only be here in the newsletter this month. We hope to include a brief Show and Tell after the speaker. See you at the HWCC on the 15th.

Happy Quilting,
Donna M-O



MESSAGE FROM THE TREASURER

Mary Jalenak

Just a reminder that the guild's fiscal year ends on May 31st. If you have incurred any expenses and need to be re-imbursed, please send your receipts to Mary Jalenak by May 25th so we can close the books on the past year.

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.

Membership

Robin DeMott and Lola Chaisson

We welcome new members Bailey DerMarderosian from Bedford, Gwen Hotaling from Littleton, and Karen Kuranda from Stamford, VT. We have 101 members now.

The dues for the 2024-2025 year are expected to be submitted on or before May 15. Full membership is \$35 and Associate membership is \$20. You may download a membership form from the website concordpiecemakers.org. Please make sure to update any address or email changes for the new membership book. Payment should be made by sending your completed registration form and check to: Membership Chair c/o Concord Piecemakers PO Box 1381, Concord, MA 01742-1381.

As a special incentive, all members who rejoin by May 15 will be entered into a drawing to be held at the June guild meeting. The winner will receive a free membership.

Please be prompt as late submissions run the risk of being excluded from the membership book and make more work for the Membership chair during the summer.

Quilt show - October 18th and 19th, 2024

We have only *three* CPM meetings left to prepare for our October quilt show! (Yes, we have an October meeting, but since we're bringing our quilts to the church on the following morning, all planning should be in place before then!)

- Have you registered your quilt yet?
- Did you include a 4x6 photo which also shows a bit of the back plus label?
- If you have nice fabric to donate, please mark the size of the material with painter's tape and begin bringing the fabric to our meetings.
- If you have gently used, current, quality quilting magazines and books to donate, please start bringing them to our meetings.
- Please start saving large yogurt or 1 pound coffee cans to be filled with delicious cookies this fall.
- We will be making things at gatherings throughout the summer to sell at the Boutique. We have some ideas but would like to hear yours!
- Do you have a technique you'd like to demonstrate in our Demonstration Room?

At our May meeting, we will begin filling out the signup sheets to work at the various stations at the show. We need everyone to participate by volunteering in multiple time slots. Grab a friend to work a station with you or sign up alongside someone you don't know very well as this is a great opportunity to become better acquainted!

The Quilt Show Committee wishes to heartily thank the following members for offering to chair the following committees:

Admissions	Marla Richmond
Books/Magazines/Fabric	Sally Duscha
Boutique	Pam Cincotta
Venue Setup	Carol MacFarlane
Church Pictures	Carol MacFarlane
Cleanup	Quilt Show Committee
Comfort Quilt Display	Leslie Garrison
Concord Bookstore	Molly Eberle
Brown Bags	Sally Duscha
Venue Contract	Gayle Coit
Rack/Pole Contract	Gayle Coit
Vendor Contracts	Gayle Coit
Cookies	Leonie Davis
Demonstration Room	Sue Lee
Kitchen	Suzanne Knight/Erna Berg

Money	Mary Jalenak
Nickel Squares	Kathie Becker/Sally Duscha
Publicity	Alicia Tillman
QOV	Joan Schwerin
Quilt Design	Judy Jakobsche/Lola Chaisson/Moira Ten-Hove
Quilt Hanging	Jan Wilhelm/Carol MacFarlane
Quilt Labels – Attach	Elana Schreiber
Quilt Labels – Print	Kitty Shaw
Quilt Distribution	Donna Dickson
Quilt Reg, DAY OF	Elana Schreiber
Quilt Registrar	Carol Duff
Quilt Take-down	SuzAnne Weisenbloom
Raffle Baskets	Sally Duscha
Raffle Quilt	Mary Jalenak
Raffle Quilt – Quilting	Laurie LaConte
Signage, DAY OF	Eileen Ryan
Wearables	Ann Bonsett/Marian Bressel
White Gloves	Carol Hartman

At our last meeting, we began passing out quilt show posters, bookmarks, and raffle tickets for our beautiful raffle quilt. Need more? We have more to hand out! Results of the poll taken at our last show asking visitors how they learned about the quilt show revealed that word of mouth proved to be our best publicity! Start spreading the news! Take a picture of our poster and email it to your friends so they can put it on their calendars!

With your help, this will be a fun quilt show!

Your 2024 Quilt Show Committee

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

Membership Raffle Quilt Tickets

Mary Jalenak

Member tickets for this year's raffle quilt were distributed at the April meeting. If you missed the April meeting and would like some tickets or if you need more tickets, please contact Mary; tickets can be picked up, dropped off or mailed.

Raffle Baskets for the Quilt Show

Please contribute to a raffle basket for our Show in the fall with the following themes and the guild members who volunteered to pull the basket together ---I'm sure they wouldn't mind help!

The following themes are being assembled:

Halloween -?

Fall - (Barbara Barton)

Chocolate - (Suzanne Knight)

Sashiko - (Marian Bressel)

Edge to edge quilting - (Moira Ten-Hove)

Let's Play - (Sally Duscha)

Membership at NEQM - (Martha Supnik)

Dreaming of Summer (we have West Acton Creamery gift certificate and ice cream scoop) -?

Ergonomic sewing -?

Breakfast - (Tina van Roggen)

Susanne Fuller is bringing a couple of baskets, but we could probably use a few more. Also, a sand pail and shovel for the Dreaming of Summer basket?

Do you have the perfect fabric that fits one of the themes? Please consider cutting a fat quarter for us. Let me know if I can replace one of those question marks with your name.

Thanks in advance for all your contributions. Sally



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.

Nickel Squares

Sally Duscha and Kathy Becker

We will be working on putting together charm packs of nickel squares --- 5-inch squares of fabric --- on Mondays in May at Kathie Becker's home. Our May meetings are 13, and 20, at 2 pm.

We hope you can join us (address in membership book), a blue house across from a church. Please, park in the back and walk to the front door of Kathie's house. If you have trouble walking, park in front, leaving access to the back open. You'll understand when you get there!

Please RSVP to Sally or Kathie, see membership book for email addresses.

Textured Black and White Baby Mats

Eileen Ryan

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 at (see membership book for email.)

Pillowcases For Children at Emerson Hospital

Sue Colwell and Nanette Moffa

The need continues!

The next time you're in a quilt shop/fabric store take a few minutes to check out the children's fabric. 3/4 yard of nondirectional fabric is all it takes to create a pillowcase (guessing you have scraps in your stash for a cuff). The directions are on our Community Service page.

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.



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. 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.

Comfort Quilts

Leslie Garrison

I delivered quilts, baby mats, and lots of pillowcases to Emerson Pediatrics and Acton Household Goods this month. These were well-received as usual. You all have been very busy this year! I counted 60 complete quilts that I have received since January first. Wow! About half of these are twin bed size, which is great.

If you are looking for a smaller project, I have 5 sandwiched tops that need to be quilted. I will bring these as well as labels to the May meeting. As always, please let me know if you would like me to bring batting cut to a specific size to the May meeting. You can also contact me to arrange a pick-up!

Summer Mystery Quilt Time!

Moira Ten-Hove and Elana Schreiber

8 weeks starting June 28, 2024; \$15 payable to Moira Ten-Hove by June 21. Open to all.

I asked Elana if we could do something other than another Debbie Caffrey quilt. Don't get me wrong Debbie writes good patterns that keep you guessing but after a few they all seem to run together. Her response was that most other mystery quilts aren't well tested but that I was welcome to see what I could find — and then I could run it...

So, this year's offering is going to be a little more modern and have a guest 'show runner' — Me, Moira Ten-Hove.

You get to choose the project size — from table runner to king (!)—the colors — scrappy, stash, or special purchase fabric — and best of all the layout! No two projects will be the same unless you and a buddy plan it that way! I'm thinking it could be my catalog page challenge project but what you do is up to you and the time you have to play.

Each week for 8 weeks starting Friday June 28, you'll receive a set of instructions by email via me. At the end I'll reveal the designer — that, too, is a mystery so that Elana won't be tempted to peek. You'll also receive a pdf of the pattern from them so you can make another one that is completely different from your first. This could be addictive!

As usual we'll have a Friday afternoon meet-up on Zoom to dissect the latest installment and cheer one another on.

News From the New England Quilt Museum

Martha Supnik



Open now through July 13: The 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. The Oxford Dictionary defines steampunk as "a genre of science fiction that has a historical setting and typically features [steam-powered](#) machinery rather than advanced technology." Though science-fiction author K.W. Jeter is credited with coining the term in 1987, Jules Verne author of *Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea* (1870) and H.G. Wells author of *The Time Machine* (1895) are commonly cited as its earliest progenitors.

In recent decades, steampunk's distinctive visual characteristics—gears and gadgets, goggles and top hats, time machines and giant airships—have spread to film, art, fashion, advertising, interior design, and even video games. Steampunk enthusiasts have grown into a global subculture that celebrates an aesthetic inspired by Victorian-era industrialism, but imagines an alternate reality or fantasy world where technology never progressed past steam power. 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. The labels on some of the items mention science fiction, fantasy, and artificial intelligence.

Because the SAQA exhibit is on the small size, we have filled the Pocket Galleries with Victorian Era quilts from our collection, and they include a Redwork quilt, Crazy Quilts, a charm quilt (no repeated fabric), log cabin quilts, and pieced quilts with many little pieces. All these were fads from the era in which the steam-powered mills were producing thousands of yards of printed cottons and silks each day! It's the steam power that links the Victorian era quilts with *StitchPunk*. Also installed is "Isaac Singer," a sculpture of an imagined time traveling version of a man, comprised of sewing machine parts. Bruce Rosenbaum is the creator. Here is his website for more information: www.modvic.com.

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 meeting. Thank you!

To all the Concord Piecemakers Moms

