

Concord Piecemakers Guild: A Guide for New Members

Guild meetings begin in September each year and run through June. Meetings are usually every 3rd Wednesday of the month, from 7:15 - 9 PM. The monthly program schedule is included in the membership book, which is printed for members; the calendar is also available on the CPM web site: www.concordpiecemakers.org. Between 6:30 and 7:15 PM members sign in, visit, check out books from the guild library, sign up for workshops and other events, and pickup or drop off projects for Outreach programs. The business meeting begins at 7:15 pm, and includes information on various guild business items. Next, we generally have a member show and tell. An invited speaker rounds out the evening with a talk about her/his work, often including a slide show and/or a display of quilts.

The guild is funded mainly by our biennial quilt show and yard sale, which are held in the fall of alternating years. An additional fund raising activity is a biennial raffle quilt; membership dues also provide support for guild programs. The success of each of these major guild activities depends in large part on the time, talents, and efforts contributed by each guild member.

Guests and friends of members are always welcome at any meeting; they are charged a \$5 guest fee. Our membership is limited due to the fire code and limited seating at our meeting site. If guild membership is closed, the Membership Chair maintains a list of prospective members. These individuals are then invited to join whenever an open space becomes available.

Annual guild membership dues are \$35, and are due at the May meeting.

Guild benefits for each member include:

- Great speakers at most of our monthly meetings
- Inexpensive workshops by local and nationally-known instructors
- Member-led workshops, usually one day per year
- "More Before", our new free mini-workshop before monthly meetings; a great place to learn a new technique
- Informal advice and suggestions by experienced quilters
- Monthly newsletter is emailed to each member, usually at least 1 week prior to the guild meeting.
- Membership book with member contact information
- Guild library of quilt books for lending at all meetings
- Monthly Show and Tell by members
- Participation in Outreach activities, such as making charity quilts for various groups
- Opportunity to show your work in guild's biennial quilt show
- Opportunity to participate in our February Quiltathon, where we assemble quilts and pillows for various charitable organizations.

- Concord Piecemakers web site, which includes our calendar of activities, guild constitution and by-laws. URL is www.concordpiecemakers.org

Ways for you to participate in CPM Guild activities:

- Attend monthly guild meetings, held September through June.
- "More-Before" free mini-workshops - attend and/or teach
- Guild-sponsored workshops by renowned quilting teachers (fee is charged)
- Member-led workshops - offer to teach a technique, skill or design idea
- Neighborhood quilting groups
- Make quilt tops for Comfort Quilt groups and/or Quiltathon on your own
- Comfort Quilt Groups throughout the year
- Attend our Getaway Weekend at an area hotel; one weekend in January
- Participate at our Quiltathon - one Saturday in February
- Assist in ticket sales for our raffle quilt at various activities throughout the year
- Assist in making raffle quilt in alternate years
- Assist with Yard Sale, before and/or on the days of sale
- Assist with Quilt Show in alternating years. There are many committees to work on, and many ways to be involved.
- Bring your (nearly) finished projects/quilts for Show and Tell at monthly guild meetings
- Serve on Committees - there are many ways to be involved.
- Share your ideas and experience
- Have fun