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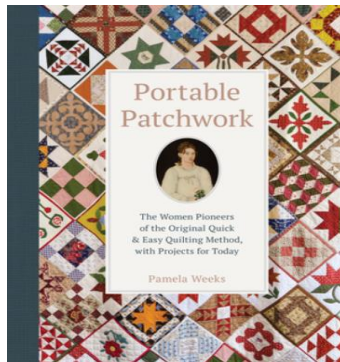
Wednesday September 18, 2024 In Person/Zoom (Hybrid) Meeting
6:45 PM Socializing, 7:15 PM Meeting

Join Zoom Meeting *** New Zoom Link!

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

Programs: – Pam Weeks

Pam Weeks is the curator for the New England Quilt Museum. She will talk about the history of storytelling, raising social awareness and protest in textiles and quilts. Stories were quilted into bed coverings as early as 1400, and protest quilts go back to 1830! <https://www.portablepatchwork.com/index.html>



Membership

Robin DeMott and Lola Chaisson

Welcome to our new quilting year! We have 99 members. We welcome new members Karen Ahearn and Thanae Cooper from Acton, and Monica Mehigan from Maynard.

The final electronic version of the membership book will be emailed to members on September 18. Booklets will be available at the September 18th meeting for those who want one. If you haven't paid your 2024-25 membership dues, please bring your check to the meeting. We're looking forward to seeing you all again!

The President's Message

Donna Morales-Oemig

And, we're back! I hope everyone enjoyed a nice summer. As always, it went by pretty quickly, but overall, it was a good one. Last year, I noted I never wore my sandals since it rained so much. This year was perfect for sandals, though this morning is chilly on my toes.

Our show is coming up FAST – just about five weeks to go. The show committee is working behind the scenes to put it all together with the quilts we all have entered. Again, I do hope you all have entered something. First, with strong member participation we are able to create a show, and second, quilts just look better when they are hanging in a show. I've said it before that there is nothing like turning a corner, and there is your quilt, looking great, happy to show off the work you did to make it. I can't wait to see your quilts.

The meeting this month features Pam Weeks of the NE Quilt Museum. Pam knows a thing or twenty about how great quilts look hanging in a show, and the messages and stories they tell. See you on the 18th at the Harvey Wheeler Community Center. Doors open about 6:45pm, and the meeting starts at 7:15. In the meantime, I'll keep working on my show quilts.

Happy Quilting,

Donna M-O



Quilt Getaway!

Marian Bressel

Keep the date: Feb 21 - 24. Never too soon to start thinking about our next Getaway!!

Membership Raffle Quilt Tickets

Mary Jalenak

Just a quick reminder to all members to keep selling tickets for the raffle quilt, a major fundraiser for the guild. If you need more tickets, or missed picking up tickets in the spring, email me and we can arrange a drop off or pick up. If you have ticket proceeds, you can bring them to the September meeting or email me to arrange a hand off. Thanks for your help.

Countdown to CPM Quilt Show 2024!

Thank you for registering your quilts! We're going to have a fabulous show on Oct. 18 & 19!

The September meeting is essentially the last meeting to prepare for this show. On the day of our October meeting, we will begin setting up the show! To help us prepare:

Please bring the coffee cans and yogurt containers you've been saving to the September meeting. Those that haven't been saving can get some help. Bake early and freeze! That way you won't be rushed at the last minute! Wrap the top of the container with a fat quarter, punch a hole in the label stating the type of cookie and all ingredients used, secure the label and fat quarter to the container using a ribbon, yarn or ricrac, and you're done!

Bring Goodies for Raffle Baskets

We have a nice assortment of raffle baskets being made for our Quilt Show. The following baskets could use more items to fill them up. Please reach out to the person in charge of the basket to make sure we don't get duplicate items.

- a. CHOCOLATE (Suzanne Knight)
- b. SASHIKO (Marian Bressel)
- c. Something to accompany a \$50 gift card from Idylwilde. (Sally Duscha)
- d. BOOKS (Molly Eberle)
- e. CHRISTMAS (Sally Duscha)
- f. PATRIOTIC (Sally Duscha)
- g. NOTIONS (Sally Duscha)

All baskets will be wrapped in tulle with a list of items inside to help visitors choose which to try to win.



Also...

1. If you have any books or fabric to donate, please bring them to the September meeting.
2. Please check Suzanne Knight's entry in the newsletter to see how the kitchen will be run this year.
3. Are your Boutique items ready? Don't forget to fill out your form!
4. WE WANT EVERYONE to volunteer to help with this show! Signups will be available at the September meeting. If you cannot attend this meeting, please contact Gayle Coit, and she will help you find a position that matches your schedule. We have quite a few openings yet to fill! Please, be generous with your time. We all have fun working together for a cause that benefits us all!

Lastly, I can't stress enough how important it is to spread the word about our quilt show! This show will be more expensive to operate than our last show and admissions is our greatest source of income, followed closely by cookies. Bookmarks to hand out will be available at our meeting. Take a picture of our flyer and email it to friends. If you find that you must withdraw a quilt, the deadline for withdrawal is September 25th. The Design Team is already working on the layout and hopefully everyone is attaching labels and hanging sleeves to their quilts!

Get ready to roll up your sleeves and have fun!

Your Quilt Show Committee--

Gayle Coit, Sally Duscha, Carol MacFarlane, Joan Kerpelman

Quilt Show – Boutique

Pam Cincotta

In preparation for the quilt show, I will be at the September and October meetings along with blank price tags available for each of those who have made items for sale in the Boutique. It will be helpful if you determine approximately the number of tags required for your items beforehand.

The Boutique Inventory Form can be found on our website but for those unable to print at home, I will have some forms available at the meeting. These completed forms should be turned in with your items when checking them in the day before the show (October 17th).

If you have items you are planning to donate 100% of the proceeds to the guild, please complete one of these forms for your items and indicate "Y" under the column Donate.

You still have time to craft items for the Boutique. There are some patterns on our website supplied by members to give you ideas or maybe you have your own ideas. Let's make our Boutique a success!

Quilt Show - LUNCHROOM NEWS:

This is a place to eat and relax for *all members* on Friday and Saturday from 8 AM to closing of the show on Saturday.

The guild provides turkey, ham, bread, sliced tomatoes, and lettuce at lunchtime.

Hearty salads are also needed for Friday and Saturday lunches.

Chips, crackers, cheese? Bring it on!

Fruit in any form is welcome all day both days.

Sweets are necessary. Our volunteering members need energy-boosting items in the morning and at lunch.

Hot things?? Crockpots only...we will not use the stove top nor the oven at the church.

The guild provides coffee, tea, and bottled water but we will not provide individual water bottles. Feel free to bring your own water bottle to fill or use the plastic cups.

Chocolate is welcome and for some - necessary.

Questions?

Suzanne Knight & Erna Berg

Pillowcases For Children at Emerson Hospital

Sue Colwell and Nanette Moffa

We know everyone is busy preparing for the Quilt Show so this is just a quick reminder. If you are participating in the New England Shop Hop that's going on now through October, please check out the children's fabric in the shops you visit. There's some terrific fabric available that would make fun pillowcases for a sick child. Here are a few examples...



Current ZoomBees



Join any ZoomBee or Guild Meeting at: *** New Zoom Link!

If you'd like to attend our guild ZoomBees, please contact membership@concordpiecemakers.org

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

After about four years leading the Tuesday Project ZoomBees, Carol MacFarlane has decided to step back and let someone else take over. If you have a burning desire to make a specific pattern or style of quilt and think others might enjoy it, too, please come forward to head up one or more projects.

Thursday Sit and Sew ZoomBee, 10 AM - 12 noon

Thursdays are still open for DIY projects. Participation has dwindled, so if we don't use the time, we can open it up for something else. We'll poll the membership for interest.

Friday Block of the Month ZoomBee, 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM (New Time)

The Friday ZoomBee is still going, somewhat between the Summer Mystery led by Moira Ten-Hove and the upcoming Bonnie Hunter Winter Mystery, led by Elana Schreiber.

***Any or all ZoomBee times can be for finishing your show quilts, too. Sewing at home while still chatting with friends makes the time go by. Perfect for stitching down bindings and sleeves!

Comfort Quilts

Leslie Garrison

Have you been busy quilting this summer? I will be at the September meeting with my big car to pick up any quilts that you have finished. Please remember to attach labels! If you need backing or sashing fabrics, batting, or labels for comfort quilts, please let me know. I can even bring options to the meeting if you ask ahead of time.

Textured Black and White Baby Mats

Eileen Ryan

Textured black and white mats for the neo-natal unit at Emerson Hospital are always in need. Reach out if you need a kit or just the textured squares.

Rosie's Place

Kathleen McIsaac

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

- Any size shampoo, conditioner, lotion, toothpaste, deodorant, and body wash
- Toothbrushes, floss, Chapstick, Disposable shaving razors, Hairbrushes, picks, 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)
- \$25 gift cards to Target, Old Navy, Walmart, CVS, Walgreens

Email me if you have any questions.

Household Goods Sewing Kits

Tina van Roggen

I continue to make sewing kits for Household Goods in Acton. Their clients take more than 40 kits per month. I especially need donations of tape measures and small scissors (because most containers are small). But I could also use thread, needles, pins, buttons, safety pins, small boxes for pins or buttons, and empty spools. If you have extras of any of these items, please bring them to the meeting. Thank you!

News from the New England Quilt Museum

Martha Supnik

September 2024

The Electric Needle: 160 Years of Quilting Innovation

Co-Curators Anita Loscalzo and Pamela Weeks

On view August 3 through October 19, 2024

In the forty years following the invention of the sewing machine in the mid-nineteenth century, visible machine quilting typically appeared in linear patterns. The twentieth century brought enhancements such as zigzag and decorative stitches, but it was not until the 1980s that advances in machine technology popularized complex, free-motion techniques.

These days the vast majority of quilting is done using a machine. Some of the world's most prestigious quilt competitions consistently award their top prizes to machine-quilted entries. Though technology has given quiltmakers some remarkable tools, it is their conscious use of skill and creative imagination that produce works of art.

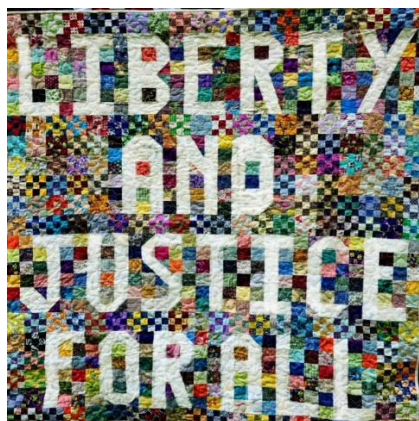
The Electric Needle presents 47 extraordinary machine-quilted examples, including modern designs, art quilts and traditional quilts, as well as examples from the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries.

**Humachine Sculpture by Bruce Rosenbaum
Isaac Singer: The Time Stitcher,**

On View April 30 – October 19, 2024

Bruce Rosenbaum's functional steampunk artwork has been featured in a variety of prestigious national publications and cable television outlets. He works internationally with clients to take period, repurposed, personal, and meaningful objects, and creatively infuse them with modern technology, transforming the ordinary into incredible functional placemaking art. His steampunk art and design process celebrates history, while setting a path for a reimagined better future -- telling the personal stories of objects, individuals, buildings, organizations, and places.

Quilts 250: Stitching in the Spirit of Democracy



Quilts 250 is moving ahead full steam! This is a free, public quilt show organized by Concord Piecemakers, Quilters' Connection and Rising Star Quilt Guild in celebration of the 250th anniversary of the American Revolutionary events of April 19, 1775 along Battle Road in Lincoln, Concord, Lexington, and Arlington, Massachusetts. Showcasing the creative energy of quilters near and far, *Quilts 250* hopes to display as many as 250 quilts that visually express through fabric and thread themes related to our country's founding and evolution and the dynamic range of quilting arts in the last 250 years.

The dates of this collaborative show will be March 22 & 23, 2025, and it will be held at Concord Academy. *Registration is now open!* We want to exhibit your best quilts!

For Entry Rules and the link to the online submission form, please visit

<https://www.quiltersconnection.org/Quilts250.html>

Questions? Contact quilts250@quiltersconnection.org.