

CONCORD PIECEMAKERS QUILT GUILD  
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Wednesday January 15, 2025 [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](mailto:membership@concordpiecemakers.org) for the Zoom link

Programs: -- Julia McLeod - Everything but the Cotton

When quilters don't have access to a stash of quilter's cotton, what do they turn to? In this one-hour lecture, trunk show and Q & A session Julia will explore quilts – antique and modern – made of wool, silk, polyester and more. She'll also discuss how the use of unusual materials gives rise to alternative construction techniques and design choices.

The trunk show of Julia's work shows what you can create with neckties, saris, kimonos and other unusual, 'not cotton' textiles.



## The President's Message

My letter-writing is running late this month. Some days, the thoughts just don't surface, or I'm engrossed in something else. I have been happily sewing on a few projects this last month while juggling other tasks. I even rearranged the furniture in my sewing room recently and hope this makes accessing stuff in there better. Was it turning the page on a new year that led to moving furniture? I'm not one for resolutions, but do think making changes is positive sometimes. I hope the new layout proves to be a good change. If not, I can always change it back.

Our program officially switches to Zoom now through March. January 15 is the meeting AND the deadline for both the Quilts 250 show entry and our Getaway signup. I have a few quilts still to enter in that show, and wouldn't you know, I had to move some furniture in another room just to photograph these quilts. They are all made with cotton, and not other fibers unlike the topic of our next speaker's lecture. I am interested to see what Julia McLeod says about using other fabrics, especially the silks.

In the meantime, remember to come to the Open Sew on Saturday, 1/11, and get a quilt or two in Quilts 250. We can all have in-person fun at the Getaway in February to augment our monthly Zoom meetings. See you online on the 15<sup>th</sup> on Zoom. We can start about 6:45pm, and the meeting starts at 7:15. In the meantime,

Happy Quilting,  
Donna M-O



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We have a new schedule this year, but we still need comfort quilts!! On MARCH 8 from 8:00 to 3:00 we will be meeting at St. Matthew's Church, 436 Central Street, Acton. Come when you want and stay as long as you like.

Please bring: a quilt top (check with comfort quilts for requested sizes)

A quilt back that doesn't clash with the top. It should be 2 inches per side or so bigger than the front.

Please tie them together so we know they belong.

Put a small piece of paper that gives the measurements of the top. PLEASE DO THIS!

A pair of scissors with your name attached (or we will consider it a nice donation).

Your name tag for those of us who forget our own names.

A treat for about 10 starving quilters. Can't put it on the stove.

A spirit of adventure.

We will supply sandwiches, coffee, tea and water. Lunch arrives around noon. We can use salads and other non-stove needing things. And don't forget the chocolate!

We make these quilts for those who need a "quilter's embrace". Sick, homeless, freaked out. Please share your creativity. And if you don't like the colors, you never have to see it again!

**Please inform one of us if you are planning to bring your sewing machine. We need at least 10 sewing machines to get through the volume of quilts that we'll be working on.**

Marla Richmond and Joy Sussman



Quilt Getaway! - Feb 21 – 24, 2025

Marian Bressel

Okay, friends, keep those cards and letters coming, preferably with checks inside, made out to Concord Piecemakers, for our Getaway. I know it's more than a month away, but much like planning a wedding, I have to get our numbers in way ahead of time. We all had a wonderful time last year, and the food was delicious. So, sign up now. Any questions, please let me know.

## Proposed Bylaw Change – Associate Membership Category

The Board has voted to discontinue the Associate Membership category. It no longer applies to the guild and it serves no purpose. The benefits of full and associate memberships are the same except for voting rights. Associate members cannot vote on guild business. The Associate category was developed many years ago, when newsletters and membership books were mailed rather than emailed and associates did not get the mailings. Associates were only allowed to exhibit in the Quilt Show if there was space available. We have not had space issues in recent years. Associates are also supposed to pay a \$5 fee to attend meetings, and we have been erratic in collecting the fees.

The Bylaw Committee will review this proposal and if accepted, will present it to the membership. We will vote on the bylaws change at the April meeting.

## Comfort Quilts

Leslie Garrison

December was a busy month for donations! I brought lap/throw and wheelchair sized quilts to six area facilities for seniors, both skilled nursing homes and assisted living facilities. Many people commented on the beauty of the quilts and were amazed that we made over 100 comfort quilts each year. I also brought bed-size quilts to Household Goods in Acton, and the volunteers said that the ultimate recipients would be so lucky to receive them.

Please remember that quilts are also available for you to give to friends, colleagues, and neighbors in need of comfort from illness or loss. Suzanne Knight gave a quilt to friends grieving the sudden loss of their grandson. Although this quilt was made by Suzanne herself with Mary Jalenak, I hold back some of our best comfort quilts for situations like this. Here are the words of thanks that Suzanne received:

No words can express the thoughtful gift of love you and your friends gave us. The quilt is stunning, and the thought of how many hours it must have taken is overwhelming.  
Honestly, it is so kind of you and your group.

Now that our meetings are on Zoom for three months, please contact me directly for any needs of batting, labels, or fabric for backings / sashing / coordinating blocks. I live in Boxborough but can meet you at other locations if that is helpful. I will also bring labels and fabric to the getaway.



## Quilts 250: *Stitching in the Spirit of Democracy*

I hope everyone has successfully entered quilts into the Quilts 250 show!

We now turn our focus to the Boutique! In a separate email I attached four different forms for submitting items for sale in the Boutique. I hope you find one that works for you! The split is 80/20, with 20% being retained by the Q250 committee to pay for expenses not covered by our contracts. This is a great way to raise some money for yourself, or we can create items to sell which would benefit the guild. If there's interest in creating sit-n-sews or ZoomBees to create items for the Boutique, please let me know and I'll arrange it!

## Pillowcases for Children at Emerson Hospital

Sue Colwell and Nanette Moffa

The need continues to provide child-themed colorful pillowcases for the children at Emerson Hospital. With the Getaway coming up in February it would be fantastic if everyone would make just one. And if you can't attend this year, you can still participate. For those who are new to the guild here are some suggestions of what is most needed, and below is a link to a pattern.

Bright colors and themes like 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.

<https://www.rileyblakedesigns.com/assets/images/freepatterns/sewingpatterns/RollUpPillowCase.pdf>



## Current ZoomBees



Join any ZoomBee at our standard Zoom Meeting link at the top of the Newsletter. The Tuesday and Thursday meetings have been inactive for a while, so for now, they are closed.

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

The winter Bonnie Hunter Mystery colors have been chosen; aqua, melon, red, and white. This is a split complementary color scheme. (<https://www.incolororder.com/2011/11/art-of-choosing-split-complementary.html?m=1>)

This free mystery finishes sometime in January. For more information check out Bonnie Hunter's Quiltville blog - look for the Old Town Mystery tab.

Here are choices and possibilities to consider:

1. Make a smaller time commitment by making half the blocks.
2. Make blocks cooperatively for one quilt. Each person makes half or ten friends get together and each make one step. Then you can fight over who gets to keep the quilt or donate it.
3. Maybe you want to use totally different colors that's ok.

Remember, Bonnie's quilts use tiny pieces 1 1/2-inch blocks or strips are not unusual so if you do not like to work with small pieces chose another project.

Come sew with us. We can't tell if you are working on the BH mystery, last year's mystery, or something else. This is a great way to get to know your fellow guild members.



# News from the New England Quilt Museum

Martha Supnik

## NEQM Upcoming Exhibitions in 2025

The museum closes at 4pm on Saturday, December 28 for 2 weeks and reopens on Tuesday, January 14, 2025 with these 3 exhibitions:

Fierce Planets – SAQA Jan 14 – May 3, 2025

<https://www.saqa.com/art/exhibitions/fierce-planets-saqa-global-exhibition>

42 artists from 11 countries

Copyright for Quilter – Elizabeth Townsend Gard – Jan 14 – March 29, 2025

<https://www.justwannaquilt.com/about-etq>

Maker Unknown – Quilts from the NEQM Permanent Collection with no provenance

## 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 drop them off at my house or at Suzanne Knight's. Thank you!

## Rosie's Place

Kathleen McIsaac

**Wishlist – Please contact Kathleen if you have any items for her.**

- Travel or full size: shampoo, conditioner, lotion, toothpaste, deodorant and body wash
- Toothbrushes, floss
- Chapstick
- Disposable shaving razors
- Hairbrushes, picks, combs, elastic hair ties
- Socks, underwear, sports bras (new & in original packaging)
- Paperback and hardcover books (new & like new, no textbooks)
- Yarn (unused) and crochet hooks (new & like new)
- \$25 Gift cards\*\* to Target, Old Navy, Walmart, CVS, and Walgreens