

CONCORD PIECEMAKERS QUILT GUILD
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Wednesday February 19, 2025 [Zoom](#) Meeting
6:45 PM Socializing, 7:15 PM Meeting

Join Zoom Meeting

If you'd like to visit our virtual guild meeting, please contact membership@concordpiecemakers.org for the Zoom link

Programs: – Parade of Comfort Quilts

This month's program goal to let the Members see quilts going to the Quiltathon. Think of it as a big Show and Tell before your quilts leave as gifts. Please send pictures of your Comfort Quilt tops to president@concordpiecemakers.org with Quilt Parade in the subject by **Monday, February 17th** to be in the slideshow parade.



The President's Message

Winter has truly returned this year. The last couple of years have been fairly easy on us, but this year, Mother Nature back in charge. I don't really like driving in snow and slush and REALLY dislike how others drive in it, ha-ha. I do make myself go out in this stuff, mostly to keep in practice. However, nothing beats working at my sewing machine and looking out the window at the songbirds and even "Greedy the Squirrel" at the feeder. My new workroom layout is still feeling pretty good, though it's the coldest room in our house. Watching the Cardinals and Bluebirds warms my heart, but not my feet.

Julia McLeod's presentation last month was wonderfully inspiring. The idea of using silks from ties and saris is not new, but her beautifully textured and colored quilts make it all seem fresh. Natural fibers are fantastic to sew, and cotton will remain my favorite. But sometimes it's nice to play with silk or even wool, just never cotton polyester blends. Those play havoc with an iron if you don't know it's in the mix and suddenly your fabric sticks. You want to sew, not clean the iron.

Hopefully, you've all been sewing and will have lovely photos to share in our Parade of Comfort Quilts program this month. I realize our schedule is still adjusting to the date change of the Getaway. We Piecemakers do sew a lot of Comfort Quilts, so the timing should work itself out eventually. Are you doing something simple or more complicated with the Nickel Squares you received at the November meeting? Have you tried the block design Barbara Weiss showed us during December's impromptu Zoom? How is the progress on the Fabric Challenge some of you took on with the fabrics I posted? Can you believe one of them has worked its way back to me for a Comfort Quilt? Come to the Zoom meeting on the 19th to see. Until then,

Happy Quilting,

Donna M-O



Quilt Getaway! - Feb 21 – 24, 2025

Marian Bressel

And our Getaway is coming up the weekend of Feb 21. I am sorry to say that we cannot take any more reservations at this time. If you forgot, or have a change of heart, keep next year in mind. Shall we ask for snow on Monday so we can stay an extra day? It is so much fun and always ends too soon. See you there!

Membership

Lola Chaisson and Robin DeMott

Discounted membership fees for new members begins in February. Dues for the rest of the program year (until June) are only \$20. If you have a friend who is interested in joining CPM, now is the time to do it. This applies to new members only and the usual dues rate applies to them for the 2025-2026 program year.



PREPARE YE THE WAY OF THE QUILTATHON!!! PREPARE YE THE WAY OF THE QUILTATHON!!!

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

URGENT REQUEST:

CPM is looking for volunteers to lead next year's FYN Sale. A few people have already offered to help, but do not want to be Chairs of this event. Proximity to St Matthew's is convenient for sorting days. Scheduling the sorting days and communicating with the Guild is important. This is a major fund-raiser for the Guild. Will you jump in to lead, or lead with a co-Chair? Please step up and let the Board know asap.

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.

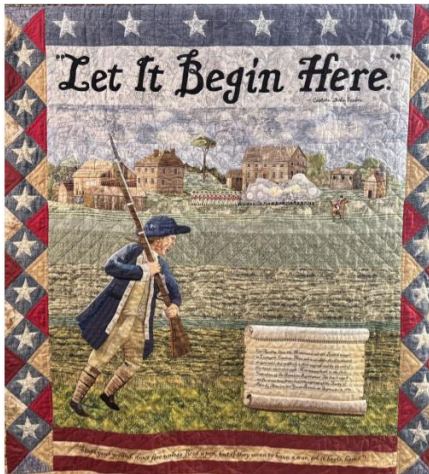
Comfort Quilts

Leslie Garrison

We had a few donations this past month including one to the friend of a member. I brought kid's quilt to Emerson along with pillowcases. Donna had a connection to an individual in southern California collecting quilts for victims of the wildfires, and we included two quilts in a group shipment.

I'm looking forward to seeing all the comfort quilt tops at this month's meeting! I will be bringing a variety of donated fabrics and leftover nickel squares to the getaway for comfort quilts to have even more done ready by the Quiltathon.


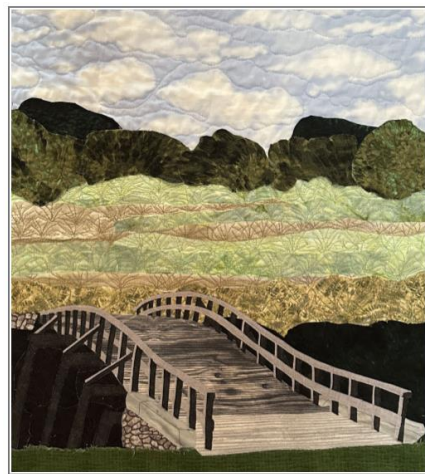
*****News flash!!** Jane Barnett, formerly of Quilters Way quilt shop, is adding three CPM Comfort Quilts to a donation for Topanga-area families with children who were affected by the Los Angeles fires.



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Stitching in the Spirit of Democracy

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Quilts 250: Stitching in the Spirit of Democracy

We've entered the final stretch in preparing for this collaborative show effort! Our lecture with Gerald Roy and Jennifer Swope has a title: *American Quilts: The Art and Story of a Nation*.

Quilts 250 has accepted 232 entries to be in our show. Why only 232 quilts? Many beautiful quilts entered were large quilts, which require more pipe and drape dedicated to a single quilt. To stay within our budget, the number of quilts had to be reduced. With comfort quilts being displayed in our entryway, we'll probably still be "exhibiting" 250 quilts!

The next phase of publicity for the show focuses on attendance! Attached is a preview of our newest postcards which are currently in print. They will feature four quilts from the show. What you see is a draft. Minor changes have been made to the text. The cards feature a QR code which will take you to more information and will feature a link where advance ticket sales for the lecture by Gerald Roy and Jennifer Swope can be purchased. I'm hoping that feature will be complete by the time you receive this newsletter! We will also make a flyer that you can download and send to friends.

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200+ Quilts on Display

Antique | Traditional | Contemporary
The Spirit of 1775 | Quilts of Protest

Quilts in Bloom

Featuring quilts paired with
floral arrangements

Quality Boutique

Children's Activities

Show Admission: Free!

Lecture: \$10

Accessible, convenient parking

For more information and to make
arrangements for groups,
use this QR code or visit:

quiltersconnection.org/Quilts250.html



SPECIAL LECTURE: MARCH 22, 5:00pm

"American Quilts: The Art and Story of a Nation"

By Gerald Roy of the Pilgrim/Roy Collection and Jennifer Swope, Curator of Textiles at the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, showcasing quilts from Roy's collection, at Concord Academy for the Performing Arts. Ticketed separately; see website for details.



Submitting items to the Boutique has closed by now. Karen Hohler and G Wong (QC) will keep in touch with you on how that process will proceed.

We still need a few critical Co-chairs for jobs at this show!

- Quilt Labels – Print: _____, _____
- Quilt Take Down, Diane Paxton (QC), _____
- Quilt Pick Up/Distribution: Thanae Cooper (CPM), _____ Thanae is new to our guild and new to being a guild member! She needs an experienced co-chair to help with this very important job! No one leaves with their quilt without this job being completed!

All who have quilts in the show will be contacted soon to sign up to volunteer in some capacity.

Thank you to ALL who submitted quilts and have stepped up already to help with this show!
It's getting exciting!



A note about hanging quilts at the Q250 event:

The Q250 event will use Quilters' Connection's method of hanging quilts. This means every quilt will need a hanging slat to fit the sleeve which has smallish holes drilled near the upper corners, and possibly in the center for extra support for larger quilts. Don't panic. Basic wood slats strong enough to support the quilt weight are easy to get and trim to fit your quilts. Some of our members are also QC members who might even be able to match one of their slats with your quilt if you ask. You might even have slats available if you have a woodworker in the family. We can talk about this at the meeting and at the Getaway since it is a new method for most CPM members.

Pillowcases for Children at Emerson Hospital

Sue Colwell and Nanette Moffa

With the Getaway almost here, we hope to see a few pillowcases being made as we gather together in Devens. 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. I'll be happy to do a demonstration if anyone would find that helpful.

Here's a suggestion of what is most needed and a link to a pattern. Bright colors and themes that would make a child/teen smile. For example, cars, trucks, dinosaurs, animals, princesses, dance, unicorns, soccer, hockey, basketball, football, sport teams and logos. Flowers and/or bright geometric shapes are a hit for older teens.

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



Current ZoomBees



If you have questions about our ZoomBee, please contact membership@concordpiecemakers.org

Friday Block of the Month ZoomBee, 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

The winter Bonnie Hunter Mystery been taken down and the revised pattern is for sale. Currently there are a few of us meeting on Friday for a sit and sew. It would be wonderful to have others join us!



News from the New England Quilt Museum

Martha Supnik

NEQM Upcoming Exhibitions in 2025

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-etg>

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

Martha S told me this is the time for Guilds to choose a quilt to represent us at an upcoming show at the NEQM. There are size limitations and no quilt kits are allowed, but if you have made a quilt since 2022 that you would like to submit for consideration, please email a picture to me (Donna) so we can vote on it at the April meeting. I will create a slide show to present at our March Zoom Guild meeting with submissions received by Sunday, March 16th.

Household Goods Sewing Kits

Tina van Roggen

For the next few months, if you'd like to donate any supplies for the sewing kits, please drop them off at Suzanne Knight's house. Everything is appreciated!

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



Stay warm...

And see you at the Getaway!!