

CONCORD PIECEMAKERS QUILT GUILD
MARCH 2025 NEWSLETTER
GRAPEVINE

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Wednesday March 19, 2025 [Zoom](#) Meeting
6:45 PM Socializing, 7:15 PM Meeting

Join Zoom Meeting

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

Programs: – Let's Get Rolling on Your Quilting/Creativity Goals – Mel Beach

Mel will tell us about her playful approach that will stretch your creativity and help you achieve your quilting goals! Discover how rolling the dice can help you have fun while you make more art, tidy up your studio space, experiment with your newly organized supplies, tackle UFOs, stretch your quilting skills, and uncover a wealth of design inspiration. You'll leave with lots of ideas to create your own unique game plan to incorporate creative play into each day, all year long. She will also include many examples of her creative work. <https://melbeachquilts.com/>



The President's Message

Spring is in the air. Unfortunately, the air it's arriving on has been blowing at 40+ miles per hour making being outdoors a little more frenzied than usual. The last few weeks have been hectic in a good way. The Getaway, the Quiltathon, plus a final walk-through for the upcoming Quilts 250 show have kept me going. Plus, I've been at work more since it's the height of tax season, so I'm working more to keep up on client bookkeeping while the others in the office are doing taxes. Chaos is a constant. The variety keeps it interesting, and almost fun.

This month's speaker, Mel Beach, apparently has a way to work through our quilting and creative chaos. I am very interested in hearing what she suggests. My workspace is a constant work in progress. Any hints and tricks to keep the work flowing while having a little control over it is intriguing. The rumor is she makes this fun.

This is our last meeting of the guild year planned as Zoom only. In-person meetings start up again in April. That's the month where we should choose the quilt to represent the Guild in this summer's NEQM special exhibit. So far, only ONE quilt was submitted for us to vote on. If you have a quilt that you would like to submit for the vote, please send me a picture by Monday, March 17th, 5pm. I was planning to have a slideshow to share after Mel's presentation. See you online. Until then,

Happy Quilting,

Donna M-O



Membership

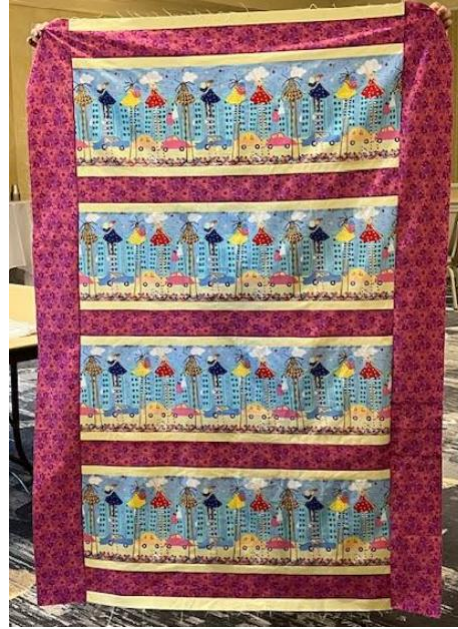
Lola Chaisson and Robin DeMott

Our Annual Membership Drive kicks off in April. Dues for 2024-2025 are \$35. Next year includes the FYN Sale and a packed schedule of speakers thanks to the hard work of our Program Chairs. The membership renewal form can be found on the Concord Piecemakers website under "Becoming a Member".

We had another wonderful Getaway Weekend!
Here are some Tah-Dahs that were shared there!







Beautiful work, ladies!

Quiltathon 2025 Recap...

The Quiltathon went well. We had over 30 attendees and processed through 72 quilts. Some went home to be quilted, some to be long armed by Leonie, Leslie took children's quilts and 37 came to be tied. Thanks to all who participated!

Joy Sussman and Marla Richmond

*****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

This past month has focused on making comfort quilts more than donations. It was wonderful to see so many beautiful tops at the quilt-a-thon. As you know, some of these quilts will be tied and some will be machine quilted. I recently made one change to our program regarding quilts designated for children. Many programs require these to be machine quilted, not tied, and we will continue to be consistent with this moving forward. This decision can lead to some delays in their completion, but the smaller size of these quilts makes them popular with members to quilt. If you are willing to complete the final quilting step for any of these, please let me know. I will bring some to each meeting when we are back in person in April.

QUILTS 250 Stitching in the Spirit of Democracy

MARCH 22-23, 2025

10am - 4pm

Concord Academy Gymnasium, 132 Main Street, Concord, MA

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.



Quilts 250: Stitching in the Spirit of Democracy

We're days away from our big show! Parking may be tricky, so I hope you buddy up and carpool to see the show. Have fun attending the lecture with quilting buddies! Remember, there will be a reception following the lecture, and there are lots of great spots to grab dinner together in Concord. I look forward to seeing lots of Concord Piecemakers at the show!

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT!



YOUR ATTENTION PLEASE.....

CPM was notified by St Matthew's church that per the Fire Department, nothing is allowed in storage within 2 feet of the ceiling. Robin DeMott and I moved quite a few things that were collecting dust on the top of our shelves in the church basement. Lower shelves were unused. Please, if you need to use or store anything down there, leave the space better than you found it and leave nothing on the top of the shelves.

Pillowcases for Children at Emerson Hospital

Sue Colwell and Nanette Moffa

We're very happy to report that we delivered 61 pillowcases to Leslie after the Getaway. To all who donated, your kindness will bring a smile to a child at Emerson Hospital. A special thank you goes to Claudette who contributed more than 30!



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

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!

[Address change for a fellow member...](#)

Sheila Macauley has a new address. If you would like her address, please contact: membership@concordpiecemakers.org



New England
Quilt Museum

News from the New England Quilt Museum

Martha Supnik

NEQM Upcoming Exhibitions in 2025

Fierce Planets – SAQA Jan 14 – May 3, 2025

<https://www.saga.com/art/exhibitions/fierce-planets-saga-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

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 Mclsaac

Donations to Rosies Place (toiletries, etc.) have not changes over the past few months. The primary exception is that they are no longer requesting clothing items.

ITEMS FOR ARE FOR CARE PACKAGES

- Toothpaste, Toothbrush, Floss
- Deodorant, Soap, Body Wash
- Lip Balm, Face Cream, Hand Lotion
- Shampoo, Conditioner
- Hand Sanitizer, Wipes

These are for full size items that will go into two-quart plastic bags. No worries if you do not have all items included in a bag as I repackage them and fill them up with the unpackaged items or contents of bags that are partially full. It is OK to donate small, travel size items packed loosely, not in plastic bags or Care Packages. It is OK to call me if you have any questions.

See you next week!



Waiting on Spring!