

CONCORD PIECEMAKERS QUILT GUILD
APRIL 2025 NEWSLETTER
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Wednesday April 16, 2025 in Person/Zoom (Hybrid) 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: – Claudette Cavelier Trunk Show

Please join us in enjoying Claudette Cavelier's presentation of some of her fabulous Quilts.

PLUS...

Business meeting with presentation of the 2024-2025 Board

Membership

Lola Chaisson and Robin DeMott

Our Annual Membership Drive kicks off in April. Next year includes the Quilt Show and a packed schedule of speakers thanks to the hard work of our Program Chairs. Renew by May 19th and you will be entered in the raffle for free membership. Please make sure to update any address or email changes for the new yearbook. The membership renewal form can be found on the Concord Piecemakers website under Becoming a Member, or follow the link below. We'll also provide blank membership forms at the meeting.

<https://concordpiecemakers.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/03/Membership-Renewal-Form-2025-2026.pdf>

New Feature: For your convenience, we now accept credit cards for membership fees.

The President's Message

April marks the return of our in-person meetings at the Harvey Wheeler Center. It feels like a fresh start as the Guild year winds down. My two-year term ends in May and the new Board takes over at our June meeting. But first, we need to know who is on the list to be on the new Board so we can vote at the May meeting. That info will be presented at the meeting on Wednesday. If you've ever wondered what you could do in the Guild, signing up for a position is a great idea. You meet others and make more friends in the group, learn a few new skills, or at least develop ones you didn't know you had. I recommend it highly!

Things for me have been pretty busy the past few months with the Getaway, the Quiltathon, Q250, and last week's Sewathon. Now it's slowing down pretty quickly at work since tax season is almost over. I have been working a lot of hours since January, but now it will settle down to just the clients whose bookkeeping I normally do. Back when I was vending, the show season was intense and exhausting, then suddenly, it dropped off and I had to catch my breath and clean the house and work room before I could start anything else. So, lots of Spring Cleaning is on my agenda. I also hope the summer isn't so hot or wet that I find too many excuses for going out for a good walk. I definitely need to get out for walks!

This is also the meeting where we choose the quilt to represent the Guild in this summer's NEQM special exhibit. So far, only TWO quilts were submitted for us to vote on. If you have a recent quilt that you would like to submit for the vote, please bring them to the meeting at HWCC on the 16th. If the members who did submit their quilts would bring them for us to see, it would be very helpful. Until then,

Happy Quilting,

Donna M-O



Please note...

~~Saturday May 3, 2025~~ - Postponed

Fabric Weaving workshop – Tina van Roggen

Learn how to do Fabric Weaving by creating a small wall hanging.

Due to Tina traveling, this workshop has been postponed. Future date TBD.

Concord Piecemakers Asked to Serve

Eileen Ryan

It takes a lot to run an organization that is voluntary. We are tied together only with a shared love of our craft and the need to share our fun with others of like mind. When we are asked to do more so that our fun can continue, it is a big ask -- we all have obligations that call to us from every direction. Yet, a 501(c)3 organization, such as Concord Piecemakers has certain fiscal and legal responsibilities that entail officers, committee chairs, and a sharing of the load. We are generous suppliers of Comfort Quilts, but someone has to take minutes of Board Meetings, someone has to balance the books and file our tax returns, someone has to implore you to volunteer your time at shows, and someone will provide you with speakers who will encourage you to try new things. Please consider helping with the tasks of our organization.

We have not identified someone to serve two years as Vice President and to then become President. Many of our members have served in this position and have survived to tell about it. They will all tell you it is not as bad as they imagined, a great way to learn more about each other, and kind of fun to see your ideas bear fruit. We have had leaders of vision, but that is not a job requirement. Yes, you must speak before the members, but this isn't parliament and no speeches are being taken down for posterity (thank goodness!). The two years as Vice President will give you time to get used to all the doings of the organization, because there are a lot of moving parts, but they are all ably handled by the various officers and committee chairs, many of whom have been doing their jobs for years.

There are two other jobs to fill that may be a good way for a newer member to see for herself how well the organization works. We need another Co-Secretary to share the recording of minutes of the Board Meetings. This meeting is held on the first Wednesday of a month with a meeting in that month, via Zoom. While we are exploring the possibility of using Zoom AI to take minutes, we're not there yet. With two Secretaries, you can figure out between you who will cover which meetings. The second position is Publicity. This is not as daunting as it sounds either as your time is your own to accomplish the task and is not much more than having bookmarks and posters made for either a Quilt Show or the FNY sale. There are few publications anymore to send articles about our speakers or accomplishments.

Please take a chance on our shared passion for quilting and help our organization continue to survive and maybe even thrive with your involvement.



BYLAWS OF THE CONCORD PIECEMAKERS

1. MEMBERSHIP

- A. The membership shall be open to anyone who has an interest in quilts or quilting with a maximum membership to be determined by the meeting room's maximum occupancy.
- B. All members shall have voting power. Each member shall be entitled to (1) one vote on all motions submitted to a vote of the membership.
- C. Members may submit proxy ballots to the secretary on or before the day of a vote involving an amendment to the Constitution or Bylaws.
- D. Associate membership is available at a reduced fee. They will be included in the yearbook under that title, and will receive emails, newsletters, and any discounts offered to guild members. They may attend meetings by paying the guest fee, enter quilts in the guild's quilt show, and sell items in the quilt show boutique, if space is available. Associate members have no voting rights on guild business.

Bylaw 1. Membership, section D, will be removed by vote of the membership on April 16, 2025.

This section was enacted when there was a limited amount of occupancy for our meetings and this is no longer necessary.



Quilts 250: Stitching in the Spirit of Democracy

THANK YOU to everyone who participated in or visited the Quilts 250 show! It was a great success - more than we could have ever imagined! People were so impressed with the quilts they saw, many have asked for a coffee table book of the show. A professional photographer was hastily hired to take pictures of all the quilts, and we'll see where that goes.... This show just keeps giving! Below is a YouTube video link taken at the show by Minute Man Media released on April 5th.

<https://youtu.be/KluqDX9QOPQ>

Enjoy! ~Gayle

{We thank YOU, Gayle!}

Comfort Quilts

Leslie Garrison

I brought kids quilts, pillowcases, and black/white baby mats to Emerson pediatrics this month as well as donated quilts and some adult pillowcases to Acton Household Goods. We received a very nice thank you from an Emerson recipient.

I wanted to write and express my thanks to your group. My 3-year-old daughter had eye surgery at Emerson on Friday and when we arrived there was the most beautiful quilt and pillow on the bed. It made the room look so much more welcoming and comfortable for my daughter. I couldn't believe it when they said it was ours to keep! I wrapped her up in it to take her home and she's had it on her bed ever since. I really appreciate your team's thoughtfulness and generosity.

We started machine quilting the kid-themed quilts from the quilt-a-thon on the 5th at the Stow community center. If you would like to take one of these home to quilt, please see me at the April meeting. As usual, I can also bring batting and potential backing fabric to the meeting when asked ahead of time. It's too heavy to bring every time! Please remember to add a CPM label to your comfort quilts. I will have labels at the meeting as well!

Pillowcases for Children at Emerson Hospital

Sue Colwell and Nanette Moffa

Getaway, Quiltathon, Sewathon! Do you need to take a break? It's a perfect time to make a pillowcase to make a child smile. The need continues.



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. If you need to use or store anything down there, please leave the space better than you found it and leave nothing on the top of the shelves.

Raffle Quilt 2025

Mary Jalenak

Attendees at the Getaway in February selected the design Star Silhouettes by Diane Harris for our next raffle quilt. As in the past, each and every member can participate in making the blocks. And, this time around, you have the opportunity to use some of your own fabric to construct half-square triangles (HST's). We will be using "Triangles on a Roll" to generate perfect HST's – technically, paper-piecing but much, much simpler. If you wish to use your own fabric, you will need just two 6-1/2" squares each of two different light fabrics. If you do not have light fabrics or do not wish to part with your light fabrics, we have received a donation of many light fabrics for use on the raffle quilt. The "Triangles on a Roll" and fabric will be available at the April meeting.



Current ZoomBees



Join our 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

We're currently an open sew — this is a time to work on completing previous mysteries or any other WIP/UFO with an encouraging group of fellow Piecemakers or simply sit and chat. **We gather at 2pm with folks joining as they can until about 3:30 — JOIN US.**

Going forward we're looking to start either a new summer mystery or a QAL (QuiltALong) at the end of June.

Some Piecemakers prefer not to make mystery quilts as they like to know more about the final pattern before committing. A QAL or a pattern originally offered as a mystery would be a chance for them to join in the summer companionship, too.

So, we need your input... In the past we've usually selected a Debbie Caffrey mystery but after a while they all start to look alike. She has her style — just as Bonnie Hunter has hers!

We're looking for a pattern that:

- offers multiple sizes
- is scrap/layer cake/fat quarter friendly
- can mostly be sewed from our stashes
- is simple enough to complete at least the flimsy/top over a month or two
- is fun to make
- offers the opportunity to see how different the same quilt pattern can look without having to make it multiple times ourselves.

Send your ideas to us — Elana and Moira — we'll take a look and maybe set up a poll of members to choose between pattern options.

Elana & Moira



News from the New England Quilt Museum

Martha Supnik

News from the New England Quilt Museum **Current Exhibits**

Fierce Planets: On View January 14 through May 3, 2025

The textile exhibition Fierce Planets is a collaboration between Studio Art Quilt Associates and the Johns Hopkins Wavelengths public research communication and outreach program. The exhibition is composed of 42 works of art which masterfully explore and capture the science, the beauty, and the power of planetary forces and phenomena.

The Art of Make Do Quilting: Mary Kerr, Curator On View April 1 through June 21, 2025

The NEQM is pleased to host Mary Kerr's vintage collection of "Make-Do" quilts and the contemporary versions they inspired her to create.

Permanent Collection Quilts: A stunning collection of quilts made to show off the skill of the quilter over the years. In previous centuries, quilts were primarily made to provide warmth on the bed. However, some quilters made special quilts that showed off their fine needlework skills. These special quilts were displayed on the bed only when company visited, and many have survived in good condition. These quilts were treasured by the family and passed down to later generations. The NEQM is fortunate to have several examples of such quilts in our permanent collection. A selection of these are on view in the Donahue Gallery through June 21, 2025.

Upcoming: May 6 through August 9, 2025

Quilts Japan: The 17th Quilt Nihon

Household Goods Sewing Kits

Tina van Roggen

If you'd like to donate any supplies for the sewing kits, please bring them to the April meeting. Everything is appreciated!

Rosie's Place

Kathleen McIsaac

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 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. It is OK to donate small, travel size items too. Let me know if you have any questions. I'll be at the Wednesday meeting collecting items.

