

CONCORD PIECEMAKERS QUILT GUILD
JUNE 2025 NEWSLETTER
GRAPEVINE

Editor: Barbara Kozenko

Wednesday June 11, 2025 in Person/Zoom (Hybrid) Meeting
6:45 PM Socializing, 7:15 PM Meeting

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

Programs: – Ice Cream Social!



Come join us for the ice cream social. We will have several ice cream flavors to choose from, including a non-dairy flavor. There will also be fruit available. While you chat with your friends, you can optionally put together items that will go into the Household Goods sewing kits using some materials we provide. Be sure to bring your Show and Tell items!



The President's Message

It is an honor to become the latest president of the Concord Piecemakers. We've been led by many members of vision and skill, full of ideas and passion for our work. I hope I can earn your regard following in their footsteps.

Our shared passion for cutting up fabric into little pieces and putting it back together is seen at every Show and Tell, at our Quilt Shows and even in our leftovers from the FNY sale. Quilting may have begun as a way to keep warm or a way to use up scraps or just a need to control the worn-out fabric that was woven, dyed, and used in daily life by homemakers. Now it has expanded into so many artistic outlets, both commercial and domestic, that we all have libraries of ideas we still want to try, even if it is just something we want to try in a comfort quilt. Passing on our knowledge within the Guild is seen at every meeting by our experts, our librarians, and face to face with the quilter sitting next to us. The speakers we engage continue to stimulate new ideas. Please keep sharing YOUR ideas with us all and help make us better quilters, better sewists, better friends.

Summer is beginning and after we leave our dishes of ice cream behind at the June Ice Cream Social, we won't see each other at a meeting until Fall. That doesn't mean the work of the Guild will stop. There will be lots of future Show and Tells being made when it's too hot to be out and about. There will be Comfort Quilts, pillow cases, and baby mats completed. There will be gathering and sorting and pricing of all the treasures for the Fabric Yarn and Notions Sale. There will be Program contracts signed. There will be books balanced and other books purchased for the library. There will be Quilt Shows to see and shops to visit and ideas to gather. There are so many ways that members serve the Guild all year long to keep everything running smoothly and to make each of us glad to arrive in September to start another year of our great community of ideas. Summer Quilting is the Best!

Eileen Ryan

WELCOME NEW SLATE OF OFFICERS 2025-2026

Executive Board

President	Eileen Ryan
Vice President	Anne Marie Lesniak-Betley
Treasurer	Mary Jalenak
Secretary	Nancy Hartle/Gayle Boozer Coit
Historian	Marla Richmond
Membership	Robin DeMott/Lola Chaisson
Programs	Leonie Davis/Tina van Roggen

Membership

Lola Chaisson and Robin DeMott

Dues for 2025-2026 are due now. Membership is \$35 and you may download a membership form from the website concordpiecemakers.org or use the form that was emailed in April. Please make sure to update any address or email changes for the new membership book. Payment should be made by sending your completed registration form and check to: Membership Chair c/o Concord Piecemakers PO Box 1381, Concord, MA 01742-1381.

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

Please be prompt as late submissions run the risk of being excluded from the membership book and make more work for the Membership chair during the summer.

Raffle Quilt 2025

Mary Jalenak

Remember to bring your completed blocks to the June meeting. If you are unable to make the in-person meeting, please contact Mary to arrange a drop-off time.



PLEASE NOTE

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.

LIBRARY CORNER

Moira Ten-Hove and Erna Berg

****Reminder: All library books are due back at the June meeting****

If you can't be at the meeting, please contact Moira Ten-Hove or Erna Berg to arrange to get the books back to the library.

We'll be taking inventory over the summer to cull books for the FYN sale. If you'd like to help, sign up at the library table at the June meeting. This takes just a few hours and is a great way to get to know our wonderful library better — helpers also get to take out books over the summer!

Pillowcases for Children at Emerson Hospital

Sue Colwell and Nanette Moffa

Thanks to so many Concord Piecemakers, we have donated 228 pillowcases this year— 22 to Acton Household Goods and the rest to Emerson Pediatrics. Fantastic! We think being able to make these cases is a fairly easy way to make a big difference.



Rosie's Place

Kathleen McIsaac

I visited Rosie's Place last week and it was booming with activity. One of the staff gasped when she saw all the toiletries, undies and socks filling the bin and boxes and expressed great gratitude to our Guild for its continued support. This month they are requesting books (in addition to toiletries). Load up bags and boxes and I will bring them over in June.

Comfort Quilts

Leslie Garrison

What a year this has been! I cataloged 116 quilts finished by members last year with many more in progress. You all have been busy!

In the past year, I delivered 130 quilts to a wide variety of groups including Emerson Hospital Pediatric Unit, several nursing homes in the area, Acton Household Goods, NorthStar Family Services in Leominster and GAAMHA Dahl House in Gardner. This past month, I also brought throw size quilts and kid themed quilts to Heywood Hospital in Gardner for their labor and delivery nurses to give to new families in need. A few quilts also went to the Virginia Thurston Healing Garden, but they have a very limited need for quilts. I also enjoyed delivering the pillowcases and special baby mats that Nanette, Sue, and Eileen collected. What an impact we have made!

As you think about what you might make over the summer, here is information about what is needed. Please remember that adding just one more row of blocks might make your quilt longer.

BIGGEST Need:

Twin bed size for Acton Household Goods, family shelters, and other organizations
55 x 70" minimum up to 68 x 86" ideal size

Quilts with kid and teen themed fabric for hospitals like Emerson Pediatrics
between 32 x 40" and 40 x 50" for most -- smallest for little kid themed fabric

Needed:

Throw blanket size for nursing homes, Acton Household Goods, and other organizations
around 48 x 60"

Quilts of Valor for service members and veterans
60 x 80" ideally, but no smaller than 55" x 65"
- must also have gender neutral, patriotic fabric and be machine quilted (not tied)

Smallest Need:

Wheelchair size for nursing homes around 36 x 45"

As usual, I can bring batting in the size you need for your comfort quilt to the June meeting as well as labels. Many fabric options are available for backing or sashing upon request. Feel free to contact me over the summer as well! I know that some of us prefer piecing and some prefer quilting. If you would like to do just part of a quilt, please contact me about what is available.

Current ZoomBees



Friday Block of the Month ZoomBee, 2:00 PM – 3:30 PM

Get your pattern now for the Summer Quilt Along!

This year's quilt along is for all the mystery quilt haters amongst you! We'll be making the Helen Quilt from Kitchen Table Quilting.

Use the code ----- at kitchentablequilting.com for 20% off the pattern.

The only mystery is how many really different sizes and versions of this scrappy and FQ-friendly quilt we can make:



Erica recently ran a QAL of her own and crated many mockups of possible fabric choices. Check out her blog for inspiration.

The Quilt Along will run **7 weeks** beginning **June 20th: Fabric selection**. We'd love to have you check in on Zoom each Friday 2-3. Just want to make a fun comfort quilt? That's fine, too.

See Elana or Moira for more information and to sign up.



News from the New England Quilt Museum

Martha Supnik

May 6 through August 9, 2025 Quilts Japan: The 17th Quilt Nihon

The NEQM proudly presents an exhibition of award-winning quilts and textile arts from some of world's most accomplished artists in ***Quilts Japan: The 17th Quilt Nihon***.

For more than a decade, the New England Quilt Museum has been the exclusive Northeast host for this celebrated exhibition, which premieres at the Tokyo Metropolitan Art Museum before traveling internationally. It features some of the most extraordinary and innovative works from the biennial competition of the Japanese Handicraft Instructors' Association (JHIA), which sponsors the largest international quilt contest in Japan and one of the most prestigious in the world. This year's Quilt Nihon Exhibition features 53 award-winning and notable works, including 18 entries from the competition's newest category--miniature quilts.

The Art of Make Do Quilting: Mary Kerr, Curator 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. She explains, "The theme of Make-Do Quilting has been present during every era of our quilt making history. If you run out of fabric, use something else. If you need an extra border, add one. If you are short on skills or talent, make it work. Use up those leftover blocks as you mix, match and create. This quirky attitude adds to the charm of our quilts. It focuses on the ability to adapt and readjust midstream. It reflects our unique determination and creativity. We make do with what is on hand. We finish projects left undone. We add to what was started and make it our own."

Showing Off: Permanent Collection Quilts through June 21, 2025

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.

Pat Pauly: Unfolding Years June 24 – Sept 20, 2025

With works that carry a graphic, color-saturated palette using her hand printed fabric, Pat Pauly's fiber art is seen around the world. Her textile work began in the early 1980s and was first accepted in Quilt National '83, and has continued being shown in major exhibitions. Her fiber art's distinction is with using a strong abstraction of natural forms and complex color combinations.

Summer Celebration of New England Quilts:

The Best of the Region's Quilt Guilds August 12 through September 6, 2025

See the quilt chosen by each guild to represent their very best work.



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