

CONCORD PIECEMAKERS QUILT GUILD

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Wednesday October 15, 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: – Roxane Lessa – Using Shiny, Fluffy, Sheer & Weird Materials in Your Art Quilts

We love the textures that various materials can provide, but don't always know how to use them. Find out how to create more excitement and use texture in your art quilts in this fun lecture. You can see her portfolio by [clicking here](#).



The President's Message

Fall is here, although it still feels like summer! The color is trying to show itself, but the drought is keeping it from manifesting as we'd like to see it every year. I've taken two leaf-peeping tours, but one was really wet and the other was a disappointment. However, they involved lots of stops at quilting and/or yarn shops for fabric opportunities. Just like the southern Maine shop tour suggested by Tina, there are so many little day-trips available to us to enjoy our countryside and the beauty New England offers us. And those trips are always filled with inspiration for our own projects.

One kind of inspiration comes from taking classes. Even when you only produce a sample, you will be glad to add to your repertoire and be amazed at how often you can combine up different things you've learned into a whole new vision. We have ample opportunities to learn new things for our art: classes offered by members, classes offered by our speakers, classes offered by other guilds, classes offered in quilt shops, bag shops, yarn shops. There are so many exciting things to learn from YouTube, Etsy, TikTok, Reddit, Zoom classes by teachers far and wide. And don't forget our own library, filled with pictures, detailed instruction and lots of colorful inspiration. Our librarians can be very helpful in finding just the book you need. We can never feel that we know it all because so many new ideas are blasting our way. Get inspired!

Eileen Ryan



Membership

Lola Chaisson and Robin DeMott

PLEASE WEAR YOUR NAME TAGS! We have many newish members and it is very helpful to have name tags so we can connect names and faces. If you need a new name tag, please email membership@concordpiecemakers.org or talk to us at the meeting.

We welcome new members Lori Redman and Andi Steele, both from Acton. We have 94 members now. Membership books are available at the meetings.

COMING RIGHT UP!

*****Fabric Yarn Notions SALE*****

Sat., October 18

9 am - 2 pm

St. Matthews Church, 435 Central St., Acton

What an opportunity to sort through your stash and contribute to our guild's biggest fundraiser. It's a win-win!

- Donations accepted at the church Thurs. (9-5) and Fri (9-noon)
- Measure, fold, and tag fabric (Fat Quarter, $\frac{1}{4}$ yd, $\frac{1}{2}$ yd, $2\frac{3}{4}$ yd, etc.) No $\frac{1}{8}$ yd pieces, please.
- Good quality cotton quilting fabrics. No upholstery fabric, no synthetics, or blends.
- Good quality yarn, full skeins best
- Notions (rulers, zippers, scissors, thread, pins, etc.)
- Quilting books

VOLUNTEER – It's easy and fun!

October 15, 16, 17	Sorting and set-up. Volunteers get first pick at purchasing. Great prices!
Sat., October 18	HELP STAFF THE SALE 2-hour shifts (9-11, 11-1, 1-2:45)

Questions: Contact Marian Bressel, Joan Kerpelm, Judy Jakobsche, or Molly Eberle.



Help us fill a few more bins with terrific sale fabrics. Drop off your donations soon!

Getaway Weekend

Marian Bressel

Even though it seems a long time away, the Getaway, like the winter in Boston, will come. This year we are again at Devens, February 20,21,22 and 23. Mark those calendars!

Comfort Quilts

Leslie Garrison

Many thanks to Leonie, Anne Marie, and Christine who volunteered to help with quilt distribution. We are working to get quilts out to Emerson Pediatrics, Household Goods in Acton, and the VA in Bedford. I am also giving one of our twin quilts to North Star Family Services for their auction night, a great organization that provides emergency housing, education, and a variety of support services for families experiencing homelessness.

I will be at the October meeting with my big car to pick up any finished quilts. Please remember to attach labels! If you need backing or sashing fabrics, batting, or labels for comfort quilts, please let me know. I can even bring a variety of options to the meeting if you ask ahead of time.

Pillowcases for Children at Emerson Hospital

Sue Colwell and Nanette Moffa

Many thanks to all who have been making pillowcases!

We all donated 19 pillowcases last month!

Besides making children's rooms more cheerful, sewing these cases is very easy, and makes a good break from serious sewing. Keep your eyes open for fun fabric!



Shop Hop Excursion - southern Maine

Tina van Roggen

Hi all - many of you know about [my shop hop reports](#) on the guild website. Since I frequently give quilters suggestions for a personal shop trip, I thought I'd occasionally add a note in our newsletter. Here's my first trip suggestion for a Southern Maine shop hop day trip. [Click here for a map](#). (you can change the start/end point to your home). Note that there are many other shops not far from this route, so you could do even more!

1. [Mainely Mimi Quilt Shop](#), Wells, ME. Cheerful fabrics including novelties.
2. [Sanford Sewing Machines](#), Sanford, ME. Good selection of fabrics, machine dealer.
3. [Mardens](#), Sanford, ME. Mardens is a discount store with many locations with clothing, food, tools, and fabric. Great prices on fabric and notions, just be careful about quality. Most fabric came from quilt stores going out of business. You never know what you'll find!
4. [Knots and Bolts Creating Co](#), Sanford, ME. Small, somewhat new quilt store. Also carries yarn. Park in the lot behind city hall, accessed by Roberts St. There's a small alley from the lot to Main St.
5. [Primitive Quarters](#), Shapleigh, ME. If you like traditional fabrics or wool, you'll love this store.
6. [Stonewall Kitchen](#), York, ME. Very yummy as a lunch stop, or just to shop all their kitchen tools and sauces/mixes. Yum. Or, you could go up the street to [Wild Willy's](#), which has great hamburgers, chicken burgers, fries, and a nice indoor mural.

When travelling North, if you need a pit stop, there's a Maine visitor's center right on the highway, about 3 miles north of the bridge that takes you from NH to ME.

Always check online for store hours. Get a group of friends together and have fun!

Current ZoomBee



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

We are meeting as a sit and sew right now but the colors for Bonnie Hunter Mystery will be announced on Halloween and the Mystery will begin the end of November.

Come join us for the mystery, led by Elana Schreiber and Moira Ten-Hove.

Rosie's Place

Kathleen McIsaac

As usual, here is the Wishlist. No changes from the last few years.

- Travel/Full size shampoo, conditioner, lotion, toothpaste, deodorant, and body wash
- Toothbrushes, floss, Chapstick, Disposable shaving razors
- Hairbrushes, picks, and combs, elastic hair ties
- Socks, underwear, sports bras (all 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

Gift cards are ideal as they allow guests to shop for the items they need most.

Household Goods Sewing Kits

Tina van Roggen

I continue to make sewing kits for Household Goods in Acton. Their clients take more than 50 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 and bobbins. If you have extras of any of these items, please bring them to the meeting. Thank you!

News from the New England Quilt Museum

Martha Supnik

September 9 through December 31, 2025

A Walk In The Woods: Quilt Artists Respond to Nature

NEQM Curator, Pamela Weeks, has selected twenty diverse works from eight renowned American quilt artists for this exhibition. A Walk in the Woods is much more than a showcase of its artists' remarkable interpretations of the natural world. It is a poignant reminder of nature's extraordinary ability to restore and transform us.

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To Every Season: Works by Salley Mavor

“My aim is to create universal and playful narratives that offer people of all ages a way to experience the brilliance of nature.”—Salley Mavor

This exhibition is a unique opportunity to take in the exceptional detail and 3-dimensional quality of Salley Mavor’s bas-relief embroideries. It consists of a wide selection of seasonal landscapes that capture the wonder and magic of the natural world. Rarely seen early works on loan from private collections are included, as well as recent pieces, including her Four Seasons series.

The award-winning artist has spent four decades developing her signature style and working methods, carving out her own niche within the children’s book world and the fiber art community. Seeing her artwork up close is like being immersed in an enchanting miniature world full of characters, props, and scenery, all created by hand with stitching, fabric, beads, wire, and found objects.

On view are framed tableaux, original picture book illustrations, and sculptural objects from the past 40 years, including dioramas inhabited by wee folk characters set up in display cases.

Susan Gaylord’s Spirit Books

“The Spirit Books merge my response to the mystery and miracle of nature with the long-standing tradition of books as testaments of faith and belief. Working with handmade papers, natural materials, beads, and stitching, I create contemplative objects that straddle the boundary between sculpture and book. The Spirit Books remind us of what is at stake in today’s world. Acknowledging the strength and the fragility of nature, they are both celebration and reflection.” —Susan Kapuscinski Gaylord

A visual artist since the late 1970s, Susan Kapuscinski Gaylord’s most recent works include handmade books, calligraphy, digital compositions, and the series of Spirit Books which are the focus of her NEQM exhibition. This evocative and meditative installation invites viewers to slow down, engage deeply with the art and appreciate quiet contemplation.

Gaylord’s work is in the library collections of the Museum of Modern Art, the University of Arizona, Wellesley College, and Yale University. She has been featured in solo and group exhibitions in museums and galleries throughout the United States and in Canada and Korea.

Opening on September 23 in 2 galleries – Best of the NEQM Collection

Selections from the museum’s permanent collection including contemporary works by artists with ties to New England and New York including Ruth McDowell, Nancy Halpern, Michael James, Jeffrey Gutcheon, and Carol Anne Grotrian, and antiques dating as far back as 1800.

