



Tewksbury Piecemakers Newsletter

Meeting is January 8, 2019 at 7:00 PM at the Tewksbury Senior Center

IMPORTANT NOTICE: DOORS CANNOT OPEN BEFORE 6:30

FOOD PANTRY. The Food pantry was elated at the type and amount of snacks we donated. For January's meeting please bring laundry supplies: fabric softener sheets, detergent, small bottles of bleach, color catchers; kitchen soaps, sponges, brillo, items along that line. As always, children's snacks and cereal (hot or cold) are always needed. Please bring to meeting room and place them on the table for all of us to see. There is a lot of information throughout this issue. Please read it all.

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Welcome and Happy New year 2019!

I hope everyone enjoyed our Gingerbread sampler last month. Many thanks to our contributors for giving their time and expertise during such a busy time of the year. There were some wonderful last-minute gift ideas, not to mention goodies to eat!

Christmas truly is a miracle time of the year. Our sister quilter received her heart transplant on December 22nd and is recovering nicely. It's only a matter of time before she will be able to join us at a meeting again. Thank you for all your thoughts and prayers and donations.

January is typically Charity month for the guild. This year we will be focusing on the "Boys Club quilts" Pillow cases, and Heart comfort pillows. Please contact Sue Pederson to let her know if you are bringing in a sewing machine. We will have a quick meeting in the main hall of the senior center and then split up. Everyone doing hand stitching will stay in the main hall. All who will be using sewing machines will move into the sewing room. There are plenty of outlets and some ironing board set ups, along with cutting mats. Make sure you bring your *essential sewing kit and your reading glasses! It will be a very busy night, but a fun time to share with your quilt friends!

I finally selected my page for the 11-22-33 Challenge. Have you?

Sunday morning, March 3rd has been reserved for a private tour/lecture of the New England Quilt Museum. Please see Carol Calistro to sign up for this event. There will also be a small fee (\$15.00) to cover the cost of lunch for museum members. Also for non-members, there is an additional charge of \$5.00 (\$20.00). This is really a fun and informative time at the museum.

We are still in need of someone to take over the ticket sales for the raffle quilt. Terry M did a superb job at organizing the construction and quilting this beautiful raffle quilt, now we need someone to handle the sales. Please see me during our next meeting.

Make sure you check the table at the back of the room, there will be sign-up sheets, patterns and information available to all.

Looking forward to seeing everyone, and let's start off the new year with, Busy Hands are Happy Hands!

Pat

P.S. *Essential sewing kit; should include needles, thread, (preferably grey), small scissors, pins, pin cushion, reading glasses if needed and good sewing spirit.

Tuesday, January 15th 6:00 p.m. Free Workshop: Learn how to make award ribbons for our quilt show. To be held at the Senior Center. This will be the first of a few workshops, so if this date doesn't work for you, there will be others. See sign-up sheet and materials list at our meeting.

Minutes from December 20, 2018 Board Meeting

Attendees (4): Kathy Graham, Pat Wolf, Cheryle Laffey and Cam Michallyszyn.

March 3, 2019 will be the day at the New England Quilt Museum in Lowell. If you have any questions, please see Carol Calistro.

A \$50 donation in memory of Roberta Waltrip's husband, Michael, was made to the Massachusetts General Hospital, Care of Corrigan Minhan Fund for Cardiac Research Innovations.

Respectfully,
Kathy Graham

REFRESHMENTS FOR JANUARY Maureen Colby, Beverly Collins, Patricia Connors, Sandy Cook, Dianne Crowell, Claire Crowley, Nan Davidson, Valerie DeBlois, Rosemary Dickinson, Pam Dougherty and Marie Dube. Can't bring any? Contact Teresa Grignon and let her know. 978-656-8323 tfgnurse@gmail.com

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS 5th, Pauline Surette, 9TH, Rosella Armin, 10th, Krista Rose, 14th, Linda Naugler, 19th, Helen Gloor, 20th, MaryRose Borelli, 21st, Roberta See, 25th, Maureen Cohen and Rosemary Dickinson, 30th, Dianne Crowell.
A very Happy Birthday to all of you.

MONTHLY FAT QUARTER Valentine type fabrics – Red, pink or white please.

JANUARY IS OUR CHARITY MONTH

Bring good cheer, and basic sewing supplies: needles, thread, and scissors to help stuff and sew heart shaped pillows. These pillows are donated to Mass General's cardiac unit, in memory of Pat Wolf's son Jonathan.

Bring good cheer, and major sewing supplies: sewing machine, power cords, and work on a team, to sew Boys' Club quilt tops. Or simply sit and sew a few more Boys' Club blocks, supplies provided.

Joyce Lloyd will do a demo on "hot dog" pillowcases. I believe there may be more than one blizzard day in our forecast for 2019.

Anyone of these can perhaps be a charity project for a stay-at-home, drink-coffee-and- sew blizzard day.
More events in the new year:

March meeting, 2019	Judy Becker
April meeting, 2019	Pam Weeks
May meeting, 2019	Quilt Show Prep, and Game Night
June 1 & 2, 2019	Tewksbury Piecemakers Quilt Show
June meeting, 2019	Grand Finale, celebrating quilt show winners, Boys' Club quilts, Block of the Month quilts, and Page 11-22-33 Challenge Projects. Have you started yours ???

Please note: For the machine sewing projects we will be using the Fabric arts room. There are plenty of outlets, cutting tables with mats and ironing boards and irons available in this room. **We do not want or need extension cords!** If you are going to work on pillowcases, cutting or assembling them, please contact Joyce Lloyd at 978-454-6505 or deac50@comcast.net to let her know. I believe Carol Calistro and Krista Rose are heading up the Blocks for the Boys Club project and they may need help also.

ON GOING CHARITY GROUPS

Lynda Harrington – Quilts for Kids Ongoing project that can always use a helping hand. Merrimack Valley Quilts for Kids

First of all, thank you to all who have donated quilts or fabric to our organization during this year. This year we were able to donate 346 quilts distributed to Winchester Hospital Pediatrics unit, New England Pediatrics and children in DCS custody.

Additionally 20 quilts were donated for Project Linus and 25 for "other" needed causes serving local children. During the crisis for the people affected by the gas explosions in Lawrence, North Andover and Andover, we collected 80 blankets and quilts and donated to the Lazarus house for distribution - THANK YOU.

We continue to serve our community through this program and with your help this is possible, and we are so very grateful.

If you would like to take a kit to sew, or to help, please contact me directly - merrimackvalleyqfk@gmail.com or call me at 978 455 6193.

Happy healthy New Year to all - Lynda Harrington

Pat Wolf - Heart Pillows

Stuffing heart pillows to donate to MGH ICU (Critical Care Unit). An ongoing project. Hundreds of these are done every year. If you would like to assist, see Pat Wolf. Stuffing for these pillows is always welcome

Joyce Lloyd - Ryan's case for smiles.

Another worthy project and one that Joyce works on all year.

Pillow cases are done for kids in any kind of stress all over the world. Want to help? See Joyce Lloyd at a meeting.

On another charity note: Around 80 Bibs were made for both children and adults. Childrens bibs were given to Bridgett's house and the adult ones went to meals on wheels for disbursement.

SUNSHINE

When we are hurting, either from an illness, the stress of caring for or the loss of a loved one, it is nice to get a card to know we are not alone. That we, as a group, care. Unfortunately, very few of you let me know who could use a hug. I know a card is not a physical hug, but it is a hug of sorts from all of us in the guild. It makes us feel good inside and maybe, for a moment, to smile. Please send me an email, text or call me. Cheryle
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SPRING QUILT WEEKEND 2019

Franciscan Guest House

Kennebunkport Maine

March 21,22,23,24

Hi everyone,

The spring 2019 quilt weekend will again be at the Franciscan Guest House in Kennebunkport, Maine.

The price will include lodging and 3 breakfasts but no lunch or dinner.

I will need final payment by February 12, 2019 at our monthly meeting.

I will have reservation forms at the December meeting. Please see Mary Renn if you are interested

Rates for March Weekend: Friday & Saturday – Single \$225.00, Double \$150.00

Thursday, Friday & Saturday – Single \$335.00, Double \$220.00

If you have any questions I can be reached at home (603)260-6590 leave a message and I'll get back to you.

MAKING A SLEEVE

Cut fabric for sleeve 9" x the width of your quilt.

Fold the 9" ends under twice and sew close to the folded edge.

Fold sleeve in half lengthwise, wrong sides together, and press. This press line will be a guide only.

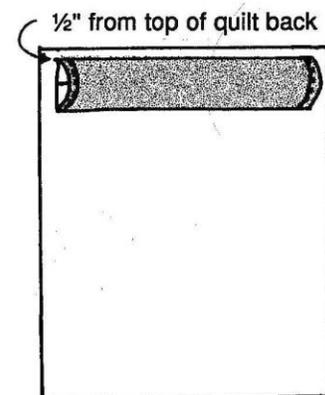
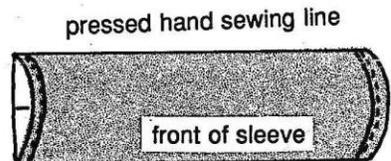
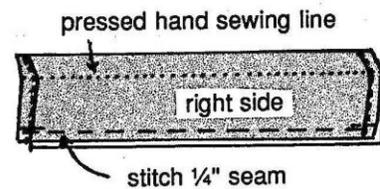
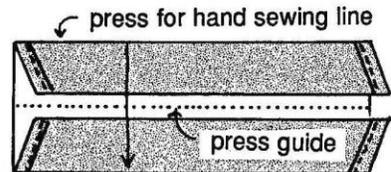
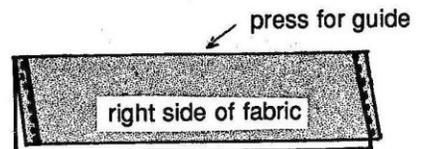
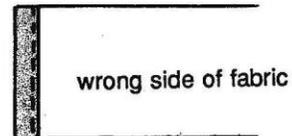
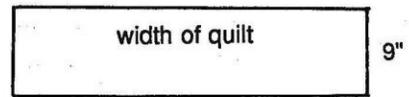
Open sleeve and fold the edges to the middle press line, wrong sides together. Press these new lines in firmly. They will be your hand sewing lines.

With wrong sides together, sew a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam the length of the sleeve. Begin the seam about $\frac{1}{2}$ " from the end, backstitch, continue seam to the end, then backstitch. This prevents the tails of thread from hanging out the ends of the sleeve.

Press the seam to one side, taking care not to press over the previous pressed edges. The sleeve will be convex on the side without the seam.

Pin sleeve along pressed edges to the quilt back. The top of the sleeve should be about $\frac{1}{2}$ " from the top of the quilt. Hand sew, being careful not to stitch through to the quilt front.

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QUILT SHOW ENTRY FORM

Tewksbury Piecemakers Guild

A QUILTING JOURNEY

June 1 & 2, 2019

Please make 2 copies of this form and give to show chairperson:

Karen Vines, 16 Briarwood Rd, Tewksbury, MA 01876

Or email to karen.c.vines@gmail.com

Include a photo of your quilt!

FORMS MUST BE RECEIVED BY 3/31/19

Submitter's Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Email _____

Quilt Maker's Name _____

Title of Work _____

Is the Quilt for Sale? _____ Price to be Marked _____

ACTUAL SIZE (in inches) Across the Top _____ Down the Side _____

Hand Pieced Machine Pieced Machine Embroidered Hand Appliqued

Machine Appliqued Hand Embroidered Hand Quilted

Machine Quilted by _____

CHECK IF: Challenge Quilt First Quilt Ever Junior Member's Quilt

Please describe front color category Summer Fall Winter Spring

Please list main colors of quilt _____

Please describe backing (color, solid, print, etc.) _____

QUILTER'S STATEMENT:

2019 QUILT SHOW ENTRY RECEIPT 2019 QUILT SHOW ENTRY RECEIPT

Name _____ Name _____

Phone _____ Phone _____

Title of Work _____ Title of Work _____

Entry # _____ Entry # _____