



# Tewksbury Piecemakers

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**MEETING March 10, 2026 7:00 PM**

**Meetings held at Tewksbury Senior Center**

**175 Chandler St., Tewksbury, MA 01876**

**DOORS OPEN AT 6:30 PM**

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## **WELCOME BACK!**

We're looking forward to the upcoming year for the guild.

If you signed up to enter a quilt for consideration in the Art and Bloom 2026 exhibit, thank you! It's a great opportunity for our community to see what we are about. We will vote on our entry for the show at the March meeting. Bring your quilt to the March meeting for voting.

For our first meeting, we are happy to welcome Beth Sullivan of [www.bethsullivanandesigns.com](http://www.bethsullivanandesigns.com). Her lecture "Quilts to a Tee" will both teach and entertain. She will cover techniques and construction of T-shirt or memory quilts, both traditional and artistic layouts (including a lesson on block preparation). She follows up with inspiration to show how quilters can expand the possibilities of the conventional T-shirt quilt and use interesting items including nearly anything that can be washed, sewn and made to lie flat. She will be vending (small kits and things) and there will be a takeaway kit to go home and try your hand at a memory piece of your own.

We are well on our way to getting a year of fun started; we hope you're as excited as we are!

**\*\*Reminders for the March Meeting:**

Wear your Name Tag – We will be having a nametag drawing!

Bring your raffle money

Show & Tell

Donations for the Food Pantry

Piecefully yours,

Norma & Jo-Ann

## **BOARD MEETING**

February 17, 2026

In attendance were: Norma Biggins, Sue Doherty, Cheryle Laffey, Jo-Ann Lightfoot, Pam Marlow, Deb Rauseo, Mary Renn, Marguerette Trull and Mary Arcidy.

The Guild membership is currently at 61 with 13 members age 85 or up.

Tewksbury Public Library is having a "Basics of Quilting" event on February 28 at 10 am to 12 noon. A Guild member will act as a contact person to hand out applications and to answer any questions about joining the Guild.

Wear your name tag and possibly win a prize at the monthly meetings! There will be a drawing of a name each month for the member who proudly wear their name tag at the meeting. Hope you win :-)

The raffles continue to generate between \$75 and \$100 per meeting. The raffle items are generously donated each month by our Guild members.

A word from our Treasurer: When making a purchase that will be needing reimbursement from the treasury you will need to use a form with the receipt attached. You will also need to fill out any necessary information being asked for on the form. This form and receipt should then be submitted to the treasurer. If you submit the form in i.e. June, you will then be reimbursed in July.

We are penciling in the dates of October 15, 16 and 17, 2027 for our next Quilt Show. What is most needed are individuals to head up various sections or areas of the show. We also want to include vendors and food sales during the 2027 show.

**DON'T FORGET YOUR DUES! \$30.00 PAYABLE TO TEWKSBURY PIECEMAKERS. Send check to PO Box 167, Tewksbury, MA 01876**

If you don't know if you are paid, call, text or email me. Not renewing? Sorry to hear that but PLEASE let me know.



### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY IN MARCH**

**On the 2<sup>nd</sup>, Charlotte Sargent and 2<sup>nd</sup>, Maureen Sayer; 5<sup>th</sup>, Elaine Walsh; 12<sup>th</sup>, Sue Ellias; 15<sup>th</sup>, Linda Reid and the 29<sup>th</sup>, Kristina Noonan.**

**A VERY Happy Birthday to all of you!**

### **CHARITY WORK ONGOING TO DO AT HOME PROJECTS FOR CHARITY**

#### **QUILTS for the NICU at Lawrence General.**

We're still collecting 30"x36" baby quilts. Please bring them to any meeting and I will deliver them to the hospital.

Another project for you to do at home. This one is for premie babies. They need to be made in pairs. The 100% cotton flannel scent hearts are given to NICU parents to wear next to their skin, absorbing their scents. The hearts are taken to the NICU and placed next to the infant where they can be soothed by their parent's scent and aid in bonding, even when parents cannot be at the bedside. They are provided in sets of two to allow the hearts to be switched out as needed.

I started tracing out the heart first onto the flannel and then sew it. Then I cut it out and turn. Seems to be smoother edges that way. And I use my walking foot.

Hearts can be turned into Deb Rauseo for washing and arranging dispersion of hearts. Thanks, Deb Rauseo  
If you need the pattern please reach out to Cheryle @meanswell@comcast.net and she will get it to you.

**SPRING QUILT RETREAT**

2026 Quilters Retreat - Franciscan Center  
26 Beach Ave  
Kennebun, Maine 04043  
www.franciscanguesthouse.com

April 20, 21,22, 23

Come join us for a sewing retreat. The Spring Get-A-Way retreat in Maine will be April 20,21,22,23, 2026. There will be no food served at the center; however, you may bring your own food. There is a microwave and refrigerator available. Meals will be on your own.

Two days

Single Rate -\$317.00

Double Rate - \$197.00

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Three days

Single - \$475.00

Double - \$295.00

If you do not share a room with someone, your rate will be \$195.00 for that night.

You will need to find your own roommate. If you sign up for the Double Occupancy pricing and your roommate only stays for only part of the time, you are responsible for the price of the room.

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The quilting room will be available by 1PM on Monday, April 20<sup>th</sup> .

Payment is due by March 10th at the meeting or before.

Please make check payable to Tewksbury Piecemakers

I am unable to make a reservation for you until payment is made

**Any Questions please contact Mary Renn, 11 Apple Blossom Dr. Londonderry, NH 03053  
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NAME -----

ROOMMATE -----

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Attending Dates: Mon. April 20th \_\_\_\_\_ Tues. April 21st \_\_\_\_\_ Wed. April 22nd \_\_\_\_\_

**UPCOMING QUILT SHOW**



Quinobequin Quilters

2026 Quilt Show

March 27 & 28, 10 am to 5 pm

Needham Masonic Hall  
1101 Highland Ave, Needham

Admission \$10