



Tewksbury Piecemakers

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MEETING April 14, 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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President's note:

CS Lewis once said, "Friendship is born at that moment when one person says to another, 'What! You too? I thought I was the only one!'"

Each month we come together, as guild members, and as friends. We share our lives through our passion for quilting, showing what we've made, learning more from each other's mistakes, successes and discoveries. And we bond over our shared experiences in our outside lives too. We greet those we've come to know, and we notice, too, those that may not be able to attend.

Some months, our time together is so busy that we don't even have the time to spend checking in on each other.

This month we've planned a meet and greet that is sure to be a fun night.

We'll share the joy that comes from each and everyone of us getting to know one another better. Maybe even cross from "they are in my guild" to "they are my friends".

"We need old friends to help us grow old and new friends to help us stay young" ~ Letty Cottin Pogrebin
~ Norma & Jo-Ann

* Code for the Bits & Pieces discount for guild members (good during our meeting week each month, online or in-store) will be sent separately by Cheryle. Please contact her or a Board member if you do not receive it.

** Remember that April is the last month to bring in Kits for our May Kit Auction event (Sue Pedersen will collect them).

*** Check to see if you are scheduled to provide refreshments (water will be available at the meeting)
1) Unloved Fabric table

We're trying a new table this month.

Each month, members can bring in fabrics they have fallen "out of love" with to share with other members. Only fabrics! Accepting usable size fabric only, strips, yardage, etc. (please no scraps; we all have enough of them)

There is no requirement to donate in order to take some fabric away.

At the end of each meeting, the fabrics will be taken away. They will not be brought back in the next month. Hoping to get some unwanted fabrics a new home, and a place in some lovely quilt or sewing project.

2) Remember your:

Name Tag (You must be wearing one to participate in the monthly drawing)

Show & Tell - put your name on your piece and a short description

Raffle Money - you might win

Food Pantry donations (drop box is in the kitchen and in the front entry near the giraffe)

Tewksbury Piecemakers Board Meeting March 17, 2026

In attendance were Norma Biggins, Cheryle Laffey, Jo-Ann Lightfoot, Pam Marlow, Pat Wolf, and Mary Arcidy. Issues were addressed relevant to the monthly meeting on March 10. The need for an agenda is necessary especially when there is a speaker. Any member who has a reason to speak at the meeting must let either Norma or Jo-Ann know before the meeting starts. The Co-Presidents need to know if someone needs to address the meeting. Norma or Jo-Ann will then decide at what point the speaker will be added to the agenda during the meeting.

We will be introducing the Co-Presidents and staff members at the beginning of the April meeting. We will also be introducing and meeting our new members at the monthly gatherings. This will start in April, which will also be our "Meet and Greet Meeting". Get ready for a most interesting get-together.

A suggestion has been made to have the "Show and Tell" at the start of the meetings. The "Show and Tell" items can be put on display at a table or tables so members can view and ask questions of the quilters.

Bits N Pieces has offered 20% off purchases to our members during the week of our meetings. This will require a code or password. Cheryle will be the code or password contact.

A table for "free" or "donated" fabric or notions only will be available during the meetings. No books or magazines will be accepted.

We Need Somebody!!! We Need You to Run the Quilt Show 2027!!! Will you please tell Norma or Jo-Ann who you are so they can start with the planning.

Respectfully submitted, Mary Arcidy

UPDATE and CHANGES to SHOW and TELL.

Starting in April, we will be displaying the show and tell items before the meeting, so that members can look at them close up. Quilts/items should be brought to the front of the room and placed on one of the two tables. Please pin your name to the item. During show and tell on the agenda, two people will hold up the quilt/item, and you will be able to give your name and talk a little bit about your project.

REFRESHMENTS

Would the following people please bring a sharing dessert.

Carol Calistro, Beverly Collins, Sandi Connelly, Sandy Cook and Karen Cooper. If you cannot, PLEASE let me know asap.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY IN APRIL

On the 1st, Ruth Russo; 7th, Pamm Dougherty; 14th, Anita Botolino; 18th, Kathy Graham; 20th, Polly Flanagan; 21st, Claire Crowley; 29th, Carol Kobelski.

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 preemie 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.

NAME TAGS

We urge everyone to wear a name tag. You can order a magnetic one \$15.00, or make your own. We do have a very old pattern one. Let me know.

MAY MEETING - KIT AUCTION

Sue Pedersen will be holding a Kit Auction for our May meeting.

If you have any kits that you might like to pass on, please bring them to the April meeting.

On the night of the meeting, she asks that members arrive early enough to look over the kits as there will be limited time once the auction is live.

It's good to remember that you might not like the pattern that's provided, but kits are a great way to get a lot of fabric for little money. Be sure to check them out and you'll see.

Also, there will be a special prize given that night for 1 bidder.

**For every kit that goes for \$10 or more that night, you will receive an entry to win a free edge to edge(allover) long-arm quilting up to 90"x90", provided by Norma Biggins.

Winner will be pulled at the end of the meeting.

Hope to see you all there ready to bid on some great kits!

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ESSEX COUNTY NEEDLECRAFT GUILD

**Wednesday, May 13th
Lil'Rhody Adventure Bus Trip
WE HAVE ONLY A FEW SPOTS LEFT!**

We will begin our bus trip with a visit to The World in Stitches where you will find beautiful embroidery threads and canvases.

The World In Stitches



We will depart via Coach Bus (with restrooms onboard as well as stopping at rest stops), from the Topsfield Congregational Church Parking Lot, 9 East Common Street, Topsfield at 8:30AM and return by 6:00PM. **Cost is \$75 with lunch/\$65 without lunch. Questions contact Michelle Gluud at info@essexcountyneedlecrafft.com Visit Link to sign up: <https://essex-county-needlecraft-guild.square.site/>**