



**AND IN THIS CORNER**, an update from Sue Pedersen, Events Coordinator

Thanks to everyone who contributed "stuff" to the gadgets/gizmo's silent auction. We raised \$112. I hope everyone has fun with their new toys. Special thanks to Marlene Lévesque and Krista Rose for their assistance.

Don't put away your wallets, yet. At the May meeting, we will have a YARD YARD sale. Members have donated approximately 100 baggies of fabric = 100 yards. \$3 yard, 2 yards for \$5. Also for sale, some special donated items, not quite gizmo's, not quite fabric, but we'll try to get you to buy them.

The May meeting will be the raffle basket put-together fun-a-thon? After, there will be games, Price is Right, Let's Make a Deal, Wheel of Fortune, with all sorts of prizes, culminating in a Mystery Raffle?!!

Tickets for this raffle will be 3 for \$1.

FIELD TRIP ALERT: Have you been to Keepsake recently? They are under new ownership, since early this year, and they have restructured all their pricing. All "regular" cottons, 42" are less than \$10. Check out their gorgeous sister store, right next store, Pineapple Fabrics, a store full of pre-cuts.

Check out these websites:

- SEW MANY SHOWS, which lists New England quilt shows, including our own Tewksbury Piecemakers "A Quilting Journey".
- FOLLOW THE QUILTING BEE, in Amherst, NH. They are coming, in their bee trailer, to the Tewksbury Senior Center parking lot, to vend at our quilt show!
- LACIRE DESIGNS, owner Donna Z will be setting up her Pop Up Quilt Store at our June meeting.

At the June meeting, we will be having an end of the year celebratory party. Everyone is asked to bring food. Last names A through I (Marilyn Ivas) are asked to bring something SWEET. Last names K through W (Pat Wolf) are asked to bring something SAVORY. You can cook, bake, buy, but everyone brings something to the table(s). We recommend foods that are easy to handle. Thanks to everyone for playing along.

**PLEASE RETURN YOUR RAFFLE TICKETS**

Our quilt show is only 3 weeks away and many of you have not returned your raffle tickets. PLEASE bring them to this meeting and turn them in. We need quilt entry forms submitted by the end of March in order to create a beautiful floor plan. Remember that this year's theme is about the journey... There are no perfect quilts on the journey; only fun and special ones! Don't forget to put a sleeve on your quilt. (Also, please volunteer. We need set up, tear down, and kitchen volunteers. You can even help by sitting on your rear at the raffle quilt, raffle basket, admission, or boutique tables. So easy :) -Karen

**QUILT SHOW**

Hi everyone, The Quilt show is coming up quick! Don't forget to bring in your items for the basket (South Pacific) themed to the May 14th meeting and we will put it all together at this time. Have any questions feel free to call me or email me 617-852-1362 ~Kathy

## **SUMMER CELEBRATION of NEW ENGLAND QUILTS** by Catherine Flowers

At our May meeting, the membership will choose one quilt to represent the Tewksbury Piecemakers Guild at the New England Quilt Museum's BEST OF THE REGION'S QUILT GUILDS SHOW. Your quilt must meet the NEQM requirements listed below. To have your quilt considered for this honor you must bring your **one** quilt to the May meeting.

There will be a table set up to check-in the quilts at the back of the meeting room. Each quilt will be assigned a number. (The quilt maker will remain anonymous.) A team will present the quilts to the membership for voting. Each member will get one vote. The quilt with the most votes (that meets the requirements) will be the Tewksbury Piecemakers Quilt guild entry to the show.

### **The Best of the Region's Quilt Guilds August 7 – September 8, 2019**

Here is your chance to represent Tewksbury Piecemakers at the New England Quilt Museum (NEQM). We plan to enter one of our own quilts for this exhibition. Members may bring one of their quilts to our May 14, 2019, meeting for the membership to vote on which quilt will be our entry. Please look over the Museum requirements below and submit either one you have already made or start quilting now.

1. Entries must consist of two layers of fabric with a middle layer of batting. It must display quilting by machine and/or hand. Quilting is defined as a running stitch that passes through top, batting and backing. Tied quilts are not permitted.
2. NEQM will not accept entries made prior to 2015. **No kits please.**
3. NEQM reserves the right, for whatever reason, to reject any quilt submitted.
4. Due to limitations in the Museum's gallery space, quilts should be no larger than 80" wide and 88" long, but no smaller than 24" wide and 24" long. Quilts will be hung as space permits.

#### **The Winning Quilt ONLY:**

5. All quilts, regardless of size, must have a 4" hanging sleeve sewn to the upper back of the quilt.
6. All quilts must have a label on the back with the title, guild name, quiltmaker's name, address, and phone number.
7. In addition NEQM requires two photo images of the quilt: (1) view of the entire quilt, (2) close-up showing the quality of the stitching, piecing, and/or appliqué. **(Note that this will not be required for our voting but only for the winning entry going to NEQM for the show.)**

## **QUILT SHOW BOUTIQUE TABLE**

I will be organizing the boutique table at the quilt show again this year. There is still time to enter your handmade items for the boutique table at the Quilt Show. The items must be handmade or homemade. All you will need to do is complete your items before the show, pay the \$10.00 table fee, inventory your items and they will be sold for you at the quilt show. I will give out packets and instructions at the May Meeting for you to tag and inventory your items before you drop them off Friday night at the show. If you have any questions I can be reached at (603) 260-6590 that's all there is to it!!

Mary Renn

**REFRESHMENTS FOR MAY** Joyce Lloyd, Mary Mahoney, Gina Maniscalco, Charlene Mara, Pam Marlow, Sandy Matthews, Karen Mauriello, Denise Miano and Robin Murch.

Can't bring any? Please contact Teresa Grignon and let her know. 978-656-8323 tfgnurse@gmail.com

**MAY BIRTHDAYS** 17<sup>th</sup>, Mary Pepin; 21<sup>st</sup>, Marie Dube; 21<sup>st</sup>, Dianna O'Toole; 27<sup>th</sup>, Dot LeBourdais; 28<sup>th</sup>, Linda Pommerleau and the 29<sup>th</sup>, Della Walsh. A very Happy Birthday to all of you.

**MONTHLY FAT QUARTER** Charm packs or 5x5 inch squares

**MERRIMACK VALLEY QUILTS for KIDS** – Local chapter under the national organization “Quilts for Kids” [quiltsforkids.org](http://quiltsforkids.org), provides quilts to local area hospitals for any child admitted to Winchester Pediatrics and NICU. We also supply quilts to New England Pediatrics in Billerica - this is a long-term care facility for children of all ages. Also, children in DCS custody (local chapter) receive a quilt – they arrive with no items and are given a quilt to keep always. We also give quilts to Project Linus locally that goes to our Fire and Police for children in crisis. Another organization we provide for is the “Billerica Neighborhood Brigade” that supplies assistance to families in need, special circumstances such as illness with children are given a ‘special’ quilt to comfort them.

Pre-cut kits are available or if you make an extra quilt top and can be donated (we will do the quilting), and if any longarm has any time to help quilt the tops it would be so appreciated.

Best sizes for quilts are: 36x44 for young children, 46x54 for teenagers. For more information contact Lynda Harrington at [merrimackvalleyqfk@gmail.com](mailto:merrimackvalleyqfk@gmail.com) or call 978-905-0899

### **Minutes from April 9, 2019 Guild Meeting**

The Fat Quarters winners were: Marguerette Trull, Cam Michallyszyn, Lynda Harrington & Theresa Grignon  
Name tag winner: Marie Dube

The winner of the block of the month is Mary Siekman. She will have her quilt long armed by Karen Ivas.  
Congratulations Mary!

**The board meeting on April 16, 2019** attendees were; Cheryl Laffey, Pat Wolf, Cam Michallyszyn, Sue Doherty, Marlene Levesque, Sue Pederson and Kathy Graham.

For the May 14, 2019 Guild Meeting, bring in your basket items so we can make up our baskets for the Quilt Show.

The Yard “Yard Sale” will be held at the May 14<sup>th</sup> meeting, don't forget your money.

Sue Pederson will have games planned for this meeting also.

Karen Ivas will be presenting the block of the month in June. As well as discussing the “Quilt of Valor.”

Catherine Flowers will be taking the raffle quilt to the Merrimack Valley Quilters Guild Meeting on May 16, 2019 to sell raffle tickets.

There will be no raffles for May and June due to other activities.

Respectfully,  
Kathy Graham

## **ELECTION YEAR**

The nominating committee is considering the slate of officers to be voted on in June.

If you want to be considered for an office please let Cheryle Laffey, Carol Calistro, Anita Sartori, Robin Murch or Gina Maniscalco know. The nominations will be read at the May meeting with nominations from the floor being accepted however, the person nominated must be willing to accept the position. No nominations will be taken at the June meeting.

## **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  
meanswell@comcast.net 978-604-4434

## **DUES REMINDER**

Yearly dues of \$25.00 are payable by the end of June. Members 85 years of age or older are free, happy to say we have quite a few members in this category. By laws state that you must have attended at least one meeting between September and June to be in good standing.

## **BLOCK OF THE MONTH QUILTS ARE FINISHED**

