



# Tewksbury Piecemakers Newsletter

Meeting is JUNE 11, 2019 at 7:00 PM at the Tewksbury Senior Center  
179 Chandler St., Tewksbury, MA

## IMPORTANT NOTICE: DOORS CANNOT OPEN BEFORE 6:30

**FOOD PANTRY.** The Food pantry is elated at the type and amount of snacks we donate. or June's meeting please bring toilet paper, paper towels, dish liquid, condiments (mayo, mustard, ketchup, salad dressings, maple syrup etc. As always cereal, snacks of pop tarts, cookies, peanut butter crackers, individual bags of chips and popcorn are welcome. 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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I can't believe we are at the end of the year already! I feel like we accomplished a lot this year. Every meeting was an adventure and I hope you enjoyed them.

As a recap, last September we opened with a pie social. In October, we met Michelle Banton who presented her lecture on "If MacGyver was a quilter", November, we learnt how Marlene Levesque would "Never say Never". December, we had our enjoyable Gingerbread Sampler. January, Charity night. February brought us snow! In March, we met Judy Becker and her quilted series called Fragments. April, the curator of the New England Quilt Museum, Pam Weeks, lectured on the Quilted Gardens. May, we were all prepping for our Quilt show and took time out for a few games. And in between all of this, we had Show and Tell, Block of the Month, Boys Club Challenge, Fat quarter swap, Magazine Challenge, Quilt Week-ends, Museum tour, workshops, Yard Yard sale, Birthday girls & guys, Inspirational Mug Rugs. And the Grand Finale, the Quilt show!

I truly appreciate the opportunity to serve as your president this past year, and grateful for all of the help and support from the board members and chairpersons. This really could not be done without them.

There are a few chairperson openings I would like to talk about and fill for the coming year. These positions really take very little time and effort and you can always co-chair with another person.

That being said, we could use a **Photographer**; the main duties would include documenting our show and tell, speakers and a variety of our events. You don't need a fancy camera, as everything is digital these days.

A **Publicity Chairperson/s**; this could be one or two people to share responsibilities which include informing the public and sister guilds of upcoming events etc. (Email needed).

**2020/2021 Quilt Raffle Coordinator/s**; It's not too early to begin now. The coordinator/s may choose the pattern and fabric of their choice for the quilt to be raffled at the next Quilt show. Can you believe I am talking about this already? We have a great start on next year's programs and looking forward to seeing you in September!

Read on for June's activities!

Enjoy your summer and happy sewing!

Pat

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**Don't forget the following:** Your Kentucky Derby hat, Food Pantry items, Show and Tell, Award winning quilts from the quilt show, BOM's, sweet and savory treats!

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Tuesday, June 11, 2019

Tewksbury Piecemakers Kentucky Derby Celebratory Party

Our guest vendor: Donna Z, owner of LaCire Designs, A Traveling Pop Up Quilt Store

The Kentucky Derby race has been run, and the winners have been flowered . . .  
Our quilt show has been staged, and the winners have been announced!!!

We have decided to add a Kentucky Derby theme to our celebratory party.  
Yes, that means that you will all be expected to wear hats!

By last name, A thru Ivas, are requested to bring something sweet to share, the remainder of the alphabet, are requested to bring something savory, finger foods, 6-8 servings. Iced tea and water will be available, you many bring any other beverages of choice.

A thank you, and kind reminder to those who have volunteered to be Hospitality Hostesses: Bev Collins, Polly Flanagan, Janet Giunta, Lynda Harrington, Kathy Kinsella, Anne LeBourdais, Pam Marlow, Michelle Muro, Linda Naugler, Elda Sanborn, Mary Siekman, and Pauline Surette.

The program for the evening will include – but certainly not limited to -- a big bang, grand finale Show & Tell. You are welcome to bring any quilt to show, but please be sure to bring your quilts from any of the following categories: A Quilting Journey prize ribbon winners, BOM quilts. Challenge quilts, and Little houses, Marlene's workshop quilts.

What a fun year I have had, conjuring up activities for our monthly Piecemaker meetings. A special thanks and shout out to Pat Wolf and Marlene Levesque for their support, and their green light to forge ahead. What a great response to the Gadget & Gizmo sale, the Yard Yard sale, and May's game night and secret raffle. Thanks for playing along. Let's have fun: lots of food and quilts and laughs at the June party, and of course, the hats.

Sue Pedersen

**REFRESHMENTS FOR JUNE** Everyone is asked to bring something. Names beginning with A through I (Marilyn Ivas) please bring something sweet. Names beginning with J through W please bring something savory. You are not supplying the whole guild. If each person does enough for around 8-12 people there will be more than enough stuff.

**JUNE BIRTHDAYS** 2<sup>nd</sup>, Marilyn Ivas; 3<sup>rd</sup>, Karen Mauriello; 6<sup>th</sup>, Roberta Kane; 10<sup>th</sup>, Teresa Grignon; 13<sup>th</sup>, Rose McKenna; 15<sup>th</sup>, Sharon Carroll; 20<sup>th</sup>, Cindy Payne; 20<sup>th</sup>, Pat Roberge; 24<sup>th</sup>, Linda Hattori; and on the 29<sup>th</sup>, Louise Gearty. A very Happy Birthday to all of you.

**MONTHLY FAT QUARTER** No swap this month

**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 longarmer 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

#### **ELECTION YEAR**

The nominating committee has presented its slate of officers to be voted on at the June meeting. Nominees are Pat Wolf, President; Marlene Levesque, Vice President; Cam Michallyszyn, Treasurer and Kathy Graham, Secretary.

#### **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](mailto: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 attend at least one meeting between September and June to be in good standing. Dues may be mailed to: Tewksbury Piecemakers, PO 617, Tewksbury, MA 01876.

If any of your information has changed, PLEASE let me know.

I can't count the number of times someone has approached me at a meeting and said “I haven’t gotten my email in x amount of months” and by inquiring if they had made any changes, guess what! Right, they changed their email and forgot to notify me. If any of your information has changed, especially your email, I need to know in order to keep 1) your newsletter from bouncing back or just rolling around in cyberspace, 2) our records up to date and 3) be able to reach out to you if needed. I do not need any forms, just email me the info. Please do not wait 2 or 3 months to let me know you haven’t been receiving any correspondence from me. I am totally reachable by email, phone or text.  
Cheryle, membership secretary

**Minutes from May 21, 2019 Board Meeting**

Attendees (9): Kathy Graham, Sue Pedersen, Sue Doherty, Cam Michallyszyn, Pat Wolf, Gina Maniscalco, Karen Vines, Marlene Levesque and Cheryle Laffey.

The Board voted to purchase a new microphone to belong to the guild.

Thank you, Marlene Levesque and Cheryle Laffey for sitting at the New England Quilt Museum to sell raffle tickets for the raffle quilt.

Thank you, Catherine Flowers, for taking the raffle quilt to Merrimac Valley Quilting Guild to sell raffle tickets.

The Board voted to buy fabric for the Library Quilt for Tuesday's Charity Group, not to exceed \$150. A member of the guild has volunteered to quilt it.

July 16, 2019 there will be a board meeting at 6:30 PM at the Tewksbury Senior Center for the 2019/2020 year.

Marlene Levesque was reimbursed for her effort for the workshop that was held on April 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Respectfully,

Kathy Graham



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## New England Quilt Museum

[neqm.org](http://neqm.org) 18 Shattuck St . Lowell, MA 978 452 4207

# JUNE 2019



### IN PRAISE OF SILK

**The World's Favorite Fabric**

**On View through August 4, 2019**

***Reminder***

**Brown Bag Thursday**

**June 6 at 12:30**

**Quilt Clinic with Nurse Nancy and Nurse Lynn**

**Details**

Nancy Sullivan and Lynn Thibault diagnose and treat an array of quilt conditions and ailments.

**On View Through June 23, 2019**

**EXPLORATIONS II**

**Inside the Quilt Artist's Studio**

This exhibition invites you inside the artist's studio to learn about the extensive variety of techniques used by New England based members of Studio Art Quilt Associates (SAQA).

Each of the 12 artists featured is represented by an original 30" x 50" art quilt that showcases her signature technique.



(Quilt Detail) Surrender . Janis Doucette . Kingston, NH

## **QUILT SHOWS & EVENTS**

### **June 8 - 9**

Greater Hartford Quilt Guild

"Our Journey in Color" Quilt Show

Rentschler Field in East Hartford, CT

### **June 13**

Burlington Quilters' Guild

Auction to Benefit Comfort Quilt Program

Doors open at 6:15 / Auction 7 pm

Senior Center in Burlington MA

### **Call for Entries**

Arts League of Lowell (ALL) Gallery seeks entries for "Fabrication of Imagination," an exhibition of 3D fiber-based work, either wall-hung (relief) or self-standing.

### **Call for Entries**

The Whistler House Museum of Art announces "Fiber Fusions: A Juried Quilt Exhibition 2019." Application Deadline: July 9