



Tewksbury Piecemakers Newsletter

Meeting is October 9, 2018 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 October's meeting please bring pancake mix, syrup and oatmeal. Boxes with the individual servings are best. Please bring to meeting room and place them on the table for all of us to see.

MISSING Have you seen our Piecemakers Quilt Rack. It should be in a black carrying bag with the guild name on it. Please let Pat Wolf know.

There is a lot of information throughout this issue. Please read it all.

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

We had a wonderful turnout for our first meeting of the year! The board had met several times over the summer to prepare and plan, and I hope it showed. Our unofficial motto that we adopted is "Embrace the Membership!", meaning, we want everyone to feel included but also, that our members will feel inspired to share their time and talents with the group.

It was great to see so many returning faces and some new ones too. Our yearly calendar is already filled out for this year, and, thanks to Sue Pederson, we already have 2 speakers booked for the Fall of 2019!

It's never too early or too late to get involved with putting on our quilt show. Karen and Gina are doing a great job getting things organized. There is lots of behind-the-scenes action to putting on the show, but don't forget, we need to have quilts! Please take the opportunity to have your quilt(s) be a part of this year's show.

We hope you all share in our enthusiasm for making this a successful quilting year for the guild.

(submitted by VP Marlene Levesque, filling in for the vacationing Pat Wolf.)

SPEAKER IS MICHELLE BANTON

For our October meeting, we have a speaker with a fun topic. Michelle Banton will present her lecture "If MacGyver was a Quilter", showing us how we can use everyday objects in unexpected ways to aid in our quilt making. She will be vending.

REFRESHMENTS FOR OCTOBER

If you cannot bring anything on this night, please contact Cheryle Laffey as soon as possible. She is in charge this month.

Claudia Russo, Ruth Russo, Carol Saber, Elda Sanborn, Anita Sartori, Roberta See, Mary Siekman, Donna Singleton, Kathy Starling, Pauline Surette, Pat Tanguoso, Roberta Waldrip, Della Walsh and Collette Wick. Thank you, Teresa Grignon

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS Karen Ivas; Ann LeBourdais; Sandy Matthews; Barbara Forestall; Carol Saber and Collette Wick. A very Happy Birthday to all of you.

MINUTES from SEPTEMBER 18, 2018 BOARD MEETING

Attendees (7): Kathy Graham, Marlene Levesque, Cheryle Laffey, Cam Michallyszyn, Sue Pederson, Gina Maniscalco and Ann LeBourdais.

The board is recommending that we increase our annual donation to the Lowell Quilt Museum from \$1,000 to \$1,500 and we would like to have a full guild vote at the October 9, 2018 meeting.

- This increase allows us to have speaker Pam Weeks in April 2019.

On October 22, 2018 there will be a "Welcome to Tewksbury" night at the Tewksbury Library. We would love to see a few volunteers to advertise our quilt guild and the upcoming Quilt Show 2019.

The 2019 spring getaway is on March 21 – 24. See Mary Renn for details.

The Food Pantry was very excited to see all the school snacks that were donated. They don't see these types of items often and they were greatly appreciated now that school is back in session. If anyone can donate more items for children's snack, they will be welcomed.

We are looking for two volunteers for refreshments (setup and cleanup.) Please see Cheryle Laffey.

Kathy Graham, Secretary

MONTHLY FAT QUARTER

Something new! Elaine Walsh and Deb Rauseo are running a monthly fat quarter swap.

This month please bring in **FALL COLORS** fat quarters.

SIDE NOTE: Last page is the directions for making a quilt sleeve. Print or save it. Then you will know how to do your quilt for hanging at the quilt show.

SEPTEMBER RAFFLE WINNERS

Halloween fat quarter winners were Sue Mulno, Valerie DeBloys, Louise Lussier, Elda Sanborn, Terry Maimone, Pat Wolf and Polly Flanagan. Hope to see what they make with them. Anna Gallo was the name tag winner.

This is the link for the pattern that was given out with the fat quarters. The Itsy Bitsy Spider link:

<http://ajsbowtique.blogspot.com/2010/10/itsy-bitsy-spiders-wall-hanging.html?m=1>

GUILD BLOCK of the MONTH Update!

We have 40 members participating in the Guild's Block of the Month!

At the September meeting, two ways to make Half-Square Triangles were demonstrated.

At the October meeting, you will receive the instructions to make the first two of twelve sampler blocks for this quilt that will be 54 x 67 when complete! Sample Blocks will be displayed at the meeting.

I truly hope you will enjoy making this quilt as it is appropriate for quilters of all skill levels. It will be lots of fun to see all 40 quilts from many different fabric choices. Anyone with a completed Guild Block of the Month quilt top at the April meeting will be entered into a drawing to have their quilt quilted edge to edge by me! Any questions, feel free to contact me at kivas1@verizon.net.

TEWKSBURY PIECEMAKERS WORKSHOP

Paper Piecing Workshop with Terry Maimone - Octobers meeting is the last night to register!

Sunday, October 21, 2018 10 am – 4 pm

Come spend a day sewing with friends, learn the techniques of fun and easy paper piecing with Terry, and perhaps make a charity quilt for Quilts for Kids?

Cost is \$35, including the pattern. Registration is open until the end of the October meeting. We need minimum of 8 to run the workshop, and we would love to see it max out at 12. We will announce at the end of the meeting if the workshop is a go! - or we need to cancel, sigh.

CHARITY GROUPS

Lynda Harrington – Quilts for Kids

This is what our chapter did this month so far and we are expanding to groups affiliated with children or families in crisis or immediate need.

We delivered to Winchester Hospital Pediatrics – 20; DCF – 20; Local church for homeless children - 4

Billerica Neighborhood Brigade - (families in crisis) – 4; Local Fire Dept for children in crisis - 4

Lynda Harrington, Chapter Director

Merrimack Valley Quilts for Kids

Pat Wolf - Heart Pillows

Stuffing heart pillows to donate to MGH ICU (Critical Care Unit). An on going 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.

Piecemakers Tuesday Charity Group

There is a group that meet on 3 Tuesdays a month, 11 am – 3 pm, not on meeting night, at the senior center to work on projects. Everyone is welcome to come and help. You are not committed to being there every week.

DECEMBER HEADS UP

Gingerbread sampler is back by popular demand. For all those new to the guild The Gingerbread Sampler is a night where the membership is broken into 6 groups. There are six stations set up throughout the Senior center. At five stations a demo will occur and at station 6 will be special treats. Your group will move through each station learning something new. The charity associated with this night will be hand made baby bibs or adult clothing protectors. Patterns will be available in September or use your own, these will be donated to the food pantry for distribution. Come join us for a fun merry night celebrating the season. Susan

SIDE NOTE

I have a lot of pictures from our 1st meeting. I included a couple in this issue and plan on including some here and there as we go along. If you do not want a picture of you in the newsletter please let me know.

SPECIAL REQUEST FOR THIS DELICIOUS PIE

Buckeye Pie

YIELDS: 8

PREP TIME: 0 HOURS 20 MINS

TOTAL TIME: 1 HOUR 20 MINS

INGREDIENTS

20 Oreos, crushed

3 tbsp. butter, melted

1/2 c. (1 stick) butter, softened to room temperature

1 2/3 c. creamy peanut butter

1 1/4 c. powdered sugar

1 tsp. kosher salt

1/2 tsp. pure vanilla extract

1 1/2 c. chocolate chips

3/4 c. heavy cream

DIRECTIONS

In a large bowl, combine Oreos with melted butter. Stir until crumbs are uniformly moistened and press into pie dish.

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In a large bowl combine butter, peanut butter, powdered sugar, salt and vanilla. Using a hand mixer, whip ingredients until smooth. Spoon mixture into crust and smooth. Place in freezer while you make your ganache.

2

Place chocolate chips in a medium heat-proof bowl. In a small sauce pan over medium heat, heat cream until cream starts to simmer. Pour over chocolate and let sit 5 minutes

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before whisking until smooth.

Pour ganache over peanut butter and smooth. Refrigerate until set, about 1 hour. Serve.

UP AND COMING

Rising Star Quilters show, Oct. 5th & 6th 10-6 PM St. Brigid Church, 1995 Mass Ave., Lexington. Admission \$7.00

Concord Piecemakers Quilt Guild is holding their biennial craft yard sale. Saturday, October 13th from 9 AM-2 PM. St. Matthews United Methodist Church, 435 Central St., Acton, MA. This is indoors.

Burlington Quilters show, Oct. 20th & 21st. Middlesex Community College, Bedford Campus

The Nimble Thimblers Quilt Guild, a Wakefield area group of 50 members, announces its annual fundraising **AUCTION**, set to take place on **Tuesday evening, October 30, 2018 at the Crystal Community Club, 77 Preston Street, Wakefield, MA 01880. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.** Admission is free and there is plenty of parking and no stairs. This year, we offer an impressive array of items for sale – quantities of **fabric, sewing supplies, finished and unfinished QUILTS, plus handcrafted gift items and more.** There will be a live auction, a silent auction, raffles (drop your raffle tickets into Halloween trick-or-treat containers or “Boo-buckets”!) and a “Grab ‘n Go” area of pre-priced items. **Live auction begins promptly at 7 p.m.** Sewers and non-sewers alike will find treasures galore. This year, we are having fewer items in the live auction so as to have a faster evening so many fabrics will be “Grab ‘n GO”. Cash or check only, no charges and please bring a bag to carry home all your treasures!

2018 - Fall Weekend

Billerica Marriott

Thursday - Sunday November 8 -11

This year's weekend will be at the Billerica Courtyard Marriott, Concord Rd., Billerica, MA

The quilt room will be available Thursday after 9 am up until 2p.m. on Sunday

Included this year on Friday night, will be a soup and salad dinner with dessert - you will not be disappointed. Saturday evening includes dinner. Menu's will be announced at a later date. Please notify us of any food allergies before.

The price of the weekend will be approximately \$134.00 this is based on 20 people and this price will be lower depending on how many sign up. This pricing includes the quilt room rental and the two dinners. We will need full payment by the October meeting. **Checks are to be made out to Tewksbury Piecemakers.**

Lodging is separate and our special rate is \$99 per night share with a friend and split the cost. Here is the link to book your room. [Book your group rate for Tewksbury Piece Makers Quilt Retreat](#) If you do not have access to do this, call the hotel and mention you are part of the Tewksbury Piecemakers weekend.

Lynda Harrington

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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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SIDE VENDOR

Ann Newton will be having a huge sale on all the wonderful doll clothes she makes. This will take place before and after the October meeting. All proceeds go directly to Lahey Cancer Center. Many of you are aware that Ann has been doing this for many years and she puts a lot of thought and effort into her work.

JOKE of the Month

Two sewing machines walk into a bar. The first machine looks at the 2nd machine and says "Hey, aren't you a Singer".

The second machine smiles and says "yes I am. Why Janome?"

Things to remember for the meeting:

Name tags

fat quarters – Fall Colors

Check book or lots of cash

Items for the food pantry – Remember to bring them in the meeting room and place on the table

Enthusiasm and an open mind

A couple of pictures from last meeting.

Food Pantry was delighted!



Such a wonderful gathering! Hope to see you all next meeting.



The dessert table! Pie night, yum yum.

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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