

# **Our Next General Meeting**

Monday, April 3 at 7:00 pm Grange Hall, Sudbury Town Center (Park behind the Town Hall)

#### A Complete History of Quilting in 60 Minutes or Less

Pam Weeks, the Binney Family curator at the New England Quilt Museum, and will be coming to our April meeting to give us a lecture titled: "A Complete History of Quilting in 60 Minutes or Less."

Quilting is nearly as old as cloth, and Pam goes through its history, concentrating on examples from the nineteenth through twentieth centuries.

Pam will debunk a few popular quilt history myths, and touch on New England textile mill and technology history.

Please invite a friend along. Everyone is invited to bring one quilt for identification. Quilts are arranged in chronological order and used as examples in the lecture.



#### Pam

Weeks

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#### **Open Sew Day**

It's official! Our first Sew Happy day will be Saturday April 29th from 10 to 2 at St. Anne's in the Fields, 147 Concord Rd, Lincoln. This is a chance to do this thing we all love to do together. Come for the full time, or just an hour, whatever works for you. Bring your current project (along with sewing machine if needed) and a brown bag lunch. There is a kitchen with a microwave and hot water for tea. We will provide irons and ironing boards. Please bring a small financial donation (\$5 or \$10) for use of the space. Feel free to invite friends to come along too!

Trícía Crockett

#### May 1, 2017 Meeting The Uglies Auction Re-invented (or not so ugly!)

Our re-invented auction will have three parts: a silent auction, a teacup auction and a traditional live auction. There will be something for everyone! The auction will take place on our May 1 meeting. We are planning a fun lighthearted fun evening. We will raise funds for our guild and donate a portion to the NE Quilt Museum.

We need your donations! Please bring:

- fabric you bought and are not using
- a collection of fat quarters or larger
- a kit you decided not to use
- patterns, quilt books
- a quilt top you no longer need
- quilting notions in great condition
- new handmade items
- Bigger items for the Live Auction:
  - vacation home for a weekend or week
  - sewing machine in working condition
  - quilt rack
  - Fabric store or class gift certificates
  - think out of the box a gift certificate to a restaurant or shopping.

When you are deciding what to donate – think about only putting things in that you would be happy to take home with you!

#### All donations due by our April meeting.

Donations can be dropped off at Carol Bradford's (25 Maple Ave. in Sudbury) or at Pat Lukens' (70 Melody Lane in Marlborough). They can also be brought to the April meeting.

On May 1 – please bring one of the following with you: a finger food, cookies or bars, fruit or a bottle of sparkling cider or seltzer.

Guests WELCOME!

# **Guild Secretary Needed**

Carol McCreary needs to step down from her secretary position with the guild. We are looking for a new volunteer to take over her position.

Duties entail attendance at Board meetings, keeping notes and keeping track of the Guild records. See Carol for more info.

# Stump Sprouts Retreat

April 27th - April 30, 2017 (Thur- Sun)

#### -- Two Spots Open --

For 5 years, a group of quilters has spent 3 days in West Hawley, MA at the <u>Stump</u> <u>Sprouts Retreat</u>. We have sewn to our hearts' content, been fed large amounts of delicious food, socialized, hiked, walked, did some yoga, and had a wonderful time.

The rate for 3 nights and 9 meals will be around \$260. To reserve your spot, email Julie at <u>julie.weinstein4@gmail.com</u> with your contact information.



## Workshop with Prudie Taylor Saturday, May 20 9:30 am – 4:30 pm

In April 2016 we had Lisa McCarthy give us a lecture and trunk show of Judy Niemeyer and Jacqueline de Jonghe paper pieced masterpieces.

Prudie Taylor will teach us how to paper piece one of Judy Niemeyer's latest projects. She will be teaching a project from the "Leaf Series".

The project chosen is "ONE" – a set of 2 small pieces, each 20" x 40", which can be used as a wall hanging or table runner. See image.



Prudie will have this pattern available for purchase at the workshop. The materials list will be sent to you with fabric requirements upon sign up.

In this workshop participants will learn how to paper piece, do curved paper piecing, and how to insert an S-shaped vein into the leaf. These skills will prepare you for many paper-pieced projects, including the ones you so admired in Lisa McCarthy's trunk show. There are a number of other projects in Judy Niemeyer's "Leaf" series. Participants can also choose any of these projects if they want, but Prudie will NOT have these at the workshop. If you want to do another project, then you need to purchase that pattern directly from Judy Niemeyer's website at www.quiltworx.com.

There are 4 others to choose from, ranging from wall hangings to table runners or place mats. The other projects you can choose from on the website are:

1. Three – Wall hanging with three leaves 48" x 34"

2. Tea Leaf Table runner – set of 2 table runners. These are leaf-shaped.

3. Tea Time Place mats – a set of 4 placemats shaped like leaves.

4. Four – Wall hanging with 4 leaves. 32" x 44"

Bring your pattern to the workshop, and Prudie will help you with it.

Please sign up early, so that you have time to order your project pattern if you want to do a different one from "One".

Cost of the workshop: \$35.00 for members. \$45.00 for non-members. Anyone can sign up for the workshop with immediate effect.

Please send your check to: Laura Lane, 29 Ahern Lane, Marlborough, MA 01752

Come and learn with us!

Tíca de Moor Program Chair

## Raffle Quilt 2018 Revealed

Come to the April 3 meeting to see what your Quilt Show Raffle Committee has been working on. Hint: It includes Geese, Stars and Piano Keys.



Now is the time to turn the project over to you, the members. We need all members to help by stitching up a block or two or three to be included in our next Raffle Quilt. The **BIG** reveal, along with patterns, will be handed out at the April, May and June meetings.

> Jean Konopacz Raffle Quilt Chair

# Changes in Guild Tax Status

WQG is preparing an application to the IRS to change its tax exempt status from 501(c)4 to 501(c)3. The Board will obtain a draft of the application and revised by-laws at the April meeting. The application and revised by-laws will be presented to the Board for approval at its May 13 meeting.

A presentation of the changes will be made to the membership at our May meeting, along with an opportunity to ask questions. Membership will be sent the application and revised by-laws (after approval by the Board on May 13th) by mail 10 days prior to our June meeting which is also our Annual Meeting. At that time we will call for a vote to approve the documents.

Anyone who is not on the Board and interested in the process is welcome to participate in the review of the drafts and to come to the May 13th Board Meeting.

> Kathie Cromwell Guild Treasurer

# Workshop with Linda Warren



A one day quilt workshop is being offered by the Concord Piecemakers Guild. Thursday, April 20th, 9:00 - 3:30 pm Cost: \$45

There remain a few openings for our upcoming workshop in April. Learn a new quilt top pattern, "Turbulence", with Linda Warren of <u>lindawarrendesigns.com</u>. Each participant works at her own pace to learn the skills needed to make a beautiful quilt top. Linda gives everyone the one-on-one attention they need to master the techniques and build confidence. Includes tips and tricks to take away the stress of accurate piecing. Visit her website.

Please contact Linda Merwin, <u>linda.merwin@gmail.com</u> if you are interested in signing up. A supplies list will be sent upon sign up.

#### Share The Squares

Remember to bring your fourth batch of 15 x 3  $\frac{1}{2}$ " nine patches to our next Monday meeting. If you cannot be there in person, send your squares with a friend.

Please consider donating your leftover blocks for a raffle quilt for our 2018 show. Email questions to either Jill or Kathie.

> Kathie Cromwell <u>kscromwell@comcast.net</u> Er Jill Cochrane iyayajc@gmail.com

# Outreach / Camp Erin



#### HANDMADE QUILTS NEEDED FOR CAMP ERIN

Camp Erin Boston is a free weekend camp for grieving children and teens who have lost a loved one. The program has been so successful they were awarded a grant to run a second session!



Each camper is given a donated quilt as a unique comforting gift to keep and cherish for years.

We are in need of throw size quilts (minimum 40" X 60"). Quilts in bright, vibrant colors and themes including sports, frogs, butterflies, ladybugs, horses, flowers, etc., are suggested. Twice the camps, twice the quilts needed!!!

Unless explicitly designated for children attending Camp Erin, quilts may be used for children in the HEART*play<sup>ssil</sup>* Program, another free grief program offered through CareGroup Parmenter Home Care & Hospice and/or as auction item(s) to raise funds for either children's bereavement programs. www.heartplayprogram.org



Quilt donations are requested by July 1, 2017

If you would like to help, please contact Kathy Clarkeson @ 781-545-2503 or clarkesonk@gmail.com

Camp Erin welcomes male & female volunteers age 18 and over. Please contact Jennifer Wiles, Camp Erin Boston Director at 508-309-5107 or jwiles@mah.harvard.edu www.camperinboston.org

Thank you for your kindness and generosity!

An in-kind tax receipt will be provided upon request.

Susan Thomas

# Quilt Books for Sale at Goodnow Library

The Goodnow Library is having their annual book sale this weekend. We have been told "there are boxes of quilt books to choose from". Go and check it out while supporting a good cause. The library is located at 21 Concord Rd in Sudbury. Sale dates and hours are:

Friday, March 31 9:00 – 4:00 Saturday, April 1 10:00 – 4:00 Sunday, April 2 1:00 – 4:00

#### Northern Star Quilter Guild Show

Featured guest lecturer: Mary Fons Invitational Guest Quilters: Liza Prior Lucy & Rayna Gillman Western Connecticut State University O'Neill Center, West Side Campus 43 Lake Ave. Ext, Danbury, CT 06811 Saturday, May 6, 10 - 5:00 Sunday, May 7, 10 - 4:00 Info at quiltshow@Northernstarquilters.com

#### WQG Calendar 2017

**NOTE:** Our meetings have moved to the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month.

Monday, April 3, 2017, 7:00 pm **Pam Weeks** on **A Complete History of Quilting in 60 Minutes or Less**. See p. 1 for more info.

Monday, May 1, 2017, 7:00 pm **Uglies Auction Reinvented** See p. 2 for more info.

Saturday, May 13, 2017- Board Meeting

Saturday, May 20, 2017 9:30 – 4:00 **Workshop with Prudie Taylor** on paper piecing the Judy Niemeyer method. See p. 3 for more info.

Monday, June 5, 7:00 pm Potluck & Show and Tell

> Newsletters and "Betweens" Deadlines: 3 days before the 1<sup>st</sup>/15<sup>th</sup> Send submissions to Jean Konopacz at jkonopacz@gmail.com