

Wayside Quilters

Newsletter ~ January, 2018

Our Next General Meeting

Monday, January 8 at 7:00 pm
Grange Hall, Sudbury Town Center
(Park behind the Town Hall)

Demos & Show N Tell

One of the wonderful things about belonging to a guild is getting a chance to learn from each other. Whether you're new to quilting or have done it your whole life, there is always something to learn. Our next meeting will give you a chance to learn about our new block of the month project, tips for cutting accurately, have an introduction on using our Pinterest site (www.waysidequilters.org) and much more.

This year we're trying something new with Show N Tell. Members may bring in something to share at any meeting that does not have a speaker (such as our January meeting). It doesn't always have to be a recently completed project. Do you have a "What NOT to do" example, or one of your first projects? We'd love to see them and hear what you have to say.

Tricia Crockett and Jill Cochrane

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Block of the Month 2018

Block of the Month

Jill Cochrane has thought of a fun new activity for the year 2018. She will be conducting a Block of the Month adventure!

Each month at the beginning of our meeting Jill will give a brief introduction and pattern for the month. You may also contact her if you are having a problem during the month. Each block will be "beginner" or "confident beginner". They will finish at 12". They will all feature different skills and will be a great learning experience for all those who would like to play along.

If you want to start collecting your fabric choices, Jill suggests:

- A focus fabric for the center blocks. Twelve 5" squares will do.
- A few yards of coordinating fabric using similar colors, but not same print.
- Sashing and borders are optional.
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Jill made the sample (see photo on page 1) from her stash as she went along.

Jill will be substituting the two blocks in the upper right hand corner for blocks that have center square blocks like all the others. She will start in January with the "Broken Circle", 2nd from the right on the bottom row.

TRY IT! It will be lots of fun to see all the different ideas that come out of this!

Jill Cochrane

February 5th Meeting

We have Amy Friend coming to speak at our February meeting.

Amy is a "Modern" quilter. Her talk will give us an introduction to modern quilting, with an emphasis on what the elements of modern quilts are. She will also be giving us a trunk show to illustrate the concepts governing modern quilting and will talk about improvisational paper piecing as well! A lot to learn!

Amy will be coming back to us in March for a workshop on improvisational paper piecing.

If you want to have a preview of what is in store for you, take a look at her website:

<http://duringquiettime.com>

Please be sure to invite your friends to come along. This promises to be a lovely evening with a lot of fresh new ideas.

*Tica deMoor
Program Chair*



Amy Friend

Challenge Quilt

Everyone needs a good challenge so Ann Moses has created a "brown bag" challenge for our 2018 Show. The Theme will be "**At the Seashore**".

Brown bags were handed out at the November and December meetings. If you missed out and would like to play along, let Ann know and she will bring more bags to the January meeting.

There are 3 fat quarters in each bag. Entrants will need to use the fat quarters in that bag, along with other fabric to make a wall hanging, quilted with batting in the middle, no more than a 72 inch perimeter or smaller, any shape.

A nice suggestion is to staple a small (1"x1") piece of each fabric you received in the bag to an index card. The card will be displayed with your entry quilt. It will be interesting way to see how you used the fabrics.

If you have any questions, just ask.

Ann Moses @ annbmoses@gmail.com

Sew Happy Update

We held our second Sew Happy get together on Dec. 30th. It was a big success with everyone eager to do it again soon. A Doodle Poll will go out this week with possible times for the next gathering. Be sure to vote if you're interested in attending.

Tricia Crockett and Kathie Cromwell

Auction Update

April 2, 2018 is the big Auction date! Thank you to all the folks who volunteered at November's meeting to help.

- Debbie Ehrmann has agreed to write articles for publicity
- Tricia Crockett has agreed to be our auctioneer and also to coordinate looking for unusual auction items (remember nearly half our success last year was a vacation home rental donated by Kathie Cromwell!).
- We have lots of people for our ironing and packing parties in March (dates TBD) and plenty of schleppers for the day of the auction.
- Still big on our wish list is someone to coordinate refreshments.

For the next few months you all have two jobs.

- One is to think about people who are not members who you can invite to the auction. Last year only 8 non-members came, but they all spent money! Without non-members we are just basically buying each other's stuff!!!!
- Your second job is to think of unusual auction items to donate. Talk to Tricia about that. Think gift cards, class coupons, restaurant gift cards, coffee, etc.

We are hoping for another fun and profitable evening!

*Pat Lukens
Auction Chair*

“Name that Raffle Quilt” Contest

We had a lot of clever names entered for the raffle quilt. A vote was taken at the December meeting and there was a clear winner.

Rhapsody of Stars will be the new name. The name was submitted by Jane Harris. Jane will be embroidering the name on a label to put on the quilt when finished soon. Thanks to all who participated.

*Jean Konopacz
Raffle Quilt Chair*



2018 Raffle Quilt

Sew Happy Wish List

We would like to collect the following items and keep them together in one place to make an easier set up for Sew Happy days. If you are downsizing or decluttering in the near future please keep this list in mind.

- Extension chords
- Project lighting (ex. Ottlight)
- Rotary Cutting Mat
- 4 blocks to raise the cutting table

Thank you!

Tricia Crockett

Nine-Patch Guild Quilt

We plan to make a nine-patch quilt from the extra blocks you so kindly donated. This quilt will be used to raise money for the guild at the 2018 quilt show. Kathie Cromwell is looking for one or two volunteers to help her play...oops plan, the quilt. If you enjoy arranging quilt blocks and looking at patterns for inspiration, you're the person she's looking for. Please contact Kathie at: kscromwell@comcast.net

The New England Quilt Museum

The museum will be closed for winter break January 1 - 9, 2018. Hours January 10 through April, 2018 are 10 am – 4 pm. Opening January 10 is the 13th Quilt Nihon Exhibition from Japan. This exhibit will provide a lot of inspiration.



I Want To Be A Tree . Miiko Kuwahara . Tokushima, Japan

