

# COURTHOUSE QUILTERS PRESIDENT'S BULLETIN

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Dear CHQ Membership,

November is an exciting month, with change in the air. Especially for CHQ; a new Executive Board has been nominated for 2023-2024; Regina Krejsa for President, Laura Kohl for 2nd Vice President, Kerry Cogen for Treasurer, Cheryl Dennis as Recording Secretary and Juliet Leonard for Corresponding Secretary. A strong group heading towards positions alongside our 2nd Vice President Anne Oswald who will become our 1st Vice President very soon. I'm feeling very grateful to our nominating committee Joan Lasota, Alice Marcy and Joanne Gardner for building such a capable team for our guild's leadership for the next couple of years. Below you'll find short bios of each of the nominees.

Please come to our **in person** November guild meeting, at the Hampton Inn, to **VOTE**. Initially, we thought we'd have a hybrid style meeting but things have changed, and we are now hosting an **IN PERSON** workshop, **IN PERSON** board meeting and **IN PERSON** guild meeting. During the workshop we'll spend leisure time working on our next raffle quilt. For details see Program News below.

And it's that time again; please [renew](#) your CHQ membership for the upcoming year,

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CHQ President  
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## COURTHOUSE QUILTERS GUILD

### 2023 EXECUTIVE BOARD ELECTED OFFICER NOMINEES

#### **PRESIDENT - *Regina (Gina) Krejsa***

Gina has been a member of Courthouse Quilters for about three years. She took up quilting in 2016 after she left the workforce. While Gina was initially interested in quilting, the main draw to the craft was the quilters themselves. She found the social community to be supportive and engaging. Gina has served in the guild as Raffle Sales Co-Chair, Show Volunteer Co-Chair, and documentation handyman. Gina would be honored to serve as the guild's President.

#### **2nd VICE-PRESIDENT - *Laura Kohl***

Laura has been a member of Courthouse Quilters since the 2018 show. She finds the repetitive motions of quilting to be a therapeutic escape from her busy life while also offering a creative outlet. She loves all aspects of quilting from drooling over new fabric lines, dreaming of her next project while simultaneously surfing Pinterest and Instagram, piecing and the final quilting process. Laura has served as Recording Secretary for the past two years. The guild has provided a caring, generous community of like-minded creatives that she would be happy to serve as Second Vice-President.

#### **TREASURER - *Kerry Cogan***

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Kerry began quilting over 35 years ago when she was in graduate school and was looking for a relaxing, creative outlet. For many years she was very much a part-time quilter while raising her family and working. The finished projects were few and far between. Kerry's children are now grown and she has much more time to invest in quilting, although she still considers herself a beginner/intermediate quilter with much to learn. For Kerry, the beauty of being in the guild is no matter your level, there is support, encouragement, training and lots of inspiration. Kerry joined the guild in 2019 and is currently serving as Corresponding Secretary. She says it's been a great learning experience being on the Board and she would be very honored to serve in the role of Treasurer.

### **RECORDING SECRETARY - Cheryl Dennis**

Cheryl has been an active member of Courthouse Quilters for the past several years, while juggling a full time job at a pharmaceutical company and the responsibilities of a family. She was a very engaged volunteer at this year's quilt show, serving in various capacities, including the mini quilt raffle. Cheryl enjoys meeting fellow quilters and learning new techniques and quilting skills from guild members and invited speakers. She's excited about the opportunity to serve on the Courthouse Quilters' Board as Recording Secretary.

### **CORRESPONDING SECRETARY - Juliet Leonard**

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Juliet joined Courthouse Quilters at the 2018 quilt show. Her interest in quilting began when her supervisor showed her quilt magazines and told her all about quilting; this was around 2007. In 2008 she took a quilting class at Pennington Quilt Works to make her first quilt for her firstborn daughter. Juliet has always enjoyed the arts, being an avid participant in teen arts in middle and high school. Juliet also enjoys crocheting, knitting, oil, acrylic & watercolor painting; plus exploring new techniques and mediums. While Juliet admires traditional quilting, she is very interested in modern styles as well.

This year Juliet volunteered to set up & break down the Quilts at the Mill show, served as parking attendant & raffle sales. Juliet has resided in Hunterdon County her entire life, currently living in Southern Hunterdon County with her husband & two daughters. Juliet looks forward to serving on the Board of Courthouse Quilters.

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### CHQ PROGRAM NEWS

#### November Program: November 20th, 2022

**\*\*CHANGE in SCHEDULE AND LOCATION\*\***

**\*\*Christine Barnes' Workshop moved to January\*\***

#### **Workshop: 2024 Raffle Quilt Sew-in**

**Time: 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.**

Come participate in sewing the final border on the 2024 Raffle Quilt and learn a new technique of string piecing that you'll be able to use on your own future projects. *Bring your sewing machine and general sewing supplies.*

**Evening Activity:** Executive Board Election & Show Committee Report-out

**Time: 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.**

**Location:** In person only at the Hampton Inn, 14-B Royal Rd, Flemington, N



### Holiday Potholder Exchange

Don't forget to bring that cute holiday potholder you made...

- At the November meeting, turn in your potholder to Program Chairs Anne or Jude and we'll give you a ticket number.
- Just before Show 'n Tell, we'll call out your ticket number for you to select a potholder made by someone else.
- You'll get to show it off to everyone and the mystery quilter will reveal themselves.

For ideas go to this Pinterest link [15+ Potholder DIY Ideas](#)



### SEW-CIAL Zoom Meeting

**Wednesday, November 9th at 7:00 p.m.**

Our Final Session on the topic of "Now What"?  
Join us for an evening chat session on finishing tips and other tidbits of juicy info. Zoom information to follow.

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### CHQ PROGRAM NEWS



**December Program: December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

### **Holiday Party, Fun Make & Take(s), Potluck and Gift Exchange**

We have lot of special activities planned for our annual Holiday Party starting at 2:30 pm until 7:30 pm. at the Flemington Woman's Club, 43 Park Ave, Flemington NJ. For the gift of exchange; please bring a wrapped gift (valued at approximately \$15).

**Setup:** 2:00 – 2:30 pm

**Crafts:** 2:30 – 4:00 pm: Kick back and relax with fellow members OR jump in and make one of the super cute winter crafts some of our members have graciously volunteered to share. Appetizers, Beverages, and Hot Cocoa Bar available.

**Dinner:** 4:00 – 5:30 pm: Look for Donna Slovak's posted Menu on Sign-up Genius to bring your favorite dish

**Recognition and New Board Member Swearing into Office:** 5:30 – 6:00 pm

**Dessert and Gift Exchange:** 6:00 – 6:30 pm

**Clean-up:** 6:30 – 7:00 p.m.

***Go to Sign-up Genius to add your name to the list to bring your favorite dish.***

**...and don't forget your**

### **CHQ 2022 Quilty Resolutions**

Did you think we forgot.... Well, we didn't... Be ready to reveal whether you completed your quilt resolutions. Members who finish more than one resolution will be entered into a fun raffle!



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### CHQ PROGRAM NEWS

#### January Program: January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023

##### **Workshop and Lecture by Christine Barnes**

Christine is a well-known quilter and published author from Northern California specializing in color for quilters.

**Location: Zoom ONLY**

**Time:** 11:00 to 4:00 pm (with ½ hour break for lunch)

**Cost:** \$40.00 Includes Pattern

**Class Limit:** 20 Member Only Limit



##### **Workshop: *You get to Choose***

Join Christine Barnes' workshop where you get to choose which special effect you want your quilt to result in using the same pattern.

***Luminaria*** – when you surround a relatively small area of warm, intense color with a larger area of cooler, less-intense, darker color, your quilt will appear to glow, as if light and warmth are coming from behind creating a *Luminosity* effect.

#### WORKSHOP SELECTION

OR

***Transparent Squares*** – create an illusion of *Transparency*; layers of see-through color with light center squares that seem to float above the darker shapes. Sections of gray ombre appear to flow underneath the blocks, enhancing the sense of light and movement.

This workshop begins with a crash course in color, followed by an evaluation of your fabrics to ensure success which will be surprisingly easy to achieve once you understand a few simple concepts. Then you'll begin cutting and piecing your blocks. Both quilts use the same pattern. Along the way, Christine will have lots of tips for making the process easier and more accurate.

\*\*When signing up, please note which quilt you'll be making – either *Luminaria* or *Transparent Squares*. Supply lists can be found on the [Courthousequilters.org](http://Courthousequilters.org)

*Luminaria*



*Transparent Squares*



**Evening Meeting: 6:30 - 8:30 pm**

**Location: Zoom ONLY**

##### **Lecture: Christine Barnes *Color: A Step-by-Step Tutorial***

Learn how, *exactly*, Christine plans and makes a quilt? Which comes first, the design idea or the fabric? How to "hunt and gather" fabric for a quilt? How does pattern affect color in fabrics? For the first portion of the lecture, Christine will show digital step-by-step images and describe her methods of choosing, auditioning, and editing fabrics. A trunk show of quilts and wearables wraps it all up.

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## Color Collaboration

### Courthouse Quilters Guild 2023 Challenge

A spectrum of different colors is produced when light passes through a glass prism or through a drop of water. A prism bends light, taking in white light, refracting it, and revealing a mind-boggling array of colors.

Our hope is that CHQ's Color Collaboration Challenge will result in a vibrant spectrum of colored quilts almost as though we're standing inside a prism.

### Challenge Rules

Make a monochromatic color scheme quilt panel exclusively using the single color and its tints, shades, and tones from the *Joen Wolfrom* color card you've received. White or black cannot be used. All submissions must measure 15" wide x 45" long. There are no restrictions in theme, subject matter or piecing techniques. The "Other" category is wide-open, although it must be done in a monochromatic color scheme. Please contact Anne Oswald at [aoswald827@gmail.com](mailto:aoswald827@gmail.com) to ask for a color card to be mailed to you or pick one up at the next meeting.

*"In a monochromatic color scheme, the colors in the design all come from the same color family. Nature contains scores of examples of monochromatic color schemes. The subtle changes of desert sand can be beautifully monochromatic. A cold, bleak winter day can display hues from one family alone. The monochromatic scheme can be sophisticated and elegant. The most important ingredient...is value – the contrast of light and dark hues. This contrast can be subtle, softly contrasted, or strongly apparent... The monochromatic color scheme is the most difficult plan to work in". Joen Wolfrom, ColorPlay*



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## MEMBERSHIP NEWS:

Dues are due for the next year - 2023.

Please click on the following link

[MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL](#)

Please fill out membership renewal form  
and make your 2023 payment of \$50.

Directions for payment by check or credit card on our  
website [www.courthousequilters.org](http://www.courthousequilters.org).

## CHARITY NEWS:

### Charity

November and December Holiday Collection for the Food Pantry

Once again, Courthouse Quilters is participating in a holiday collection for our local food pantry. We are looking for items usually not donated or those not covered by SNAP or similar programs.

Currently the items needed in this category *are shaving creams, disposable razors, toilet paper, sanitary products and adult hygiene wipes*. If you have extra dental products or can get them free from your dental office, please donate them but please don't purchase them since the pantry has been able to purchase those items quite reasonably.

The Pantry is also happy to accept individual and travel size shampoos, soaps, toothpaste, etc. to make personal hygiene packs for emergency clients. Hotel stays are a great way to collect them.

Thank you! Please remember we will collect at the next two meetings. If you have questions, please contact Stephanie.

### Baby Quilt Charity Update.

Well, CHQ Members... we did a great job! Because of the amazing participation in the baby quilt charity program, we were able to give Safe Harbor a check this week for \$1300.00. WOO HOO! Yes! That decimal point IS in the right place! Thank you to so many people who helped with this effort.

As you know, we gave Safe Harbor a check for 600.00 after the Elks show earlier so this check makes a whopping \$1900.00 we were able to raise for Safe Harbor this year!

Whether you made a quilt, worked on part of a quilt, bought a quilt or in some other way contributed, YOU are one of the reasons we were able to give such a generous contribution! Thank you all once again for making this project so successful.

My thanks also go to every one of our customers who purchased quilts this year...especially the person who bought six!



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EXECUTIVE BOARD, COMMITTEE CHAIRS, SPECIAL COMMITTEES 2021-2022

### **Executive Board—**

President: Cathie Giambalvo

1st Vice President: Judith McCormick

2nd Vice President: Anne Oswald

Treasurer: Patty Gertz

Recording Secretary: Laura Kohl

Corresponding Secretary: Kerry Cogan

### **Committee Chairs—**

Charity & Outreach: Stephanie Greenberg & Cass Garner

Circulation: Lauren Lupica

Historian: Patty Gertz & Cass Garner (starting in 2023)

Hospitality: Donna Slovak

Librarian: Cass Garner

Licensing: Joanne Gardner

Newsletter: Al Accettola

Photographer: Al Accettola

Publicity: Joan Lasota

Quilt Show: Andrea Cavallaro & Camille Quinton

Raffle Quilt:

Construction 2024: Anne Oswald & Jill Ferrari

Sales 2021: Penny Armagost & Regina Krejsa

Web Presence: Lauren Pine

### **Courthouse Quilters Guild - Our Mission**

The purpose of our Guild is to:

- preserve and promote the tradition and history of quilting.
- to foster fellowship among interested persons in all aspects of quilting.
- to sponsor and support educational quilting activities.
- to encourage quilt making and collecting.
- to promote the appreciation of quilting throughout the community.
- and to support charitable activities.