



COURTHOUSE QUILTERS NEWSLETTER

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December 13, 2015

Workshop - "Mittens with Karen"

1-4 p.m.

Got a sweater? Make some mittens!
(Or just bring your own sewing and enjoy socializing.)

Meeting - "Holiday Party"

6:00 pm (Note time change.)

See inside for details.



January 10, 2016

"New Members Tea"

2:00 pm

(No workshop)

Meeting - "Member Market"

6:30 pm



February 21, 2015

Workshop - "Weave a Skinny Quilt With Me"

1-4 pm

Fun with color with Ellie Levie!

Meeting - Ellie Levie

6:30 pm

Ellie is the "seamstress of ceremonies" as our members model her creations and learn her techniques.



Our thanks...

....to Jan Hunold for the many years she served as editor of the Courthouse Quilters Newsletter and the dozens of issues she created for the members' enjoyment. Your talent and caring have been appreciated by us all.



President's Letter

All,

One thing I have learned about Courthouse Quilters is that everything about the guild is fluid and that's OK. As we are saddened by some members moving on from positions or even membership, others step up to fill the gaps. It's heartening to come to guild, learn new things from fellow members and/or speakers, and just enjoy each other's company and have fun. Even taking on a new guild related job can help you grow. You might be surprised at what you are capable of. The best baked goods around don't hurt either!

I want to point out that program director extraordinaire, Ellen, came through for us again, securing Rachel Derstine at the last minute and providing us with a very interesting lecture. We all wish Mark Lipinski well and hope to see him at a later date.

Next month we will all be filled with holiday spirit and the only agenda is to celebrate the guild.

See you then.

Patty



On November 9th Ellen and Andrea visited SAFE in Hunterdon and presented a check for \$755 to Caitlin Bowring, Development Officer. This check represented the proceeds of our UFO Auction which we ran in October. They were overjoyed by our contribution and look forward to a long relationship with Courthouse Quilters.

Holiday Party



Our holiday potluck dinner party will be on
Sunday, Dec. 13 starting at 6 pm!
(NOTE TIME CHANGE TO 6 PM!!!)



Here's the breakdown of who brings what (last name):

A through G — main dish

H through M—soup/salad

N through R—appetizer

S through Z—dessert

After dinner the fun continues with our gift exchange. If you want to participate, please bring a wrapped gift item (value \$10-\$15). Or bring something homemade - there's still time to get those creative juices flowing! Finish your newly purchased UFO to give!!



NOTE: YOU MUST BRING A GIFT TO GET A GIFT AND IF YOU BRING A GIFT, YOU NEED TO STAY TO GET A GIFT!!!!

Membership

RENEW Your CHQ MEMBERSHIP for 2016!!

Renewals are due by the January 2016 meeting. Dues are \$35 for the calendar year. Please bring your dues (cash or check) to the January meeting, or mail it to me (check your roster for address).

According to the bylaws, **renewals must be received by the January 2016 meeting.**

If you have any questions concerning membership, please contact me. And, **please let me know if you have decided *not* to renew.**

Enjoy the cold crisp days of winter – every season brings its unique wonders and inspiration!

Camille Quinton



Board Minutes

Board Minutes from November 8, 2015

In attendance: Patty G., Claire R., Ellen H., Sue G., Linda A., Alice S., Jan H., Camille Q., Karen D., Cathie G., Cass G., Andrea C., Mary S.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

President Patty called the meeting to order at 4:37

A motion was made to approve the October minutes. Seconded and approved.

Patty questioned if we should spend the funds to join NQA and the board unanimously agreed. Open positions for the show: Advertising Chair, Preview night Chair, Raffle Quilt Marketing chair. Joanne will take the volunteer co-chair position until her house sells at which time she will have to move. Joanne is relinquishing the Raffle Quilt Marketing Chair position to take on the Show co-chair position. We will have to resolve marketing position soon since Mancuso would like us to commit to the Sept. show by Dec if we want to sell tickets there.

No one has stepped up to do the spring retreat so we may have to close the window for a spring retreat.

The quilt is being appliqued by Linda Allen right now. The quilt has to be photographed and appraised before we can get the license to sell tickets. Cathie G. has time scheduled on her machine in the beginning of January.

Stockton has to approve the license by mid January. Quilt Fest of NJ is in March so we need the postcards by then.

Vice President/ Program/ Ellen- Suggested to have the boutique in the basement. Camille suggested that we do an exhibit.

Treasurer-Alice S. Credit card was compromised. It should be straightened in the next week or so. It was difficult to correct because we have a P.O. Box.

Alice went over the budget. Karen said the website needs to increase to 150.00 for additional web expenses. Newsletter may need more money to buy a program for the person who takes it over from Andrea. The budget that Alice presented was approved by the board.

Recording Secretary -Cass G.

Corresponding Secretary- Sue G.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Hospitality-Claire R/Linda A – Will continue to do hospitality. Originally, they were going to do it just until Dec. Claire suggested that we look into SMILE. Amazon. Org. for CHQ to receive about .05% cash back to benefit CHQ. Patty will look into it.

SHOW: We need someone to get volunteers before and after the show. Joan will do the volunteers for during the show. Denise will be moving but she will be doing Vendors until she leaves. Ellen suggested we do boutique in the basement. Discussion to continue. Patty will talk to Denise about vendors.

A motion was made and was seconded to adjourn at 5:24

Respectfully submitted by: Cass Garner



A thank you from a friend...

Hello Courthouse Quilters,

My name is Ethan Marshall. I came to the guild in the Spring to ask for donations of fabric for my Eagle Scout Project. I am proud to announce that the project is done. I would just like to thank everyone at the guild that helped donate fabric and help me start my project. Without your help I would probably still be trying to get enough fabric for these quilts. On the week of November 8th, they will be delivered to Family Promise of Hunterdon County which helps homeless families get back on their feet. With the left over fabric they are starting a new program to help adults learn to sew. So thank you so much for all of the help you have given me and thank you so much for the help you have given back to the community.

Thank you so much, Ethan Marshall



"Mosaics with Rosie" Workshop



An afternoon spent smashing dishes, gluing pieces creatively and then playing with grout...who could ask for more! Thank you Rosie!

An Evening with Rachel Derstein



When Mark Lipinski, our November speaker, became ill, art quilter Lisa Derstine stepped up with a top-notch talk and show about her award-winning quilts. Combining her Mennonite heritage with a modern vision, Lisa uses sheer fabrics, couching, and other techniques to create contemporary quilts for home décor and religious celebration.

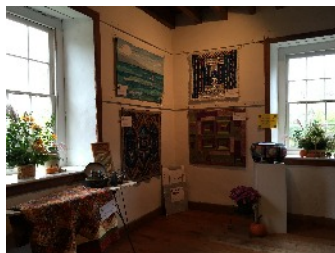
Quilts in the Mill

Special Exhibits

I am looking for input from the guild for our special exhibit in the Saw Mill. Last show we had a special exhibit of previous show winners that made a lovely display. One year we exhibited our Storybook Quilts.

This year we plan an exhibit of our charity work to include: pillow cases, the little dresses for Africa, ditty bags, mittens and possibly another future endeavor from 2016. They will be displayed in the lower entrance of the Saw Mill which will also serve as a collection site for these items. I am hoping to add directions for each item on web site as well as a promo to offer \$1 off admission with a donation of one of these items. People **will not** be able to combine this with another promo.

Put your thinking caps on and feel free to give suggestions for the larger exhibit in the Saw Mill.



Committee Faces

Joanne Gardner has agreed to co-Chair the show.

She will be working with the committee chairs on staffing issues and be the face of the show to our guild members.

Denise Lager will chair the Vendor Committee along with **Dana Balsamo** as Co-Chair. Denise will handle all the paperwork, Brillman's rentals and assignment of spaces (we will be assigning spaces on a first come first served basis this show). Dana chaired this committee for several years as well as vended at our show for many years. As Dana will be working her own booth during the show we still need one more person for this committee who can be available on Thursday and Friday of the show to assist Denise and Dana with any issues that arise during vendor set-up.

Claire Roloff and Linda Allen will again do our magnificent flowers arrangements for the show. This committee has always done a great job and elicited requests from viewer about what florist did our flowers.

Our board has agreed to host our preview party for this show. They have lots of ideas about how to work together to make it one of our most memorable

events. This event takes a village and now we have one.

Carol Esch has again offered to do the display in the Flemington Branch of the Hunterdon County Library which will be July 2016.



Babette Galnik and Jill Ferrari will handle Acquisitions for the show.



Openings

Decorations: This chair will set up our displays with items borrowed from our guild members of sewing memorabilia, related antiques and the like around the show. He or she should be available to collect items at previous meeting and return them at end of show or next guild meeting.

Publicity: This is a job that we need several people. It can be divided any way the committee decides, we need press releases, mailing of postcards, running ads in the newspaper and magazines, listings in Facebook, inviting the press to the preview party and taking any press that comes on a tour of the show.

Story Boards, Signs and Ribbons: This committee makes posters listing demos, orders sign updates, handles sign placements and pick-ups, and orders ribbons. I would suggest two or three people for this committee and to divide the workload.

Stephanie Greenberg



Congratulations to Carol Esch !



Carol ribboned at the Keystone Show in Quakertown, Pennsylvania. Such a talented lady!

Places to Go, Things to Do, People to Meet!

"Blanket Statements" Exhibit

Kaffe Fassett New Quilts

November 14, 2015 - February 21, 2016

Michener Museum

Doylestown, PA

<http://michenermuseum.org/>



"English Paper Piecing" Workshop

By Liza Lucy

December 2, 2015 - February 17, 2016

Michener Museum

Doylestown, PA

<http://michenermuseum.org/>

"Text Messages" Exhibit

Studio Art Quilt Associates Exhibition

December 5, 2015 - April 10, 2016

Morris Museum

Morristown, NJ

<https://www.saqa.com/memberArt.php?cat=8&ec=3&ex=11>



"Piecing Together Cultures - Quilts of Southeastern Pennsylvania" Lecture

By Patricia Herr

December 15, 2016

Michener Museum

Doylestown, PA

<http://michenermuseum.org/>

Independent Art Quilt Workshop

By Sandra Sider

February 28 - March 4, 2016

Stony Point Center

Stony Point, NY

<http://stonypointcenter.org/events-retreats/upcoming-events#.VIJLhnarTIU>



Courtesy of Carol Esch



Hospitality

Thanks to everyone who brought refreshments to the November meeting:

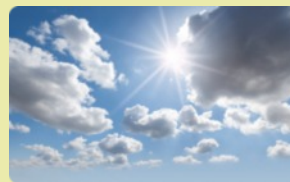
Jill Ferrari

Kathe Walz

Alice Marcy



Sunshine and Shadows



If you know of anyone in the guild who could use some cheering up, please contact Corresponding Secretary, Sue Garcia. She will send a card on behalf of the guild.

Wanted!

Proofreaders to edit the monthly newsletter! I am close to perfection (*giggle*) but occasionally even I can make a mistake! Just need a few gals who can help to make me look good! Will email the newsletter to you to peruse at your leisure. Your help would be appreciated. Many thanks.

Andrea

Show and Tell



Workshop creations...



Claire



Al



Helle-May



Janis



Joanne



Andrea



CHQ ONLINE



Check our website for the latest workshops and supply lists, meeting news, cancellations, forms, **inclement weather announcements**, and just general information about the guild.

www.courthousequilters.org

For a complete listing of the holdings in the guild library, go to:

www.librarything.com/catalog/CourthouseQuilters.

And don't forget to "friend" the guild on Facebook. Search for "Courthouse Quilters" and "like" us. We'll like you back!



Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for the newsletter is the Sunday following a meeting at the stroke of midnight!

Exceptions are May and show-year Octobers with a deadline of the Wednesday after a meeting.

Send all of your articles, news, photos and other newsworthy items to Andrea.

Board and Committee Chairs

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Vice President/Programs	Ellen Heath
Recording Secretary	Cass Garner
Corresponding Secretary	Sue Garcia
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