

## President's Letter

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday celebration - special thanks to Anne and Donna for all their hard work, planning, and for adding a few new twists to our annual party! As I look forward to the new year, I want to look back at some of the things that we accomplished as a guild and say thank you to our volunteers.

First, I want to thank Anne Oswald for all of her hard work and dedication coordinating our programming this year. Program is certainly one of the hardest positions in the guild and Anne did a fantastic job keeping us learning and enthusiastic about quilting. In addition to our traditional programs, we saw terrific participation in all the extra projects Anne introduced (quilty resolutions; potholder, valentine, and art exchanges; and the jacket and sew along clubs). Sincere thanks and appreciation to Anne! With Anne cycling off, we welcome Laura Kohl to the position of first vice president. Laura has already set up much of the 2024 programming and we look forward to learning the new techniques Laura has lined up for us. We also welcome Barbara Fusco as the second vice president. Barbara is fairly new to the guild and she has been so generous with her time. Welcome Barbara!

I want to thank the entire board for all the consistent work that they accomplish each month. Much of this work goes largely unnoticed, but keeps us running as an organization. I am truly humbled by the volunteerism of the group. In addition to our normal annual projects, we took on some new items this year - here are a few of the highlights.

- Completed insurance review and advanced new policy (special thanks to Dyan Rosario)
- Migrated to Google Non-Profit Workspace (special thanks to Cathie Giambalvo and Stephanie Greenberg)
- Moved to a larger storage unit to accommodate our needs (special thanks to Laura Kohl, Janet Bergman, Cathie Giambalvo, and Kerry Cogan)
- Introduced Venmo and PayPal electronic payments for 4H Fair (special thanks to Kerry Cogan and Cathie Giambalvo)
- Introduced non show year revenue at 4H Fair (special thanks to Barbara Fusco, Janet Bergman, and Barbara Slaton)
- Displayed our Color Collaboration challenge quilts at the Oaks show (special thanks to Carol Esch)
- Blasted our Community Outreach goals out of the park (special thanks Barbara Slaton, Mary Ann Hampton, and Cathie Giambalvo)
- Managed the revision and approval of bylaws and standing rules (special thanks to Patty Gertz and Cass Garner)
- Increased the transparency and documentation of guild functions (special thanks to all)

I want to thank Lauren Lupica for her service as circulation chair. Lauren has recently moved and unfortunately will not be rejoining the guild. We will miss Lauren's enthusiasm and helpfulness, but since she has many friends in the guild

we hope to see her again. If anyone is interested in this position, please let me know.

I also want to thank Joan Lasota, Alice Marcy, and Joanne Gardner from the nominating committee. Joan and Alice have indicated that they feel ready to move off the committee and let others take those positions. If you are interested in being a part of the committee, please let me know. This is a great opportunity to get to know members and understand how the guild works. Thank you again to the committee for their service.

Finally, I would like to thank all the members for their participation, energy, and creativity in the various activities of the guild. Our members make our guild special and we are lucky to have you.

Be on the lookout for the January Quiltfolk magazine. It is featuring some folks we know and love (Dana Balsalmo; Princeton Sankofa Stitchers MDQ (Mada, Juanda, Stephen, and Rose Mary are all dual members); and Lisa Shephard Smith (teaching for us in June) - if you bring your copy to the next in person meeting, maybe we can get them signed!

Next Month: We will not be meeting in person in January or February. Please watch for your zoom invite email during the week before the meeting. We always use the same zoom link. Note, there are a few spots left in the January workshop. I have previously taken two classes from Kristen Echols and enjoy her quilt as you go technique and teaching style - consider signing up - the hugs and kisses pattern makes a perfect donation quilt.

Happy quilting!

Gina

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## Upcoming Meetings

Zoom Board Meeting (All members welcome)

Time: January 19, 2024 07:00 PM

Zoom Guild Meeting

Time: January 21, 2024 3 6:30 pm

Zoom Invites to be sent during the week of the meeting.

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## Program

January (Now open to non-members - invite a friend!)

**Hugs or Kisses Quilt-As-You-Go**  
with Kristin Echols of Kristen Laura Designs  
+ **Via Zoom** January 14<sup>th</sup> 1-4 pm and January 21<sup>st</sup> 1-4 pm  
**20 spots available Cost: \$38**

This large block quilt pattern really shows off your favorite layer cake or prints. Choose from 3 different layouts: Hugs, Kisses, or Hugs & Kisses. Using the "quilt-as-you-go" technique, each over-sized block is quilted individually then joined together with a special sashing technique. This is a great way to quilt larger quilts in smaller, manageable sections. You will learn everything you need to complete your quilt during two class sessions.



[January Workshop Sign Up](#)

February (Class is Full)



**Jane Sassaman**  
**Wings & Wedges**  
Via Zoom February 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>  
1-4pm  
Cost = \$45

Join us for a two day Zoom class with Jane Sassaman, award winning quilter, author and fabric designer. 24 spots available.

Description: In a fabric collage of simple symmetrical shapes, you will learn the basics of Jane's accessible machine applique techniques. We will cut into stabilized fat fabric quarters and use the resulting shapes in a unique collage composition. This will also provide a chance to sharpen your design and machine embroidery skills.

March

**Sunday March 24<sup>th</sup>**  
1:00pm-5:00pm

In Person meeting at the County Complex Building (No cost to participate!)

ENJOY AN AFTERNOON OF CREATING MIXED MEDIA POSTERS FOR THE SHAD FEST, PARTICIPATE IN A FOUNDATION PAPER, PIECED SKILL BUILDER, AND ENTER THE WORLD OF QUILT DESIGN USING PROCREATE!

**SHAD-FEST**

[March Shadfest Poster Sign Up Here](#)

March Guild Meeting/Lecture: Learn about how Safe Harbor Child-Access Centers empower individuals and families healing from trauma in a safe space with our guest speaker Carol Dvoor, as she shares her passion with us. Safe Harbor is one of our chosen charitable organizations that benefits from the sales of our Caring Heart Quilt Program.

April (No Workshop)



**Sunday  
April 21,  
2024 at  
6:30pm**

**Challenge  
Reveal and  
36<sup>th</sup>  
Anniversary  
Celebration!**

There will not be an afternoon workshop. Instead, we encourage you to join us in Lambertville to participate in selling raffle quilt tickets, enjoy the auction of the posters we created in March and enjoy the Shad Fest festivities before the evening meeting.



## 2024 Anniversary Challenge - DUE at April Guild Meeting

### PORTRAIT Challenge 2024

Create a portrait using any technique: pieced, reverse applique, collage, etc.

Your portrait can be of anyone; yourself, your pet, your favorite family member, best friend, or even a celebrity!

Portrait must be 20 x 24 inches in portrait orientation (not landscape).

When submitting your challenge, please include a typed paragraph telling us about why you chose your subject matter. What about them inspires you? What have you tried to portray about them through your portrait? Make us feel like we know them too!



#### [Challenge Registration Form](#)

May Sneak Peek: Randi Jones - Annie's Project Bag 2.0

June Sneak Peek: Lisa Shepard Stewart - Corded Cabin Block

## Committee Notes

### Community Outreach (Barbara Slaton & Cathie Giambalvo)

- Placemats for Meals on Wheels
  - Barbara and Mary Ann delivered 146 placemats! Thank you to everyone who sewed - great participation!
- Quilts for Kids
  - If you are interested in making a quilt - please contact Gretta [qmpiano@gmail.com](mailto:qmpiano@gmail.com) / Margaretanne [margaretannereina@gmail.com](mailto:margaretannereina@gmail.com)
- Safe Harbor Quilted Wall Hanging Project - [Safe Harbor Blocks Sign Up](#)
  - If you signed up to make a block and haven't turned it in, please mail it to Laura Kohl. The quilt will be assembled and presented to Carol Dvoor during our March guild meeting. Thanks to all who contributed.
- Flemington Food Pantry - Note from Cass

**CHQ members! THANK YOU!!!** Once again, we did an amazing job donating non-food items to the Flemington Food Pantry! We also got several large bags of toys donated which brought our donation to 172 pounds! Alas! It was so busy there on Monday when I dropped off the donation that I didn't have the heart to ask them to stop what they were doing to take a picture! So below is sort of what it was like.

**Lots of this** 

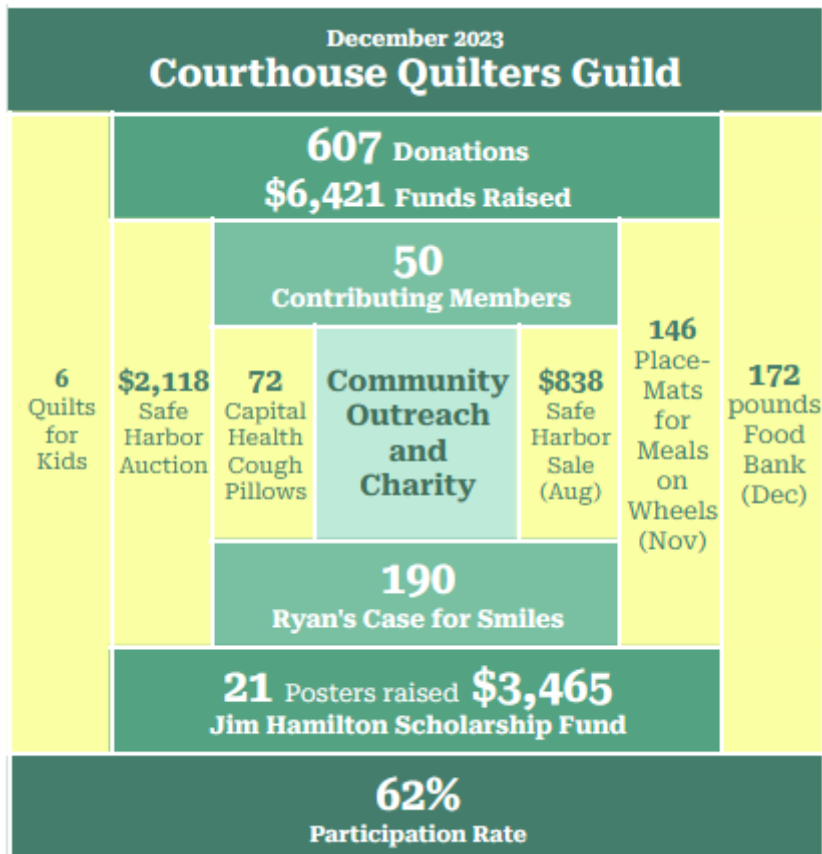


**into this.... = 172 lbs!!!**

**Everyone there!! Thank you CHQ!!!**

**YAY!!!**  **Yay!**

- Annual Detail



### Hospitality (Donna Slovak)

CHQ Hospitality Snacks - Thanks to all of the volunteers who provide snacks for our monthly CHQ meetings! Please review the available slots on the Sign Up Genius form and click the button to sign up. Include your specific items when possible. Coffee and tea are provided and members are encouraged to bring their own reusable water bottle. Thank you!

### Raffle Sales (Penny Armagost and Gina Krejsa)

Raffle tickets have arrived. They will be distributed to all members at the March in person guild meeting. If you would like to receive some early because you have an opportunity to sell, they can be picked up at Gina's if you let her know. Thanks!



## Membership (Cathie Giambalvo)

*Time to RENEW your  
2024 CHQ Membership!*

please go to:

[Membership \(courthousequilters.org\)](https://www.courthousequilters.org)

### **Member Benefits**

- **Learn New Things** - enjoy informative lectures, workshops and trunk shows by local and nationally recognized instructors.
- **Be Inspired** - Show and Tell at every meeting - show off your skills and be inspired by the creations of other members.
- **Get Challenged** - expand your creative reach and sharpen your skills by participating in our yearly anniversary quilting challenge.
- **Participate** - opportunities to take part in community outreach sewing projects, collection drives, and fundraising, supporting worthy causes in our area and abroad. Feel good about doing good, working on a team bringing comfort and resources to others in need.
- **Show Your Work** - opportunities to exhibit your quilts at our “Quilts in the Mill” and other venues. Our biennial quilt show is held at the beautiful Prallsville Mill in Stockton, NJ, our next show is scheduled for Fall 2024.
- **Stay Connected** - receive monthly CHQ Newsletter or President’s Bulletin – keeps you up to date on guild activities, and local quilt related events. Make new friends or hang out with old ones. CHQ provides space to share your quilting passion

## **EXECUTIVE BOARD, COMMITTEE CHAIRS, SPECIAL COMMITTEES UPDATED 2023**

### **Executive Board**

President: Regina Krejsa  
1st Vice President: Anne Oswald  
2nd Vice President: Laura Kohl  
Treasurer: Kerry Cogan  
Secretary: Cheryl Dennis

### **Standing Committee Chairs**

Archivist: Patty Gertz & Cass Garner  
Boutique: Janet Bergman  
Charity & Outreach: Barbara Slaton  
Circulation: Open  
Hospitality: Donna Slovak  
Membership: Cathie Giambalvo  
Newsletter/Photography: Al Accettola  
Publicity: Dyan Rosario  
Quilt Show: Lysa Martinelli  
Web Presence: Lauren Pine

### **Ad-Hoc Committee Chairs**

Bylaws and Standing Rules: Patty Gertz & Cass Garner  
Licensing: Dyan Rosario  
Raffle Quilt Sales 2024: Penny Armagost  
Raffle Quilt Construction 2026: Juliet Leonard  
Nominating: Open

### **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.