COURTHOUSE QUILTERS PRESIDENT'S BULLETIN March 2024

President's Letter

Spring is on its way with the temperature hitting 60 last week - Woohoo! I do not enjoy the cold weather. I am looking forward to seeing everyone together again in March.

What a wonderful treat it was to take a workshop with Jane Sassaman. Her body of work is truly beautiful to see and exploring the result of working in symmetry got my mind racing with all sorts of possibilities. It was also interesting to hear her journey and influences. Thanks Laura for arranging this program for us!

Thank you to Kerry for putting together a thorough review of our financial results for the last two years. Understanding the cyclical nature of our finances helps the board be transparent with membership and allows us to understand the impact of the choices we make as a guild.

The show is only seven months away. I ask that members start to consider what quilts they will put into the show. The show is such an exciting way to show the diversity of talent and creativity of our group. I would really like to see <u>all members</u> feel comfortable submitting a work. Are there barriers to your participation? If so, what are they? How can the guild help to support you? If you have specific ideas, please let me or another board member know. Also, if you want to help with the show and don't know how, please reach out to Lysa - she would love to hear from you!

Please consider stopping by the Hunterdon Library for Maker's Day on March 16 from 10:00 - 4:00. Place a flower on the quilted banner which will be donated to the library and see all the tools and machines available in the space - including the longarm! If you want to help represent the guild that day, please sign up here Hunterdon Library Maker's Day Sign Up Here.

Next Month: We are back to meeting in person and will be making Shadfest posters during our workshop! Please note the meeting is on March 24 - the fourth Sunday to avoid a conflict with St. Patrick's Day. Carol Dvoor will be our guest speaker and we will be presenting her with the quilted wall hanging created from members' blocks. Please bring in after school snacks for donation to Safe Harbor that evening.

Happy quilting!
Gina
president@courthousequilters.org

Upcoming Meetings

Zoom Board Meeting (All members welcome)

Time: March 22, 2024 7:00 PM

In Person Guild Meeting at the Hunterdon County Complex, Building 1

Time: March 24, 2024 6:30 pm - Please note the date

Program

March





Sunday March 24th 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!

Carol Dvoor of Safe Harbor will speak in the evening



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)



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 19th, 2024 12 - 4:30pm Randi Jones By Annie Project Bags 2.0



20 spaces available

\$22 class fee

6:30 Business Meeting followed by Presentation and Trunk Show with Randi Jones.



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June 23rd, 2024 1-4pm Lisa Shepard Stewart writer, designer, buyer, merchandiser and teacher

•Create a corded cabin quilt block, enjoy some retail therapy and an inspiring evening lecture.



15 spots available



\$55 class fee

June

Committee Notes

Community Outreach (Barbara Slaton)

- Hunterdon County Maker's Space Event
 - Saturday, March 16, 10:00-4:00
 - Laura Kohl and Juliet Leonard are leading
 - o Sign up here: <u>Hunterdon Library Maker's Day Sign Up Here</u>
- Shadfest Poster Workshop March Shadfest Poster Sign Up Here
 - Sunday March 24, 1:00 5:00
 - Poster auction benefits the Jim Hamilton Art Scholarship
- Safe Harbor Carol Dvoor speaking
 - o Sunday March 24, 6:30
 - CHQ quilted hanging to be presented
 - Collection of after school snack items

Hospitality (Donna Slovak)

We meet again CHQ!

Looking forward to seeing everyone in March and sharing time together, along with some tasty treats of course! There is a new Hospitality SignUpGenius form in the link below and on our website. Please click on an open slot to volunteer to bring some goodies to our monthly meetings. Include your specific items whenever possible. Coffee and tea are provided and *members are encouraged to bring their own reusable water bottle*. Hospitality Sign Up Here

Thank you!



Membership (Cathie Giambalvo) - membership@courthousequilters.org

CHQ Membership Cards were emailed in February, if you didn't receive yours please contact me. Cathie

2024 Membership Count = 67

Raffle Sales (Penny Armagost and Gina Krejsa)

Raffle tickets will be distributed to all members at the March guild meeting. If you historically purchase your own raffle tickets, bring your address labels and money and just fill your tickets out at the meeting - no need to take them home and forget where you put them! Prizes for MVP raffle volunteers this year! Stay tuned for more information. We will be selling raffle tickets at Shadfest on Cathie's porch and need volunteers, please sign up to help out - Raffle Quilt Sales - Shadfest Sign Up Here

Show - Mini Quilt Raffle (Joan Lasota and Mary Rigby)

The Display and Raffle of mini quilts is always a wonderful addition to the CHQ Show. It's been a profitable fundraiser and a reflection of our many talented members. Please consider donating a mini quilt for our tricky-tray style raffle that will be held during our quilt show in September.

Here are some general rules for minis:

- 1. Size Minimum 6" X 6" to a Maximum 24" X 24".
- 2. Please no cheater cloth.
- 3. Machine or hand quilted no tied quilts.
- 4. Please include a label on your mini Creator's Name, County & State, Date, and CHO
- 5. We will need these guilts by the August 2024 Meeting.

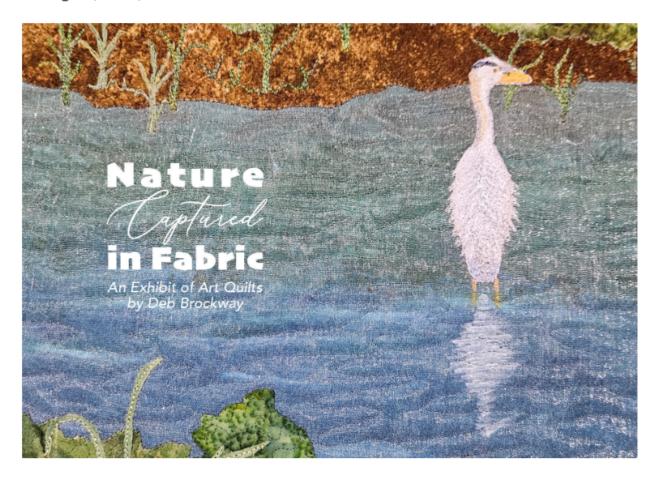
Please submit your completed Minis to either Joan Lasota (908) 806-7223 or Mary Rigby (908) 303-5906 at any of the upcoming Guild Meetings. Feel free to give either of us a call should you have any questions.

Other Happenings

Deb Brockway Solo Exhibit

Nature Captured in Fabric Exhibit Opening

March 3 @ 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm FREE



This solo exhibit by Deb Brockway at the Tulpehaking Nature Center combines Deb's love of the marsh, the outdoors, and art quilting. Inspiration for her ongoing quilting series comes from her many outdoor activities on preserved land throughout New Jersey and across the country. Working with hand-dyed and commercial fabric, thread, natural dyes and acrylic paint, her quilts range from depicting close-up aspects of nature to artful landscapes.

Deb's quilts have been exhibited in quilt and art shows in states from New Jersey to Georgia. She is a volunteer and executive board member of Friends for the Abbott Marshlands. See more of her wonderful work at https://brockwayquilts.com/.

Light refreshments will be served. Register below to attend the reception at the Tulpehaking Nature Center.

The exhibit runs March 4- April 28 at the Tulpehaking Nature Center in Hamilton, NJ. Please note Nature Center hours are 10-4, Wed- Sat.

Pieced Together Quilters Workshop Opportunity

Dear Fellow Quilters:

Our guild is holding a workshop on March 16th in celebration of National Quilting Day and have a few spots available. Please share this information with your members if you think they might be interested in attending our March workshop.

Celebrate National Quilting Day with the Pieced Together Quilters Guild at the "Charted Heart" workshop with Jo Ann Lepore. Jo Ann has taught quilt making for more than 25 years in New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts and at PQW, Mid-Appalachian Quilters, and Mancuso. Currently she teaches projects and techniques that she loves and creates quilts for competitive entry. Jo Ann has been fortunate to have been honored with a number of show ribbons highlighting her success and has been published in national quilting magazines.

We will be making the "Charted Heart" (50"x54") quilt.

WHEN: Saturday, March 16, 2024 (National Quilting Day)

TIME: 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (bring your lunch)

PLACE: Clarence Dillon Public Library, 2336 Lamington Road, Bedminster, NJ 07921

COST: \$35 for the 6-hour workshop and pattern (paid in advance - payment is non-refundable)

If you are interested in attending please email us at Pieced Together Quilters -

ptq.newjersey@gmail.com.



Program Co-chairs Lysa & Dyan

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Harvest Quilters of Central New Jersey

Sharing the Quilts 40th Year

Saturday – April 20, 2024 – 9am to 5pm (Doors close at 4:30pm)

Willow Grove Presbyterian Church 1961 Raritan Road, Scotch Plains, NJ

Show is child friendly with a kid's craft table for youngsters

*Karen Hochman: <u>Speaker</u>, historian, exceptional artist, award winning hand quilter and longtime guild member will present:

"Everything Old Is New Again, What Inspires You?"

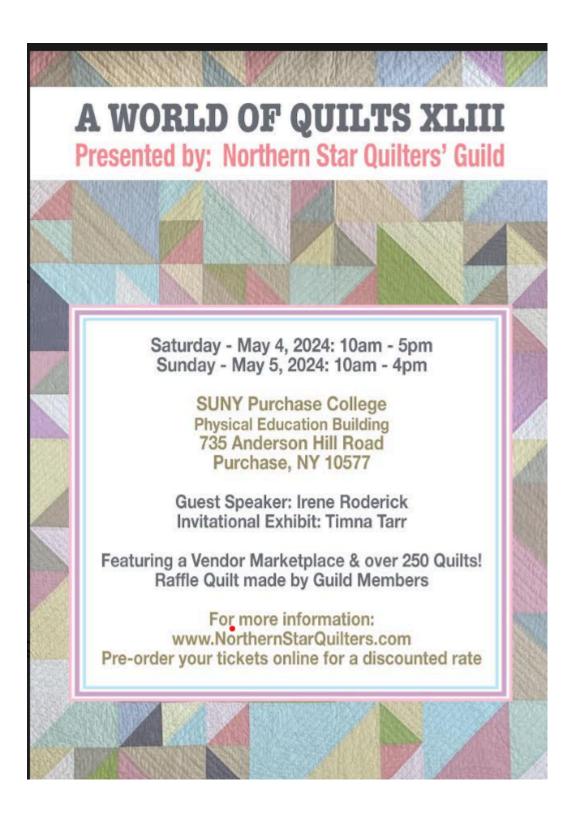
Lecture at 10:30 am

- * Kathy Lee: <u>Featured Ouilter</u> A retired scientist, engineer and enthusiastic quilter explores traditional quilt patterns with non-traditional fabrics. Her collection will be on display in the library.
- * "Baby Quilts for Charity" Challenge Quilts
- * Queen size Quilt and Fabric Basket Drawings for charity
- Traditional, Art, and Modern Quilts in a variety of themes, patterns, techniques, sizes and skill levels * Story Boards
- * Vendor's Table *Viewer's Choice Awards *Live Demonstrations
- *Morning Coffee/Tea Room w/ baked goods *Lunch @11:30 w/ sandwiches, hot dogs, salads, mac & cheese and more. Desserts, soda and water
- *Admission: \$8.00 per adult; \$3.00 for children under 12*

 More info at harvestquilters.com or harvestquiltersnj@gmail.com or Harvest Quilters on Facebook

Celebrating quilts as art and functional design with an emphasis on education and bringing traditional needle -arts to all generations

"Quilts Are the Homespun Art of Women's History"





EXECUTIVE BOARD, COMMITTEE CHAIRS, SPECIAL COMMITTEES UPDATED 2023

Executive Board

President: Regina Krejsa 1st Vice President: Laura Kohl 2nd Vice President: Barbara Fusco

Treasurer: Kerry Cogan Secretary: Cheryl Dennis

Standing Committee Chairs

Archivist: Patty Gertz & Cass Garner

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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 guilt making and collecting.
- to promote the appreciation of guilting throughout the community.
- and to support charitable activities.