

## A Courthouse Quilters Exhibit at the Lebanon Township Museum

At our May meeting, the membership approved an invitation from the Lebanon Township Museum to create an exhibit of quilts celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Women's Suffrage in the United States. In 1920, the U.S passed the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment giving women the right to vote. New Jersey passed the amendment in February 1920, so the museum curator would like to display our quilts for the month of February 2020.

Here are the details:

- Quilts will be displayed at the museum for the month of February 2020.
- Maximum size: 48"x48", no minimum.
- Not a competition. All quilts must be completed by the guild meeting on December 8, 2019. They will be shared in the Show & Tell at that meeting.
- You may make as many as you like, but put them in priority order.

There are many sources of inspiration for making a quilt with the suffrage theme.

- You might chose to focus on color. Gold was chosen as the color to represent Women's Suffrage. Shades range from buttercup to cheddar.
- You might chose to make one or more of the many blocks that were created to represent Women's Suffrage.
- You might chose to look through old photos of the suffragettes and print them on fabric or recreate them in fabric.
- You might chose to use a slogan from the time.
- You might chose an art deco theme – very popular 100 years ago.
- Of course, you may already be inspired and have something in mind.

Here are some websites that may be of interest:

- Grandmother's Choice is a blog from 2012. Each blog post suggests a block that represents some aspect of rights for women. This is a link to the first block. You can continue through the blocks – 49 in all.  
<http://grandmotherschoice.blogspot.com/2012/09/1-grandmothers-choice.html>
- This is a pinterest site with a large number of Women's Suffrage related quilt blocks and ideas: <https://www.pinterest.com/grammy12482/quilts-votes-for-women/?lp=true>
- This pinterest site is filled with posters from the campaign for Women's Suffrage.  
[https://www.pinterest.com/search/pins/?rs=ac&len=2&q=womens%20suffrage%20poster&eq=womens%20suffrage&etslf=5169&term\\_meta\[\]=womens%7Cautocomplete%7C1&term\\_meta\[\]=suffrage%7Cautocomplete%7C1&term\\_meta\[\]=posters%7Cautocomplete%7C1](https://www.pinterest.com/search/pins/?rs=ac&len=2&q=womens%20suffrage%20poster&eq=womens%20suffrage&etslf=5169&term_meta[]=womens%7Cautocomplete%7C1&term_meta[]=suffrage%7Cautocomplete%7C1&term_meta[]=posters%7Cautocomplete%7C1)
- Here is a quilt from the American Folk Art Museum that was made to support Women's Suffrage. <https://thequiltshow.com/daily-blog/142-newsletter/25125-a-woman-s-suffrage-quilt>

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