

President's Letter

Happy New Year!

I want to thank our outgoing board members: Cathie, Jude, Andrea, Camille, Stephanie, Joan, and Penny. We appreciate your hard work and enthusiasm. I am grateful for the board members who have stayed on in their position or just moved around a bit and I welcome those new to the board: Cheryl, Juliet, Barbara, Mary Ann, and Dyan.

We are moving into a new year of quilting adventures. Where will we go, what will we see, and how will we create? I don't know about you, but I've got a lot of ideas in my head and am looking forward to spending time with my quilting friends and being inspired by their work.

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January Program: January 15th, 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

Zoom number will be sent prior to workshop & meeting.

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

Class Limit: FILLED

Supply List: [Christine Barnes Workshop Supply List](#)

Evening Meeting: 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Location: Zoom ONLY

Zoom number will be sent prior to meeting.

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.



February Program: February 26th, 2023

Workshop and Lecture by Mel Beach

Mel Beach is a San Jose, CA based quilt artist, teacher, and lecturer, who breaks away from tradition by adding her own modern, beautifully textured, and colorful twists.



Both workshop and lecture will be Zoom Only

Zoom number will be sent prior to meeting.

February Workshop: Modern Free Motion Fillers & Fun

Time: 11:00 to 4:30 pm (with ½ hour break for lunch)

Cost: \$42.00

Class Limit: 20 Member Only Limit

Supply List: [Mel Beach Supply List](#)



Do you love the look of modern quilts but unsure how best to quilt all that negative space? In this workshop, Mel will share her favorite mark-free, modern quilting motifs involving C-curves, loop de loops, zig zags, and door beads. We'll explore how simple changes to each of the designs will yield all new filler designs! This is a low-stress and super fun workshop that is perfect for quilters who are new to free-motion quilting, as well as those looking to add new modern designs to their quilting repertoire. You'll leave with new design ideas, tips and tricks for free motion quilting success, and the confidence to add beautiful, modern quilted texture to your modern quilt tops!

Evening Meeting: 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Location: **Zoom Only**

Lecture: Free Motion Crea-Tv and Reality



Tune in as Mel shares her love of free motion quilting as it relates to her guilty pleasure of watching reality television!! She'll share her own unscripted, real-life adventures of learning to free-motion quilt. You won't want to change channels as Mel shares her confessionals about her fear factors, extreme makeover story, myth busting tips and tricks for quilting on a domestic sewing machine, and "show" mance with some of her favorite tools and notions! Be sure to set your TiVo and DVR, as you won't want to miss this humorous and inspirational presentation - complete with a trunk show finale!

March Program: March 19th, 2023

Join in on a CHQ Community Outreach event supporting the historic Shad Festival Scholarship fund raiser held in Lambertville NJ in April. Shadfest is an event that features artists, crafters, and both a silent and live poster auction. Over 200 original posters will be created and donated by local artists. Proceeds from the auction benefit the Jim Hamilton Shad Festival Scholarship Fund which awards scholarships to regional high school seniors pursuing a fine or performing arts degree. During the CHQ workshop you'll learn different mixed media techniques while making posters. Note: It's ok to still participate in the workshop even if you do not make a poster. Come learn new techniques either way.



Workshop: Fiber Arts & Mixed Media Techniques

Location: Hunterdon County Complex, 314 State Route 12, Building 2, Flemington NJ

Time: 11:00 to 4:30 pm (with ½ hour break for lunch)

Cost: \$10.00

Suggested Supply List is posted on the CHQ web page. Bring your favorite supplies including paints, cloth, thread, paper and other found objects. If you plan to make a quilted item, bring your sewing machine and general sewing supplies including small iron & iron pad. We'll also have supplies on hand as well for you to experiment with.

Evening Meeting: 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Location: Hunterdon County Complex, 314 State Route 12, Building 2, Flemington NJ

Lecture: Amy ~~Coss~~ will share the history of the Jim Hamilton Memorial Shad Festival and Scholarship Program.



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 schemed 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 to ask for a color card to be mailed to you or pick one up at the next meeting.

All quilts should be dropped off at the Hunterdon County Complex meeting room between 4:00 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. so we have time to hang the quilts.

"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

CHQ's Color Collaboration Challenge is derived from the Prism Play art exhibit made by 46 SAQA Northern California / Northern Nevada artists who have graciously given permission to CHQ to leverage their concept.

Courthouse Quilters Guild 2023 Challenge



CHQ Quilty Resolutions

Congratulations to the 2022 Quilty Resolution Raffle Winners, Joan Lasota, Babette Galinak and Lysa Martinelli ...not only for winning the raffle prizes but more importantly for accomplishing your quilt goals this past year!!

Now onto 2023 – Are you ready to challenge yourself to another year of completing those UFO's or learning something new?

If you choose to accept the 2023 CHQ Quilt Resolution Challenge, simply submit your top 2023 quilt goals (3-5 or more if you're an overachiever) to CHQ Program. We'll help keep track of them for you and even send reminders throughout the year. Anyone who finishes more than one resolution will be entered into a raffle at the end of 2023. Here's a fun chance to win some prizes. Happy Quilting!!

Send your 2023 Quilty Resolutions to Anne Oswald at aoswald827@gmail.com.



VALENTINE CARD EXCHANGE

Remember when you were a kid how fun it was to get a box of Valentine cards and exchange them with your classmates? Even more fun was receiving them, especially from a secret admirer.

How about making new memories by exchanging a hand-made postcard with a fellow quilting friend? Use a standard 4" x 6" postcard or a 5" x 7" index card as a base. Postcards can be either pieced, appliqued, machine or hand quilted. The possibilities are endless - - below are links to a few tutorials to spark your imagination and or check out Pinterest to get more ideas.

Send your name and address to Anne Oswald at aoswald827@gmail.com no later than January 20th. Anne will compile a list of those interested and randomly assign member names to one another. You'll get an email back with the member assigned to you to exchange your card with. Standard size cards can be sent in the mail or better yet, set a date to meet up for coffee and exchange cards. A fun way to get to know other members and chat about all things quilting. Postcards should be exchanged before Valentine's Day. We'll then all get a chance to showcase our postcards at CHQ's February 26th Zoom meeting.

<https://suzyquilts.com/handmade-quilted-postcard-tutorial/>
<https://saroy.net/2020/06/fabric-postcard-tutorial/>

Upcoming Meetings

Zoom January Board Meeting (All members welcome)

Time: Jan 13, 2023 07:00 PM Eastern Time

Zoom January Guild Meeting

Time: Jan 15, 2023 06:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Membership News

Dues are due for 2023.

Please click on the following link

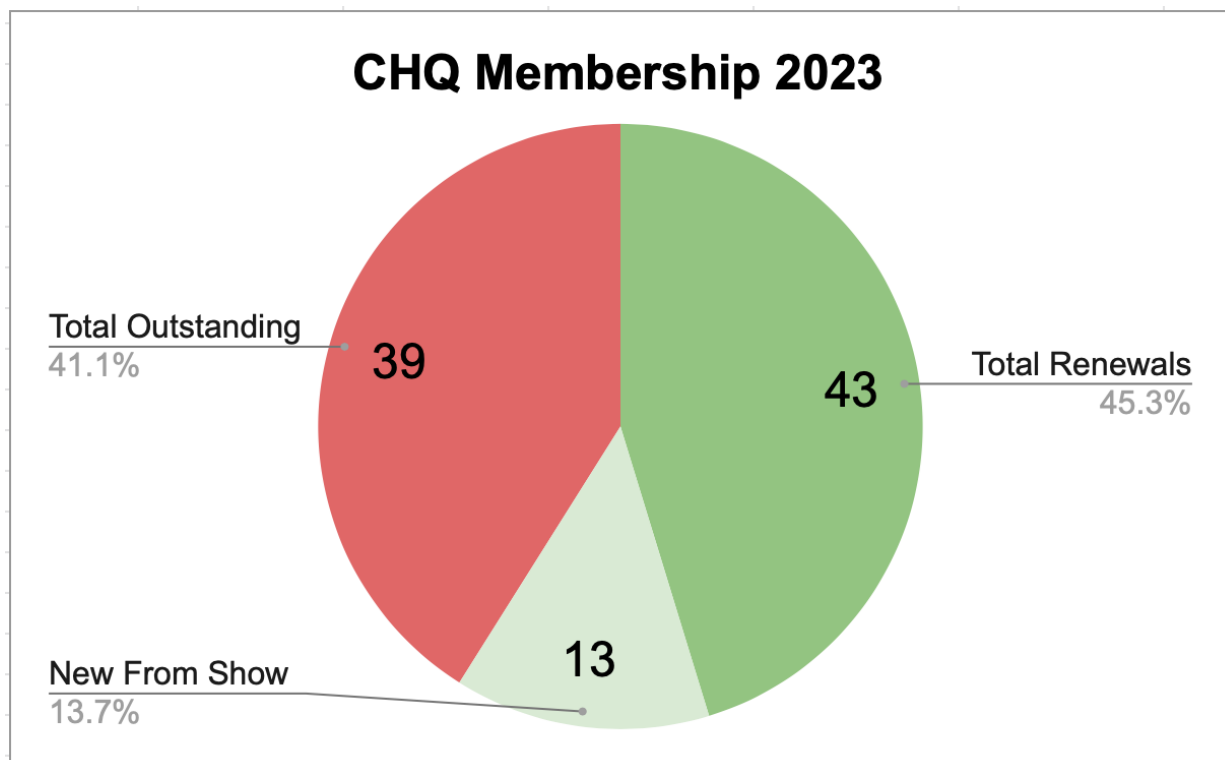
[MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL](#)

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.

CHQ Membership 2023



Community Outreach News

Thanks to Stephanie, Cass, and Barbara for organizing and Kerry for dropping off our collection to benefit the Flemington Food Pantry! The guild donated 100 pounds of necessary items usually not donated or not covered by SNAP.



December Meeting

A huge thanks to Donna, Cathie, Jude, and Anne for planning and organizing our holiday festivities; to Ellen, Cass, Cathie, and Anne for leading us through fun crafts; and to all the members who brought delicious food; helped set-up, clean-up, and participated in the general joy and silliness of the day. And thanks of course to AI for taking lots of pictures to share!





Classifieds

On Sunday, February 19, 2023 (weather permitting), Gail Kesller of Ladyfingers Sewing Studio will be a Guest Speaker at the Turtle Creek Quilt Guild (TCQG) meeting.

She will discuss "From Concept to Cloth" plus have a trunk show and items for sale. I'm reaching out to various guilds in the area to see if anyone would be interested in attending. There is a fee of \$10 for non-TCQG members. Time: 1 - 3 pm Location: 1 Joe DiMaggio Drive, Yardville, NJ 08620 (note: We meet at Switlik Park on Joe DiMaggio Drive which is off South Broad Street. The building is all the way in the back to the right.) Cost: There is a \$10 fee for non Turtle Creek Quilt Guild members. I ask that anyone interested to please contact me (Pat Walker). We ask for the individual's contact info (email & phone number incase of cancellation) and that a \$10 check be mailed in-advance.

Gail Kessler's Bio: Gail Kessler is the owner of Ladyfingers Sewing Studio, a quilt shop and BERNINA sewing machine dealership nestled in the heart of Oley Valley, PA, and the designer of Andover's ever-popular Dimples collection. Gail is also an instructor for Craftsy, an online education platform for all things handmade. Her Craftsy quilt-making classes have close to 200,000 students enrolled, offering basic to advanced classes on various quilt making techniques. Her quilt design work has been featured in countless publications and she lectures and teaches quilt making nationwide, and has appeared on QNNTV and Fons and Porter's Love of Quilting TV. Gail is known for her cheerful, warm, enabling, sharing nature and her mad skills with color and technique. Regards, Patricia Walker 234 Bobwhite RD New Hope, PA 18938 Phone: (609) 468-8834

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EXECUTIVE BOARD, COMMITTEE CHAIRS, SPECIAL COMMITTEES 2023

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Newsletter: Al Accettola

Photographer: Al Accettola

Publicity: Dyan Rosario

Quilt Show: OPEN

Raffle Quilt Construction 2024: Anne Oswald & Jill Ferrari

Raffle Quilt Sales 2024: OPEN

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.