



Courthouse Quilters Guild Newsletter

December 2019

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December Holiday Party Last Christmas Party at the Lodge!

The festivities start at 6:00 pm.

Please bring a dish - based on your last name:

A - C	Appetizers
D - G	Salads or sides
H - W	Main dishes

Since we no longer have access to the kitchen, please bring your hot dishes super hot or with plug in heating dishes. (I will bring extra extension cords.) The guild will provide punch, coffee, tea and dessert. Please join in the fun and festivities!

If you have any questions, just give me a call or text. Ho-Ho-Ho!

Jill Ferrari

215-262-3874

We will have a Yankee gift swap. If you want to participate, please bring a wrapped gift item (value \$10 - \$15), or something homemade.

Courthouse Quilters 2020 Anniversary Challenge!!!

Winning suggestion was submitted by Ellen Heath

Title of Challenge: Name That Tune

Description of Challenge: The quilt must represent a song or piece of music

Rules:

- *Any song or piece of instrumental music may be represented.
- *Quilts must be quilted and bound.
- *"Items" can include but not limited to clothing, handbags, pillows, etc.
- *If any part of the submission was not done by you, please note who helped and how. Example: quilting.

Size restrictions: No size restrictions on quilts or items

Categories/Ribbons to be Awarded:

Quilt- 1st, 2nd, 3rd

Other- 1st, 2nd, 3rd.

- *To qualify: Items must be created between November 10,2019 and April 19, 2020.*



Program Calendar 2019

December 8

Workshop: Cozy sew

Evening: Holiday Party

January 19, 2020

Workshop: Eric Drexler, Sulky National Educator

Thread Sketching, Free Motion Basics and Couching

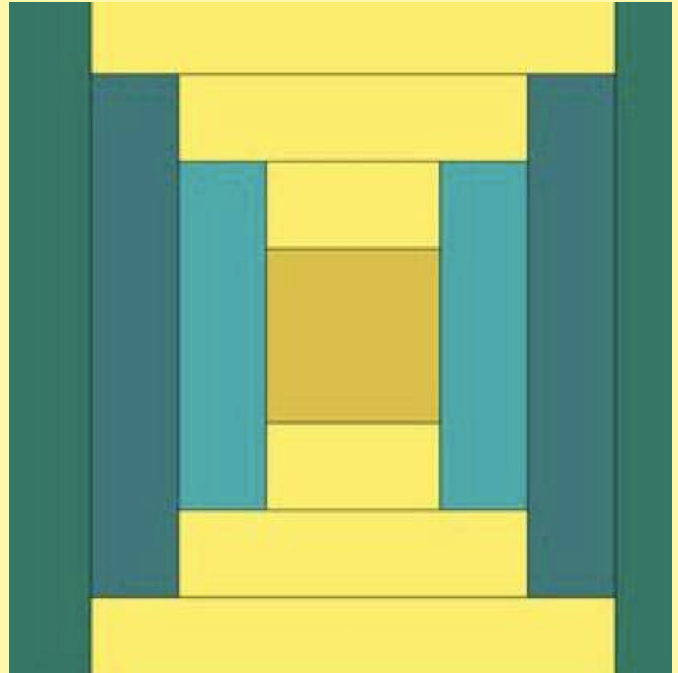
Evening: 6:30 - 8:30 pm

February 16, 2020

Workshop: Penny Armagost

Quilting with a Walking Foot

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Program News...

**Upcoming workshops: (Classes are filling up quickly)
See Website for more details.**

January 2020

Thread Sketching, Free Motion Basic and Creating a Landscape by Sulky.
25.00 for kit 10.00 for the class.

Couching, Thread Sketching & Free-motion Basics

Couching: Learn the basics of raw edge appliqué; layering techniques; machine fed/free-motion couching; and free-motion straight stitch thread painting. Couch yarns to actually create an object or make awesome textures by threading multiple threads through the eye of a single needle. **Thread Sketching:** Learn how to write cursive with our machine - great for labels and signing quilts; basic free-motion straight stitching with different thread types; free-motion quilting, free-motion fill-n; introduction to thread sketched portraits and pen & ink tangles. These exercises will help you get your stitches more uniform in length.

February 2020

Quilting with a Walking Foot by Penny Armagost

Learn how to do this for FREE! This is our first free class! If you sign up, we expect you to attend so please check your calendars before signing up.

Penny will unlock the secrets of creating great designs using your walking foot. This class is particularly good for those of us who are just learning how to machine quilt. **YOU MUST HAVE A WALKING FOOT!** (obviously)

Join us!
Courthouse Quilters Guild
and Eric Drexler - Sulky National
Educator

January 19, 2020

Lecture and Thread Sketching Free Motion
Basics/Couching



One Day Workshop

Learn everything you ever wanted to know about thread, needles and stabilizers and how to use them!

In the workshop, each participant will learn basic free-motion, couching and quilting techniques, cursive writing by machine, straight stitching and fill in techniques and an introduction to thread sketched portraits and pen and ink tangles. Also included are basic raw-edge applique, layering techniques and creating textured fabrics! (For optimal learning, workshops are limited to 25 attendees, each required to have a kit.)

A Sulky door prize (\$50 retail) will be given away at both the lecture and the workshop! Sulky is also providing a Fundraiser Kit (\$200 retail)!

Ready to get started?



The Magic of Free Motion Full Day Sit & Sew Workshop Student Supply

List: Please bring the following items to the workshop:

- Zigzag sewing machine with capability for feed - dog drop (If your machine does not lower the feed dogs, then bring the feed cover plate)
- Darning or free motion foot to (see picture below)
- FootControl
- Long extension cord for each student
- Extra Fine black Sharpie
- Scissors and general sewing supplies*
- 3-4 empty bobbins
- 16/100 topstitch or denim needles (14/90 provided by Sulky)*
- A pillow and sweater (optional)
- Open toe Appliqué Foot (optional)



Workshop kits are provided. * items available at www.sulky.com

Workshop kit includes:

Sulky Threads: One spool each of 12 wt. blendable, 30 wt. blendable, 40 wt. rayon, 60 wt. PolyLite, metallic, holoshimmer, sliver

Sulky Stabilizers: Tear Easy, Soft 'n Sheer, Totally Stable, Super Solvy

Muslin, cotton batting, fabrics, 90/14 Needle

Presidents Letter

President's Letter

Hello, Quilters,

What an exciting evening we had at our November UFO Auction! Dana Balsamo, our member and certified auctioneer, provided us with a great structure, plenty of laughter, and a wonderful opportunity to donate to Safe in Hunterdon. We raised just over \$1100, more than our first two auctions combined. Many thanks, Dana.

I hope that the extended deadline has encouraged even more of you to make quilts for our Women's Suffrage exhibit at the Lebanon Township Historical Museum in February and March. I can see the end in sight on my entry.



...and don't put down that rotary cutter. Our challenge for 2020 has been announced: "Name That Tune." Your entry quilt will illustrate or evoke a song or piece of music.

With our move to the County Complex just around the corner in 2020, I hope that you will all be able to come to our holiday party on December 8 at 6 pm. It is our last time meeting at the Darcy Lodge, a place where we have made many great memories of people, quilts, and events.

Best wishes to you all,
Ellen

Sunshine and Shadows

If you know of anyone who could use a little cheering up, please contact the Corresponding Secretary, Claire Coakley. She will send them a card on behalf of the Guild.

Featured Member



Lauren Pine started quilting in the late 1980s. Her first quilt was a queen-size Eleanor Burns log cabin, which she tied. She was self-taught and would often get a book and teach herself how to make a wall hanging. Her favorites were strip-pieced watercolor quilts.

She went back to school and became a nurse, working in a cancer center. She never really got into a sewing groove, but she kept collecting fabric and made a couple of baby quilts...and some UFOs.

In 2007, she started a quilt for her niece and began to teach herself free-motion machine quilting, but it, too, became a UFO.

Then, two years ago, Lauren was hit by a dump truck and became disabled. In pain and living on disability, she knew that she wanted to start sewing again, but her Manhattan apartment was just too small to add a sewing space.

Now, Lauren comes to Pittstown where her horse is. She has found room in the barn to store her sewing machine, fabric, and time to sew.

When asked what her favorite quilt is, she responded, "How can you pick one thing? It's like choosing your favorite child." She does like the contemporary style and hopes to make a landscape quilt someday. Whatever the style, she enjoys seeing a quilt come together from concept to finish.

Not one to give in to her disability, she has been able to ride a little bit and is working on getting a custom-made saddle cushion to extend the length of her rides. She has started rock climbing for exercise and participated in the Paraclimbing World Championship in France.

On a hunch that quilters would be kind and outgoing, she took an Uber ride to a Courthouse Quilters meeting and found inspiration, companionship, and offers of rides to our meetings. We are delighted to welcome her.



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October 2019 Workshop

Judy Langille



October Show and Tell



November Charity Sew and Auction



UFO AUCTION

Thanks to the generosity of our members in donating Unfinished Objects and bidding on the UFOs of others, and especially thanks to the skill of our own amazing auctioneer, Dana Balsamo, we raised \$1,100.50 at our UFO Auction at the November meeting!

Our chair of Charity, Jude McCormick, will present the check to Safe in Hunterdon, an organization in Flemington that provides services for women and children who are victims of domestic abuse.



November Show and Tell



Storybook Quilts

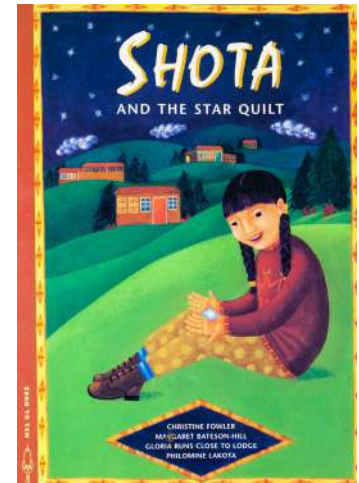


A number of years ago, member of Courthouse Quilters, organized by Chris Englehart, created a collection of quilts connected to children's picture books. Public schools and public libraries would borrow the collection to use with lessons in art, mathematics, and

history. Recently, the collection has languished as school curricula have changed to guild board began to plan for

Hoping to find more use for Chris began contacting li-Flemington Free Public Li-agreed to display the quilts mid-February.

As an accompaniment to the requested that we provide quilt-Saturdays during this time. **If talk to visitors about quilt-908-782-9650.**

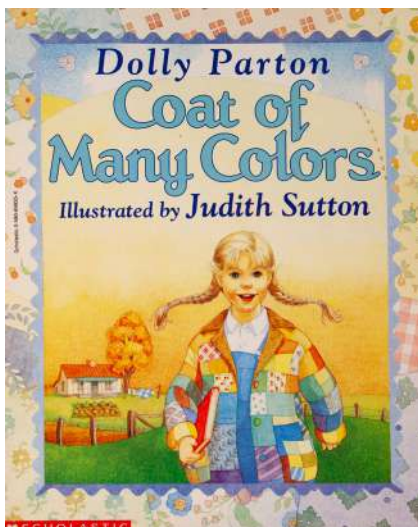


meet testing standards. The dismantling the collection.



these beautiful little quilts, braries and museums. The brary, 118 Main St., has from mid-December through

display, the librarian has re- ing demonstrations on some **you are willing to sew and ing, please contact Chris at**



ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are currently booking a retreat for the weekend of August 8/27 though 8/30/2020 at Cocalico Quilter's Inn. The cost is \$60 per night plus 1/10th of the \$175 cleaning fee, or \$17.50 per person. For those of you who have not been there before you can view the facility at www.cocalico-quiltersinn.com. The rooms have Jack and Jill bathrooms, A deposit of \$60 is required to hold your spot with the remainder due in mid-July.

The sewing room is well lit and has windows on two sides making it very bright. Each attendee get an 8' table for themselves and there are separate ironing and cutting stations in the room. The kitchen is extremely well stocked and the outdoor area is idyllic. The retreat house is less than a mile from Burkholder's Fabric, the largest quilt shop in Lancaster County.

Please feel free to call me with your questions at 609-896-4227.

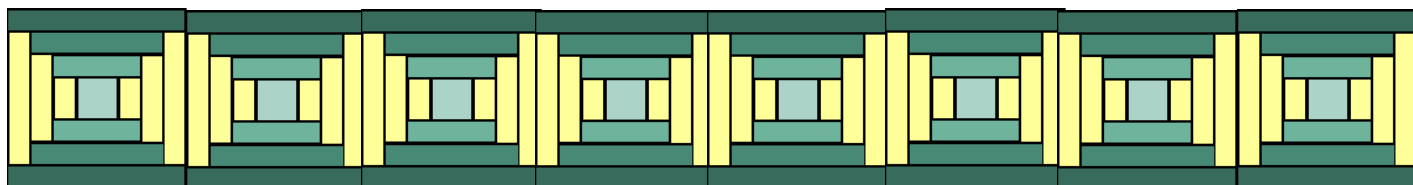
The retreat is also open to non-members of the guild if you have a friend needing a few days of sewing without the responsibilities of home. Come join the fun.

Stephanie

UPDATE ON SUFFRAGE QUILTS

The new deadline for completing your quilt celebrating Women's Suffrage in New Jersey is our January meeting, January 19, 2020. Our quilts will be displayed at the Lebanon Township Historical Museum in February and March. Stephanie Greenberg, who will be collecting and delivering the quilts, asks that you bring your quilt in a pillowcase.

COURTHOUSE QUILTERS DEMOS
FRIDAY, OCT. 2—SUNDAY, OCT. 4



**It's time to schedule your demo
for the 2020 quilt show!**

- We have 12 time slots available over the three show days. You may sign up for one or more slots. You may repeat a demo. Demos should not be more than 45 minutes long.
- Times available are: 11-12; 12-1; 2-3; 3-4 each day
- If you are interested in showing a demo at the show, please email **Jan Hunold (drjph1@yahoo.com)** with your desired date/time and demo title asap.
- I know this is really early, but demo topics will be included in show publicity materials. So come up with a catchy title for your demo and sign up today!!!

October 13, 2019
Courthouse Quilters
Board Meeting Notes

Meeting called to order at 4:32.

Formal approval of July, August, and September minutes.

Executive Board

President: Ellen Heath

1) Issues surrounding moving our supplies out of lodge. - We have items from various departments of our organization that need to be stored. Specifically membership, hospitality, charity and library have items to store. We would like to rent storage on a month to month basis as long as we need it. We may find members to take items and/or we may be able to reduce the items completely that need to be stored. For example, Marla has agreed to store poles and signs. Ellen has boutique items. Hospitality may store items or we can pass items to the next person at the end of the meeting. We can set up a key or code to put on our storage unit so many people can get what they need for each meeting. Ellen will arrange for the storage unit.

2) Ads in the newsletter from non-members. - Anyone who would like to publicize a business in the newsletter, may do so for \$5 per newsletter. Items must be in a digital PDF format. Members may list a one line classified ad for free.

3) Request from Lebanon Township Museum to display our quilt for February AND March. - We agreed Ellen is to share this request with the membership during the meeting today and to get an idea of how many quilts are in development.

4) Replacement for Alice Sprenger as Historian/question about whether we need an Historian now that we store information on our website. - We need to have our records scanned and put on website if we are truly going digital. We need someone to research on a case by case basis, but we many not need to fill the role. Ellen to ask the membership for volunteers.

Vice President/Program: Stephanie Greenberg/Cass Garner - Programs are on hold until after the vote.

Treasurer: Andrea Cavallaro - Treasurers Report was shared and discussed.

Recording Secretary: Patricia Crowell - nothing to report.

Corresponding Secretary: Claire Coakley - nothing to report.

Committees

Charity: Jude McCormick - Finished quilts may be sent to the Lakota Reservation Charity. Next month ditty bags for charity sew. Kits are available to take tonight and bring back finished next

month. Announcement will be made tonight.

Circulation: Stephanie Greenberg - nothing to report.

Historian: Alice Sprenger - not present.

Hospitality: Four members throughout the year. - We need to find someone to take over hospitality. Ellen will ask during the meeting tonight for 6 volunteers to share the role.

Librarian: Patty Gertz - Shared several ideas for moving the library. If we rent a storage unit books will need to be climate controlled. Options: 1. Books are already cataloged online. Members could make a request before the meeting and the librarian will bring requested books to the meeting. Option 2: Set up library in suitcases on wheels. Option 3: Keep the rulers even if the books aren't kept. We could donate the books to the library across from the new location. To solve for checking out the books by guild we arrange for a special guild library card. Patty will go to library to ask about donating them and a guild card. Andrea will speak with Sue about storage options at the new facility. Option 4: Sell the books at a discount to guild members.

Licensing: Joanne Gardner - Not present.

Membership: Camille Quinton - people are renewing memberships.

The PA Shop Hop bus trip is a definite 9 people going. Plenty of room for anyone else who wants to come.

Newsletter: Al Accettola -Discussed how to dismantle the Storybook Quilt collection from 2006 to present. Schools and Libraries will not accept them. Suggest to auction during the show, or the boutique. The person who made it has the option to take what they made. We have a photographic record of them. The book with the photos is in the library. During this meeting each maker has been assigned someone to contact them to inquire except for one. It will be donated to the auction.

Publicity: Joan Lasota - advertised in all usual places as she does every time. Guests attended the meeting this month from an ad in the paper.

Raffle Quilt: Brielle Cordingly/Jude McCormick - Old City Quilt will give us a quote once they get the quilt top. It's 3/4 done before going to Patty for French knots and other embroidery. We will be asking for back up quilters in writing.

Web Presence: Cathie Giambalvo -Not present.

Final Comments: Regarding the show - needs a publicity person. Andrea to ask the membership.

Move to adjourn at 5:34. Andrea seconded.

Sew-er's Retreat Thursday - Sunday January 23-26, 2019

Quilters, Garment sewers, Knitters, etc. all welcome.

Location ---St. Francis Retreathouse (www.stfrancisretreathouse.org) 3918 Chipman Road, Easton, PA

Treat yourself to a winter get-away - private room, private bath, and 9 meals. Large 2000 sq ft. well lit sewing room with window wall and adjacent courtyard. 6 foot table all to yourself. Bedrooms, dining and sewing room in connecting wings, elevators available. Local fabric stores. You may arrive at 11am on Thursday and leave after lunch on Sunday around 2 pm. Included in price is lodging, 3 meals per day, and coffee/tea service available from 7am to 10pm.... And, of course, any snacks we bring to share. Alcohol is permitted. **Bring UFO's or start a new project, there are always other participants to assist you, whether it's quilts or garments.**

Private Room, private Bath. \$300 (3 nights, 9 meals); or \$210 (2 nights, 6 meals) Non refundable deposit of \$30.00 will hold your place . Please send now we are filling up. Total amount due Jan 3rd 2020 or send total now to assure a space and the room you prefer.Our policy is a first come, first serve basis for specific room preferences.

Contacts -Linda Allen 659 County Road 579, Pittstown, NJ 08867 Phone [908-735-4738](tel:908-735-4738) e-mail edlinallen@comcast.net. **Make check to Linda Allen**

Claire Rohloff - 383 Bloomsbury Rd. Bloomsbury, NJ 08804 Phone 908-479-6599 e-mail cmrdomehs@embarqmail.com

Send to Linda Allen - 659 County Road 579 , Pittstown, NJ 08867

Sew-er's Retreat Registration Form

Name _____

Street Address _____

City, State & Zip _____

Phone _____

e-mail _____

Check below Room type

3 nights (private room, private bath 9 meals) \$300 _____

2 nights (private room/ private bath - 6 meals) \$210 _____

Thurs-Fri nights ____ **Fri-Sat nights** _____

Non-refundable deposit enclosed \$30 _____ **Balance due Jan 3rd, 2020**

or send Full Payment now _____

Check if you have a particular meal requirement: Gluten Free _____ **Vegetarian** _____

REQUEST FOR HELP

The curator at the Lebanon Township Museum is looking for a good easy way to make sashes (the kind suffragettes would wear to a march). If you have any suggestions or are willing to work with her, please contact Ellen Heath at ellheath@gmail.com. I will connect you with her.



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!

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.

For the even numbered months newsletter send all of your articles news, photos and other newsworthy items to Al
For the odd numbered months send your information to Ellen.

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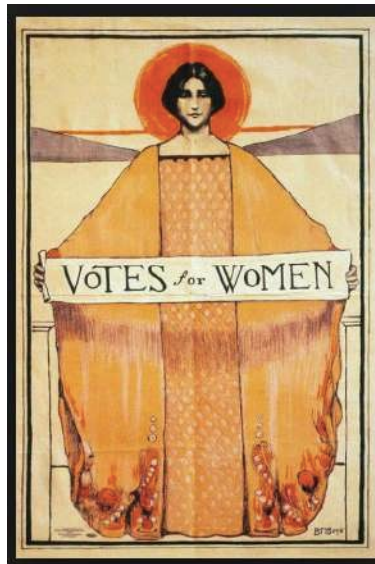
Quilt Show – Camille Quinton

Raffle Quilt Design and Creation Brielle Cordingley and Jude McCormick

Web Presence - Cathie Giambalvo & Alice Marcy

Hospitality

Many thanks to the six members who will be organizing refreshments for our first year of meetings in our new location. They will be: Andrea Cavallaro (January, February), Marie Knapp (March, April), Ellen Heath (May, June), Jude McCormick (July, August), Kerry Cogen (September, October), and Brielle Cordingley (November, December). Please reach out with help in setting up, cleaning up, and bringing treats for us all.



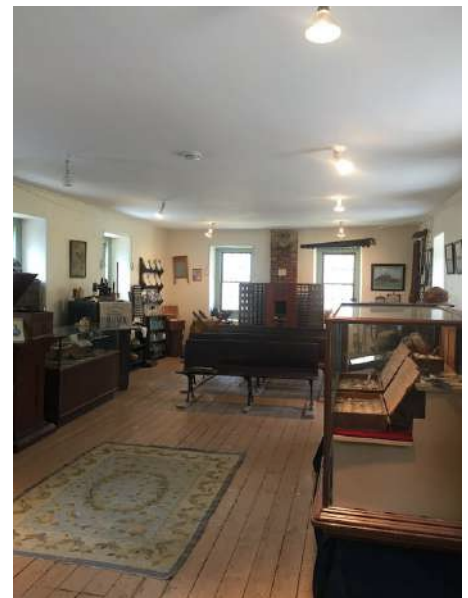
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CHQ
30th Anniversary
Needle Nanny



limited edition,
custom designed for CHQ

magnetic to hold needles --
loop for glasses or attach a scissor

\$10 members
\$12 non members



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