

COURTHOUSE QUILTERS NEWSLETTER

PRESIDENT'S LETTER



Hi all,

Aren't you just loving our spring weather? Since I have not been able to do any yard work I just had to console myself by playing with my sewing machine. There is a bright side to everything.

So, did y'all not love Paula Nadelstern? Many many thanks to Ellen and Marla for doing such a wonderful job during the two day workshop and evening lecture. We all are so fortunate to reap the benefits of their efforts. And thanks to all who took Paula out to the Bamboo House for dinner and brought delicious food to the workshop to share. The whole week-end was a delight! Thanks to Paula for all her inspiration!

Have you sent your recipes to Barbara yet? We need more volunteers to help with hospitality for the next few months also. Please send Mary Rigby an email and sign up for one of our meetings.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone in June. I think we still have a few openings for the workshop with Pat Christ. It will be a nice day learning some new stitches and enjoying a relaxing afternoon with quilting buddies. See you then!

Andrea

Minutes for May 2017 Meeting

IN ATTENDANCE: Patty G., Andrea C., Nicki W., Jude

M., Marla K., Camille Q., Joan L., Ellen H., Mary R.

Motion to approve minutes was made by Ellen, seconded by Jude. The motion was passed.

President's Business: Two thank you cards were received. Raffle quilt: first block has been made and packets are ready to go. Penn-Jersey meeting: Andrea and Ellen will attend the annual meeting on June 10 in Easton.

Program: Marla has received one contract for program. Ellen is working on contracting a lecturer for November program. Story Board Quilts: The schools are no longer able to use them given the constraints of the curriculum. The committee is looking for another venue. August meeting: there is a possibility of having the meeting at Nicki's house.

Treasurer: The tax return has been submitted. The insurance has been taken care of.

Committees: Library: Three new books have been added. Patti reviewed the "rules" of the library challenge.

Membership: there are 76 members at this time.

Publicity: Joan publicized Paula Nadelstern lecture in several newspapers and websites.

Quilt Show: Camille is seeking committee chairpersons. Former show chairpersons have been compiling books of information to guide those interested in volunteering.

Hospitality: Mary noted that volunteers are needed to take care of the meeting hospitality table.

Other Business: The Lancaster trip bus is presently half full. Recipes: Send the recipe directly to Barbara...no need to use the form.

Respectfully submitted by Ann Pietropinto, subbing for Penny Armagost.

HOSPITALITY THANK YOU!

Many thanks to the following guild members who contributed snacks at our May guild meeting: Helle-May Cheney, Alice Marcy, Cass Garner, Betty Czerwinski, Carol Esch, Joan Lasota, Babette Galinak, Mary Rigby and Nicky Wallis. Everything was so delicious and much appreciated. Several requests for recipes to be included in our upcoming cookbook were made.

If you have not done so already please remember to sign up at one of our upcoming meetings to volunteer to help out one month with hospitality. It is an easy way to contribute to the guild and does not take a lot of time or energy. Please contact Mary Rigby at maryrigby@comcast.net if you have any questions. Special thanks to Joan Lasota and Stephanie Greenberg for their help this month. Cathie Giambalvo and Mary deSloovere have graciously offered their services for June. Other months are still open.

COOKBOOK. Our cookbook project got off to a somewhat rocky start, but thanks to some of you, we have 97 recipes to date. With that being said, there are still 54 of you that have not submitted a single recipe!!! Won't you all please help? It would be so great if we could have at least one recipe from every single member in the guild. If you have 2 or 3 recipes to submit, even better. Please bring your recipes to the June meeting, email them to bjs21556@gmail.com or sent them to Barbara Slaton, 6 McEntee Road, Milford, NJ. 08848. You don't need to use the form that we asked you to use originally, but please be sure all information requested on the form is shown on your recipes.

Right now we are a little tight in the vegetable category, so if you have a favorite, please send it. This has the potential to be a nice fundraiser for our guild. Please help by participating. Thank you, Barbara

Programs and Lectures

June 11. Workshop - Pat Christ - "Star Embroidery" also known as stump work or dimensional embroidery.
1-4 p.m. \$20

Evening Program - Lecture and trunk show - Arlan and Pat Christ "The Quilt Revival of the Thirties". Quilts that cover a period of time from 1920 through 1950. The lecture includes the depression period through WWII with the main focus on the "feedsack" era. In addition to approximately 30 quilts we also learn the history and see various examples of feed sacks and their uses.

July 9. Workshop - Charity sew and open sew - if it's not too HOT at the lodge!

Evening Program - "Christmas in July" - Member Market. Our own members will have an opportunity to sell items from their own stash, business or crafts. Come to browse and buy.

August 13. Workshop - Charity sew and open sew - if it's not too HOT HOT HOT at the lodge.

Evening Program - Ice Cream Social

September 10. Workshop ReNae Merrill - "Haiku + Quilt = Haikuilt. 10 to 4 p.m. \$40

Evening Program - Lecture and trunk show -ReNae Merrill - "Lessons I've Learned From My Quilts". Each quilt is a journey and ReNae will share hers and she talks about her quilts and the life lessons they have taught her. Part trunk show, part quilting lesson and part inspiration this lecture will leave you wanting to try something new — whether its a quilting technique or an adventure. This trunk show includes many of RaNae's spiral quilts and mandala quilts, as well as other non-spiral quilts that she doesn't show in any other lecture or class.

October 8. Workshop - Charity Sew 1-4 p.m.

Evening Program - UTO Auction. Search your closets for your UFO's, unfinished objects. We will raffle them off to raise money for local charitable organization (to be chosen).

November 12. Workshop - to be determined.....

Evening Program. Lecture with Mark Lapinski "The Slow Stitching Movement".

December 10. Workshop - 1 to 4 p.m. Holiday sew and special gift project to make in an afternoon.

Evening Program. Holiday Party.

Sunny days, colorful flowers, the song of birds, the fresh feel of rain—this has been a lovely Spring Season. A season sure to inspire you as you prepare your quilts for next years QUILTS IN THE MILL show.

**For every project you sew, make an item for the show boutique. Need ideas? See Ellen H. Items collected at each meeting.

**Give some time, or an extra pair of hands, to the guild—volunteer to help committees, plan events, and sew for the show. Just ask and you will find someone to help.

**Spring cleaning your stash? The show boutique could benefit from your no longer wanted fabrics. Collection ongoing at every meeting.

**Scraps from your projects? Save them and bring them to a meeting. Quilt show attendees adore to treasure hunt through the scrap bags.

**Hope on the bus for a PA SHOP HOP. Sign up now to save your seat. The bus is filling fast. \$20 including lunch. Contact Camille for more information.

**Any “what was I thinking” or older fabrics to purge? Give to Seeds to Sew, a local organization that supplies fabrics, threads, and trims to women in Africa. The women sew fabric gift wrappings and get a fair trade price for their efforts. Bring your fabrics to a meeting and Camille will bring them to Seeds to Sew. Visit [www:seedstosew.org](http://www.seedstosew.org) for more information.

**Are you using the CHQ business card? Stop at the welcome table at any meeting and get a supply. Anytime you shop or meet other quilters, give them a CHQ card. This is a great way to publicize our guild.

**Carpool to a meeting, especially reach out to older members who no longer are comfortable driving at night. You may make a new friend.

And KEEP ON STITCHING!

Camille Quinton
CHQ Membership chair

Our guild is happy to greet TWO new members. Donna Koenig attended last month's meeting and liked what she saw! She is an experienced quilter with wide ranging quilt interests. Jeanne Yancey is an intermediate quilter who loves traditional quilts and paper piecing, appliqué and handwork among her other interests.

COURTHOUSE QUILTERS LIBRARY CHALLENGE

- News from the Library
- CHALLENGE.....
- The Courthouse Library has issued a challenge. Take any book or ruler out of the library and make something.
- It can be a quilt or table runner, a quilt top, a block, or a practice piece on which you learned a new technique.
- It can follow directions exactly or just be inspired by them. Bring what you made to show and tell, along with the book, and show the membership what you learned. The challenge starts next month and runs a year.
- Every time you bring something to show and tell you get a ticket to enter the contest.
- Access the online catalog via this link: <https://www.librarything.com/catalog/courthousequilters>
- Search for the keyword rulers to see descriptions of all the rulers you are free to borrow.

If you know of anyone in the guild who could use some cheering up, please contact Corresponding Secretary, Cass Garner. She will send a card on behalf of the guild.

SUNSHINE AND SHADOWS

Visit our website at COURTHOUSEQUILTERS.ORG for more information or our FACEBOOK PAGE.



The RAFFLE QUILT COMMITTEE is hard at work assembling parts for the raffle quilt. The first kits have been given out and need to be returned at the June meeting so the committee can progress to the next stage of assembling. Thank you

RETREATS

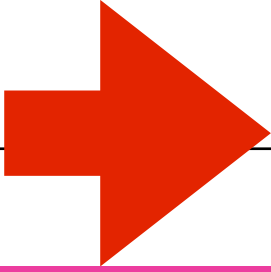
We have two retreats coming up in the Lancaster area at the retreat houses owned by Burkholders Fabrics.

The first is LABOR DAY WEEKEND...Thursday August 31 through Sunday, September 3. We have 4 openings for private rooms with private baths at \$60 per night. We could also accommodate people who don't mind sharing a bathroom (Jack and Jill set-up with the bathroom shared between two bedrooms) at \$50/night.

The other retreat is March 15-18, 2018 and there are currently two openings and either of the above set ups is available to take more people but at the same cost. If you are willing to share your bedroom you would have to arrange your own roommate. As this is NOT a guild sponsored event you can invite non-guild members at the same price.

Additionally each house has a \$175 cleaning fee which will be split evenly by the total number of attendees. We share all meals with two or more people doing the prep and cooking. No one is responsible for more than one meal. We are also very sensitive to special food need that people may have. A signup sheet for meals is sent out approximately 4-6 weeks ahead of the retreat for food assignments.

To see the amenities at the sites go to: <http://cocalicoquiltersinn.com/> or to Cocalico Quilters Inn on facebook. Other questions stephanieg@gmail.com or 609-751-3345 with any questions you may have.



EVENTS in our area to ENJOY.....

Milford Valley Quilters' Guild Show. THE NATURE OF QUILTING 2017. JUNE 24 and June 25. 10-4 p.m. Delaware Valley High School, Route 209 and 6, Milford PA. Juried show of over 200 quilts. Vendors. Speakers: Jeanne Campbell and Mia Koerner.

KUTZTOWN FOLK FESTIVAL. July 1-9. 2500 local quilts. Kutztown Fairgrounds, Box 306, Kutztown, PA. 19530. July 1-2, 7-8 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. July 3-6, 9 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Lots

QUILT LOVERS BINGO. Sunday July 9th, 2017. Hosted by the Pocono Mountain Quilters Guild at the Moose Lodge, 705 Stokes Road, East Stroudsburg, PA. All prizes are quilts or quilted items. Doors open at 12:00. Games start at 1:30. Tickets \$25 in advance....\$30 at door. Tickets and information please call Maryanne (570)424-1312 or Marie (570)722-9797.

KEYSTONE QUILTERS show "QUILTER'S GARDEN". Friday October 13 from 10 to 6 p.m. Saturday, October 14 from 10 to 5 p.m. Admission \$7.00. FINLAND MENNONITE CHURCH, 1750 Ziegler Road, Pennsburg, PA. 18073. Free demonstrations and vendors.

EVENING STAR QUILTER'S GUILD. 2017 "A Harvest of Quilts Show". Saturday October 21, 10 to 4 p.m. and Sunday, October 22, 10 to 4 p.m. BELVIDERE HIGH SCHOOL, 809 Oxford Street, Belvidere, NJ. Admission \$7.00 Vendors, workshops, boutique and cafe.

The Link for the new Artisan Studio in Nazareth, Pa. where Claire took her silk painting class is <https://www.nazarethartisan.com>. Check it out—lots of interesting classes and great teacher!



Courthouse Quilters



Saturday, November 4, 2017
8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Tickets \$20 for members

Itinerary:

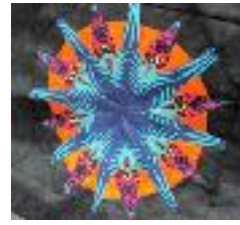
Leave Darcy Lodge at 8 a.m., enjoy a continental breakfast on board.
Arrive by 10 a.m. Shop along Old Philadelphia Pike, with door to door service provided.
Lunch at an Amish family style restaurant, the visit another store or two.
Leave Intercourse by 5:30 p.m. and enjoy a snack on the ride back.
Arrive Darcy Lodge by 7 p.m.

Liimited number of seats, so sign up soon!!!

Questions or to sign up: contact Camille
camquilton@gmail.com

Mail your check \$20 payable to CHQ to:
Camille Quinton, CHQ Membership Chair (address on roster) or bring to meeting.







All photographs by Al and Carol.....

Newsletter Deadline:

The deadline for the newsletter is the Sunday following a meeting. Exceptions are May and show year Octobers with a deadline of the Wednesday after a meeting. Send all your articles, news, photos to Carol Esch. cesch1941@gmail.com

**Courthouse Quilters
Darcy Lodge
39 Everittstown Road
Route 513, Frenchtown, New Jersey**

Directions from Flemington:

Route 12 West to flashing red light at The National Hotel in Frenchtown. Turn right onto Route 513 and drive up steep hill. The Darcy Lodge will be 3/4 mile on the left.

Directions from Clinton:

Route I-78 to Exit 15 to Route 513 South. Turn right just past Pittstown Inn at red light and follow Route 513 for 8 miles. Darcy Lodge on right hand side.