

# COURTHOUSE QUILTERS NEWSLETTER

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## Upcoming Events

### June 14

10-4 Linda K Hahn "Buffalo  
Bubblegum" workshop  
4:30 Board Meeting  
6:30 Linda K Hahn "NY  
Beauty State of Mind"  
trunk show

### July 12

Open Sew upon request  
4:30 Board Meeting  
6:30 Member Demos



## President's Letter

After a great Deb Tucker Ruler workshop and an inspiring talk by Debbie Kalenty of Quilters Obsession, I purchased a gift for the guild. The guild library will have every Deb Tucker ruler available for lending. No more excuses – time to make a wonderful quilt while learning a new technique!

Next month we will hear the results of the retreat committee's work - a summary of the survey results and its set of recommendations. Thanks to everyone who participated in this important work.

That segues into our next initiative. We'd like to document the purpose, responsibilities, and procedures for each of our committees. This will help in transition, recruitment of future chairs, and ensuring coverage of our vital services. I have asked each chair to help compile this reference for the guild.

The raffle committee kicked off the next raffle quilt and it's wonderful. It's simple and the instructions are clear enough for every member to participate. We will have a ton of interesting fabrics in this scrap quilt because the pieces are coming from everyone's closet (or the committee's scrap pile). I was excited to make my blocks and am even more excited to see others.

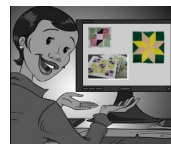
I'd like to remind members that our meetings are scheduled for 6:30-9:00. It's disconcerting to be thrilled to show the quilt you finally finished at show-and-tell and realize that half the people have gone home early. Sometimes we adjourn before 9:00, but please try to stay until the end of the meeting.

*Patty Jertz*



## CHQ Online

Check our website for the latest workshops and supply lists, meeting news, cancellations, forms, **inclement weather announcements**, and just general information about the guild. Go to: [courthousequilters.org](http://courthousequilters.org).



The deadline for the newsletter is the Sunday one week after a meeting by midnight. Exceptions are May and show-year Octobers with a deadline of the Wednesday after a meeting. Send all of your articles, news, photos, and other newsworthy items to Jan.

For a complete listing of the holdings in the guild library, go to [www.librarything.com/catalog/CourthouseQuilters](http://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!

[www.courthousequilters.org](http://www.courthousequilters.org)



**President**  
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**Raffle Quilt—Design & Creation**  
Babetts Galinak  
Susan Fellin

**Special Events**  
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**Web Presence**  
Karen Davis

Contact info is on the guild roster.



*Courthouse Quilters Quilting Guild*  
*The purpose of this 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.*



## FALL RETREAT DATES: OCT. 22-25 AT CROSSROADS



### June Birthdays

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|-----------------|---------------------|
| Lynn B—June 2   | Alice M—June 13     |
| Betty C—June 17 | Janet S—June 10     |
| Mary deS—June 9 | Katherine W—June 12 |
| Carol L—June 16 | Linda W—June 16     |



### Sunshine and Shadows

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



Sue shared this beautiful thank you card sent to the guild by Mary S.

### Hospitality

Calling all members to bring something to our hospitality table when you can. We all enjoy the delicious treats members bring. Coffee and tea is always provided by the guild. There is not a specific request to a member at any one time - please take it upon yourself to bring something for us to enjoy whether it be a savory, sweet or beverage. Sign the hospitality sheet for that month and you will be recognized and thanked in the following newsletter. Help make our break extra special!

Thank you from Claire Rohloff and Linda Allen



Thanks to Mary Ann H., Jill F., Mary deS., and Jan H. for their delicious refreshments at the May meeting!

## *Bylaws Notification*

The Board proposes the following changes to the Courthouse Quilter's Bylaws to facilitate carrying out the duties of the board more efficiently:

**Current:**

Article X: Section c. At least ten Board Members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. All matters brought before the Board will be decided by a majority vote, providing a quorum is met, except as noted in the Bylaws.

**Proposed:**

Article X: Section c. At least seven Board Members, three of which must be Executive Members, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. All matters brought before the Board will be decided by a majority vote providing a quorum is met, except as noted in the Bylaws.

**Current:**

Article XIV: Section b. Notice must be made in the two (2) newsletters mailed prior to the members' meeting at which the vote is to be taken. A detailed overview of all major or controversial changes to the bylaws must be contained in such notice. Prior to the vote, a complete copy of the proposed amendment or revised bylaws must be made available to each member.

**Proposed:**

Article XIV: Section b. Notice must be made in at least one (1) newsletter mailed prior to the members' meeting at which the vote is to be taken. A detailed overview of all major or controversial changes to the bylaws must be contained in such notice. Prior to the vote, a complete copy of the proposed amendment or revised bylaws must be made available to each member.

A vote will be taken at the June meeting on these proposed changes.

### *Program Year at a Glance*

- 14-Jun Linda Hahn - Buffalo Bubblegum — Linda Hahn—NY Beauty State of Mind Trunk Show
- 12-Jul No workshop — Member demos
- 9-Aug No workshop — Ice Cream Social
- 13-Sep Bethanne Nemesh - The Devil is in the Details —Bethanne Nemesh - The Creative Process
- 11-Oct Charity Sew — UFO Auction for Charity
- 8-Nov TBD — Mark Lipinski - The Slow Stitching Movement
- 13-Dec Holiday Project — Holiday Party



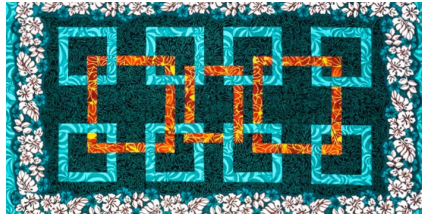
## *Places to Go, Things to Do, People to Meet!*

### **When Textiles Talk, A Quilting Exhibit**

July 8-August 28, Pollak Gallery, Monmouth University Center for the Arts,  
400 Cedar Ave. West Long Branch, NJ, M-F 9 am-5 pm, free



This juried exhibition includes quilts from members of Rebecca's Reel Quilt Guild in Middletown and the Beach Plum Quiltmakers of Ocean County. Historically, quilts have been made to convey emotions, record events and to evoke memories; to greet or say good-bye; to sell or raffle for charity; to celebrate, to commemorate or to comfort. The need to communicate requires quilters to express themselves for the same various reasons as other artists. Each quilt in this exhibit is accompanied by a story card explaining the artist's vision or motivation.



### **AQS QuiltWeek—Des Moines Deadline**

Don't miss your chance to enter the AQS QuiltWeek – Des Moines Contest! The deadline is June 5, 2015. The show dates are Sep 30 – Oct 3, 2015.

They have added a new Landscape category and Youth (ages 10-20) category.

To enter and to see contest rules, go to: <http://www.quiltweek.com/2015-des-moines-contest-rules/>




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## *Quilts of Valor Update*

My name is Nancy Thomson. I am the new NJ Coordinator for Quilts of Valor Foundation. I am trying to locate as many Quilts of Valor quilters in our state as I can in order to provide help to those quilters, if needed, and to obtain Quilts of Valor to those nominated.

I am also Co-Chairwoman of our local South Shore Stitchers Quilts of Valor Group. We have workshops here in Cape May County and have made almost 100 QOVs.

My e mail address is [nancy.thomson@QOVF.org](mailto:nancy.thomson@QOVF.org) and my phone number is 609-628-3116.

Thank you for helping cover those touched by war,

Nancy





## Raffle Quilt

### Perkiomen Quilt

Our raffle quilt is based on a quilt pattern seen in the Perkiomen Valley area of northeastern Pennsylvania\*\*. It is a basic nine-patch with a distinct diagonal line of dark and light. The quilt will include an appliquéd border. We would like each member to make three Perkiomen blocks. Your completed block must measure 6 1/2 inches square.

Please do not use batiks or solid fabrics. Please do use prints with ivory or beige toned backgrounds for the lights.

For interest you can include a dark conversation print on the dark side of the block or a light conversation print on the light side of the block. Please use only one or two conversation prints per block. Out of your three completed blocks, only one or two blocks can have conversation prints.

For each block, please cut:

Three 2 1/2-inch light colored squares and three 2 1/2-inch dark colored squares

You will also need to make three half-square-triangles with a light side and a dark side.

To make the half square triangles:

Cut one 2 7/8-inch dark square and one 2 7/8-inch light square.

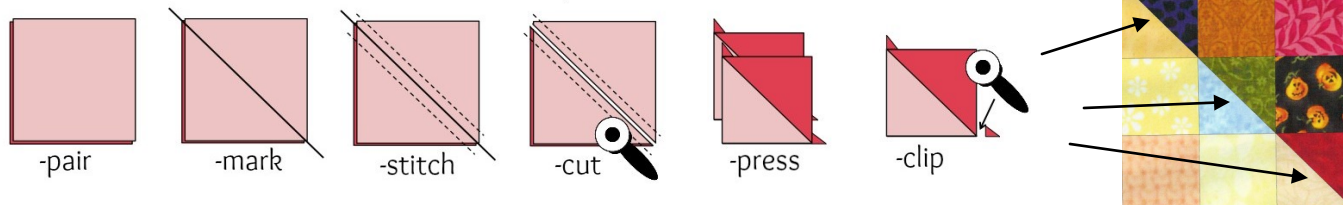
Place the two squares right sides together.

On the light square, draw a diagonal line.

Then stitch 1/4-inch away on each side of the diagonal line.

Next, cut along the drawn diagonal line. You will have two squares that are half light and half dark. Press seams open.

Make two more half square triangle blocks using different fabrics from the previous block. (You will have three spare half-square-triangle blocks that you can use in another Perkiomen block.)



Next, arrange your squares to form the light and dark pattern as shown in the photo of the completed block. ↑ Sew the squares into rows and then sew the rows into the block. Press the seams open as you stitch.

Please return your completed blocks by the July CHQ meeting.

If you have questions, please contact: Babette Galinak or Sue Fellin. Contact info can be found on the guild roster.



← Babette shows a sample of a Perkiomen quilt block.

This is a sample of a Perkiomen quilt Babette made several years ago. →



\*\*The Perkiomen Valley, for which this type of quilt is named, is in southeast Pennsylvania between Philadelphia and Allentown, west of the Northeast Extension of the Pennsylvania pike. *From Mary deS.*



# Studio 180 workshop with Debbie Kalenty of Quilter's Obsession





### Tucker Tools Demonstration with Debbie Kalenty



### Show and Tell



Marla K showed a variation on the railroad fence pattern by Bethany Reynolds, the Stack & Whack designer. ↓



Judy G brought in this 1805 coverlet made by Bridget Bradforth of Warren County, NJ. The pattern is The Barren Fig and it has the color Prussian blue.

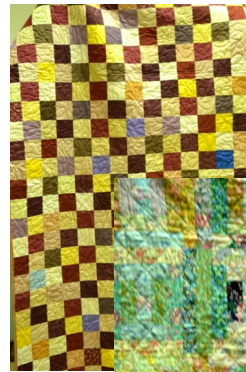




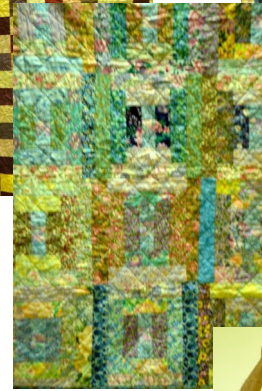
### Show and



Grandmother-to-be Denise L made this baby quilt and some adorable burp cloths. ↑



Andrea C showed three charity quilts.



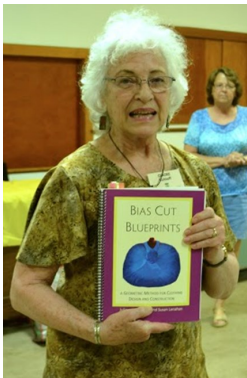
Andrea C showed this sampler quilt from a 2007 Kindred Quilts Saturday Sampler that she hand-quilted. →



Al A made this mandala quilt for his sister-in-law. The quilting is a labyrinth, to aid in meditation. →



Elena S is down-sizing with this Singer Sewhandy machine she found. I have included an example of the original box it would have come with. Her machine is almost 100 years old. ←



← Claire R made her perfectly-fitting top with a pattern from this book.



Chris G. showed this quilt she made as a birthday gift for her daughter-in-law's mother. Lucky lady!! →



Linda W showed three quilts ↑ that she had to finish to leave behind in NJ before her big move to Arizona! Top, a Judy Niemeyer workshop quilt, quilted by Kitty Z. Middle, a quilt made for a niece for college, quilted by Cathie G. Bottom, a wedding signature quilt made for a nephew.



## **Board Minutes from May 17, 2015**

In attendance: Patty G., Ellen H., Jan H., Cass G., Linda Allen, Claire Roloff, Joanne Gardner, Sue Garcia, Cathy Giambalvo. Camille Quinton, Andrea Cavallaro.

### **EXECUTIVE BOARD**

President Patty called the meeting to order at 4:35.

Motion was made to approve April's minutes. It was seconded and approved.

Mary S. is taking a medical leave and the guild will need a temporary replacement librarian.

Show volunteer Coordinator still open.

Penn Jersey Symposium- Patty and Ellen will attend.

Discussed possibility of having shared events with other groups that include bakers, quilters, sewers, weavers, etc.

Vice President/Program-Ellen- Hella-May is working with the boy scout's project. Ellen may have open sews in June and July.

She went through the upcoming events and spoke about a possible UFO auction event to raise money for charity. New member tea will take place annually. It will be called a new-member-and-getting-to-know-you tea. The board discussed the issues surrounding the difficulty in planning an event in September during a quilt show year and having other guest speakers. Discussed possibly having a program just in the afternoon.

Treasurer-Alice S. Out of town but she sent the treasurers report. Patty will be writing checks until she returns.

Recording Secretary -Cass G. Discussion about the proposed changes for voting at board meetings. The proposal was not published in the May newsletter so the vote will not be able to take place until the June meeting.

Corresponding Secretary- Sue G. Retreats: A number of suggestions were made and a lot of information was gathered. Survey results will be distributed to the guild at the June meeting along with recommendations.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Circulation - Cathie G. Circulation is working very well.

Hospitality-Claire R/Linda A. Clarification is needed for special events and hospitality responsibilities. Discussion followed and members will try to work out the details.

Licensing /Door Prize- Joanne G. NA There may be an issue with licensing because they are issued for the calendar year. Joanne will look into that.

Membership - Camille - We have 3 new members.

Raffle Quilt- Babette and/or Sue Fellin will kick off the raffle quilt tonight.

A motion was made and was seconded to adjourn at 5:25.

Respectfully submitted by: Cass Garner

## **Program**

### **OUR WEATHER QUILT EXHIBIT AT THE NURTURE NATURE CENTER COMES TO AN END**

Our quilt exhibit at the Nurture Nature Center in Easton is closing on May 30. If you have a quilt in the exhibit, you can pick it up at the Center on Monday, June 1, between 10:00 a.m. and noon. If you do not pick it up, it will move to my house in Easton. I will bring all of the quilts to the guild's June meeting. If you will not be attending the June meeting, please designate someone to pick it up for you. You can reach me with questions at [ellheath@gmail.com](mailto:ellheath@gmail.com) or 551-427-7153.

### **LINDA HAHN LECTURE AND WORKSHOP ON JUNE 14**

Linda Hahn, well known for her American Beauty quilts and variations, will be presenting a lecture and trunk show called "A New York Beauty State of Mind" at our June meeting. Her most recent book, New York Beauty Diversified, is an AQS best seller, and she has a new book coming out called Rock That Quilt Block. Her full-day workshop is "Buffalo Bubblegum." Linda has taught at AQS and NQA shows, as well as Quilt Odyssey and Road To California. Her workshops are described as high energy and low stress. You can meet Linda at her website: <http://www.froghollowdesigns.com/>.

### **MEMBER DEMO EVENING JULY 12**

If you enjoyed the weather challenge quilts in April and at the Nurture Nature Center, you won't want to miss our July Member Demo meeting. Several of our members have volunteered to share the techniques they used in making their challenge quilts. Al Accettola, Janis Bozowski, Valerie Kurz, and Patty Gertz will explain how they created their unique entries.

There is no formal workshop on the afternoon of July 12, but the lodge can be opened for sewing and socializing if there is interest.

### **DON'T DISCARD THOSE UFOS, ORPHAN BLOCKS, AND UNMADE KITS**

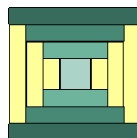
Save all of those guilt-ridden undone projects and pieces for a raffle at our October meeting. We will prove that one person's trash is another person's treasure while raising money for charity. More details to come.

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**Directions from Flemington:**

Route 12 W 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 S. Turn right at Burgdorf Realtors Route 513. Continue for 8 miles.