

COURTHOUSE QUILTERS PRESIDENT'S BULLETIN November 2024

President's Letter

Our Quilts in the Mill show was simply amazing. The coming together of the guild members with their families and friends who so graciously help to celebrate and showcase our guild is special. The quilts, the colors, the people, the community, and the setting combine to create a remarkable show. Thanks to all the members who volunteered. Special thanks to Lysa for her steady, effective, and calm leadership and all the subcommittee chairs - Jill, Andrea, Barbara F, Janet, Barbara S, Mary Ann, Al, Linda, Claire, Susan T, Dyan, Cathie, Joan, Mary, Joe, Patty, Cass, Carol, Helle-May, Pam, Deb, Brielle, Anne O, Penny, Gina, and Kerry.

There were many new initiatives started this year including the layout of the space, a book signing, a fabulous fashion show, demonstrations by guild members; talks; and the special exhibit of Liza Lucy's quilts. I have to mention the shopping extravaganza that was our boutique. Janet and the rest of the boutique bunch worked so hard over the prior two years to gather, sort, and price the huge selection of merchandise that we were able to offer.

One of the most exciting things that happened during the show was that we were fortunate to gain 20 new members. We are excited to meet and learn about these fellow quilters.

It was great fun at the October guild meeting to celebrate our guild with many volunteer prize giveaways and to recognize the Members' Choice quilt winners and the Viewers' Choice winners.

November is also an exciting month, a new Executive Board has been nominated for 2025/2026 - Lysa Martinelli for President, Kerry Cogan for 2nd Vice President, Patty Gertz for Treasurer, and Donna Slovak as Secretary. A strong group heading toward positions alongside Barbara Fusco who will become our 1st Vice President. I am grateful to our nominating committee Joan, Cass and Kathy for building such a capable team for our guild's leadership for the next couple of years. You will find short bios of each of the nominees further in this bulletin.

Happy quilting!

Gina

president@courthousequilters.org

Upcoming Meetings

Zoom Board Meeting (All members welcome)

Time: November 15, 2024 7:00 PM

In Person Guild Meeting at the Hunterdon County Complex, Building 1

Time: November 17, 2024 6:30 pm

Program

How to Register for a Workshop

FREE Workshops - One Step Process

1. Notify the guild you want to participate (2 options)
 - a. Sign up on the clipboard during a guild meeting
 - b. Sign up online with Sign Up Genius. A link for the sign up can generally be found in the Newsletter, President's Bulletin, or under the "Program Workshops and Event Calendar" section on our website

Workshops with a Fee - Two Step Process

1. Notify the guild you want to take the class (2 options)
 - a. Sign up on the clipboard during a guild meeting
 - b. Complete the "Workshop Registration Form" under the "Program Workshops and Event Calendar" section on our website
2. Payment (3 options)
 - a. Pay the Treasurer at a guild meeting by cash, check, or credit card
 - b. Mail a check to the Treasurer at Courthouse Quilters Guild, 203 Main Street, Suite 182, Flemington, NJ 08822
 - c. Pay by PayPal under the "Program Workshops and Event Calendar" section on our website

November

November 17th, 2024

- **1-4 pm Sew-in!** Spend time with your quilting friends finishing up those handmade Holiday gifts for friends and family, UFO's, or any other sewing projects you've been meaning to get to. We will also be working on the 2026 Raffle Quilt top and filling holiday stockings for Avalon Assisted Living.
- Business meeting and Guild Election at **6:30**.
- **Evening lecture-** Eileen Porretta and Barbara Gates from the Quilts of Valor Foundation share the mission and passion behind presenting veterans touched by war with comforting and healing quilts.



Sign up here [Courthouse Quilters: CHQ November Open Sew](#)

Consider bringing items to donate to fill the holiday stockings we made for Avalon Assisted Living. There are about 70 stockings. You can bring anything that you think would be appropriate. A few suggestions follow: individually wrapped candies or treats; large print puzzle books; or small toiletries. Additional information is provided by Charity below.

HOLIDAY CELEBRATION! December 15th, 2024 3 - 7:30pm

Gift Exchange



9/3/20XX

Crafts



Potluck



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Crafts and Appetizers start at 3:00, early dinner at 4:30, followed by a gift exchange

Items to bring:

- Dish to share - Please sign up here to let us know what you will be bringing [CHQ Holiday Party December 15th](#)
- A gift for exchange if you wish to participate. The gift should be small - about \$10 - \$15 in value. It can be homemade, store bought, or found in the bottom of your closet and regifted. Extra points for oohs and awws, as well as silliness.
- A donation for the Flemington Food Bank. We generally focus our collections on non food items including, but not limited to socks, gloves, personal care items such as shampoo, soap, dental care, feminine hygiene products, and diapers

January

Courthouse Quilters Guild Program

January 19th, 2025




****Workshop****
Artful Couching
with Rachel Derstine
Location: Zoom
Time: 1:00 - 4:00
Cost: \$29
Class Limit: 20

****Evening Program****
Artful Couching: Texture and Definition
By Rachel Derstine
Location: Zoom

www.courthousequilters.org

Workshop
Learn the art of couching with yarns to create texture, flow and extra pizzazz. This class will show you the many ways to use couching for definition and sparkle, by incorporating a variety of cording, yarns and metallic threads in your work.

Evening Program
PowerPoint lecture presentation showing the many ways couching can be used to take your art to the next level. Instruction in specific technique on how to couch will be shown. Rachel will bring examples of how couching can be added to garments and bags as well as quilts.



Register and Pay online via our website here [CHQ Workshop Rachel Derstine](#)

February

Courthouse Quilters Guild Program

February 23, 2025

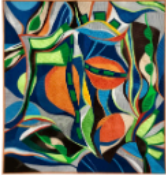


****Workshop****
Improv Blocks
with Sheila Frampton Cooper
Location: Zoom
Time: 1:00 - 4:00
Cost: \$27
Class Limit: 20

****Evening Program****
Spontaneous Creation and Inspiration
By Sheila Frampton Cooper
Location: Zoom

www.courthousequilters.org

Workshop
In this workshop, we will explore various improvised approaches, and each one will lead you on a creative adventure. In fact, you will find that you have the beginnings of several pieces, not just one.

Evening Program
This talk goes deep into Shelia's process. She discusses color, inspiration and the various approaches she engages when doing this type of work. She'll share a variety of student work as well as a few other artists and discuss what she feels makes a piece successful.



Register and Pay online - In progress on Web - [CHQ Workshop Sheila Frampton Cooper](#)

March

Courthouse Quilters Guild Program

March 23, 2025



****Workshop****
*ShadFest Workshop &
Sea Glass Quilts*
with Juliet Leonard
Location: Rt 12 County
Complex
Time: 1:00 - 5:00
Cost: FREE

****Evening Program****
Art Quilting
By Sherry Shine
Location: Rt 12 County
Complex

www.courthousequilters.org

Workshop
Join us to create your poster for [ShadFest](#) or learn about creating a beautiful sea glass quilt with our own Juliet.

Evening Program
The art of Sherry Shine has been exhibited across the country in galleries, colleges, and museums.

Sign Up Here: [Courthouse Quilters: CHQ March Shadfest and Sea Glass](#)

March Workshop Additional Info

- It's FREE!
- A little different this year - Juliet will be leading a longer featured demonstration of how to make a sea glass quilted wall hanging.

Sea Glass Wall Hanging

- Juliet will provide a supply list - it's flexible and a great stash buster
- Can work on a sea glass wall hanging for the entire workshop OR can also work on a Shadfest poster

Shadfest Poster

- Use whatever materials/techniques (mini quilt, fabric, paper, wood, painting, drawing, anything) you want to create a Shadfest poster.
- You do not have to finish during the workshop - can start or finish at home.
- Poster blanks are 11"x17" and have a logo printed on them in portrait orientation - usable space closer to 11"x13".
- Double sided tape will be available at the workshop for mounting
- Gina will pick up poster blanks the week before the workshop. They do run out of poster blanks, so please do not wait until the last week to sign up.
- Consider bringing items to share in case others need ideas or materials.

Committee Notes

Quilts in the Mill ♦ Quilt Show Report



And just like that another quilt show is over!

How was Admissions? There were approximately 866 people that attended the show over three days which generated \$10,229 in Admissions sales. The daily breakdown was: Friday - 387 attendees, Saturday - 268 attendees and Sunday - 211 attendees. Attendance was in line with prior shows and was slightly up from the last show.

How much money did we make? The total show profit was \$15,016.10 which was about a \$5,100 increase over the last show. The increase in profit is in large part due to the success of the Boutique which generated \$9,968.25 in sales. All income generating areas of the show also had increases. Expenses for the show totaled \$11,469.15 with the breakdown being \$7,000 for the facility rental and \$4,469.15 in operating expenses.

Who won Ribbons? Congratulations to Viewer's Choice winners: 1st Place - Linda Allen (#119 Garden Party Down Under), 2nd Place - Cathie Giambalvo (#145 Flowering Snow Ball), 3rd Place - Jan Hunold (#115 Dear Jane). In addition to their beautiful ribbons, recipients were awarded a gift card and a Quilt Folk Magazine annual subscription donated by Quilt Folk.

Viewer's Choice Honorable Mention recipients were: Jan Hunold (#116 Inner Cube), Pam Ambrosio (#141 Waterlilies), and Ruth Gronsky (#150 The Barn Quilt). In addition to their ribbons, recipients were awarded a gift card and a Quilt Folk Magazine New Jersey issue donated by Quilt Folk.

Two new categories were awarded Viewer's Choice ribbons. The recipient for Wearable - Penny Armagost (#418 Jacket of Many Colors) and for Accessory - Mary Ann Kenny (#401 Tote of Many Colors). In addition to their ribbons, recipients were awarded a Quilt Folk Magazine New Jersey issue donated by Quilt Folk.

New this show, Guild Choice awards were handed out during the preview party on Thursday night. Ribbons were awarded to: 1st Place - Pam Ambrosio (#141 Waterlilies), 2nd Place - Cathie Giambalvo (#145 Flowering Snow Ball), 3rd Place - Dyan Rosario (#127 Charted Heart). In addition to their ribbons, recipients were awarded a Quilt Folk Magazine Georgia issue donated by Quilt Folk.

Did we make any new friends? The quilt show has several goals and objectives and recruiting new members is the one that helps build the future of the guild. There were twenty people that joined the Guild at the Show. That is a great number!

Thank you to our amazing volunteers! At the October meeting the names of all volunteers were entered into a drawing for several prizes. The recipients were: Carol Esch (gift basket donated by Basil Bandwagon), Sue Fellin and Cherie Ogren (Quilt Folk Magazine annual subscription donated by Quilt Folk), Laura Kohl (craft supply basket), Joan LaSota and Bart Fellin (Quilt Folk Magazine Georgia issue donated by Quilt Folk).

Community Outreach (Barbara Slaton)

- Caring Heart Quilts
 - Thanks to everyone who donated quilts to sell at the show! Fifty percent of our sales go directly to Safe Harbor as a cash donation - that's \$1,250!
- Holiday Stockings for Avalon Assisted Living in Bridgewater, NJ
 - We will be accepting donations at both the November workshop and guild meeting to fill the 70 holiday stockings we made. Any extra donations will be given to Safe Harbor. You can bring anything that you think would be appropriate. Charity has already purchased 100 packs of tissues, 40 packs of cough drops, 30 puzzle books, 100 combs and 48 lip balms. We have also been given quite a few individual hotel size soaps and shampoos. Other suggestions are packs of crackers or goldfish, pretzels, chips, Welch's fruit snacks and individually wrapped candies and mints. With Halloween coming, now is a good time to get individual packs of lots of different snacks. Please help in any way that you can. Not all stockings are going to have the same items.
- Quilts for Kids
 - Collection is ongoing at guild meetings to Gretta. Let Gretta know if you would like a kit to complete. Gretta has asked that quilts be returned by December, if possible.
- Flemington Food Bank
 - During our December Holiday Party, we will be collecting items for the Flemington Food Bank. We generally focus our collections on non food items including, but not limited to socks, gloves, personal care items such as shampoo, soap, dental care, feminine hygiene products, and diapers

Hospitality (Donna Slovak)

Check out our Holiday Potluck sign up! Bring a dish to share and come join the fun! [CHQ Holiday Party December 15th](#)

Thanks to the volunteers who share snacks at our monthly CHQ meetings and workshops too! Find the snack sign up genius here [CHQ Hospitality Snacks](#), simply click the button to volunteer. Coffee and tea are provided and members are encouraged to bring their own reusable water bottles.

Raffle Sales (Penny Armagost and Gina Krejsa)

- Congratulations to Sandi (#3273) for winning the 2024 raffle quilt. She was thrilled!
- Thank you to ALL the volunteers who helped!
- We awarded prizes for our raffle sale MVP's - thank you and congratulations!
 - Sue F - most tickets sold
 - Kerry C - most hours volunteered selling tickets
- Congratulations to Mary R for winning our volunteer drawing
- Final profit on the 2024 raffle quilt was \$4,564 after expenses. For anyone wondering, that is a new record for us!



Raffle Construction (Juliet Leonard)

- November 17, 1:00 - 4:00 - We will be working on the 2026 Raffle Quilt during the November Open Sew for anyone who wants to participate. Please bring the following items
 - any remaining blocks you have not yet turned in whether they are completed or not
 - your machine and basic sewing supplies

Nominating Committee (Joan Lasota, Cass Garner, Kathy Stewart)

CHQ ELECTION 2024

This year's CHQ Nominating Committee (Cass Garner, Kathy Stewart, Joan Lasota) is thrilled to announce the candidates for our guild's Executive Board for 2025/26. The committee is excited to introduce these individuals to you via the brief bios below. Voting for these positions and respective candidates will take place during the November 17, 2024 CHQ meeting.

We know the entire guild joins us in extending a huge thank-you to 4 very special women who have stepped forward and agreed to put their names on the ballot for the Executive Board positions. CHQ is very fortunate to have so many dedicated individuals who are willing to volunteer their time and energy to help continue our more than 30 year tradition of a robust and dynamic organization.

PRESIDENT - LYSA MARTINELLI

Lysa has been a member of Courthouse Quilters for almost three years and is thrilled to be among a great group of people with many diverse talents. She has been quilting for about seven years with her interest being sparked by participating in a block-of-the-month project that helped expand her quilting skills. Lysa joined her first guild in 2019 and served as their treasurer, programs co-chair, newsletter editor, and quilt retreat co-chair. After retiring in 2022 and finally having time to do what she wanted whenever she wanted, Lysa was still looking for something to occupy her time and exercise her brain. She was happy to find that challenge while chairing the 2024 CHQ Quilt Show. Lysa looks forward to working with the guild and would be honored to serve as the guild's President.

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT - BARBARA FUSCO

As voted upon in 2023, Barbara, who currently serves in the capacity of Second Vice President, will assume the role of First Vice President in 2025.

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT - KERRY COGAN

Kerry began quilting almost 40 years ago when she was in graduate school and looking for a relaxing, creative outlet. For many years she was very much a part time quilter while raising her family and working. The finished projects were few and far between. Kerry's children are now grown and she has much more time to invest in quilting, although she still considers herself an intermediate quilter with much to learn. For Kerry the beauty of being in the guild, no matter your level, is that there is support, encouragement, training and lots of inspiration. Kerry joined the guild in 2019 and has served as Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer. She says it's been a great learning experience being on the Board and she would be very honored to serve in the role of Second Vice President in 2025 and transition to First Vice President in 2026.

TREASURER - PATTY GERTZ

Patty joined the guild in 2010 after retiring from Princeton University. Since joining, she has been a continuous member of the board, including 3 terms as Treasurer, one as President and Co-Chair of the Bylaws Standing Committee. Patty is a prolific quilter, with expertise in machine embroidery, machine appliqué and long-arm quilting. Her quilts have been recognized by awards in local and international show competitions. Patty's generosity of time and talent has extended to conducting guild workshops. Patty looks forward to working with the new CHQ Executive Board to continue to strengthen and grow the guild.

SECRETARY - DONNA SLOVAK

Donna came to her first Courthouse Quilters meeting as a guest in 2019 at Cass Garner's invitation. She joined as a member in 2020 just before the pandemic hit. She learned to quilt in 2014 when she took her first quilting class at Pennington Quilt Works and has grown to love it. She credits the guild and its members with expanding her knowledge and skills and challenging her to explore and try new techniques. Donna is a retired dental hygienist and lives in West Amwell with her husband Jim. In addition to quilting, reading and bag making, she enjoys camping and spending time with her two daughters and three granddaughters. Donna is currently serving as the CHQ Hospitality Committee Chair and looks forward to serving the guild as Secretary.

Lost and Found

This jacket was left during the show's quilt acquisition day at the library. If it is yours, please reach out to Jill F by phone to make arrangements for its return.



Classifieds

A quilter who is cleaning out her studio is interested in finding a home for a 96" quilt frame - no charge. She is local to the area. If you are interested, please contact Gina and she will connect you.



Cindy Grisdela Workshop

Please let your members know that the Brownstone Quilter's Guild has spots available for Cindy Grisdela's workshop:

GO Wild!

Author and award-winning artist Cindy Grisdela will focus on how to make an improv quilt without a pattern.

The workshop will take place on Friday, November 15, 2024 from 9am to 1pm. The location of the workshop is:

Old Paramus Reformed Church
660 East Glen Avenue
Ridgewood, NJ 07450

Go to [Brownstone Quilters Guild](https://www.brownstonequilters.com) for more information and to register for the workshop. Select Events then Workshops from the home page.

COST OF WORKSHOPS

Pay by check - Members \$40, Non-members \$60. Payment by Paypal - Members \$41.50
Non-members \$62

Non-members may begin registering 6 weeks before the workshop. To become a member, see our website, <https://brownstonequilters.com/member-info>

Upcoming Shows and Events

Raritan Valley Community College Exhibit

BEARING WITNESS

An exhibition featuring mixed-media quilts and other works of fabric art, organized in partnership with Studio Art Quilt Associates (SAQA), Inc.

August 28 to December 13

Humanity's shared history includes a violent and shameful component—that of deliberate attempts to eradicate specific populations due to differences in culture, religion, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender expression, and race. These acts are often motivated by those in power, and collective trauma and tragedy are part of many people's past and present. These themes are explored in the exhibition, which features work by artists from the United States and the United Kingdom, Israel, Germany, Italy, and Canada.

To see this exhibit In-person OR Online, contact Michelle Edgar, Program Specialist, Institute of Holocaust and Genocide Studies, at michelle.edgar@raritanval.edu.



'A Shared Destiny' by Patty Kennedy-Zafred



'Never Again?' by Allison James

UNBLOCKED: IMPROVISATION AND IDENTITY IN CONTEMPORARY QUILTS

MARY BIRMINGHAM & JENNIFER WROBLEWSKI, CURATORS

ELIZABETH BRANDT ZAK FOSTER COULTER FUSSELL
CHAWNE KIMBER BASIL KINCAID
KWESI O. KWARTENG KRYSTLE LEMONIAS
SARAH NISHIURA MELANIE TUAZON SHERRI LYNN WOOD

EXHIBITION September 22, 2024 - January 12, 2025

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2024

Opening Reception with Artist Talks 2:00 – 4:00 pm

BLOCK PARTY ON THE TERRACE 2:00 – 5:00 pm

**Live Music with New Road Band • Tia B's Street Tacos
Food Truck • ArtBar – Wine, Beer & Cocktails**

OCT. 6 • 9:30am – 4:30pm • Quilt Retreat at HAM

**OCT. 13 • 2 – 4:30 pm • Improv (Un)Planning: A Guided Approach
to the Improv Quilting Mindset Workshop with Melanie Tuazon**

**NOV. 16 • 1 – 2:30 pm • The Limits (AND Portals) of Patchwork
Interactive lecture, demo, and sew-along with Sherri Lynn Wood**

Please visit hunterdonartmuseum.org for updates

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Pieceful Shores Quilters Guild
"Pointing the Way"

Quilt Show

November 8 & 9, 2024

Raffle Quilt

Beautiful
Quilt
Displays

Raffle Baskets

Daily
Demonstrations



Country
Market

Fabric Sale

Scissor/
Knife

Sharpening
While You
Wait

Admission: \$8.00

Friday: 10:00am – 5:00pm

Saturday: 10:00am – 4:00pm

Ocean Acres Community Center

489 Nautilus Drive

Manahawkin, New Jersey



Quilt Show

Brought to you by the

Newtown Quilters' Guild

Saturday, November 9, 2024, 10 am to 5 pm

Sunday, November 10, 2024, 10 am to 4 pm

at the

Newtown Middle School

116 Richboro Road (Route 332), Newtown, PA 18940

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\$1.00 off with donation of nonperishable food item
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NEWTOWN
QUILTERS'
GUILD

EXECUTIVE BOARD, COMMITTEE CHAIRS, SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Executive Board

President: Regina Krejsa

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2nd Vice President: Barbara Fusco

Treasurer: Kerry Cogan

Secretary: Cheryl Dennis

Standing Committee Chairs

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Boutique: Janet Bergman

Charity & Outreach: Barbara Slaton

Circulation: Jan Hunold

Hospitality: Donna Slovak

Membership: Cathie Giambalvo

Newsletter/Photography: Al Accettola

Publicity: Dyan Rosario

Quilt Show: Lysa Martinelli

Web Presence: Lauren Pine

Ad-Hoc Committee Chairs

Bylaws and Standing Rules: Patty Gertz & Cass Garner

Licensing: Dyan Rosario

Raffle Quilt Sales 2024: Penny Armagost

Raffle Quilt Construction 2026: Juliet Leonard

Nominating: Joan Lasota, Cass Garner, Kathy Stewart

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.