



Courthouse Quilters Guild Newsletter

February 2024

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Jane Sassaman

Workshop: Wings & Wedges
Zoom workshop: Feb 18 and 25
1 to 4 PM
Zoom.

Guild Meeting/Lecture:
Feb 25
6:30 to 8:30 PM
Zoom

Courthouse Quilters President's Letter

Can you believe it is almost February? I don't know about you, but I have started to think about the projects I will be working on this year. I know I want to make something new for the show and while I have some thoughts swirling around, I haven't gotten into gear yet. I did take advantage of some of the wonderful fabric sales that occur this time of year and really have no excuse but to start.

How about you? What will you make this year? I encourage you to pick something for the show. I would really like to see ALL of our members participate. It is important to enjoy wherever you are in your quilting journey and celebrate the pieces you make. We spend so much time and effort creating quilts and we have this wonderful opportunity to display them as a whole for others to enjoy, admire, and spark ideas. It's pretty cool - our Quilts in the Mill is a special show.

Housekeeping: We are on Zoom again for the February meeting. Next month's workshop with Jane Sassaman is full. Sign up to make a Shadfest poster in March! As a throwback, I am including the President's message from 20 years ago for your reading pleasure!

Happy quilting!

Gina

president@courthousequilters.org

President's Message

Love me, Love my Quilt!

One day I asked my husband to pass me the quilt from the couch. He looked at the afghan, the quilt and the woven blanket sitting there and asked, "Which one do you want?" I looked at him aghast! He immediately knew that was the wrong question. I should resign myself to the fact that he just doesn't get it.

I've tried really hard to train him in the finer points of being married to a quilter. I must admit, he tried hard in the beginning to understand what it is exactly that attracts me to quilting ~ offering his insightful opinion without being asked, accompanying me to the quilt shop, and sitting in my sewing room to talk to me while I stitched. But after the honeymoon stage was over, he seemed to give up. Except for the fact that he occasionally eyes my growing stash with some concern, he pretty much doesn't give it much thought.

After 15 years of trying, I think I'll just let him live in oblivion. Which means I don't have to explain my purchases, nor worry about what he'll think of all my projects that never make it to completion. He can sleep warmly under the quilt I made for our bed, content to believe that this is just a harmless hobby and I don't have to feel guilty that I didn't at least try to warn him.

Debbie Ruisard

Upcoming Meetings

[Zoom Board Meeting](#) (All members welcome)

Time: February 23, 2024 07:00 PM

[Zoom Guild Meeting](#)

Time: February 25, 2024 6:30 pm

Zoom Invites to be sent during the week of the meeting.

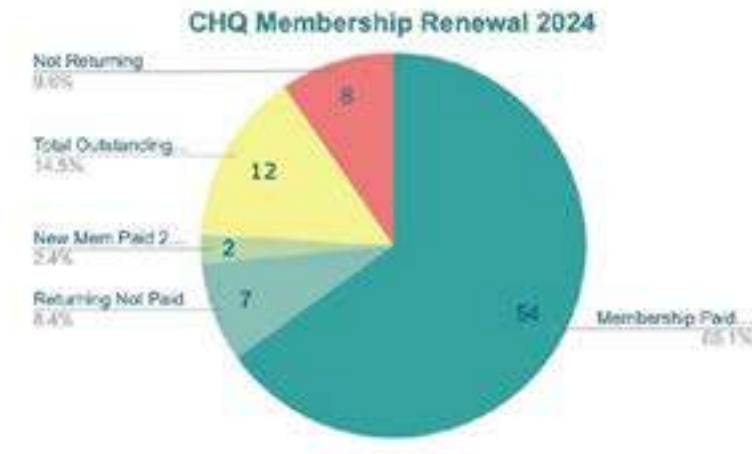
Community Outreach (Barbara Slaton & Cathie Giambalvo)



- Safe Harbor
 - Carol Dvoor is speaking at our March Guild Meeting
 - Quilted Wall Hanging will be presented at that time
- Shadfest Posters - [March Shadfest Poster Sign Up Here](#)
 - March workshop
- Caring Heart Quilts
 - Collection is ongoing at guild meetings to Barbara
 - Will be selling at Quilts in the Mill
- Quilts for Kids
 - Collection is ongoing at guild meetings to Gretta

CHQ Membership News~

Thank you for Renewing your CHQ Membership!



If you haven't renewed yet, there's still time.

clicking here: <http://www.courthousequilters.org/renew-membership.html>

or

mailing a check for \$50 payable to "Courthouse Quilters" to:

Courthouse Quilters Guild

203 Main Street

Suite 182, Flemington, NJ 08822

Inactive member emails will be removed from our membership roster January 31, 2024.

Any questions, please contact me at

membership@courthousequilters.org.

Thank you,

Cathie Giambalvo

CHQ Membership

Number 1 Benefit for Being a Member this Year...

"Show Your Work" - opportunities to exhibit your quilts at our "Quilts in the Mill" and other venues. Our biennial quilt show is held at the beautiful Prallsville Mill in Stockton, NJ, our next show is scheduled for Fall 2024.

2024 Anniversary Challenge - DUE at April Guild Meeting

PORTRAIT Challenge 2024

Create a portrait using any technique: pieced, reverse applique, collage, etc.

Your portrait can be of anyone; yourself, your pet, your favorite family member, best friend, or even a celebrity!

Portrait must be 20 x 24 inches in portrait orientation (not landscape).

When submitting your challenge, please include a typed paragraph telling us about why you chose your subject matter. What about them inspires you? What have you tried to portray about them through your portrait? Make us feel like we know them too!



[Challenge Registration Form](#)

May Sneak Peek: Randi Jones - Annie's Project Bag 2.0

June Sneak Peek: Lisa Shepard Stewart - Corded Cabin Block

CHQ PROGRAM Updates



**February 18 & 25
(two day workshop) ZOOM
Workshop: Wings & Wedges
Jane Sassaman**

**Lecture: “under the Influence”
Jane Sassaman**



March 24th, 2024



Workshop: Mixed Media Shad Fest Posters, Foundation paper piecing tutorial and learn to use the app procreate for quilting.

Instructor: Member led workshops

Date: March 24th

Time: 1-5 pm

Location: Hunterdon County Complex building

Cost: FREE!

Class Limit: 25 Students

Description: Join us for an afternoon of creating mixed media posters for the Shad Fest Auction. Refine your Foundation Paper Piecing skills with some fun fish blocks and learn how to use the Procreate app to enhance your quilting.

SIGN UP FOR THIS WORKSHOP HERE

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0545ADAF29A7FC1-46410080-shadfest>

Evening meeting: 6:30- 8:30 Learn about how Safe Harbor Child Access Centers empower individuals and families healing from trauma in a safe space with our guest speaker Carol Dvoor, as she shares her passion with us. Safe Harbor is one of our chosen charitable organizations that benefits from the sales of our Caring Heart Quilt Program.



**Bring your portrait challenge quilt and join us for our 36th
Anniversary Celebration!**

[Challenge Entry Form \(Click here\)](#)

**May 19th, 2024
12 - 4:30pm
Randi Jones
By Annie Project Bags 2.0**



9/3/20XX

**20 spaces
available**

\$22 class fee

*6:30 Business Meeting
followed by Presentation
and Trunk Show with
Randi Jones.*

Presentation Title



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Workshop: By Annie Project Bags 2.0

Instructor: Randi Jones

Date: May 19th, 2024

Time: 12-4:30pm

Location: Hunterdon County Complex Building

Cost: \$22

Class Limit: 20

Description: Join us for an afternoon of creative fun as we make attractive storage bags that can be used for sewing supplies or anything else you'd like. Make one for yourself, and one for the boutique!

[CLICK HERE FOR SUPPLY LIST](#)

**(Prior to class, please have your materials cut, and labeled.
The quilted portion should be quilted, cut, sealed, and labeled.)**

Project Bags 2.0 - Patterns by Annie

Supply List

Please note: We will be making size Large, using Option 2 for the border. Please refer to your pattern for more info.

Project Bags 2.0 pattern - Patterns by Annie - PBA206-2

Main fabric* - Fat quarter

Lining fabric* - Fat quarter

Coordinating fabric - $\frac{1}{3}$ yard

ByAnnie's Soft and Stable* - 15" x 15"

Fusible interfacing (Pellon Shapeflex/SF101 is preferred) - $\frac{1}{3}$ yard

Vinyl for front window of bag - 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ "

Handbag zipper (size 4.5 is preferred) - one 15 $\frac{1}{2}$ " or longer single-slide zipper

Thread to match fabrics (50wt polyester thread is recommended)

* Main fabric, Lining fabric, and Soft and Stable should be quilted, cut, and sealed as per pattern steps I-A, B, and C, BEFORE CLASS.

Sewing machine in good working order, with a new 90/14 topstitch needle

Rotary cutter and cutting mat

Quilters' rulers

Scissors and thread snips

Wonder Clips

Removable marking tool, such as Sewline Tailor's Click

Iron and ironing board

Nice to have:

Nonstick/Teflon presser foot (can also cover regular foot with painter's tape)

ByAnnie's Stiletto and Pressing Tool

12mm ($\frac{1}{2}$ ") bias tape maker

PLEASE READ THE WHOLE PATTERN BEFORE CLASS.

December Holiday Party



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December Show and Tell



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Thanks to all of the volunteers who provide snacks for our monthly CHQ meetings and workshops! We are looking forward to meeting again in person beginning in March and sharing delicious treats and goodies. There is a new 2024 Sign UpGenius form with a link below and on our website. Please review the available slots and click the button to sign up. Include your specific items whenever possible. Coffee and tea are provided and members are encouraged to bring their own reusable water bottle.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a084baea728a46-chqhospitality#/>

Sunshine and Shadows

If you know of anyone who could use a little cheering up, please contact the Secretary Cheryl Dennis. She will send them a card.

Board Meeting Minutes November 2023

CHQ Board Meeting Minutes November 17, 2023

Friday, November 17 · 7:00 – 8:30 PM ZOOM

In Attendance: Gina Krejsa, Kerry Cogen, Donna Slovak, Janet Bergman, Barbara Slaton, Anne Oswald, Laura Kohl, Al Accettola, Lysa Martinelli and Cass Garner (non-voting).

Gina Krejsa called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

September Board Minutes: Gina Krejsa made a motion to approve the October minutes Al Accettola seconded the motion. Approved unanimously, eight (8) board members were present at time of approval vote.

Old Business:

- Nothing to report.

Board/Committee Status:

- **President:** Gina Krejsa
 - Confirmed everyone saw the current calendar and no changes are required.
 - Juliet Leonard has volunteered to be 2026 Raffle Quilt construction chair. We will appoint her next month.
- **Treasurer:** Kerry Cogan - Treasurer Report
 - The treasurer's report was presented ending 31OCT2023.
 - Budget status looks good, still have money left over for programs. We also have money left over from Rent.
 - Committee chairs submitted their proposed budget for 2024 and the budget will be higher in 2024.
 - There will be about a 20% increase in the show budget. Some opportunities for cost savings could include not printing as many programs and supplementing it with QR code. Also for publicity consider sending e-mail and reduce the number of high gloss postcards printed.
 - Consider initiatives to increase attendance on Sunday, for example having a speaker or book signing.
 - In December the board will vote on the budget.
- **1st Vice President/Program:** Anne Oswald - Program/Workshop Calendar
 - November charity workshop we will be making placemats. There are 30 cut outs already to sew. Will have a lecture in the evening by Michael Ross he will bring his presentation on a stick. We will hand out tickets and give a door prize for items on sale by Michael Ross.

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- December will be the potluck holiday party which will start at 3 PM. Everyone will bring their own place setting as well as a placemat. We will give a prize for the best place setting. We will have a musical gift exchange limited to socks. Members can bring an extra pair of socks to donate as well as non-food items. We will also have a craft table for members to make and take.

- **2nd Vice President/Program:** Laura Kohl
 - January and February 2024 workshops will be on zoom. Members are signing up.
- **Recording Secretary:** Cheryl Dennis (not present)
 - Nothing to report.
- **Nominating Committee:** Joan Lasota (not present)
 - Nothing to report.
- **Charity & Outreach:** Barbara Slaton
 - Will send a list of supplies for placemats to Gina and she will circulate.
- **Boutique:** Janet Bergman
 - Nothing to report
- **Circulation:** Lauren Lupica (not present)
 - There is an opening for this position to monitor the e-mail and send email blasts to membership.
- **Bylaws:** Patty Gertz and Cass Garner (Cass presented)
 - Nothing to report.
- **Archivist:** Cass Garner
 - Nothing to report.
- **Hospitality:** Donna Slovak
 - Have volunteers for snacks through the end of year. Will be making up the sign up genius for the potluck holiday dinner.
- **Licensing:** Dyan Rosario (not present)
 - Covered by Gina: Stockton does not have a clerk and has not cashed the check Dyan will reach out again. We could consider doing the drawing in Flemington if we cannot make Stockton work.

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- **Membership:** Cathie Giambalvo (not present)
 - Nothing to report.
- **Newsletter & Photographer:** Al Accettola
 - Provide information to AI Sunday after meeting
- **Publicity:** Dyan Rosario (not present)
 - Nothing to report.
- **Raffle Quilt Construction 2024:** Anne Oswald
 - Nothing to report
- **Raffle Ticket Distribution and Sales Chair:** Penny Armagost (not present)
 - Nothing to report
- **Quilt Show Chair:** Lysa Martinelli
 - Nothing to report.
- **Web Presence:** Lauren Pine (not present)
 - Nothing to report

New Business

- Nothing to report

Cass Garner moved to Adjourn the Meeting at 8:30 AI Accettola seconded, meeting adjourned.

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CHQ Board Meeting Minutes December 15, 2023

Friday, December 15 · 7:00 – 8:30 PM ZOOM

In Attendance: Gina Krejsa, Kerry Cogen, Dyan Rosario, Donna Slovak, Lauren Pine, Juliet Leonard, Anne Oswald, Al Accettola, Lysa Martinelli Cathie Giambalvo and Cass Garner.

Anne Oswald called the meeting to order at 7:07 PM.

November Board Minutes: Al Accettola made a motion to approve the November minutes Gina Krejsa seconded the motion. Approved unanimously, eight (8) board members were present at time of approval vote.

Old Business:

- Nothing to report.

Board/Committee Status:

- **President:** Presented by Anne Oswald
 - Confirmed everyone saw the current calendar and no changes are required.
 - Juliet Leonard has volunteered to be 2026 Raffle Quilt construction chair.

Gina Krejsa moved to appoint Juliet Leonard as the 2026 Raffle Quilt Construction Chair. Kerry Cogen seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

- Request for circulation chair nominations being accepted.

- **Treasurer:** Kerry Cogan - Treasurer Report
 - The treasurer's report for November was presented. The November program has been paid as well as the website, storage and Charity.
 - The storage unit is larger so the cost has increased.

Al Accettola made a motion to approve the Storage unit budget to meet the increased cost for 2023. Anne Oswald second the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

Anne Oswald motioned to approve the 2024 budget proposal. Al Accettola seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

- **1st Vice President/Program:** Anne Oswald - Program/Workshop Calendar
 - December will be the potluck holiday party which will start at 3 PM. Everyone will bring their own place setting as well as a placemat. We will give a prize for the best place setting. We will have a musical gift exchange limited to socks. Members can bring an extra pair of socks to donate as well as non-food items. We will also have a craft table for members to make and take.

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- **2nd Vice President/Program:** Laura Kohl (not present)
 - January has about 14 members signed up for the workshop, there is more space available so it is opened to non-members and February 2024 workshop is full.
 - In The March workshop we will be working on Shad Fest posters and the evening guest will come in to speak about Safe Harbor.
 - Laura will shut down Paypal for the February workshop so it is not overbooked.
- **Recording Secretary:** Cheryl Dennis (not present)
 - Nothing to report.
- **Nominating Committee:** Joan Lasota (not present)
 - Nothing to report.
- **Charity & Outreach:** Barbara Slaton (not present)
 - Nothing to report.
- **Boutique:** Janet Bergman (not present)
 - Nothing to report
- **Circulation:** Lauren Lupica (not present)
 - Nothing to report.
- **Bylaws:** Patty Gertz and Cass Garner (Cass presented)
 - Nothing to report.
- **Archivist:** Cass Garner
 - Met with Lysa to discuss what needs to be uploaded for the show..
- **Hospitality:** Donna Slovak
 - All set with sign up genius for the potluck holiday dinner.
- **Licensing:** Dyan Rosario
 - Gina and Penny picked up the License and the raffle tickets were printed and mailed to Gina's house so they could be handed out on Sunday. The check for the License has cleared.
 - Will wait for the Show chair to let her know when they want to do the license for door prize and Mini.
- **Membership:** Cathie Giambalvo
 - About 20 people have renewed their membership so far.

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- **Newsletter & Photographer:** Al Accettola
 - Provide information to Gina for the President's bulletin.
- **Publicity:** Dyan Rosario
 - Will provide an email blast to the newspapers about January's meeting.
 - Will do an article about the guild's charity work in 2023
- **Raffle Quilt Construction 2026:** Juliet Leonard
 - Presented an idea for the 2026 raffle quilt from Judy Martin's book Stellar quilts Aegean Sea pattern.
 - We can ask for donations of fabric for construction.

Anne Oswald motioned to approve the overall Raffle Quilt idea with more research on the center block as well as the border. Juliet Leonard second the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

- **Raffle Ticket Distribution and Sales Chair:** Penny Armagost (not present)
 - Raffle tickets will be given to anyone who wants to sell over the holidays and then they will be distributed to the guild in March.
- **Quilt Show Chair:** Lysa Martinelli
 - Will keep ticket price for the show and hours will be 10 AM to 4 PM. The extra hour last year did not generate additional foot traffic.
 - Looking at new ideas for guest speakers and round table discussion to increase attendance on Sunday. Anne will research
 - Will also look at book signing or Fabric launch Artist.
 - Will have additional space at the mill this year.
 - Also looking into Members display and presentation in the Sawmill.
 - Also looking at Members or Vendor sales with a 70/30 split on the income will do surveys with Members to determine level of interest.
 - Also looking at non-profit groups to come in and sell.
 - Instead of print all programs have a limited amount along with QR code. Will have email blast to other guilds
 - Discuss if we need to do door prizes if it is cost prohibitive. It involves paying for the license and getting tickets. General consensus is we can get rid of door prizes.
 - Looking at ideas to come up with the show theme tied into the quilt name or the 15 year anniversary of the show. May 1991 was the first show at Raritan Valley Community College.

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- We can highlight our long standing members who were present for the first show.
- Ideas for improving the flow and Show layout making sure not to impact the number of quilts that can be displayed.
- Raffle quilt will be relocated along with the location of the boutique.
- White gloves require lots of volunteers so we can get rid of this. If we have extra volunteers we can make them floaters to walk around and discuss the quilts with the visitors.

- **Web Presence:** Lauren Pine
 - Nothing to report

New Business

- Nothing to report

Al Accettola moved to Adjourn the Meeting at 8:37 Cass Garner seconded, meeting adjourned.

Members in the News



Princeton Sankofa Stitchers Modern Quilt Guild

In just seven years, the Princeton Sankofa Stitchers Modern Quilt Guild (PSSMQG) has evolved into a dynamic space for self-expression, artistic growth, and cultural preservation under the leadership of Co-Presidents Juandamarie Gikandi (Juanda) and Mada Galloway. Juanda's desire to connect with fellow quilters who appreciate modern quilting's broad scope and the importance of Black quilting traditions led to the guild's founding. Guided by the concept of "Sankofa," from Ghana's Akan culture, they emphasize learning from the past. They recently recreated Harriet Powers' Pictorial and Bible Quilts, bridging her historical work with modern elements. Their aim is to share Powers' legacy with the world, celebrating her as a pioneer in African American story quilts.



Dana Balsamo

Dana Balsamo is a professional auctioneer with a booming business in quilts, textiles, clothing, jewelry, hats, toys, and more. She's just moved into a big new warehouse in Princeton, and she's quickly gained a reputation as the go-to auctioneer for antique quilts. She is the lively, chanting voice for the American Quilt Study Group Seminar's annual auction, along with antique dealer Julie Silber, and she's got big plans for her business, Dana Auctions.

County Line Quilters Guild

Presents

Spring Radiance

A Quilt and Fabric Art Exhibition



May 4 & 5, 2024

10am-5pm

St Cyril of Jerusalem Social Hall

1410 Almshouse Rd, Jamison, PA 18929
(www.saint-cyril.com for directions)

Admission: \$7 Children Under 12 free



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

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 Gina.

Courthouse Quilters Guild Board

President - Regina Krejsa

First Vice President – Laura Kohl

Second Vice President— Barbara Fusco
& Programs

Secretary - Cheryl Dennis

Treasurer - Kerry Cogan

Charity and Outreach- Barbara Slaton

Circulation - Open

Archivist - Patty Gertz & Cass Garner

Hospitality - Donna Slovak

Licensing - Dyan Rosario

Membership - Cathie Giambalvo

Newsletter – Al Accettola

Photographer - Al Accettola

Publicity - Dyan Rosario

Quilt Show – Lysa Martinelli

Raffle Quilt Design and Creation Juliet Leonard

Raffle Quilt Sales 2024 - Penny Armagost

Web Presence - Lauren Pine

Boutique - Janet Bergman