



# **Courthouse Quilters Guild Newsletter**

April 2020

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## **April Workshop Cancelled**

**The April Meeting will be held  
as a virtual meeting using Zoom!**

# Program Calendar 2020

## April 19

Evening: 32nd Anniversary party  
Challenge “Name That Tune”

## May 16 - 17

Workshop: 10am to 4pm  
Mickey Lawler  
“Sky Dyes”  
Evening: Sky Dyes Lecture

## June 21

Workshop: Sarah Bond  
Evening: Sarah Bond Lecture

## July 19

Workshop: 12 to 4pm  
Penny Armogost  
Quilting with a Walking Foot

Evening:

## August 16

Evening Ice Cream Social

## September 20

## October 18

## November 22

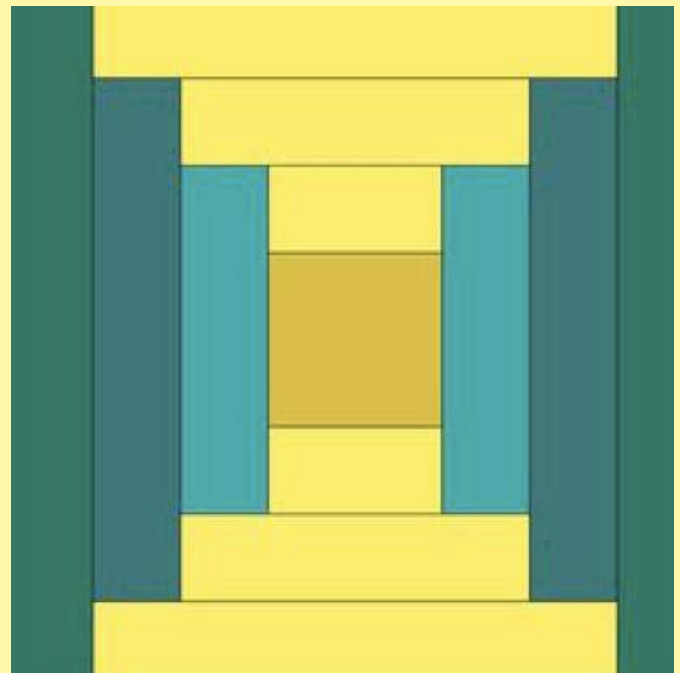
## December 20

Evening: Holiday Potluck

## Feb 21, 2021

Workshop: (10am to 4pm) Brita Nelson  
“Crumbs to Quilts”

Evening: Brita Nelson  
“Every Last Crumb - An  
Adventure in Scrap Quilting”



# President's Letter

Hello, Quilters,

When my grandmother first got a little black and white TV, we would visit her to watch a show called Life of Riley. Riley's favorite phrase was, "What a revoltin' development this is!" I've been thinking that a lot lately.

In an attempt to make this time a little less "revoltin'," I am planning a virtual Zoom meeting for the guild on April 19. We will have a chance to see and greet each other, have show-and-tell, and participate in an optional quilting game. The details are in an article in this newsletter.



We have decided to postpone the Guild Challenge until we can all be together again. Quilts especially need to be seen in person to recognize their beauty and see the work that has gone into them.

Now, more than ever, I am grateful to be a part of this amazing group of kind, generous, and talented quilters. Please take care of yourselves.

All the best,  
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.

# April Meeting

## A VIRTUAL ZOOM GUILD MEETING ON APRIL 19

A day or two before our meeting on April 19, we will send out a blast to the whole membership with a link to a Zoom meeting at 6:30 pm on the 19<sup>th</sup>.

If you are not familiar with Zoom, it is an easy-to-use application for meetings of all kinds. It is free for you to join our meeting, and quite simple to use once you are at the meeting. You will be able to see each other, speak in turn, share your show-and-tell, and even chat privately with a friend during the meeting. (I would have loved that option in some faculty meetings.)

Here is a link to a simple, 2-minute, video tutorial our church made. You can ignore the church stuff and focus on how to use the buttons. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FopUwGF81-k>

If you would like a practice session before the meeting, email me at [ellheath@gmail.com](mailto:ellheath@gmail.com), and I will set up a time to Zoom with you.

At our meeting, I would like to try out a game. If you've watched either the Great British Baking Show on Netflix or the Great British Sewing Bee on You Tube, you have the general idea.

You are welcome to attend the meeting and just watch the game and vote for a winner, but I hope that at least a few of you will take the challenge.

## The Great Courthouse Quilters Guild Block Show

- a. You will make a block in 30 minutes during the meeting.
- b. The block can be absolutely any design you want as long as it measures approximately 12"x12". (This is not a contest to make a Courthouse block.)
- c. You may use any materials, supplies, embellishments, machines, etc. that you have at home.
- d. You may precut and pre-fuse any fabric before the meeting.
- e. You will need to set up your sewing machine so that we can see you while you sew.
- f. Ellen will interview you for a minute or so while you sew about your block and fabrics.
- g. After 30 minutes, all members who participate or are just watching will vote for their favorite 2 blocks.
- h. The 3 blocks with the highest number of votes will each win a \$25 gift certificate to Missouri Star.

Will this all work??? We'll find out. Let's give it a try.

Ellen Heath, President

# MINIS IN THE MILL

One of the successful fundraisers held during our CHQ biennial quilt show has been a raffle of mini quilts

made by the guild members. The raffle is conducted in tricky-tray fashion, with the drawing on the

afternoon of the last day of the show. It's a great opportunity for members, other quilters and non-quilters to take a chance at taking home a small piece(s) of quilted art made by CHQ members.

In the past we've raffled 50-60 mini quilts per show.

Please consider making at least one Mini for our October Courthouse Quilters Guild Show.

Here are the rules for Mini construction:

1. Your Mini can represent any theme and can be traditional, modern or an art quilt, either from a pattern  
or your own creation.
2. Your Mini can be as small as 6"x6" (minimum) or as large as 24"x24" (maximum).
3. No cheater cloth.
4. Your Mini can be machine or hand quilted; no tied quilts.
5. Your Mini should have a label with quilt title (optional), your name, county, state, date and Courthouse Quilters. That way the lucky winner will know all about their new quilt and who made it. It's not necessary to add a hanging sleeve.
6. Your Mini must be handed in by no later than the September meeting. This will give the committee time to photograph the Minis and finalize other details.

Minis can be given to Mary Rigby or Joan Lasota at any guild meeting . If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us.

Mary Rigby (908-303-5906) maryrigby@comcast.net

Joan Lasota (908-806-7223) jalasota@icloud.com

Thank you!



# Dear Courthouse Quilters Guild members,

Many of us are hoping to be of some help to others during this pandemic. I have heard from a number of members who hope that our guild can make masks to help ease the shortage.

Information about what masks to make and where to deliver them seems to change hourly. We will update you with email blasts with specific details about large-scale collecting operations in Hunterdon County. Of course, you may want to connect with your local nursing home, food pantry, or emergency squad and personally provide masks for them if needed.

Stephanie Greenberg has created a useful primer on making masks with links to several tutorials. It is included in this newsletter.

All the best,  
Ellen Heath, President

## MAKING PROTECTIVE MASKS FOR CORONA VIRUS - Stephanie Greenberg

It has been suggested by several sources that regardless of which mask you make it should be three layers.

Outer layer--100% cotton

Middle Layer-light or medium layer of interfacing (save your money and don't bother with fusible version as it likely won't stay adhered with frequency of washing they will receive.)

Inner layer-100% cotton flannel

UPDATE: A different way to wear the elastic band that will put less stress on the ears.

Instead of splitting the elastic band into 2, use the full length and insert through the pockets as shown in the picture, tie a knot and hide the knot in the pocket.

Materials:

Other mask patterns and tutorials:

~ Deaconess How to Make a Face Mask Video Tutorial ~ Kid Giddy Face Mask Video Tutorial

~ Facemask Tutorial by button corner

~ Clare Rowley's Video Tutorial How to Make a Mask ~ Easy Face Mask Tutorial

# Face Masks

## Materials:

Main fabric (tightly woven cotton) 12"X6"

Middle Liner non-woven fabric-(**Light or medium weight interfacing**)-sew in or fusible 10"X6" Must be less porous than fabric

Liner--Cotton Flannel (preferred but any tightly woven cotton is fine if you don't have flannel) 10"X6"

16" of either 1/16" round elastic or 16" of  $\frac{1}{4}$ " flat elastic

## Pattern

<https://www.craftpassion.com/wp-content/uploads/2013/08/face-mask-pattern-1.pdf>

## Tutorial

<https://www.craftpassion.com/wp-json/mv-create/v1/creations/19/print>

**Lastly-Do not use ties in the making of these masks as removing the ties can result in contamination.**

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# April Program Newsletter Blurb...

We are all working together to slow the spread! Brita has been rescheduled for February of 2021. For those who signed up for the class in March, your class fee will be refunded shortly.

**April:** In April, we have a Sew for the Show workshop scheduled at noon and our Challenge and Anniversary Party is in the evening. The Covid-19 guidelines right now are requesting that we not to be in a group of more than 10 people so we may not be meeting in April. I have no idea what things will be like in a few weeks but my guess is we will still be socially distancing...but you should keep working on your challenge entries because we will be naming that tune at some point. For now, work on boutique items...work on your challenge quilt and show quilts and wash your hands.

**May:** Fingers crossed that we will be meeting in May for Mickey Lawler's 2-day class. We still have spaces available so if you are interested in taking this class, let me know. This class will open to non-members after the April meeting date, whether we meet or not. The cost for members is just 20.00 because there is a kit fee of 30 payable to Mickey the first day of the workshop. Mickey will bring fabric for you if you would like. It's 9.00 a yard and I need to give her a count at least 2 weeks before she comes so let me know if you are interested in ordering fabric from her by May 1st. We'll be meeting at the Darcy Lodge in Frenchtown both days.

**June:** I was intending to bring Sarah Bond's Pickled Geese sign-up sheet for June to the meeting this month. If you want to take this great class from a wonderful and generous teacher, let me know. We'll start signing up via email. You can send a check to me at 16 Harvest Hill Drive, Stockton, NJ 08559. Cost is 30.00 for members and 45.00 for non-members. Non-members will be added after the May meeting date. (I already have one non-member on the wait list) Below is a picture from Sarah's Instagram feed. Looks cool, right?



**July:** Penny will be teaching Quilting with a Walking Foot-Part II. We have spaces available for this class although almost all who took Part I are already signed up for Part II. The class is from 12-4 but there is a ton of info packed into those four hours. We learned a LOT in Part I. Cost: ZERO!

Please let me know if you have questions or want to sign up for any classes. Social distancing does not apply to emailing so keep in touch with your quilting friends. Happy Quilting!



# 2020 Challenge

**COURTHOUSE QUILTERS GUILD  
CHALLENGE 2020  
32nd ANNIVERSARY**

1. Did You design the piece yourself? If not, who was the designer?

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2. Did you quilt the piece yourself? If no, who quilted it?

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3. Write a brief paragraph explaining your creation:

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# February Workshop





February 2020  
The Reluctant Quilter  
Linda Martin Mills





# February Show and Tell



# 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](http://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

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## **CHANGE IN PAYMENT TO OUR MEMBERS WHO RUN WORKSHOPS OR MAKE EVENING PRESENTATIONS**

At the Board meeting on September 8, the Board voted to raise the payment for our members who run workshops or make evening presentations. Here is the text of the change to our Standing Rules: "Any Member of the Guild that is contracted to teach/lecture a workshop shall be paid at the current hourly rate of 50.00/hour set by the Board. Any Member of the Guild that is contracted to give an evening lecture shall be paid 75.00 for the event." The previous payment was \$25 per hour for both workshops and lectures.



# CHQ Library

The re-envisioned library:

Our guild library currently consists of approximately 100 books, (culled from 450) and 36 rulers. Since there is no closet space in our new location, the process of borrowing is a little different.

To see if we still own the book in which you are interested, go online to search our catalogue at

[www.librarything.com/catalog/courthousequilters](http://www.librarything.com/catalog/courthousequilters)

This link is also on the Courthouse Quilters website.

There you will see books we currently have and also books we no longer have.

To see if we have the book you want in our storage unit, search for the tag **2020** . You can add other search criteria as well (such as applique, design, etc).

If you want a book please send email to the librarian at [patty.gertz@gmail.com](mailto:patty.gertz@gmail.com) **no later than 11:00 am the Wednesday before the meeting**. Patty will insure that no one has the book out, and collect it from the storage unit and bring it to the meeting. All rulers will be brought to every meeting.

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CHQ  
30<sup>th</sup> 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



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

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!

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.

## Courthouse Quilters Guild Board

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