

Courthouse Quilters Guild Newsletter

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Program Blurb..for August 2020 Newsletter

Now that you all know who I am....

REMINDER!!! August is our first “Diary Block” Show and Tell! (Not to be confused with “Dairy Blocks”, which someone emailed me about recently.) BUT! A Dairy Block could happen in the future... who knows? We are adventurous and willing try anything!!

To that end, if you have suggestions, I’m happy to know about them. I have more members willing to have you “Meet” them and do studio tours. YAY! I’m working on scheduling those. I think it is very cool to see the stashes of others and where they create their masterpieces. If you would like to participate, please let me know. I may be reaching out to YOU!

We had a great Class with Sarah Bond making Scrappy Diamonds! Who doesn’t love Sarah? This block goes fast and I “think” I’ve used up some scraps but the pile seems to be growing! Isn’t that right Jude? I think when you cut fabric into strips, that is how they reproduce...interesting concept.

August- Susan Parney Mark-Art quilter.. She will present a lecture on surface designs. Check out her website here: <https://www.susanpm.com/>

September- Sue Hurley- Lecture/Demo on Free Motion Quilting Using Rulers. (note: I have taken this class and now I’m an expert...just kidding!! I’m still not an expert but getting better. She will also share tips and products that she uses successfully.

October- Member Spotlights! Mary Rigby will talk about barn quilt photography and share her beautiful photos and Cathie Giambalvo will tell you about herself, give a studio tour and more! There will be time for Q&A after each presentation.

November- SIGN UPS BEGIN NOW! 20.00 for the class for Members- 30.00 for non-members. Pat Pauly- Big Leaf all day workshop. Evening Lecture: Traditional Meets Contemporary PLUS! A bonus Studio Tour! Find out more about Pat here: <https://www.patpauly.com/> and follow her blog here: <http://piecesandresistance.blogspot.com/>

Please let CASS know if you would like to take this class so you get on the roster and you can use PayPal on our website to pay for the class. Please note that a pattern is required for this class for 15.00 available directly from Pat Pauly’s website. I will let you know when that is available on Pat’s website.

And lastly, but most important. Please connect with other CHQ quilt members! If you’ve missed someone at the virtual meetings, give them a call to see if they need some guidance about how to ZOOM in. If you know of someone who might want some extra help learning how to join virtual meetings please pass their name on to me so we might find the right person to help them stay connected.

FYI- ZOOM is free with limitations if you want to practice with family or other guild members.

Happy quilting...

Cass Garner

Susan Purney Mark Lecture

“Design, Colour and Deleriously Fun Stuff”



Painting, dyeing, printing, stamping, paint sticks....what's it all about? This lecture is a great introduction to the wonderful world of Surface Design and all the possible methods of applying colour to cloth. You will look at your fabrics with a new vision!



Program Calendar 2020

August 16

Evening: Zoom virtual guild meeting
Susan Purney Mark Lecture:
“Design, Colour and Deleriously Fun
Stuff”

September 20

Evening: Zoom virtual guild meeting
Sue Hurley Lecture/Demo:
“Free Motion Quilting Using Rulers”

October 18

November 22

Workshop: All day - Pat Pauly
“Big Leaf” (virtual workshop)
Evening: Pat Pauly - Virtual lecture
and studio tour.

December 20

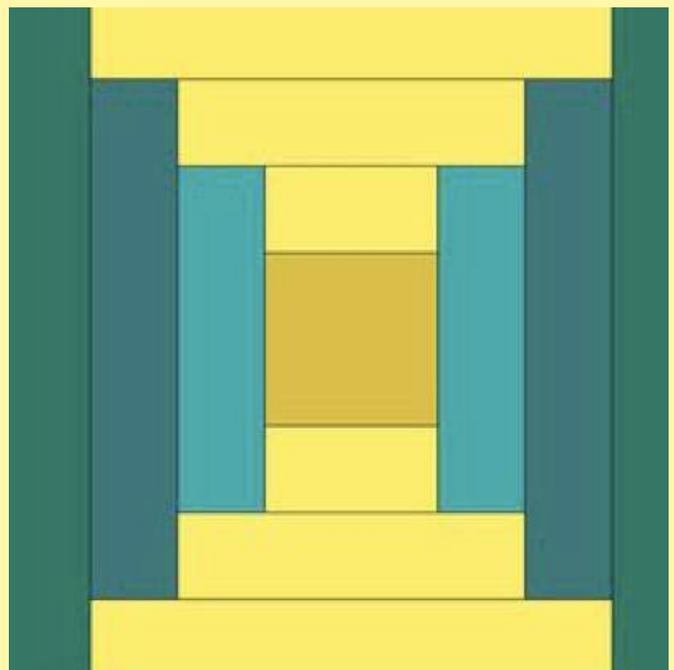
Evening: TBA

January 17

TBA

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,

With bad news coming from every direction, I think that we have all turned to the small things in our lives to focus on and celebrate. Although I have always enjoyed our guild meetings, I never fully appreciated the pleasure of driving into the gravel parking lot at the lodge anticipating seeing friends, meeting new members, learning a new skill, being inspired by beautiful quilts, and marveling at the talent of our own members.



Cass has moved heaven and earth to bring us interesting speakers, engaging activities, and personal connections as we weather this storm. I am so grateful that we can still be together in spirit and friendship.

If you have been unable to attend our Zoom meetings, please ask for help. I am no techie, but I will do my best to help you connect. In some ways, we are getting to know each other better through Zoom, and, even when we can meet in person again, we will consider continuing to share our meetings to our far-flung or home-bound members through this platform.

As always, I wish you good health and good spirits.

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.

COURTHOUSE QUILTERS' SUFFRAGE QUILTS IN THE QUILTFEST VIRTUAL SHOW



Mancuso has scheduled a virtual quilt show that will combine the Pennsylvania Quiltfest and the New England Quiltfest. The dates are August 12 through 15. Among the exhibits to view will be our Suffrage quilt exhibit from the winter's museum show in Lebanon, NJ.

There is a suggested admission donation of \$8.00 to support the staff, but you may also visit all of the exhibits and vendors for free. Workshops and lectures have additional charges. You can find all of the information at quiltfest.com.

Please do take a look at our quilts as well as all of the other exhibits and competition quilts, and let your non-quilting friends that they can see our quilts for free this August.



COURTHOUSE QUILTERS GUILD NEEDS YOU!!!

Five CHQ Executive Board positions need to be filled by December 2020; President, Second Vice President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer. In May, during our general CHQ meeting, three Guild members; Joan, Andrea and Cathie volunteered to serve as our Nominating Committee. Their objective is to identify members willing to fill these positions and prepare a ballot of nominees. The persons elected to these positions will serve 2-year terms beginning in January, 2021. The Nominating Committee will present the list of nominees to the general membership at the October Guild meeting. Voting will take place during the November general meeting and the new CHQ Executive Board will be installed during the December general meeting.

At this time, the Nominating Committee invites and encourages all CHQ members to give serious consideration to one of the positions described below. Serving at the CHQ Board level gives members a wonderful opportunity to be instrumental in guild decision-making, enables a greater understanding of the workings of the Guild and facilitates enhanced interactions with all Guild members. If you personally cannot serve the Guild in this manner but know of someone who might be an interested candidate, you are also welcome to submit their name(s). Names will only be placed on the nomination list upon approval of the individual(s). Note that the elected CHQ Board positions for which the Committee is seeking nominees are described in full on the CHQ website (www.courthousequilter.org). On the website, go to: About, CHQ Board, Standing Rules #3-7. The open positions are also summarized below.

If you have questions about the positions or would like to put your name forward or nominate another individual(s), you may do so verbally or in writing to one of the following Nominating Committee members:

Andrea Cavallaro - 908-328-8448 andreakcav@gmail.com

Cathie Giambalvo - 609-558-7228 cathiegiambalvo@comcast.net

Joan Lasota - 908-328-4148 jalasota@icloud.com

QUILTS IN THE MILL NEWS -- Change Means Opportunity

As you all know by now, our Quilts in the Mill show, scheduled for this October, has been postponed until 2022. The date change was approved by the membership at an emergency meeting on May 3. In this extraordinary time of pandemic, we are experiencing the truth of the phrase that “the **best laid plans** of mice and men often go awry.”

But, as quilters, we know how to take scraps and turn them into things of beauty. Let’s look at this unusual time as an opportunity.

We can use the additional time until the 14th biennial show to:

- Complete more quilts to exhibit at the show
- Sew more minis for the mini quilt raffles
- Make many more than three (3) handsewn/handmade boutique items (each member’s donation required by bylaws)
- Collect fabrics/notions/books etc. for Boutique

We will use this as an opportunity to explore new pandemic related safety measures. We will continue to discuss how to expand outreach to other age groups to widen our visitor base.

Raffle Quilt Opportunity:

The 14th biennial show raffle quilt, Southern Sunset, is completed and insured. A benefit of the additional two years before the show is that we gain at least an additional year to sell raffle tickets for this exceptional quilt.

As you know, raffle quilts are created and completed in the odd numbered year prior to a show. By the time it is appraised and a licensed raffle ticket sale begins, we have just around six months to sell raffle quilt tickets.

Because of the show date change, the raffle quilt is ready now for the 2022 show. We should keep to the schedule of creating a new raffle quilt in the odd number year, and so use 2021 to create a quilt for the 2024 show.

This way, instead of only 6 months to sell raffle tickets, we can have over 12 months to sell tickets. As an example, tickets can then be sold from October 2021 through October 2022, or whatever date we choose to start selling the tickets.

A wonderful suggestion made was that the guild plan a special event in 2021. The purpose of the event would be to “launch” our raffle quilt, with ticket sales beginning at the event. Free to the public, the guild would stage exhibits, demos, and other enticements TBD. It would be held in the guild’s meeting room at the Hunterdon County Complex. The public would be introduced to our show raffle quilt. Or this special event could be used for other purposes. Here we welcome any and all suggestions to develop this idea for the benefit of our guild.

Because we would have the raffle quilt a whole two year cycle before its designated show, we have the opportunity to show our quilt at more venues. We welcome members to make suggestions for other suitable fairs, community events, bazaars, etc., where we may obtain a table to show our quilt and sell raffle tickets.

Going forward, the quilt created in 2021 would be “launched” in 2023, a year before the 15th biennial show in 2024, and raffled at the 2024 show.

Raffle quilt licenses are issued for the calendar year, so we would need to purchase 2 consecutive years to cover fall to the next year’s fall.

Do you have any suggestions or ideas for the show? Groups to contact to expand our attendee base? The “launch” event? Venues to sell tickets?

We ask the entire guild to help make a positive, beautiful patchwork out of the pieces we have been dealt.

Andrea and Camille
QNM 14th biennial co-show chairs

As we have had to postpone the Quilts in the Mill show until 2022 the vendors who have supported us will lose out on any sales they might have made at the show.

We can support them now by ordering items from them whenever possible.

Below, is a list of our vendors with links to their online sale sites (when available.)

Show vendors:

Pat Farace	Glorious Colors	Material Pleasures
Ferris wheel Design	249 East Second Street	Dana Balsamo
34 Avalon Way	Moorestown, NJ. 08057	Guild Member
Watertown, NJ. 08758	Gloriouscolors.com	materialpleasures.com
She has quilts and fabrics to sell	Olde City Quilts	
DWR Woodworking	339 High Street	
David Reiner	Burlington, NJ. 08016	
137 N. Tamarind Avenue	oldecetyquilts.com	
New Britain, Pa. 18901	Quilters Obsession	
Dwrwood.com	Box 233	
Cynthia Busic-Snyder	Flagtown, NJ. 08821	
Duchess Froufrou	Qultersobsession.com	
Box 422	Stone Row Studio	
Morrisville, NY. 13408	283 Little Mexico Road	
Duchessfroufrou.storenv.com	Saylorsburg, PA. 18353	
Stitch Central	Divine Threads	
2339 Huntington Pike	8414 Hobnail Road	
Huntington Valley, Pa. 19006	Manlius, NY. 13082	
Mystitchcentral.com	Etsy.com/shop/DivineThreadsLLC	
	Facebook.com/mcamom96/	

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) jlasota@icloud.com

Thank you!

Inviting all Quilt Guilds: Join us for Quilters Take a Moment

Quilters Take a Moment is an all-virtual event created to stand in for the Alliance's Quilters Take Manhattan event, which was to be held in New York City, September 25-27. To ensure everyone's safety the celebration will be held as an online event this year. The program for Quilters Take a Moment will include the same exciting programming planned for Quilters Take Manhattan and lots of new, interactive breakout sessions. We won't be together in Manhattan, but we'll still be taking a moment to be together, learn together, and celebrate quilts together. Quilt lovers from all over the world are invited to gather for this event. Live sessions will take place September 25 and 26, but live-streamed events will be recorded and available after the event for ticketholders to view via the web anytime they choose.

Read the press release here (<https://conta.cc/2WufZek>) and check out the link below to register. Reduced prices for members of the Quilt Alliance. Speakers, panel discussions, hosted exhibit tour, breakout sessions. This will be such a fun, inspirational and educational event and we all get to take part. Take a moment, read the information and sign up today.

Register for Quilters Take a Moment here: <https://quiltalliance.org/events/qtm/>

Don't know about the Quilt Alliance? The Alliance mission is to document, preserve and celebrate the history of quilts and their makers. **Visit the Quilt Alliance website for more information:** <https://quiltalliance.org/>

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALL CHQ MASKETEERS!!!

Please save a sample of each type of mask you are making for a special display at our next Quilts in the Mill show.



SAVE YOUR EMPTY SPOOLS OF THREAD!

Save up your empty spools of thread for a special drawing to be held at the August meeting. Winners will receive an online gift card.



Courthouse Quilters Guild Covid-19 Response

Courthouse Quilters Guild went above and beyond with their response to the community's need for surgical masks and caps. The total number of masks made by our members was **4,799**. There were **189** surgical caps made. **WOW!** Members found additional ways to offer help. One member, who made 1400 masks, donated **\$1035.00** to food pantries from proceeds of sales of some of the masks she made. Another member donated **30 bolts of fabric** to others to make masks. One of our members taught her beginning quilting group to make **100** masks.

The masks went to the following groups: Hospitals, nursing homes/ rest homes, doctors, dental staff, Native Americans, priests, restaurants, police, food pantry, fire departments, paramedics, churches, NY Bronx Zoo, US Naval hospitals, Meals On Wheels, public library, veterans, postal workers, grocery clerks, substance abuse center, NJ Firemen's home and last but not least to family, friends and neighbors.

Congratulations on such a tremendous response to the Community's need during the Covid-19 Pandemic.

Alice Sprenger

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

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 **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
30th 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

For a complete listing of the holdings in the guild library, go to:

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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Corresponding Secretary - Claire Coakley

Treasurer - Andrea Cavallaro

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Newsletter –Al Accettola

Photographer - Al Accettola

Publicity - Joan Lasota

Quilt Show – Camille Quinton

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