

Courthouse Quilters Guild Newsletter

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**Workshop:
Charity Sew**

**Guild Meeting:
34th Anniversary Celebration
2022 Fabric Challenge
Cupcake Contest**

Courthouse Quilter's President's Letter

COURTHOUSE QUILTERS PRESIDENT'S LETTER APRIL 2022

Dear CHQ Membership,

These feet were made for walkin' and that's just what they'll do, thanks to Penny Armagost's "Walking Foot II" workshop. So much fun to learn how to use our domestic sewing machines to finish quilt tops. My favorite example was the curvy crosshatch. Thanks Penny for a wonderful day.

Special thanks to our members who provided demos at our March Guild Meeting; Linda Allen - [Hand Applique](#), [Applique Pops](#), Cass Garner - How to make a "[Snap Bags](#)", Patty Gertz - "[An Easy Fold & Sew for Quick Blocks](#)" Technique Quilt, Stephanie Greenberg - [Inktense Pencils & Alcohol Inks](#) and Mary Schwarzenberger - [Chenille Fabric Technique](#). Fantastic job and thank you for sharing your talents. And thank you to Jude McCormick and Anne Oswald, our incredible Program Chairs for organizing and making the day a huge success at our new location, the Hampton Inn, in Flemington, NJ.

CHQ is turning 34! It's time to celebrate. In the morning, we'll kick off the day with a "Charity Sew-In" hosted by Stephanie Greenberg & Cass Garner. We'll be working on our baby quilts and reusable grocery bags for the Flemington Food Pantry. For more information go to our website by [clicking here](#).

I love our anniversary because it coincides with our [challenge](#). Did you know that the 34th anniversary is linked with the opal gemstone? In medieval times, the opal was thought to bring good luck to the wearer, as it reflected all the properties of all the other gemstones within its color spectrum. And it was even rumored to give powers of invisibility if it was held wrapped up in a bay leaf!

Since I'd love to see all of you on April 10th, please skip the bay leaf trickery, but do wear something *iridescent*, so that our party turns out super shiny.

Looking forward to eating cupcakes,
Cathie
Cathie Giambalvo
CHQ President
609-558-7228



[Cupcake Contest](#)

Benefits of CHQ Membership

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- * **12 guild meetings a year** – Each month we enjoy informative lectures, trunk shows, and socializing with a great group of enthusiastic quilters. Check our website for location.
- * **Guild hosted workshops** presented by local/nationally recognized quilt instructors. Members receive first priority for workshops and pay a lower fee than non-guild members.
- * **Show and Tell at every meeting** - show off your skills and be inspired by the creations of other members.
- * **Yearly guild quilt challenges** – expand your creative reach and sharpen your skills by participating in our anniversary challenge, a new theme each year.
- * **Charity Sews** - active and ongoing, benefitting local fire houses, women's shelters, cancer care groups, Seamens Institute, and other worthy charities.
- * **Quilts in the Mill show** - opportunity to exhibit your quilt at the CHQ biennial quilt show held at the Prallsville Mill in Stockton, NJ. Our next show is scheduled for September 30-October 2, 2022.
- * **Monthly Guild News**– through newsletter and President's Bulletin – keep up to date on guild activities, but also local quilt related events.
- * December Holiday Party – with games and contests.
- * **CHQ Membership Roster**, distributed 4 times a year. Keep in touch with your quilting friends!
- * **Quilters Library** - free access to books, magazines, patterns and tools, from traditional classics to the latest trends of the quilting world – all available to borrow on a monthly basis. Contact our Librarian for access information.
- * **Chance to exchange ideas and talents** with fellow quilters, learn new techniques, make new friends!

What does the guild ask in return? Your enthusiasm, and a little of your time to keep the guild thriving and strong.

As per our bylaws, your responsibilities as a CHQ guild member in good standing:

- * Make 3 handmade items for the Quilts in the Mill biennial show
- * Sell 20 raffle tickets for the biennial raffle quilt

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CHQ Programs, Workshops & Events

APRIL 10TH 2022

Workshop: Charity Sew - Baby Quilts & Grocery Bags

Time: 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Instructor: Stephanie Greenberg

Location: Hampton Inn, 14-B Royal Rd, Flemington, NJ

Supply List: Sewing machine, basic sewing supplies and fabric scraps. The grocery bag takes a 30" by 42" piece of fabric. Members should bring their own lunch and drink.



Guild Evening Meeting:

Time: 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Location: Hampton Inn, 14-B Royal Rd, Flemington, NJ

Events: Rakish Radii Fabric Challenge, Cupcake Contest (bring ½ dozen or more to share), and LCR Jelly Roll Strip Game.



"Rakish Radii 2022 Challenge"

- ❖ Windham Medallion Challenge fabric must be used as the main fabric. Any other number of fabrics can be used in the quilt or item.
- ❖ Submitted quilts and items will be displayed for members to vote 1st, 2nd, and 3rd prize winners for 'Best Quilt' and 'Best Other' categories.
- ❖ Setup & Quilt/Item Drop Off between 4pm - 5pm
- ❖ Place Challenge in a pillowcase labeled with your name. Please cover label on back.

For more information or to print the entry form, Click [CHQ 2022 Challenge Entry Form](#)

**COURTHOUSE QUILTERS GUILD
34th ANNIVERSARY
2022 “Rakish Radii” Fabric Challenge**



Did you design the piece yourself? If not, who was the designer?

Is any part of the submission not done by you? Please note who helped you and how.

Write a brief paragraph describing your creation.

CHQ Programs, Workshops & Events

May 15th, 2022

Workshop: Make and Take Baskets & Bowls

Time: 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Location: Hampton Inn, 14-B Royal Rd, Flemington, NJ

Description: Make one for Boutique and Make another to Take. Rope Basket, Rope Trivet, Fabric Organizers, Casserole Sling, or a Microwave Bowl Cozy.

Cost: CHQ Members \$15

[Click here for the May Basket WS Sign-Up & Supply List](#)



Guild Evening Meeting:

Lecture: Mini Quilts - "Quirky Little Quilts" with Lori Leonardi

Time: 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Location: Hampton Inn, 14-B Royal Rd, Flemington, NJ



Description: A light-hearted romp featuring many small art quilts that use a host of different techniques that traditional quilters may not have seen. Lorie has a fun, relaxed style of quilting. She loves to try different techniques to fulfill her artistic vision. Be prepared to be inspired!

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June 11th & 12th, 2022

Workshop: Eco Printing

Working with rusty water, fresh leaves on cloth and paper to produce an overnight result; Will also be working with Lumiere paint for an instant result.

Date: Saturday, June 11th

Time: 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Teacher: Claire Rohloff

Location: Claire's House

Cost: \$25.00 for Members only with a class limit of 8.

If more members are interested, we'll add another day.

Claire will still hold the class outdoors. In the event of a light rain, the class will move into her garage however if there's heavy rains, we'll reschedule. Members to bring their own lunch.

[Click here for the Eco Printing WS Sign-Up & Supply List](#)



Guild Evening Meeting:

Date: Sunday, June 12th

Time: 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Lecture: "Eco Printing" with Claire Rohloff

Location: Marion Clawson Park, Rt 179,
Ringoes NJ



Bring your finished Eco Printed Projects to Show-n-Tell.

CHQ Programs, Workshops & Events



"UP YOUR GAME"

QUILTY SEW-CIAL Zoom Meeting

Sunday May 1st at 2:00 p.m. or
Wednesday, May 4th at 7:00 p.m.

Topics will cover:

- Tips on improving sewing accuracy
- Cutting tips, rulers, other helpful tools
- Perfect 1/4" Piecing
- Pressing
- Needles, Threads



Contact Anne Oswald at aoswald827@gmail.com

CHQ Program Schedule 2022				
Date	WorkShop	Evening Lecture	Other Program Activities	Notes
10-Apr	Stephanie Greenberg Charity Baby Quilt Sew-In & Fabric Grocery Bag	34th Anniversary Party & Games Rakish Raddi '22 Challenge Cupcake Contest		Workshop & Evening Prgrm at the Hampton Inn, Flemington
15-May	Make n' Take Two Assorted Catch All Organizers	Lori Leonardi <i>Quirky Little Quilts</i>	Block of the Month Lottery	Hampton Inn, Flemington
12-Jun	Claire Rohloff Eco Dying	Claire Rohloff <i>Eco Dying</i>	Block of the Month Lottery	Sat Workshop at Claire's House Sun Evening Lecture at Marion Clawson Park
17-Jul	Sue Garcia Boutique Sew-In for Show	<i>Summer BQ PotLuck</i>		Hampton Inn, Flemington
21-Aug	Gina Krejsa Collage Workshop	Evening Lecture TBD	Ice Cream Social	Hampton Inn, Flemington
18-Sep	<i>Show Prep</i>	<i>Fall Fun Activity</i>		Hampton Inn, Flemington
16-Oct	Susan Sato Sashiko / Boro Stitch	Susan Sato Japanese Fabric	Block of the Month Lottery	Hampton Inn, Flemington
20-Nov	Christine Barnes Urban Sunsets (Ombre)	Christine Barnes Magic Fabric; Special Effects	Block of the Month Lottery	Zoom Workshop & Lecture
18-Dec	Christmas Party / Quilty Resolutions Challenge			Daytime Meeting Hampton Inn, Flemington

March Workshop



Member Demonstrations



March Show & Tell





Charity and Outreach News

April's Charity Workshop is scheduled for April 10th .

We will be doing two different projects at that meeting.

For members who have not yet made a baby quilt for sale at our biennial show this fall, charity will be bringing precut squares for a an "I Spy" as well as a limited amount of fabric our charity group has to use for baby quilts. You can also bring anything you have at home that you'd like to work on as a baby quilt or any kids fabric you might be willing to donate (anything a fat quarter or larger).

For those who have already done a baby quilt and do not desire to make a second we have very simple fabric grocery bag that rolls up and takes very little space. I will bring a sample to our March meeting. Our hope is that people will make one for themselves and one to donate to the Flemington/Hunterdon food pantry. From cutting till final ironing this bag takes less than an hour. Remember as of May we are not going to be able get plastic bags, many other states have already implemented this new law. This project take 30 inches of fabric so if you have any "Why did I buy this fabric?" please bring what you'd like donate as long as it measure 30" by 42".

Looking forward to a fun day of sewing and chatting with my friends while fulfilling our guild's mission to provide service to our community



Charity & Outreach News

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Baby/Children's Quilt Fund Raiser

We're collecting quilts through September 2022. Please make a small quilt to help with our collection.

Proceeds go to "Safe Harbor" in Flemington and CHQ Program.

Finished quilts go to **Stephanie Greenberg** or **Cass Garner**.

These quilts will be sold, for minimum donation of \$50 at September 30 through October 2, 2022 at "Quilts in the Mill" show, Stockton, NJ.

We have "I Spy 1", "I Spy 2" kits and other kits available, please contact courthousequiltersguild@gmail.com.

If you have your own fabric that you want to use; FREE patterns on our website <http://www.courthousequilters.org/charity.html>.



***We're looking for Longarmer and CHQ Members to finish other Charity projects too - contact Stephanie or Cass ***

CHQ CHARITY & OUTREACH



"I SPY 1"
Free Pattern



"I SPY 2"
Free Pattern



Quick and easy baby quilt- fat quarter friendly

The below Lemoyne Star quilt can be completed in 2-3 hours. As we will be collecting baby quilts through September 2022 if you haven't yet made one or are looking for a simple pattern you'll find it below.



Video Tutorial:

<https://youtube.com/watch?v=QvnKHyyEHbo&feature=share>

Fabric Requirements:

4 light and 4 dark fat quarters

Or

1 yard of light and 1 yard dark for two color quilt

And

1/2 yard for binding for either version

Cutting Guide:

<http://www.sewveryeasy.com/childs-star-quilt.pdf>



Hospitality

Hospitality News:

CHQ Hospitality Snacks - Please volunteer to provide snacks for the 30-35 members at our monthly CHQ meetings. Review the available slots on the Sign Up Genius form and click the button to sign up. Include your specific items when possible. Members are encouraged to bring their own reusable water bottle or cold beverage. Thank you!

Heads Up!! Put your baking hat on for our April Anniversary celebration and enter our 1st Cupcake Competition - Cupcakes will be judged on overall creative appearance. Bring extras to share with members (in lieu of having a sheet cake).

<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 Corresponding Secretary Kerry Cogan. She will send them a card.

Quilt Show News

“Quilts in the Mill”

Presented by Courthouse Quilters Guild

Mark your calendars

September 30 through October 2, 2022 (10am to 4pm each day)

Two Floors of handmade quilts on display!

CHQ Raffle Quilt Drawing, Mini-Quilts, Vendors, Huge Boutique



[2018 - Quilts in the Mill Video - Click Here](#)

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 Courthouse Quilters Guild Show (September 30 - October 2). 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 August 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!

Raffle Quilt News

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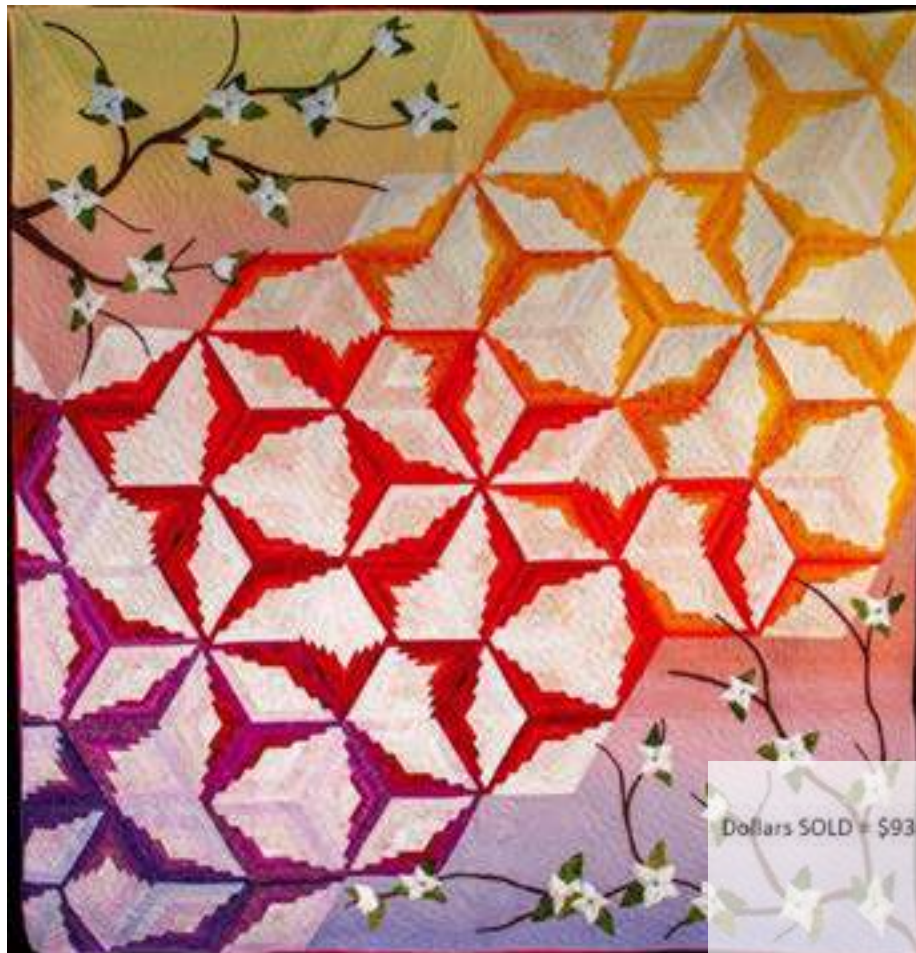
CHQ Members,

As discussed at our last guild meeting, raffle tickets will be mailed to members who had not received them at the November or December in person guild meetings. A picture of the quilt will be included in these mailings. Members who received their raffle tickets in November did not receive a picture, but can request one from Gina (mrkrej@comcast.net). Additionally, an electronic image will be attached to the email, which you can use to help sell your tickets.

After you have sold your raffle tickets, please return the completed ticket stubs and payment to Gina or Penny at an in person guild meeting or mail them using the mailing label which was enclosed in your ticket envelope.

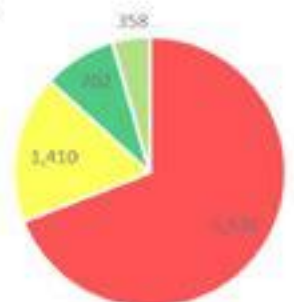
Also, consider selling more tickets. This is a good way for the guild to make some money and we have lost some venue opportunities to sell tickets due to Covid. Gina and Penny will have extra tickets available at in person guild meetings.

Thanks,
Gina and Penny



“Southern Sunset” 95” x 95”

2022 Raffle Tickets



In Stitches

A Singer sewing machine comes to life, and it's got a lot to say.

BY MARIAH JULIO, CRAWFORDVILLE, INDIANA

Reprinted from the Country Woman Magazine, February/March 2022

An imagined dialogue between a woman and her sewing machine:

Singer: You again, It's been a while.

Me: Well, I've had a lot going on.

Singer: Uh-huh, sure.

Me: I'm here because I've got an urgent project to work on. People need masks right now.

Singer: You left me in your closet for a year, and now you want me to help you out?

Me: This could be your chance to shine again!

Singer: Do you even remember how to thread me?

Me: I can figure it out. Now, come on, we have work to do.

Singer: My bobbin's stuck. We're not doing anything.

Me: Look, it's a scary time. Let's work together. Your country needs you to make masks to help prevent a terrible disease.

Singer: You didn't mention being so patriotic when you bought me.

Me: It never came up.

Singer: A terrible disease, you say? Can I catch it?

Me: No, but you can help prevent it.

Singer: All right, maybe add a drop or two of oil to my bobbin case.

Me: I knew I could count on you. Does that feel better?

Singer: Much better. Let's go!

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Me: We've sewed for days. Look at all these masks we've made!

Singer: Are you going to put me back in the closet?

Me: Yes. But don't be sad. I couldn't have done this without you.

Singer: Will you pat my case once in a while to let me know that I'm appreciated? That's all I really want.

Me: I understand. We all want that. I'm very proud of you.

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Me: Well, I just got a call. We need to sew more masks.

Singer: I knew you'd be back!

CHQ Board Minutes

CHQ Board Meeting Minutes January 14, 2022

Meeting called to order at 7:01

Approval of December Board Minutes- 12 (all) in favor.

2022 CHQ Budget Review of committee budgets- Approval of budget cuts as of 1/14/2022. Budget reduced by over \$5,500. Approval vote (12) all in favor.

New Business & Board/Committee Status:

President: Cathie Giambalvo- Storage unit and lock have been changed.

1 st Vice President/Program: Jude McCormick

2nd Vice President/Program: Anne Oswald- Review of 2022 workshop and meeting calendar.

Quilty resolutions and Sew-cials. Fun way to involve members. Different topics to help members related to building their quilting skills. Members who complete their resolutions will be entered into a raffle at the end of the year. Sew-cials will be hosted every other month on the 2nd Wednesday and Sunday afternoons. Cathie makes a motion to approve Anne's motion to host these Sew-cial meetings as a CHQ guild sessions activity, Al seconded, Vote 12 (all) in favor.

Treasurer: Patty Gertz - Year End Treasurer Reports

Recording Secretary: Laura Kohl - Minutes

Corresponding Secretary: Kerry Cogen - Well Wishes

Charity & Outreach: Stephanie Greenberg & Cass Garner- Stephanie, Cass and Marla cleaned out the charity items in storage. Pieced tops were also discovered and can also be quilted during the charity meeting.

Update on Charity UFOs, information about CHQ Sales & Use Tax Id ST-50

Circulation: Anne Oswald

(open position as of Jan 1, 2022, ask for volunteers)

Historian: (open position)

Hospitality: Donna Slovak

Library: Cass Garner

Licensing: Joanne Gardner

Membership: Camille Quinton- 20 guild members have not yet renewed their memberships for 2022. If they all renew we will have roughly 83 members. Members who have not renewed will not receive the zoom link for February's meeting. Al moved to change the dues to increase membership fees to \$50 for all guild memberships effective January 31st, 2022. Fees will be prorated for members joining after July. Andrea seconded. Vote (12) all in favor.

CHQ Board Meeting Minutes
February 18, 2022
Meeting at 7 pm

In attendance: Cathie Giambalvo, Laura Kohl, Jude McCormick, Kerry Cogen, Donna Slovak, Penny Armagost, Patty Gertz, Al Accettola, Cass Garner, Dion, Lauren Lupica, Stephanie Greenberg, Gina Krejsa, Anne Oswald, and Lauren Pine.

Approve January's Board Minutes- All in favor (13).

Old Business:

New Business & Board/Committee Status:

President: Cathie Giambalvo

Membership status- 81 current members, CHQ Membership Cards available in March.

Raffle Tickets shouldn't be paid through Card Services/PayPal. Cash or check only.

Paypal services should be used for templates, workshops and fees only.

Cathie has started website training with Lauren Pine.

Welcome Lauren Lupica to Circulation.

CHQ Documentation - Gina Krejsa willing to help.

Newly reduced Paypal Fees with nonprofit status.

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Review of upcoming guild calendar:

March – First meeting at the Hampton Inn. Penny's Machine Quilting Lecture- currently 5 members have signed up. Member Demo -any special request for room setup?

April - Charity Sew-in, Anniversary Party with Cup Cake Contest and game. Quilt Challenge. Left, Center, Right game with Jelly Roll strips.

May - Make & Take one "Catch'all" Workshop Lecture: Lori Leonardi - Mini Quilts (Boutique sew-in to move to July)

Zoom Social- Will occur quarterly. Looking for feedback on the first event.

Treasurer: Patty Gertz - Year End Treasurer Reports, Card Service Transactions and Reconciliation, Payment of Kits for workshops. Handling of reimbursement requests. Checks have not yet been cashed from Safe in Hunterdon or Daisy. Credit vs. Debit cards.

Recording Secretary: Laura Kohl – Minutes

Corresponding Secretary: Kerry Cogen - Well Wishes for Camille & Linda Wood. Discussion around how to best communicate needs and well wishes within the guild.

Charity & Outreach: Stephanie Greenberg & Cass Garner



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 Cathie.

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Membership - Camille Quinton

Newsletter –Al Accettola

Photographer - Al Accettola

Publicity - Joan Lasota

Quilt Show – Camille Quinton & Andrea Cavallaro
Quilt Show Publicity - Dyan Rosario

Raffle Quilt Design and Creation Anne Oswald &
Jill Ferrari

Raffle Quilt Sales 2022 - Penny Armagost & Regina Krejsa

Web Presence - Lauren Pine