



Courthouse Quilters Guild Newsletter

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Program News June 2020

If you have not ZOOMed into a membership meeting yet you won't want to miss our June virtual gathering! Besides actually "seeing" some of your quilting friends, **Sarah Bond** will be lecturing on "Putting your best self into your quilts". I'm still trying to find my best self so this lecture is for me!!!

Sarah will also be teaching our July virtual workshop, which is almost full. If you would like to take this class "Scrappy String Diamonds" just send Cass (cassgarner1@gmail.com) an email to be added to the list and send Ellen a check for 15.00 to 1504 Paul Eaton Rd., Easton, PA 18040. For those of you who have made a gazillion masks, this would be a great COVID quilt for those mask scraps!

Although November is still some time away, I thought I'd let you know that Pat Pauly will be teaching the "Big Leaf" all-day workshop virtually and during the evening she will be giving a virtual lecture and studio tour! More details about this will follow next month. I'm putting this out earlier than usual because we need to have sign ups completed about a month early so patterns can be shipped out to participants before the class and this will give you a chance to go to Pat's website and see what she does. One of our members has taken a couple classes with Pat and said it was one of the best classes she has ever taken and she is planning to take this one as well.

I'd like to remind everyone that we have a CHQ Members Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/Courthousequiltersguild/> . It's nice way to see what people are doing and a way to stay connected during these trying times. If you find something of interest, please post it and don't hesitate to send pictures of your totally clean and reorganized sewing spaces! There are lots of ways people are trying to connect virtually and this is a perfect place to pass info along to your fellow quilting friends.

We also have CHQ Groupworks page <https://www.groupworks.com/> where I usually post our events and AI posts pictures. It's been quiet on Groupworks, needless to say but hopefully, not for long.

Lastly, please try to support our local businesses especially our quilt shops. Many will ship or have curbside pick-up.

Happy Quilting!
Cass Garner

July Virtual Workshop - Sarah Bond

Scrappy String Diamonds with Sarah Bond



Stuck in the house with nothing to do?
Seeing **Red**? Feeling **Blue**?
We've got something fun to do!

Join me on Zoom! with a project designed to use up your scraps, spark your creativity, and restore your sewing mojo. This variation on a traditional string quilt encourages you to dig into your scrap bin and find those beautiful bits you couldn't bear to throw out. Combine them on a paper or muslin foundation to create jaunty rows of diamonds in any color combination you choose.

I'll provide the Pattern and the Zoom Login

The pattern offers 2 sizes:

Baby or Throw size: 38 X 60

Larger size: 75 X 80



Materials:

Printer to print pattern and paper foundations.

Muslin if you prefer that to paper for your foundations

Scraps. I can't say how many scraps you'll need, but I made these two quilts and really didn't notice any significant reduction in scrap mass.

Background Fabric.

2/3 yards each of 2 background fabrics for a total of 1 1/3 yards
1 1/2 yards each of 2 background fabrics for a total of 3 yards.

Basic sewing supplies, sewing machine in good working order, paper scissors, maybe a glass of wine.

Program Calendar 2020

June 21

Evening:

ZOOM Meeting 6:30 PM

Sarah Bond: "Putting your best self into your Quilts."

July 19

Workshop: Sarah Bond

Scrappy String Diamonds

ZOOM Workshop 1 to 3 PM

Evening:

ZOOM Meeting 6:30 PM

August 16

Evening Ice Cream Social

September 20

October 18

November 22

Workshop: All day - Pat Pauly

"Big Leaf" (virtual workshop)

Evening: Pat Pauly - Virtual lecture and studio tour.

December 20

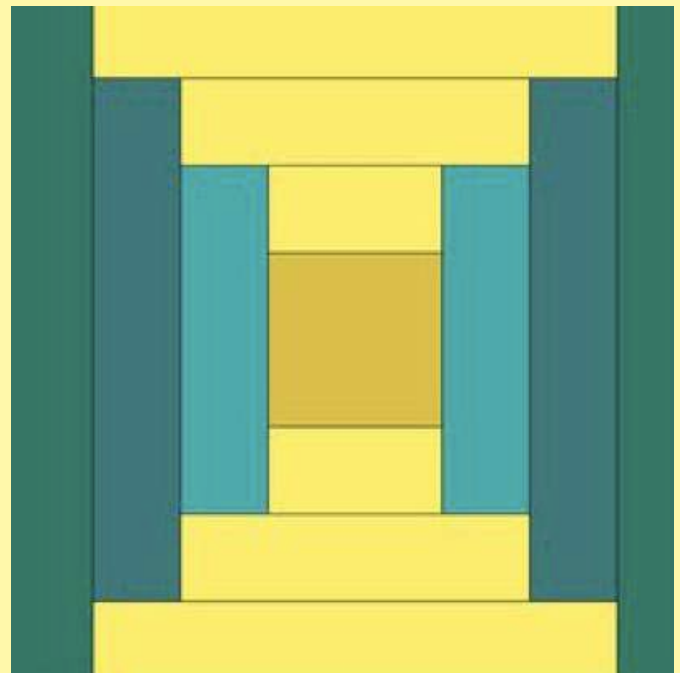
Evening: Holiday Potluck

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,

I hope that this newsletter finds you all well and safe. Please, if you or a loved one become ill, contact Claire Coakley (ec.coakley@gmail.com) so that we can send light, love, and prayers your way.

Many thanks to Patty Gertz, Alice Sprenger, Joan Lasota, and Cass Garner, who put in many hours of work on the Show Venue Committee to explore 30 possible sites for our show. Their presentation at our meeting highlighted both the very few viable venues and the disruption caused by the pandemic. We will revisit their documents as our 2022 show comes closer.



More thanks are due to the members who stepped up at our May meeting to do the work of the guild. Thank you to Penny Armagost, who will serve as our recording secretary for the remainder of 2020. Thank you, also, to Cass Garner, Alice Sprenger, and Joan Lasota, who volunteered to serve on the nominating committee. Please consider becoming an officer. Being active in the behind-the-scenes work of the guild makes one appreciate even more the kind and talented members who share their passion for quilting in many different ways.

Our raffle quilt is resting peacefully with Brielle for now, but we want to get it out into the public eye when this pandemic subsides. If you know of a fair, craft show, or other event where we might have a table to display the quilt and sell raffle tickets, please volunteer to get all of the details for that site. I will be finding out about the Riverside Festival of the Arts in Easton, PA. Please let me know if you are willing to check out another possible event.

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.

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	
	339 High Street	
DWR Woodworking	Burlington, NJ. 08016	
David Reiner	oldecetyquilts.com	
137 N. Tamarind Avenue	Quilters Obsession	
New Britain, Pa. 18901	Box 233	
Dwrwood.com	Flagtown, NJ. 08821	
Cynthia Busic-Snyder	Qultersobsession.com	
Duchess Froufrou	Stone Row Studio	
Box 422	283 Little Mexico Road	
Morrisville, NY. 13408	Saylorsburg, PA. 18353	
Duchessfroufrou.storenv.com		
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/	

June Meeting

A VIRTUAL ZOOM GUILD MEETING ON June 21

A day or two before our meeting on June 21, we will send out a blast to the whole membership with a link to a Zoom meeting at 6:30 pm on the 21st.

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>



Board Minutes from May 17, 2020

In attendance: Alice S., Patty G., Ellen H., Camille Q., Cathy G., Jude M., Cass G., Andrea C., Al A., Brielle C., Joan L., Claire C..

EXECUTIVE BOARD

President Ellen called the meeting to order at 5:33

A motion was made to approve minutes from the emergency meeting (the purpose of the meeting was to create a recommendation for the general membership concerning the date for the guild's 14th biennial Quilts in the Mill show.

The motion was made by Al and seconded by Andrea. The motion was passed unanimously pending the corrected spelling of Al Accettola's name.

Ellen will press to get a nominating committee formed at the Membership meeting tonight.

Vice President/Program-Cass G. Cass suggests that we move the June meeting to the 4th Sunday of the month permanently since it conflicts with Father's Day. So we'll meet June 28th this year. This information will be distributed at the Membership meeting tonight and put in the newsletter. Cass has been working on getting virtual workshops/lectures for upcoming meetings.

Treasurer-Andrea C. The Treasurer's Report was distributed to the board prior to the meeting. Andrea let Patty know a reimbursement check was coming this week.

Recording Secretary – OPEN-Cass taking minutes for May.

Corresponding Secretary- Claire C. No information to share but asked that people let her know if cards need to go out.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Newsletter- Al A. Al suggested we list the vendors that would have come to the show in our newsletter so we can patronize them during this difficult time.

Show- Camille Q., Andrea C. Camille will speak about the show at the Membership meeting.

Web Presence – Cathie G. Website is updated. Cathie will try to put things of interest on social media.

Other Business: Venue Committee- Joan Lasota, Alice Sprenger, Cass Garner and headed by Patty Gertz. Patty explained that after the last show the committee was tasked to find out if there was a better place to have our next show. A document was distributed earlier to the board/membership highlighting pros and cons for 3 venues out

of about 30 that were investigated over more than a 12 month period. Those venues were the only 3 that met the criteria that was set. The 3 were the Mill, Del Val, and Raritan.

This information will likely need refreshing before the 2024 show but much of the data will be relevant and useful to a variety of people between now and then. Patty captured all of the information that was collected into a spreadsheet that will be in CHQ Google Docs repository for CHQ use.

We will have a more in-depth discussion closer to the 15th CHQ show.

Patty will present information about the committee's findings at the Membership meeting.

Clarification of the purpose of the vote at the emergency meeting. This vote was simply to decide if we would do a show in 2021 or 2022. Everyone felt that doing it in 2022 would be best. One person disagreed during the membership vote.

Brielle inquired who had the appraisal for the raffle quilt and Cathie G. has it. Brielle has the quilt.

A motion was made by Andrea and was seconded by AI to adjourn at 6:23

Respectfully submitted by: Cass Garner (sub)

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!

May Meeting





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.

Masks

Alice Sprenger has volunteered to make a tally of the number of masks made by our members and the places where they have been donated. If you have made any masks during this pandemic, please send the number and donation site(s) to Alice (a.q.s@att.net) by June 1. We will not identify individuals, simply the total number of masks that we have made and the sites to which they have been donated. Whether you have made hundreds or a handful, please let Alice know. Every one will add to our count.

Suffrage Quilts

The suffragette quilts will be at Carol Esch's house in Pittstown. 2 wood road Pittstown. Let Carol know when you're coming and she will have ready. 908-303-5811. Text or call is fine.

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

President - Ellen Heath

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Second Vice President—Cass Garner

Recording Secretary - Penny Armagost

Corresponding Secretary - Claire Coakley

Treasurer - Andrea Cavallaro

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Membership - Camille Quinton

Newsletter –Al Accettola

Photographer - Al Accettola

Publicity - Joan Lasota

Quilt Show – Camille Quinton

Raffle Quilt Design and Creation Brielle Cordingley and Jude McCormick

Web Presence - Cathie Giambalvo & Alice Marcy