

COURTHOUSE QUILTERS NEWSLETTER

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January 10, 2016

"New Members Tea"

2:00 pm
(No workshop)

Meeting - "Member Market"

6:30 pm



February 21, 2016

Workshop - "Weave a Skinny Quilt With Me"

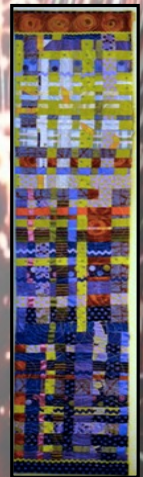
1-4 pm

Fun with color with Ellie Levie!

"Quilting Project Runway Show"- Ellie Levie

6:30 pm

Ellie is the "seamstress of ceremonies" as our members model her creations and learn her techniques.



March 13, 2016

Workshop - "How to Make a Tube Blouse"

1-4 pm

Claire Rohloff and Annie Palumbo share their expertise!

Meeting - "From My Studio to Your Local Quilt Shop"

6:30pm

Jacquelynne Steves will explain her process of designing fabric, from the original idea through production and into your local quilt shop.



President's Letter

Happy Holidays to all, and thanks to the special events folks for hosting a wonderful party. You might be looking forward to the post holiday quiet and cold weather that lends itself to lots of quilting time. I find if I work in bright colors or summer themes I feel warmer! After intense sewing to finish Christmas presents it's nice to work on something for yourself. I can't wait to see upcoming show and tells.

As you're sewing don't forget to save your empty spools for our 2016 contest. Just write your name and phone number on them, deposit them in the bin we provide, and you might win a prize next December.



Here's to a healthy and happy new year for all of us. January we will officially welcome our new members at tea and kick off our show planning.

Patty



Courthouse Quilters members enjoying some of the demos at the Kaffe Fassett exhibit at the Mercer Museum in Doylestown, PA.



New Member's Tea



All guild members are cordially invited to attend the New Members' Tea on Sunday, January 10, at 2:00 p.m. Help us to welcome the ten new members who have joined the guild in 2015.

If you plan to attend, please RSVP to Ellen Heath (ellheath@gmail.com or 551-427-7153), so that we can have tables and tea for all. If you come, please bring your own beautiful or interesting cup or mug for your tea and a contest.



Member's Market



There are still tables left for any guild members who would like to sell their wares at the Member Market on January 10. At past markets, we have had the opportunity to buy everything from beautiful works of art to quilting supplies, kitchen equipment, fancy fingernails, and "stuff" on a white elephant table.

If you would like a table, contact Ellen Heath (ellheath@gmail.com or 551-427-7153). If you're not selling, come to buy! It's never too early to start your holiday shopping.

Storybook Quilts



Our beautiful storybook quilts are on the move again! On January 22, they will all be displayed at the Easton Area Public Library in Easton, PA, for a regional meeting of children's librarians. At that meeting, public libraries throughout northeastern Pennsylvania will have the opportunity to sign them out for a month. After one look, the Easton children's librarian signed up to use them for her Grandparents' Day celebration in February.

Preschoolers and their grandparents will hear two of the picture books, color paper quilt blocks, and have a photo op in front of their favorite quilt.



Class Supply List For Ellie Levie's
"Weave a Skinny Quilt With Me"

First, choose a color palette for your creation to match the décor where it will go. Make sure you have similar and complementary colors in light, medium, and dark values.

*2 yards of any old fabric for a portable work surface (this could become your backing)

*1 yard of paper-backed, heavy-duty fusible web, 17" wide (I recommend heavy-duty Wonder-Under)

*Scraps and/or fat eighths of fabrics in your chosen colors—at least 6 different ones

*12" lengths of ribbons, lace, rickrack, and/or braided trims in colors to match and contrast; satin ribbons are great for shine, while metallics such as gold and silver are great for zing!

*Optional, which you'll need at home: thin batting or flannel for a filler

Tools:

*Basic rotary cutting supplies

*Pins and pin cushion

*Fabric-cutting scissors

*Teflon presser sheet and iron cleaner may be handy to have

One or two irons and ironing boards--Big Boards are terrific for this technique, but a table with padding will do for our "classroom"!



Look What We Got!!!

*Many, many thanks to Al.
No more nasty pins
on the floor!*

Board Minutes

Board Minutes from December 13, 2015

In attendance: Patty G., Joanne G. Cathy G., Alice S., Karen D. , Ellen H., Sue G., Cass G., Andrea C., Stephanie G., Linda A., Caire R.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

President Patty called the meeting to order at 4:33.

A motion was made to approve November 2015 minutes. They were approved.

Mary S. is moving to NC and the guild will need a new library chair. Currently, Cathie G. is interim librarian.

We most urgently need a raffle quilt chair to organize, and keep track of raffle tickets to be sold at the NJ Quilt Fest, which is coming up fast.

Discussion about the Burkholder's quilt retreat and clarification about the guild's involvement in conveying information about non-CHQ related events during this transitional time. Future events will be listed under "things to do" in the newsletter.

Idea from Patty: When you empty a spool, write your name on it and put it in a designated container. At the next holiday party the winners will be picked from the spools. She presented the idea at the general meeting.

Patty spoke about a number of people who have asked the guild to accept donations. Ellen and Cathie will oversee sorting through the current accepted donations. We will accept donations on a case by case basis.

Vice President/Program- Ellen H.

Ellen thought that we could give more ribbons for the challenge quilts especially since we have four different blocks. She will present the idea to the guild.

Treasurer- Alice S. The CHQ credit card was compromised recently and she reported that all the money has been returned although it took a while to resolve the issue.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Licensing – Joanne G. Joanne will add Recording Secretary, Cass Garner's name to the documentation to apply for the license.

Raffle Quilt- Babette G. Sue F. - Cathie now has the quilt. She has been working on the design and digitizing the pattern for the quilt. Kathy is happy with the progress. Discussion followed about the timetable for postcards and photographing the quilt.

Quilt Show: Stephanie updated the board on the Show Vendor possibilities along with a proposed timeline. Denise and Stephanie looked at all of the space to make the best decisions. She also announced the dates:

29 Preview

30-1-2 Open to the public (Carriage House will be available 30th)

Publicity chairperson is needed. Stephanie thinks it might be best to split this job since has a number of components.

Patty will begin the process of obtaining donations for preview night.

Ellen will ask the guild tonight what kind of ribbon they would like for the show. Guild made or store bought. The majority of the membership voted to continue with traditional ribbons.

A motion was made by Stephanie and seconded by Ellen to approve a best practice for anyone signing a contract on behalf of the guild. The best practice procedure states that any contract entered into on behalf of the guild must be signed by the chair of the committee and one executive officer.

The board voted unanimously to approve this procedure.

OTHER BUSINESS

None.

A motion was made and was seconded to adjourn at 5:24.

Respectfully submitted by: Cass Garner



Fun Moments from December Workshop and Meeting



Places to Go, Things to Do, People to Meet!

“Blanket Statements” Exhibit

Kaffe Fassett New Quilts
November 14, 2015 - February 21, 2016
Michener Museum
Doylestown, PA
<http://michenermuseum.org/>



“English Paper Piecing” Workshop

By Liza Lucy
December 2, 2015 - February 17, 2016
Michener Museum
Doylestown, PA
<http://michenermuseum.org/>



“Text Messages” Exhibit

Studio Art Quilt Associates Exhibition
December 5, 2015 - April 10, 2016
Morris Museum
Morristown, NJ
<https://www.saqa.com/memberArt.php?cat=8&ec=3&ex=11>

Independent Art Quilt Workshop

By Sandra Sider
February 28 - March 4, 2016
Stony Point Center
Stony Point, NY
<http://stonypointcenter.org/events-retreats/upcoming-events#.VIJLhnaRTIU>



The Quilt and Sewing Fest of NJ

March 3, 2016 - March 6, 2016
Garden State Exhibit Center
Somerset, NJ
<https://www.quiltfest.com/upcoming-shows-and-events/the-quilt-fest-of-new-jersey/>

AQS Lancaster Quilt Show

March 16, 2016 - March 19, 2016
Lancaster County Convention Center
Lancaster, PA
<http://www.quiltweek.com/>

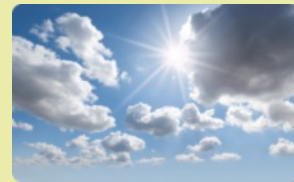


Courtesy of Carol Esch

Quilt Retreat

We still have a few opening for the AQS Quilt Show Retreat at Burkholder's, Lancaster, PA - March 17 - 20, 2016. Two night minimum. Shared rooms, two handicap rooms, numerous shared full bathrooms with showers. No food is provided, but there is a great well stocked kitchen for cooking your own. Cost is \$62 plus hotel tax per night (linens provided) or \$50 plus hotel tax per night (no linens). Deposit is non-refundable. Contact Stephanie Greenberg for more information. <http://www.cocalicoquiltersinn.com/>

Sunshine and Shadows



If you know of anyone in the guild who could use some cheering up, please contact Corresponding Secretary, Sue Garcia. She will send a card on behalf of the guild.



Show and Tell



Who's hiding behind this gorgeous creation???

CHQ ONLINE



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!



Newsletter Deadline

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.

Send all of your articles, news, photos and other newsworthy items to Andrea.

Board and Committee Chairs

President	Patty Gertz
Vice President/Programs	Ellen Heath
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Directions from Flemington:

Route 12 W to flashing red light at The National Hotel in Frenchtown. Turn right onto Route 513 and drive up steep hill. The Darcy Lodge will be 3/4 mile on the left.

Directions from Clinton:

Route I-78 to Exit 15 to route 513 S. Turn right at Burgdorf Realtors Route 513. Continue for 8 miles.