

# **Courthouse Quilters Guild Newsletter**

February 2021

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**Brita Nelson**  
**“Making Magic”**  
**A Disappearing Block Sampler Quilt**

**6:30 Zoom Meeting**

**Brita Nelson Lecture**  
**“Every Last Crumble An Adventure in**  
**Scrappy Quilting”**

# Program News

## February

### Workshop:

“Making Magic, A Disappearing Block Sampler Quilt”

**Instructor:** Brita Nelson (rhymes with Rita!)

**Date:** Sunday- February 14, 2021

**Time:** 10:00am-4:00pm

**Cost:** \$20 plus Pattern \$8 (with discount code) (reg \$10)



**Sign up NOW! (Class Limited to 20!)**

### Description:

This 6 hour workshop will be structured similar to a “sew along”. There are 9 blocks and Brita will teach each one in turn. Brita has 2 cameras, one will be on her and the sewing machine and one pointing straight down at the cutting mat and pressing surface. She’ll demonstrate how to make the block along with little tips on accurate piecing and pressing. The students will then follow along and take turns showing the class how their block came out. The Zoom features allow me to answer questions immediately and help anyone who might be having a little trouble. As some students finish before others, Brita will show other possible layouts and talk about things like how to enlarge the pattern, or use different colors and how these blocks might look in a finished quilt.

### How to sign up for workshop:

On CHQ Website>Program/Workshop page

<http://www.courthousequilters.org/2021-programs--workshops---events.html>

**(Class confirmation and workshop links will come in an email)**

### How to purchase Pattern:

1. Go to Brita Nelson’s website and purchase “Making Magic, A Disappearing Block Sampler Quilt” 39 x 39 (pattern is a downloadable pdf file)

<https://questioningquilter.com/shop/>

2. Use Discount Code; “**courthouse**” for 20% off.

### More Information:

Check out <https://questioningquilter.com/> to see more examples of what you can do with these blocks.

**Questions** Contact [comcassgarner1@gmail.com](mailto:comcassgarner1@gmail.com)

**Instructor’s Website :** <https://questioningquilter.com>



# Program Calendar

## Feb 21, 2021

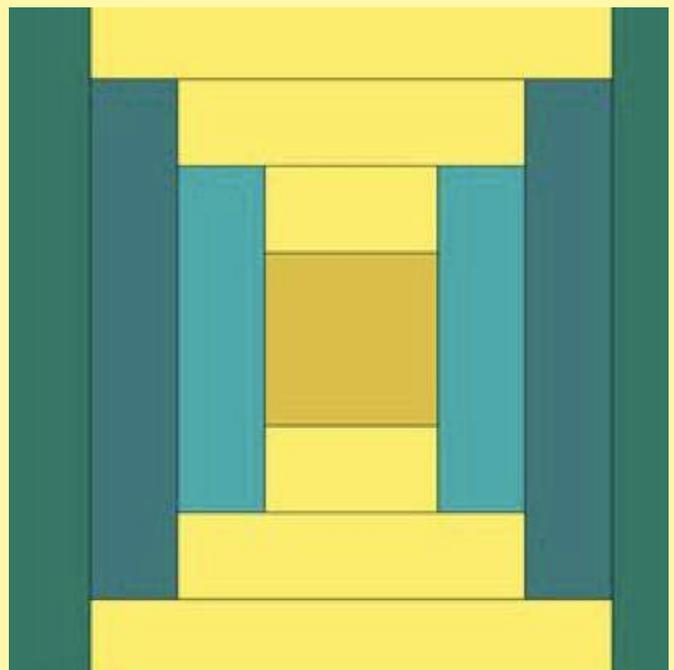
Workshop: (10am to 4pm) Brita Nelson  
“Making Magic, A Disappearing Block Sampler  
Quilt”

Evening: Brita Nelson - “Every Last Crumble  
An Adventure in Scrappy Quilting”

## March 21, 2021

(10am to 4pm) Sew Social - Baby Quilt  
“Sewial” Support Charity and CHQ

Evening: “Members Spot Light” -  
Claire Rolhoff & Albert Accettola



# President's Letter

Hi Courthouse Quilters,

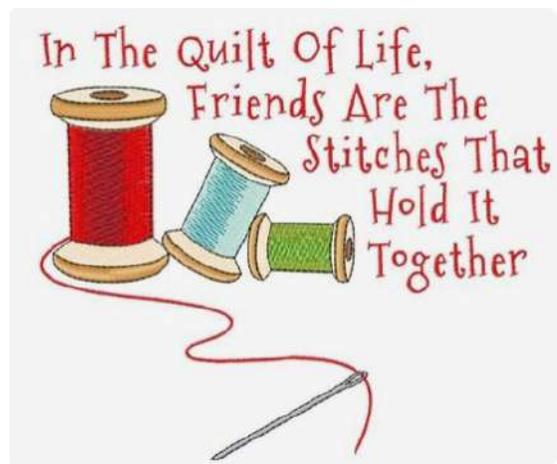
I dare say, it's been a mild winter. Especially, because we still have February and March to go; but it's been actually quite nice and I enjoy the return of the sunlight. Winter is my favorite time in my sewing room...I love a hot cup of tea, the hum of my sewing machine, and the smell of steam from my iron. I hope you are sewing a lot too.

I'm still in awe of our January Workshop with David Sirota. His paper piecing method is completely new to me and I LOVE it. His method for lining up the center of a Chevron Stars with dental floss is brilliant! In the past, I had a 50/50 chance of getting those centers to meet. Now, I'm going to nail it every time. During the "Baby Quilt Sew-a-thon" I'm using my block from class in a baby quilt. I hope that you'll participate. Please start thinking about your pattern and fabrics for our March Workshop. Let's see how many quilts we can accumulate; proceeds will go to a children's charity and our guild.

Tons of gratitude to the 2018-2020 Executive Board, Ellen Heath, Andrea Cavallaro, Cass Garner, Claire Coakley and Penny Armagost, for their service and guidance in transitioning us into our new roles. And a big thank-you to everyone else who has chosen to continue-on or volunteered for new positions on the Board. You are much appreciated. And for those of you who like "bite-size jobs", smaller opportunities will be coming along soon.

Looking forward to seeing you all on Feb 7th for "Sew Sunday" and for Brita Nelson Lecture; "Every Last Crumble An Adventure in Scrappy Quilting", on Feb 21st. I guess, I should have saved my scraps from the David's class. : )

Happy Valentine's Day!  
Cathie  
CHQ President  
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“Sew Sunday”  
Noon til 2  
February 7th  
Zoom Meeting  
692 914 5572  
Password CHQ



looking for companionship while you're working on a project



## International Quilt Museum's Guild Portal

How to Enter the Quilt Guild Portal:

- 1) Click on "Login" on the top menu bar at [www.internationalquiltmuseum.org](http://www.internationalquiltmuseum.org).
- 2) Enter your email address (the one this message was sent to) for user name.
- 3) Enter the password: **Qui1ts!**

Once you are in, visit <https://www.internationalquiltmuseum.org/guilds> to access to all of this information. Be sure to check back frequently as we add more information, including more Pre-Recorded Programs you can present to your guild.

As a reminder:

user name: [cassgarner1@gmail.com](mailto:cassgarner1@gmail.com)  
password: **Qui1ts!**



# Qui1ts!



## 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 on behalf of the Guild.

# 2021 CHALLENGE

New Challenge for 2021 due at the August meeting.

Create a “new” garment, accessory or quilt from a ready-to-wear garment. The finished item must consist of at least 25% of the fabric or design elements from the original garment. You may select a garment from your own closet or another source such as men’s wear, knits or special occasion dresses (be creative in your choice.) Feel free to embellish, take apart, or change elements of



the original garment and add other fabrics.

Please take a photo of the original garment before you take it apart so we can compare it to the new creation.

All new creations must be created between now and the August meeting when we will show and vote on the challenge items.

Jude McCormick



## A PLAN FOR SHOW & TELL AT OUR MEETINGS

We all love Show & Tell, but sometimes it is hard for us to see each other's creations clearly in the Zoom format. For our October meeting, we are going to try something new: Show & Tell using a pre-made Powerpoint. In this way, we can fill the screen with your photo as you speak to the group.

If you have something to show, please send a clear photo to me as an email attachment. Feel free to take both a full shot and a close-up of a detail – or even a video if you can make one small enough to send as an email attachment. If you get your photo to me by the day before the meeting, I will include it in the Powerpoint. For the upcoming meeting, please get your photo(s) to me by Saturday, October 17.

Of course, we would never turn away a Show & Tell. If you forget or don't know how to send a photo, you may still show your creation at the meeting right after the Powerpoint.

Please send your photos to [ellheath@gmail.com](mailto:ellheath@gmail.com), and also contact me with questions, comments, or concerns.

Ellen Heath



# MEMBERSHIP NEWS FEBRUARY 2021

Hi, members. Thank you to all of you who have renewed your membership for 2021.

Haven't renewed yet? Please visit [www.courthousequilters.org/Membership](http://www.courthousequilters.org/Membership), then follow the prompts to Renew Membership. Complete the brief form, and pay by PayPal. You may also pay by check. Please let me know that the "check is in the mail" so I know to expect it. Information for all procedures is on the website.

If you are not renewing, please let me know as well.

Our next meeting is February 21. Only members who have paid their dues for 2021 will receive the zoom meeting link.

But the clock is ticking to renew for this year. All continuing members must renew no later than January 31.

All of you bring creativity and skills, talents and unique personalities to the guild – and in this time of pandemic, seeing us all zooming together is a sign of hope that we will be, indeed, together again.

For our newest members, and for all our members, please read the Benefits of CHQ Membership article, found in this newsletter.

## Just a note:

Members may invite their friends and other non-members to attend a zoom monthly guild meeting. In keeping with CHQ rules, a non guild member may attend a zoom meeting by invitation or by request **for one meeting only**. If the non-member wants to attend other meetings, they are required to become a guild member.

Until we meet in person again, the \$5 fee for non-members to attend a guild meeting is suspended.

If you have any questions about your membership, or guild opportunities, please contact me at: [camquinton@gmail.com](mailto:camquinton@gmail.com).

Keep warm this winter, stitch a quilt!

Camille Quinton  
CHQ Membership chair

# Benefits of CHQ Membership

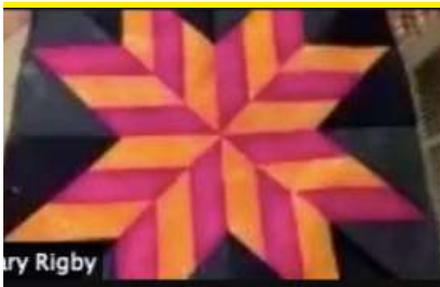
- \* **12 guild meetings a year** - currently meeting through Zoom. Each month we enjoy informative lectures, trunk shows, and socializing with a great group of enthusiastic quilters.
- \* **Guild hosted workshops** presented by local/nationally recognized quilt instructors. Members receive **first priority** 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. Send photos of your creations to Ellen H. for inclusion in the zoom meeting's Show and Tell.
- \* **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 October 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** - currently by Zoom, 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**
- \* **Keep membership active by paying yearly dues**

And, attend meetings with a smile, give a little of your time to a committee, keep stitching and creating to share your skills and talents with the guild and others!!



# David Sirota Workshop

# December Show & Tell



# January Show & Tell



# January Show & Tell



# 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!

# November Board Meeting Minutes

Minutes of November 15, 2020

Board of Directors  
Courthouse Quilters

In attendance:

Ellen Heath; Andrea C; Penny A; Albert; Cathie G; Judith M; Cass G; Brielle; Camille; Joan L (and two other people I didn't write in).

Ellen called the meeting to order at 5:33

Motion to approve September, 2020 minutes—Moved by Al, seconded by Cathie, voted to approve

Ellen reiterated that there are many documents that must go to Google docs

Ellen discussed some of the changes that will be made with people and their positions with the board and the committees. It will be presented at the meeting.

Reports

Cass-Program the following programs are scheduled

December- Holiday treats -still being worked on

January-David Sirota

February-Brita Nelson

March- Member spotlight, workshop being worked on

Joan election results will be presented at the meeting

There are some openings of Committees to be filled

Camille spoke about us starting 2024 raffle quilt in 2021. The timing will be better than waiting until 2023.

Camille gave membership report.

Al- there is a newsletter this month.

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Motion to adjourn made by Andrea, seconded by Al. Meeting adjourned at 6:06

Minutes respectfully submitted by Penny Armagost

# December Board Meeting Minutes

## **Attendance:**

Albert Accettola, Penny Armagost, Patty Gertz, Brielle Cordingley, Cathie Giambalvo, Cass Garner, Joanne Gardner, Stephanie Greenberg, Kerry Cogen, Ellen Heath, Judith McCormick, Andrea Cavallaro, Camille Quinton, Claire Coakley, Joan Lasota

Meeting called to order 5:05

## **Approval of November 2020 Board Minutes**

## **Executive Board:**

**President**-Ellen Heath-discussed installation of officers at membership meeting

**First Vice President/Program**-Cass Garner- continuing to move information where it needs to go.

**Second Vice President/Program**- Joanne Gardner nothing to add

**Treasurer**-Andrea Cavallaro-sent out proposed budget, will be presented to general membership  
Motion for budget approval by Stephanie, seconded by Cass Garner, Vote: 13 yes and 2 abstentions (Cathie Giambalvo & Patty Gertz)

**Recording Secretary**-Penny Armagost-nothing

**Corresponding Secretary**-Claire Coakley-has material for Kerry Cogen

**Old Business** Update on transition of program records-all officers and committee chairs. Updated description of jobs. Cathie has some done.

Approval of raise of storage unit rent.

**New Business** Committee chairs would like new people to take over some committees to have the experience.

Discussion about the raffle quilt

update on membership numbers

Discussion on general membership meeting

By-laws and standing rules, need to be revised. Should have been done in 2020, will be done in 2021 by

By-Laws and Standing Rules Review Committee: Patty Gertz, Ellen Heath and Cass Garner.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Penny Armagost

**The following article was recently published in the Hunterdon County Democrat (December 24, 2020 edition) and Bucks County Herald (January 7, 2021 edition).**

“Courthouse Quilters support communities during pandemic”

Members of the Courthouse Quilters, a Hunterdon County-based quilt group, have put their skills to enhanced charitable works during the pandemic.

Understanding that PPE was often in very short supply, quilters from this organization reached into their fabric bins to sew and donate 4,800 cloth face masks and 189 surgical caps to local organizations in need of protective covering, according to a news release from the group.

One member who donated 1,400 masks also gave \$1,035. to local food pantries from donations she received from mask recipients. Another member donated 30 fabric bolts to assist with material needs. Some of the charities and individuals benefiting from the donated masks and caps include: hospitals, nursing/rest homes, doctors, dental staff, clergy, food pantries, firefighters, paramedics, churches, restaurants, the Bronx Zoo in New York, U.S. naval hospitals, Meals-On-Wheels, public libraries, veterans, postal workers, grocery clerks, substance abuse centers, New Jersey Firemen’s Home and neighbors.

The quilt guild also reached beyond it’s local communities and recognized a desperate need for face masks on the Lakota and Navajo Native American reservations.

Courthouse Quilters is a non-profit 503(c)(3) organization founded in Hunterdon County in 1988. The group’s mission is to preserve and promote the tradition and history of quilting; to encourage quilt making and collection; and to sponsor and support educational and charitable activities.

The group typically meets in Flemington, NJ; however, during the pandemic members have continued their monthly meetings virtually. Those interested in learning more about Courthouse Quilters and its activities and programs are invited to visit: **www.courthousequilters.org**

# 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.

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## Advertisements

Advertisement:

Bernina 1230  
\$400  
(Manual table and  
accessories  
included)



Call Sue Cammerano 609-462-6041



Elna Serger  
\$100  
(Manual, table  
included)

# Bernina Sewing Machine for Sale

# 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 facilitate the use of the library during quarantine, we are implementing new procedures.

First, access the online catalog at <https://www.librarything.com/catalog/courthousequilters>

- 1) Search for your book, **including the keyword 2020** and any other keywords you like. 2020 insures that the book is in the current library.
- 2) If you find a book you'd like, email Patty Gertz at [patty.gertz@gmail.com](mailto:patty.gertz@gmail.com) . She will make sure the book isn't signed out to someone else, then she will respond with directions of where the storage unit is and how to access it.
- 3) You are then free to get the book yourself, or Patty will meet you at the storage unit if you'd rather. If you get the book yourself, please email Patty and she will sign it out to you.
- 4) You may keep the book as long as you need it.  
There are no library fines.

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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

President - Cathie Giambalvo

First Vice President – Joanne Gardner  
& Programs

Second Vice President—Judith McComick  
& Programs

Recording Secretary - Laura Kohl

Corresponding Secretary - Kerry Cogan

Treasurer - Patty Gertz

Charity - Stephanie Greenberg

Circulation - Ellen Heath

Historian - Andrea Cavallaro

Hospitality -

Librarian - Cass Garner

Licensing - Joanne Gardner

Membership - Camille Quinton

Newsletter –Al Accettola

Photographer - Al Accettola

Publicity - Joan Lasota

Quilt Show – Camille Quinton

Raffle Quilt Design and Creation  
Raffle Quilt Sales 2022 - Penny Armagost

Standing Rules & Bylaws - Ellen Heath, Patty Gertz, Cass Garner

Web Presence - Marla Knappe