

COURTHOUSE QUILTERS PRESIDENT'S BULLETIN July 2023

President's Letter

Thanks to everyone who helped make the June workshop and guild meeting such a success. Our teacher was Kyona Nason, who provided us with great instruction and ideas. Her quilts were spectacular. We were joined in the workshop by several non-members and it was fun to meet new people. Please feel free to invite your friends to join in our workshops that have space for non-members. Our September workshop will be another great opportunity as the class allows 25 participants.

Congratulations to Andrea for creating the viewer's choice butterfly in our butterfly exchange. Thanks to Anne and Laura for creating that fun project for the guild - the guild really seems to enjoy the exchanges. And as a perk, the Boutique got some lovely items to sell at the 4H Fair.

Thanks to the members that participated in the Capital Health Cough Pillow project. This was a joint effort between the Newtown Quilt Guild, American Sewing Guild and Courthouse Quilters to make post surgical pillows for donation to Capital Health in Pennington, NJ. In total, 160 pillows were finished and another 160 were ready to be filled.

A special thanks to Lysa Martinelli for volunteering to be Show Chair. The Quilt Show is such an exciting and important part of our guild and we truly appreciate Lysa coming forward into this position.

With sadness, I want to let you know that guild member Herta Clements has recently passed away.

Happy quilting and see you at the potluck!

Gina

president@courthousequilters.org

July 16th Summer Fun Event

CHQ POTLUCK
3:00 – 7:30 pm



- ❖ 4H Fair Workshop will start at 11:00 a.m.
- ❖ Bring your favorite dish for our Potluck
- ❖ Appetizers 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.
- ❖ Dinner & Dessert 5:00 - 6:30 p.m.
- ❖ General Mtg and Show n' Tell 6:30 – 7:30 pm

Bring your favorite Red, White & Blue Quilts

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Location: Hunterdon County Complex,
314 State Route 12, Building 1,
Flemington NJ

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Courthouse Quilters Guild
Sign-up to bring a dish at [Potluck Sign Up](#)
Sign-up for Workshop at [4H Fair Sew Sign Up](#)

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August 20th, 2023

Afternoon Sew-in 11:00 – 4:00 pm

Evening Meeting 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Ice Cream Social & SURPRISE

Location

Hunterdon County Complex,
314 State Route 12, Building 1,
Flemington NJ

<http://www.courthousequilters.org>

Courthouse Quilters Guild August Program

We will host an Afternoon Sew-in for those interested. Bring any project you want to work on and enjoy the day with friends...

For the Evening meeting we will have our..

ANNUAL ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Bring your favorite toppings or treats.
We'll be providing an assortment of ice cream flavors.



We also have a fun (surprise) evening activity planned !!

Program Sponsored Sewing Clubs

Quilted Jacket Options:



Interested in making a quilted jacket? Join Program as it hosts an open forum group whereby like-minded members will come together sharing tips and tricks on making a quilted jacket. Kick-off will be prior to the Aug 20th guild meeting from 4:30 – 5:30 pm



Program will also be hosting a Sew Along where members will select a quilt pattern from [Suzy Quilts Sew Along Patterns](#) that offers up the opportunity to sharpen your skills. Members will help one another with lessons learned, tips and tricks. Kick-off will be prior to the Aug 20th guild meeting from 5:30 – 6:00 pm

[Sew Along - Suzy Quilts](#)

September 17th, 2023

Workshop 11:00 a.m. – 4:30p.m.

Dames & Diamonds by MJ Kinman
Cost: \$45.00
Class Limit: 25

Evening Activities

6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Lecture

“Gems & Joy” by MJ Kinman

Location

Hunterdon County Complex,
314 State Route 12, Building 1,
Flemington NJ

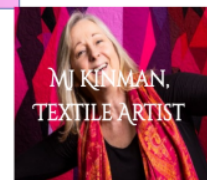
Sign-up early as this workshop will be opened to non-members come July 9th

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Courthouse Quilters Guild September Program

MJ Kinman will introduce techniques she uses to create all her gem patterns; traditional piecing using freezer paper as a template. She has designed three patterns inspired by some of the world’s most beautiful gems, all of which are made available to class participants. Members will choose one of the fully-charted gem patterns to make a quilt block. MJ will share all kinds of gossip about the gems and their outrageous, eccentric and intriguing owners.

The “Gems & Joy” evening lecture and trunk show chronicles MJ’s 25-year adventure in learning how to create the biggest diamonds in the world using fabric. Join us as MJ talks about her techniques to create these beautiful quilts.



Upcoming Meetings

Zoom Board Meeting (All members welcome)

Time: July 14, 2023 07:00 PM

In Person Guild Potluck at Hunterdon County Complex

314 State Route 12, building 1, Flemington NJ

Time: July 16, 2023 03:00 pm Potluck Start Time

Committee Notes

4H Fair (Barbara Fusco)

Sign up for Intake, Judging, Hanging, Sales, and Take Down for the 4H Fair has started. Please consider volunteering for one or more of these time slots. It takes a lot of members to make this happen successfully. Thanks for all your help. See you at the fair! [Courthouse Quilters: CHQ at the 4H Fair \(signupgenius.com\)](https://signupgenius.com)

Boutique (Janet Bergman)

July 16th Sewing Workshop from 11 to 3 will focus on making some items to sell at the 4H fair in August. Sign Up Here: [Courthouse Quilters: CHQ 4H Fair Sew \(signupgenius.com\)](https://signupgenius.com). We will give a brief demo and instructions for all of the following:

Zipper pouches made from candy bags. Make two and keep one for yourself!

- Provided - iron-on vinyl, zippers and an assortment of candy bags.
- Bring - a fat quarter of fabric for lining and any specific bags you want to use.
- Tatiana has some great fruits and healthy snack bags that are gonna be great!

Aprons (both children's and adult sizes)

- Provided - Limited fabric selection
- Bring - 2 yards of coordinating fabric to make 2 adult aprons or 2 fat quarters to make 2 children's aprons.
- Please be sure to bring fun fabrics for kids and nice fabrics for the adult apron. Think animals, food, arts & crafts, Xmas, florals, sports. Current fabrics only please, otherwise they will never sell!

Pot Holders

- Provided - limited kits are available
- Bring - Cute fabrics (see above note) and insulbright if you want to make with your own fabric or if this is your jam and you want to make a bunch!

Framed Animal Fabric with stitching

- Provided - limited amount of animal fabric (that you can embellish by machine or hand) and mats to make them ready for framing.

- Bring - Threads and free motion foot for machine or hand needles and threads, etc. to embellish by hand. Again, if you want to do your own thing, bring whatever fabric you think would be cute.

Bring - your sewing machine and Accessories.
Guild will provide cutting and ironing stations.

Of course, you can make any item of your choice and/or sew a charity quilt. If you don't feel like sewing, come and help cut and press. We will also have tubs of fabric that need measuring, pricing and sorting. I know it seems early, but we are already way behind...we need your help!

Come out and play with whatever floats your boat, it's sure to be a fun day!

"Clean the Clutter"

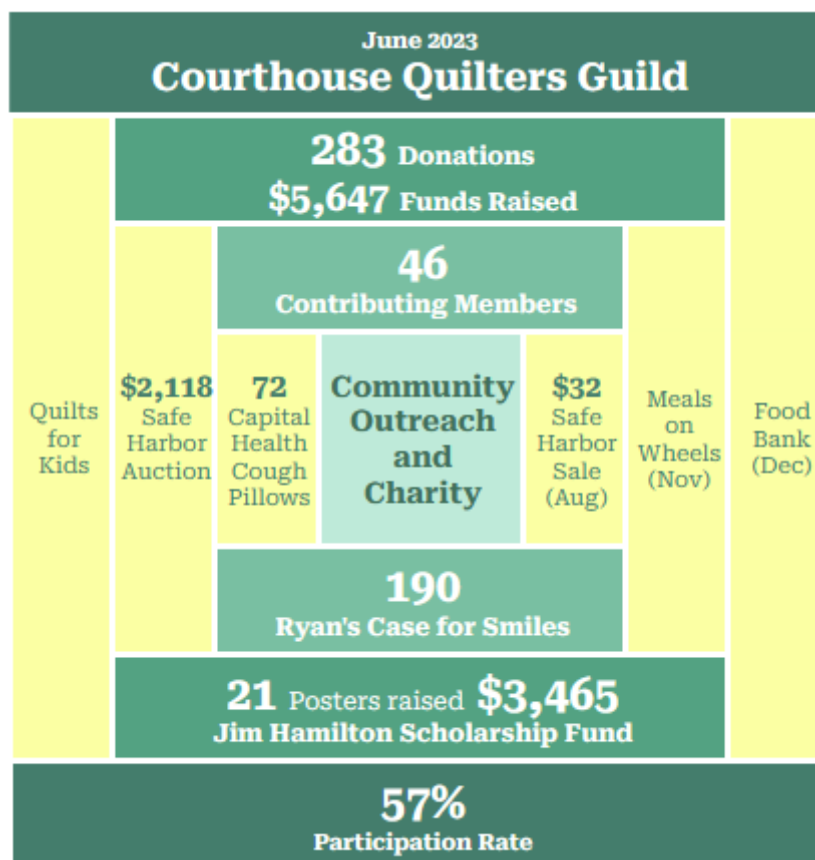
This month take some time to clean out your trims (lace, yarn, ribbon, doilies, etc.) Take a look through your studio and bring whatever you can part with to the July meeting. Don't forget to enter your name in the box next to the donation bin for a chance to win some great prizes! Even if you don't win a prize, you will be a winner because your studio will be clean and more organized! And as always, you can bring whatever you have.

Thank you from the entire Boutique Bunch,

Janet Bergman

p.s. If you would like to help the boutique committee in any small way, let me know. It's always fun and we get first pick of donated items!!

Community Outreach (Barbara Slaton & Cathie Giambalvo)



- Caring Heart Quilts
 - During the July workshop, we will be sewing for the 4H Fair. Please consider working on a quilt for donation that day. Sign up for the workshop here: [Courthouse Quilters: CHQ 4H Fair Sew \(signupgenius.com\)](https://signupgenius.com)
- Quilts for Kids
 - If you are interested in making a quilt - please contact Gretta ~ gmpiano@gmail.com or Margaretanne ~ margaretannereina@gmail.com

Hospitality (Donna Slovak)

Thank you to the generous folks who provide snacks and drinks for our monthly CHQ meetings and to those who spontaneously bring delicious treats to the workshops.

Don't forget to sign up for our Summer Potluck Party on July 16th if you have not already done so. [Courthouse Quilters Guild: July Potluck Party \(signupgenius.com\)](https://signupgenius.com)

Membership (Cathie Giambalvo)

Welcome New Member!

- Sheila Curran

Nominating Committee (Joan Lasota)

SEEKING NOMINATIONS - 2ND VICE PRESIDENT/PROGRAM POSITION

The CHQ Nominating Committee is seeking nominations for the position of Second Vice President. The position is a two year appointment whereby the individual functions in the role of Second Vice President in the first year and First Vice President in the second year. This is a great opportunity for a member who has interest in influencing the direction of CHQ workshops and programs!

You may nominate yourself or any other guild member by providing names to one of the Nominating Committee members (see below). One of the committee members will reach out to the nominated individual(s) to further explain the role and gauge their level of interest.

The list of interested candidates will be circulated to CHQ members in October of this year and voting will take place during the November, 2023 meeting. Following is a description of the Second Vice President position.

Second Vice President

Assists the First Vice President with selection and organization of CHQ workshops/programs and monthly guild meetings/events. The Second Vice President will be in a training role for the first year, then will move into the First Vice President's role in the second year. The First Vice President (with assistance from the Second Vice President) is responsible for planning and executing creative, informative events, educational workshops/programs for the guild and leading/organizing the guild's speakers/events. Duties include identifying, contacting and scheduling teachers/speakers, preparing/signing contracts and payment, ensuring transportation/hotel considerations (if necessary) are met and setting up/coordinating workshops/programs. The Second Vice President performs the duties of the First Vice President in their absence (Currently, Anne Oswald is our First VP and Laura Kohl is Second VP; Laura will become First VP in 2024; this is an opportunity to work with Laura in 2024).

Nominating Committee

Joan Lasota - jalasota@icloud.com

Alice Marcy - alice.marcy2@gmail.com

Joanne Gardner - joannewyo@comcast.net

Other Member Notes

Color Collaboration Challenge Quilt Exhibit (Carol Esch)

Please bring your Color Collaboration quilts to the July or August guild meeting for Carol Esch to take the Mancuso show. As a reminder, each quilt will need a 4" hanging sleeve and a label with the name of the maker on the back of the quilt. Please let Carol know if you do NOT want your quilt in the show.

Classifieds

Quilt Repairs

A question came into our guild email asking if anyone knows of a person/place who does quilt repairs. If anyone has a response, please contact Gina.

Quilt Show

Garden State Quilters Guild Show

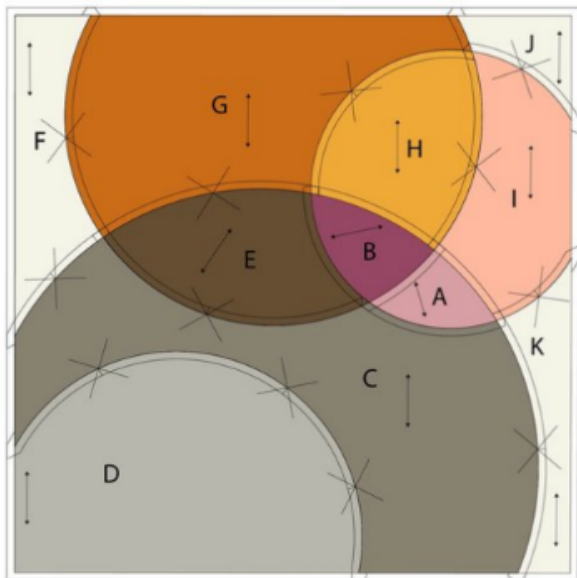
At Library of the Chathams
214 Main Street Chatham, NJ 07928
Opening Reception Saturday July 8th, 2023
2:30 – 4:30 p.m. in the Lundt Room



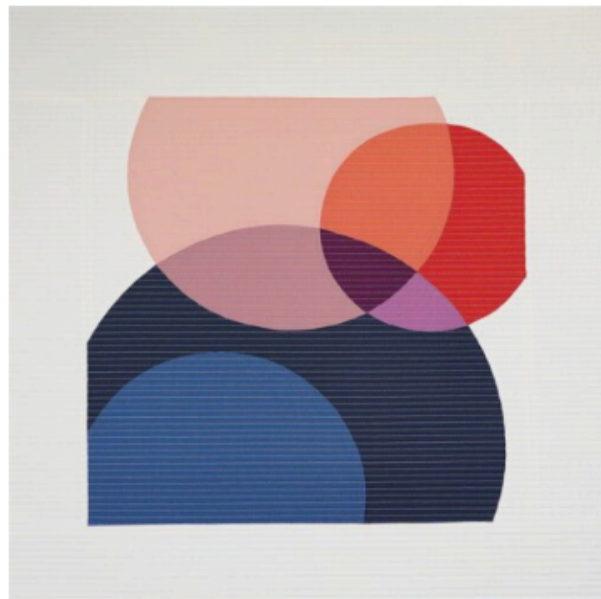
Members of the Garden State Quilters Guild will exhibit their work from July 8th thru August 5th. Wall hangings and small quilts, sewn in various techniques, will demonstrate the depth of talent of the guild's membership. Some of the displayed quilts will be for sale to the public.

Everyone is welcome to attend the opening reception. Refreshments will be served.

Workshop Opportunity



Drafting Complex Curves Booklet - US Letter Templates



Drafting Complex Curves - with Audrey Esarey

ZOOM Class: Saturday, August 5, 2023, 10AM-3:30PM EST (1/2hr lunch break)

Website: <https://www.cottonandbourbon.com>

Non-Member Cost, \$60

Send a check made out to CJMQG to Jenny Plassche, 81 Sunrise Circle, Clinton, NJ 08809 - or you may pay via PayPal for \$62.58 - email us if you'd like us to send you an invoice - centraljerseymqg@gmail.com

This class begins with lecture and drafting exercises on Audrey's methods for drafting quilts with complex and irregular curves. She'll discuss how she assembles quilts from the drawings, and share the best practices she follows for this process. The class will continue using the Exploring Curves Quilt as practice for sewing complex curves. This quilt is a wall hanging made from one large block that uses curved piecing to create the illusion of transparency from overlapping circles. She'll discuss building a palette and tips and tricks for stress-free curved piecing. Take the guesswork out of color selection by using one of the published color palettes inside the pattern! The Exploring Curves Quilt finishes at 24 x 24 inches. Drafting Complex Curves Booklet sold separately.

Skill level: Intermediate

A supply list and discount code to purchase the booklet will be provided upon receipt of class payment.

EXECUTIVE BOARD, COMMITTEE CHAIRS, SPECIAL COMMITTEES 2023

Executive Board

President: Regina Krejsa

1st Vice President: Anne Oswald

2nd Vice President: Laura Kohl

Treasurer: Kerry Cogan

Recording Secretary: Cheryl Dennis

Corresponding Secretary: Juliet Leonard

Committee Chairs

4H Fair: Barbara Fusco

Boutique: Janet Bergman

Charity & Outreach: Barbara Slaton

Circulation: Lauren Lupica

Historian: Patty Gertz & Cass Garner

Hospitality: Donna Slovak

Librarian: Mary Ann Hampton

Licensing: Dyan Rosario

Membership: Cathie Giambalvo

Newsletter: Al Accettola

Photographer: Al Accettola

Publicity: Dyan Rosario

Quilt Show: Lysa Martinelli

Raffle Quilt Construction 2024: Anne Oswald & Jill Ferrari

Raffle Quilt Sales 2024: Penny Armagost

Web Presence: Lauren Pine

Courthouse Quilters Guild - Our Mission

The purpose of our Guild is to:

- preserve and promote the tradition and history of quilting.
- to foster fellowship among interested persons in all aspects of quilting.
- to sponsor and support educational quilting activities.
- to encourage quilt making and collecting.
- to promote the appreciation of quilting throughout the community.
- and to support charitable activities.