

Courthouse Quilters President's Bulletin

January 2025

Happy New Year and Welcome to 2025!

At the beginning of each year people tend to make resolutions and quilters make specific quilting resolutions. In most cases people give up on those resolutions not long after the start of the new year and are much too hard on themselves for not achieving those goals. Honestly, I have never succeeded with resolutions and stopped even trying to make them. However this year I am going to try another approach with regards to my quilting resolutions. This year I am going to be resolved to not be disappointed with myself that I haven't completed "X" number of projects or learned new techniques. I am going to just enjoy the time I do spend in my sewing room and working on projects. I hope you will do the same. And when I'm not working on my own projects I will enjoy seeing what other people accomplish in the next year. I am looking forward to seeing your beautiful work each month at our meetings. You all are a great inspiration.

I want to thank our outgoing executive board members Gina, Laura, Kerry and Cheryl and committee chairpersons Barbara S., Patty, Cass, Donna, Janet, Cathie, Lauren and Penny. Your hard work is greatly appreciated and we are grateful for your time. Luckily for us former board members and committee chairs Kerry, Patty, Donna, Gina, Cheryl, Cathie are staying on in other positions.



A special thank you to Gina. Her dedication, leadership, and calm approach will make it difficult for me to follow her as president. I ask for everyone's patience as I figure things out.

Lysa Martinelli
President@CourthouseQuilters.org

Upcoming Meetings

Zoom Board Meeting (All members welcome)
Date/Time: Friday, January 17, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

Zoom Guild Meeting
Date/Time: Sunday, January 19, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.

Programs (Barbara Fusco)

How to Register for a Workshop

FREE Workshops - One Step Process

1. Notify the guild you want to participate (2 options)
 - a. Sign up on the clipboard during a guild meeting
 - b. Sign up online with Sign Up Genius. A link for the sign up can generally be found in the Newsletter, President's Bulletin, or under the "Program Workshops and Event Calendar" section on our website

Workshops with a Fee - Two Step Process

1. Notify the guild you want to take the class (2 options)
 - a. Sign up on the clipboard during a guild meeting
 - b. Complete the "Workshop Registration Form" under the "Program Workshops and Event Calendar" section on our website
2. Payment (3 options)
 - a. Pay the Treasurer at a guild meeting by cash, check, or credit card
 - b. Mail a check to the Treasurer at Courthouse Quilters Guild, 203 Main Street, Suite 182, Flemington, NJ 08822
 - c. Pay by PayPal under the "Program Workshops and Event Calendar" section on our website

January workshop is FULL - Let Barbara Fusco know if you would like to be added to the waitlist.

January 19th, 2025

****Workshop****
Artful Couching
with Rachel Derstine
Location: Zoom
Time: 1:00 - 4:00
Cost: \$29
Class Limit: 20

****Evening Program****
Artful Couching: Texture and Definition
By Rachel Derstine
Location: Zoom

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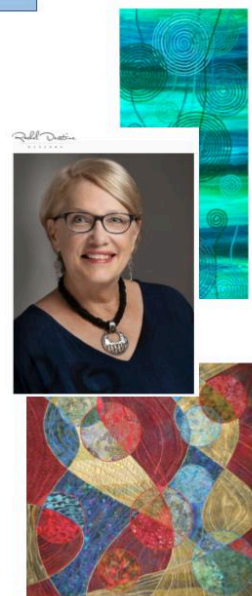
Courthouse Quilters Guild Program

Workshop

Learn the art of couching with yarns to create texture, flow and extra pizzazz. This class will show you the many ways to use couching for definition and sparkle, by incorporating a variety of cording, yarns and metallic threads in your work.

Evening Program

PowerPoint lecture presentation showing the many ways couching can be used to take your art to the next level. Instruction in specific technique on how to couch will be shown. Rachel will bring examples of how couching can be added to garments and bags as well as quilts.



February workshop is FULL - Let Barbara Fusco know if you would like to be added to the waitlist.

Courthouse Quilters Guild Program

February 23, 2025

****Workshop****

Improv Blocks

with Sheila Frampton Cooper
Location: Zoom
Time: 1:00 - 4:00
Cost: \$27
Class Limit: 20

****Evening Program****


Spontaneous Creation and Inspiration

By Sheila Frampton Cooper
Location: Zoom

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Workshop
In this workshop, we will explore various improvised approaches, and each one will lead you on a creative adventure. In fact, you will find that you have the beginnings of several pieces, not just one.

Evening Program
This talk goes deep into Shelia's process. She discusses color, inspiration and the various approaches she engages when doing this type of work. She'll share a variety of student work as well as a few other artists and discuss what she feels makes a piece successful.



March

Courthouse Quilters Guild Program

March 23, 2025

****Workshop****

ShadFest Workshop & Sea Glass Quilts

with Juliet Leonard
Location: Rt 12 County Complex
Time: 1:00 - 5:00
Cost: FREE

****Evening Program****

Art Quilting

By Sherry Shine
Location: Rt 12 County Complex

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Workshop
Join us to create your poster for ShadFest or learn about creating a beautiful sea glass quilt with our own Juliet.

Evening Program
The art of Sherry Shine has been exhibited across the country in galleries, colleges, and museums.



March Workshop Additional Information: You can work on a sea glass wall hanging for the entire workshop OR you can work on a Shadfest poster OR you can work on both. Sign Up Here: [Courthouse Quilters: CHQ March Shadfest and Sea Glass](#)

- Juliet will provide a supply list for the sea glass project - it's flexible and a great stash buster
- For the Shadfest Poster:
 - Use whatever materials/techniques (mini quilt, fabric, paper, wood, painting, drawing, anything) you want to create a Shadfest poster.
 - You do not have to finish during the workshop - you can start or finish at home.
 - Poster blanks are 11"x17" and have a logo printed on them in portrait orientation - usable space closer to 11"x13".
 - Double sided tape will be available at the workshop for mounting.
 - Gina will pick up poster blanks the week before the workshop. They do run out of poster blanks, so please do not wait until the last week to sign up.
 - Consider bringing items to share in case others need ideas or materials.

April

Courthouse Quilters Guild Program	
<p>April 27, 2025</p> <p>**Workshop** <i>Charity Sew-in: Quilts of Valor</i> Location: Rt 12 County Complex Time: 1:00 - 5:00 FREE</p> <p>**Evening Program** <i>2025 CHQ Challenge</i> Location: Rt 12 County Complex</p> <p>www.courthousequilters.org</p>	<p><u>Workshop</u> Charity Sew-in - we will be working on quilt tops for Quilts of Valor in support of the Hunterdon County Group. Please bring red, white, and blue fabrics, sewing machines and supplies! Sign up here: CHQ April Charity Sew In - Quilts of Valor</p> <p><u>Evening Program</u> Courthouse Quilters will present their creations for this year's challenge at our 37th Anniversary Celebration.</p>

Sign Up Here: [Courthouse Quilters: CHQ April Charity Sew In - Quilts of Valor](#)

2025 CHQ Anniversary Challenge

Musical Inspirations

- Create a wall hanging, quilt, or another quilted item (example - bag or jacket) using the 45 record we have provided as your inspiration.
- Your piece can focus on the song from either side, or it can focus on the singer/group, or even on a lyric that speaks to you.
- While it is not necessary, it might be fun to incorporate the record into the piece.
- Submitted pieces will be displayed at the April 27, 2025 meeting.

Can you dig it?

Records were distributed to members at the November meeting. If you are interested in participating, but have not received a record, please contact Barbara Fusco.

Community Outreach (Cheryl Dennis)



Flemington Food Bank - Thank you Courthouse Quilters members for the generous donations of non-food items collected at the holiday party!

These were delivered first thing Monday morning by Cass to the Flemington Food Pantry.

Hospitality (Position Open)

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our CHQ Holiday Party. It was great fun and the food was delicious. CHQ meets remotely in January and February but our new SignUp Genius form for 2025 monthly snack volunteers will be available soon.

Donna Slovak
Hospitality Chair

Note: Please consider accepting the position of CHQ Hospitality Chair. The hosting process has been greatly streamlined and members are great about supplying the goodies.

Lost and Found



A water bottle was left at the holiday party in December. If it's yours, contact Cass to get it before the March "in person" meeting.

Executive Board, Committee Chairs, Special Committees

Executive Board:

President: Lysa Martinelli
1st Vice President: Barbara Fusco
2nd Vice President: Kerry Cogan
Treasurer: Patty Gertz
Secretary: Donna Slovak

Standing Committee Chairs:

Archivist: Regina Krejsa
Boutique: **Appointment On-Hold**
Charity & Outreach: Cheryl Dennis
Circulation: Jan Hunold
Hospitality: **Chair Needed**
Membership: Sara Mlynarczek
Newsletter/Photography: Al Accettola
Publicity: Dyan Rosario
Quilt Show: **Appointment On-Hold**
Web Presence: Cathie Giambalvo

Ad-Hoc Committee Chairs:

4H Fair: **Chair Needed**
Raffle Quilt Sales 2026: **Chair Needed**
Raffle Quilt Construction 2026: Juliet Leonard
Nominating: Joan Lasota, Cass Garner, Kathy Stewart

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.

Website: Visit the Courthouse Quilters website (www.courthousequilters.org) for information on meetings, presentations, workshops, and general information about the guild.

Facebook: Become Facebook “friends” with Courthouse Quilters. Search for “Courthouse Quilters” and “like” us. See what guild members are posting related to quilting, sewing, art, and other interesting things.

Newsletter: The deadline for the newsletter is the Sunday following a meeting. For the even numbered months newsletter send all of your articles, news, photos and other newsworthy items to Al and for the odd numbered months send your information to Lysa.