

# Courthouse Quilters President's Bulletin

July 2025

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It is hard to believe it is already July but the recent heatwave definitely let us know it is summertime.

We have some fun things coming up and in particular there is the opportunity to showcase your quilts at the 4-H Fair Quilt Show. It is time to pick your quilt for entry in the Show. The Show Guidelines, Entry Form and Judging Sheet are available on the [Hunterdon County 4-H website](#). The Hunterdon County 4-H fair will be held Wednesday, August 20 - Sunday, August 24.

Volunteers are needed for the 4-H Fair Quilt Show for set-up, boutique and take-down. Please [sign-up](#) for a shift or two.

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## Upcoming Meetings

**Board Meeting - ZOOM** (all members welcome)

Date/Time: Thursday, July 17, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

### Guild Workshop and Meeting

Date/Time: Sunday, July 20, 2025

- Workshop: 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Business Meeting / Show & Tell: 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

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## The remaining 2025 meeting dates are:

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|----------------------|---------------------------------|
| • July 20, 2025      | • October 26, 2025 (4th Sunday) |
| • August 17, 2025    | • November 16, 2025             |
| • September 21, 2025 | • December 21, 2025             |

# July Workshop and Program

**July 20, 2025**

**\*\*Workshop\*\***

*4-H Fair Boutique Sew or  
Open Sew*

Location: Rt 12 County Complex

Time: 1:00 - 5:00

FREE

**\*\*Evening Program\*\***

*"Shibori Magic"*

Sue Fox Mitrano

Blue Fox Studio

[www.bluefoxstudio.net](http://www.bluefoxstudio.net)

[www.courthousequilters.org](http://www.courthousequilters.org)

## Courthouse Quilters Guild Program

### Workshop

Bring your machine, supplies and enthusiasm as we prepare items for the Hunterdon County 4-H Fair or you come and sew your own project. Sign up here: [CHQ July 4H Fair Sew](#)



### Evening Presentation

Blue Fox Studio is the creative home of Sue Fox Mitrano - an artist, teacher, and lover-of-patterns. Sue's presentation will explore the history, culture and production of both indigo dye and Shibori, a 1300-year-old Japanese hand-dyeing technique.



[Click Here to Sign-up for the Workshop](#)

## 4-H Fair Quilt Show

The Hunterdon County 4-H Fair is held each year in August and includes a judged quilt show. Courthouse Quilters and Hunterdon County Quilting Guild alternate coordinating the quilt show at the fair. This year it is our turn. This year's 4-H Fair and Quilt Show will be held on Wednesday, August 20 - Sunday, August 24. The Show Information can be found at: [Hunterdon County 4-H Fair](#)



There are several ways you can participate.

- **Make Boutique Items** - Participation at the 4-H fair also gives us an opportunity to sell handmade items and Caring Hearts Quilts in a Boutique. We will be making items for the Boutique at the July workshop. Please [sign up](#) for the workshop.
- **Enter the Quilt Show** - What quilt are you entering in the Show? The Show Guidelines, Entry Form and Judging Sheet are available on the [Hunterdon County 4-H website](#). Quilt intake being held on Saturday, August 16, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm at the Rutgers Cooperative Extension, 314 State Rte 12, Building #2, Flemington.
- **Volunteer for the 4-H Fair Quilt Show** - [Sign-up for a shift or two](#)
  - Saturday, August 16 - Quilt Intake
  - Monday, August 18 - Judging
  - Tuesday, August 19 - Quilt Hanging & Boutique Set-up
  - Wednesday, August 20 - Sunday, August 24 - Quilt Show and Boutique
  - Sunday, August 24 - Show Take Down and Quilt Distribution

# August Workshop and Program

**August 17, 2025**

**\*\*Workshop\*\***

*Journey Folded Fabric*  
with Jan Hunold

Location: Rt 12 County Complex

Time: 1:00 - 5:00

Cost: \$13 plus any kit fee

**\*\*Evening Program\*\***

*Ice Cream Social*

Location: Rt 12 County Complex

[www.courthousequilters.org](http://www.courthousequilters.org)

## Courthouse Quilters Guild Program

### Workshop

With a simple folded fabric technique, add dynamic texture to your quilt. This folded technique adds a third layer to a half-square triangle. The half-square triangles are folded back to reveal a sliver of a highlighted curve. The result is a stunning block that looks complicated, but is very simple. Blocks can be arranged in the usual rows and columns or turned in different directions to create a pathway among the curves. Be creative with your blocks! Create your own journey!

### Evening Program

Ice Cream Social - Enjoy time with fellow members to share ideas or just kick back and relax.



[Click Here to Sign-up for the Workshop](#)

## Hospitality and Ice Cream Social

Thanks to all of the volunteers who share snacks and drinks at our monthly CHQ meetings and workshops! Don't miss the Ice Cream Social in August. Ice cream will be provided, just bring your favorite topping, base or addition.

Please [sign up](#) to bring snacks to future meetings. Members are encouraged to bring personal water bottles. Hot coffee and tea will return in September.

Thank you,  
Gretta and Margaretanne  
Hospitality



# September Workshop and Program

**September 21, 2025**

**\*\*Workshop\*\***

*Open Sew-in with guild members*

Location: Rt 12 County Complex

Time: 1:00 - 5:00

FREE

**\*\*Evening Program\*\***

*Meg Cox Lecture*

Location: Rt 12 County Complex

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## Courthouse Quilters Guild Program

### Workshop

This is a great time to catch up on your projects or get that holiday project started. Sign up here: [CHQ September Open Sew](#)



### Evening Program

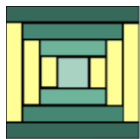
Meg Cox lecture - "Talking to History: Help Your Quilts Tell Their Stories". Whether it's your grandkids or a museum curator, one day there will be people begging to know more about your quilts when you aren't around to answer questions. This lecture and trunk show will fill you with fresh ideas about how to both label and archive your quilts.



[Click Here to Sign-up for the Workshop](#)

## Caring Hearts Quilts

We will be selling Caring Hearts quilts at the 4-H Fair Quilt Show in August and need to increase our inventory of quilts. Please consider making and donating a quilt for the sale.



## Caring Heart Quilts

Fifty percent of sales made is donated to Safe Harbor. You can make either a baby, lap, or a larger quilt if you wish. We will have 3 size categories and 3 price points.

Size 1	Size 2	Size 3
\$45	\$65	\$85
Minimum 30" x 30"	Minimum 34" x 34"	Minimum 45+" x 45+"
Maximum 34-" x 34-"	Maximum 45" x 45"	Maximum 60" x 60"
(Under 1156 sq. in.)	(Between 1156 and 2024 sq. in.)	(Over 2025 sq. in.)

Note: These are just guidelines for your use. If you choose to make a quilt larger than 60" x 60", that is fine, just be aware that the price will be \$85.00. Items under 900 sq inches should be boutique donations.

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If you have any questions, reach out to Barbara Slaton.

# 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, 2025 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, Barbara Fusco is our First VP and Kerry Cogan is Second VP; Kerry will become First VP in 2026; this is an opportunity to work with her in 2026).

## Nominating Committee 2024/25

Joan Lasota (H) 908-806-7223 [joanlasota@icloud.com](mailto:joanlasota@icloud.com)

Cass Garner (C) 609-462-7338 [cassgarner1@gmail.com](mailto:cassgarner1@gmail.com)

Kathy Stewart (C) 267-235-9753 [kathystewart@verizon.net](mailto:kathystewart@verizon.net)

## Nominating Committee Time-Line: 2025

May-Sept - Solicit member input and prepare a slate of candidates for 2nd VP.

October - Present the candidate/s to members at the October meeting and ask if there are other candidates to be added.

November - Vote on the candidate/s at the November meeting.

December - New officer will be installed at the end of the December meeting.

# Volunteers Needed

As you know, it takes many volunteers to keep the guild going and there are two chairperson positions that we need to fill. We are looking for people to serve as the **Boutique Chair** and the **Quilt Show Chair**. If you are interested in either position, please email [President@CourthouseQuilters.org](mailto:President@CourthouseQuilters.org).

## Donated Fabric and Sewing Goods

The guild is often contacted by quilters or quilters family members about donating their fabric, notions, patterns, books and other items. We held off on collecting items until we had a chance to organize and inventory what was left over from the quilt show boutique. We also needed to decide what type of items we will collect and what we no longer will collect. We are now ready to start taking in donations. All offered items will be collected and reviewed before it goes into the storage unit. Items will be sorted into the categories of keep, donate, discard, and offer to members. The items that will be kept for the boutique will mainly be fabric and some notions but no books, patterns or other items that don't sell.

Dates will be coordinated for the intake and review of donated items based on when donations are received. If you would like to be part of the intake and review process please let us know. There aren't specific dates for this work but you can sign-up that you are interested and we will coordinate the schedule with people that volunteered. [Volunteer Sign-up](#)

## Fundraising Committee Status Report

At the May guild meeting and in the newsletter the status of the work of the Fundraising Committee was reported. The committee was formed in November 2024 to review the fundraising activities of the guild and to present recommendations. A preliminary report was reviewed by the Board at the June meeting and the report is being shared with the guild for open discussion at the July meeting.

### **The purpose of the committee is to:**

- Review the financial responsibility of the guild's fundraising activities
  - What is the need/impact of fundraising activities on the guild's finances
  - Where does the guild spend money
  - How does the guild make money
- Review each of the fundraising activities
  - What is the effort/cost/reward for each activity
  - What is the effort/cost on the guild's finances
  - What is the effort/cost on the guild's members
    - What is the impact on volunteers
    - What is the stress on chairpersons and difficulty filling positions
- What are the Pros and Cons of the fundraising activities
- Examine ways to provide activities that meet the needs/desires that members are looking for from the guild
- Help the Board to make informed decisions on future fundraising activities

### **Guild Fundraising Activities**

- Quilt Show
- Quilt Raffle
- Boutique
- Charity
  - Caring Heart Quilts and Auction
- Donations/Grants



## **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: **Open**  
Charity & Outreach: Cheryl Dennis  
Circulation: Jan Hunold  
Hospitality: Greta Casella & Margaretanne  
Reina  
Membership: Sara Mlynarchek  
Newsletter/Photography: Al Accettola  
Publicity: Dyan Rosario  
Quilt Show: **Open**  
Web Presence: Cathie Giambalvo

### **Ad-Hoc Committee Chairs:**

4H Fair: Barbara Fusco & Lysa Martinelli  
Raffle Quilt Sales 2026: Gina Krejsa & **TBD**  
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](http://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.