

COURTHOUSE QUILTERS NEWSLETTER

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January 8, 2017



Workshop – “One Block Wonder” with our own Marla Knappe

12:00 – 4:00 - \$15

A single print, cut randomly with no fussy cutting, is pieced together with gorgeous results. The room was filled with oohhs and aahhs at Marla’s last workshop. (New members may take course at no charge!)

Meeting – “Member Showcase”

6:30 pm

Our own members will present a Round Robin of skills lessons based on their 2016 challenge quilts and show quilts. Demos include: Patty Gertz - Methods of machine embroidery, Jan Hunold - Millefiore hexies, Cathi Giambalvo - Quilt design, Jude McCormick - Confetti quilts.

February 12, 2017

Workshop - “Modern Organic Shapes by Machine”

with Jessica Levitt

10:00 am - 4:00 pm - \$30

Learn to place and piece organic shapes to create a modern look. Jessica, a quilting teacher from Bridgewater, NJ, has a degree in electrical engineering and is also a fabric designer for Windham Fabrics



Meeting - “All About Modern Quilting”

6:30 pm

A lecture and trunk show with Jessica Levitt. A founder of the Central Jersey Modern Quilt Guild, Jessica Levitt wrote the book “Modern Mix.”



March 12, 2017

Workshop – Joyce Hughes – “Basic Thread Painting”

The Joyce Hughes workshop on March 12 is filled. Be sure to join us for her evening program

Meeting - “My Journey into Quilting” with Joyce Huges

6:30 pm

Lecture and trunk show



President's Letter

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

Can you believe it? 2017!!! A brand new year with such exciting plans and programs scheduled for Courthouse Quilters. Our January meeting is a special time that our own members share their special talents. Many thanks to Marla for teaching the One Block Wonder Workshop and to Jan, Jude, Cathie and and Patty for doing demos at our evening meeting - fantastic.

I am so excited (and a little scared) about my new position as president of our guild. Patty and Joanne have both been such wonderful role models and I will do my best to serve our guild as well as they did. I also want to thank all the new board members and team leaders for volunteering to help - you are awesome!

There are still some opportunities for members to get involved. Please talk to me or any other board members if you have an interest in helping. Lastly, I would like to thank Patty and all the outgoing board members and team leaders for their service to our guild.

See you on January 8th!

"Madame President" aka Andrea

Membership

RENEW Your CHQ MEMBERSHIP for 2017!!

No time to lose!!! Renew your CHQ membership for 2017. Dues are \$35 for the calendar year.

According to the bylaws, renewals must be received by the January 2017 meeting. I have extended that date to the end of January.

Please mail your check, payable to CHQ, to me (check your roster for address).

If you want to remain a member in good standing, your dues must be paid in full.

Membership cards for 2017 will be available at the February meeting.

If you have any questions concerning membership, please contact me. And, **please let me know if you have decided not to renew.**

Camille Quinton
CHQ Membership Chair

January Workshop - "One Block Wonder" Supply List

Class Supplies

- Required book: One-Block Wonders by Maxine Rosenthal*
- A 60 degree ruler with pointed tip – Clearview Triangle Ruler
- Flower pins (pins that lie flat)
- Straight edge rule 24"
- 45mm or 60 mm blade rotary cutter – new blade
- Strongly recommended- Design wall or Creative grid flannel (design wall fabric) 2 yds
- Sewing machine in good working order
- Quarter inch foot
- Painter's tape , suggested
- Regular sewing supplies- scissors, seam ripper, thread to match fabric
- Cutting Mat *



Fabric Requirements

We are making the hexagon blocks. Fabric yardage requirements will vary depending on the length of repeat. The rule is that you need **six repeats** of the fabric's design element. Refer to page 17 in One-Block Wonders book. You may want to purchase an additional ½ to 1 yard of fabric for borders.

Hints on selecting fabric: Look for fabrics with very little background and medium to large scale design elements. Elements that blend into one another are more favorable, than distinct elements. A non-solid background gives more movement to the overall quilt top. The vertical repeat should be between 12" and 24". The smaller the repeat, the smaller the quilt. The larger the print/design of fabric, the less the kaleidoscopes will look like the original fabric. Select fabric with your favorite color(s).

Class Prep

- Do NOT wash fabric.
- Iron fabric aligning the two selvages

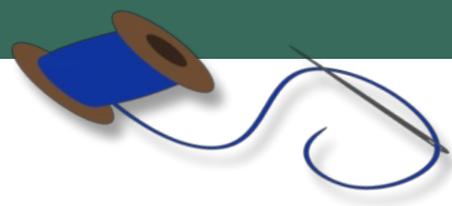
You will need two cutting mats to cut your fabric, so I am suggesting that some of you bring along a mat.

Contact Marla Knapp if you have any questions.

*Would like to find 2-3
people to help taking
photos at meetings. Can
you help?*

Andrea

Sew-er's Retreat



Thursday - Sunday February 2 - 5, 2017

Quilters, Garment sewers, Knitters, etc.

Location -

St. Francis Retreatouse (www.stfrancisretreathouse.org) 3918 Chipman Road, Easton, PA

Treat yourself to a winter get-away. Large 2000 sq ft. well lit sewing room with window wall and adjacent courtyard. 6 foot table all to yourself. Bedrooms, dining and sewing room in connecting wings, elevators available. Local fabric stores. You may arrive at 11am on Thursday and leave after lunch on Sunday around 3 pm. Included in price is lodging, 3 meals per day, and coffee/tea service available from 7am to 10pm...and, of course, any snacks we bring to share. Alcohol is permitted. Fully heated /air conditioned.

Bring UFO's or start a new project. There are always other participants to assist you, whether it is quilts or garments!

Private Room, private Bath. \$280 (3 nights, 9 meals); or \$200 (2 nights, 6 meals)

**Non refundable deposit of \$25.00 will hold your place . Must be received by Dec 11, 2016.
(Make checks payable to Linda Allen.)**

Total amount due Jan 8, 2017 or send total now to assure a space and the room you prefer.

Our policy is a first come, first serve basis for specific preferences.

Contacts -

**Linda Allen - 659 County Road 579, Pittstown, NJ 08867 Phone 908-735-4738
e-mail edlinallen@comcast.net.**

**Claire Rohloff - 383 Bloomsbury Rd. Bloomsbury, NJ 08804 Phone 908-479-6599
e-mail cmrdomehs@embarqmail.com**

Sew-er's Retreat Registration Form

Name _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ email _____

Check below Room type - meals start with dinner the first night and end with lunch on the last day.

3 nights (private room, private bath 9 meals) \$280 _____

2 nights (private room/ private bath - 6 meals) \$200 _____

Thurs - Fri nights _____ Fri - Sat nights _____

Check if you have a particular meal requirement Vegetarian _____ Gluten free _____

(Cut out registration form and include with deposit check.)

Board Minutes

Board Minutes from December, 2016

In attendance: Patty G., Ellen H., Sue G., Camille Q., Judee S., Cathy G. Andrea C., Alice S., Jude Mc., Ann P., Stephanie G., Nicky W., Marla K., Penny A

EXECUTIVE BOARD

President Patty called the meeting to order at 4:35 pm.

A motion was made by Camille to approve the November, 2016 minutes. Seconded by Alice S. Motion carried.

President-Patty-

Andrea Cavallaro presented a Shutterfly album of the Quilt show to CHQ from Mary Hartom Alley.

Twila wrote a thank you note to guild. She is leaving after 2 years.

Discussed that there is a transition from current officers to new officers that must take place. New officers and committee heads should read the bylaws and standing rules to find out responsibilities. These can be found on the website. New people should discuss their position with person they are taking over from.

Pointed out who has keys, who has checkbook and can sign checks (president and treasurer), official address change (official mail can't be sent to a PO Box)

Vice President/Program-Ellen H.

Had an earlier meeting with people who will help out with program. Gathered names for speaker for 2018-19. (2017-18 is all booked).

Marla will teach January workshop (new members may come free). Evening program will be members teaching members- Patty, Cathy, Jude, Jan will each teach a skill.

Treasurer-Alice S.

Spoke to Nicky W. about responsibilities, paid rent from January to March.

Recording Secretary –Cass G.

Will be Penny A

Corresponding Secretary- Sue G.

Will be Cass G.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

New committee chairs

Charity/Community Outreach, Jude McC.

Circulation – Stephanie G.

Door Prizes – no more

Historian – Claire R.

Hospitality-open

Library - open

Licensing – Joanne G.

Membership – Camille Q. –

Newsletter- open

Photographer- open

Publicity - Open

Raffle Quilt- TBA.

Special Events - open

Web Presence – Karen D.

Web Backup - Cathie G

Other Business:

Question came up: Should there be a limit to how many positions a person can have? Avoids burnout if people have too much to do.

Rules of the Corporation state that a person cannot be an officer and a committee chair.

A motion was made and was seconded to adjourn at 5:15

Respectfully submitted by: Penny Armagost for Cass Garner

COURTHOUSE QUILTERS 2017 CHALLENGE

“Reuse, Recycle, Repurpose”

April 19, 2017

At our December 2016 meeting, guild members chose the 2017 challenge – “Reuse, Recycle, Repurpose.”

For this challenge some – or all – of the top of the quilt must have once been part of something else; for instance, a handkerchief, a glove, a pocket, a piece of jewelry or broken jewelry, a tablecloth, the buttons from a jacket....be creative.

The quilt must be made between December 11, 2016 and April 9, 2017.

There is no size limit.

You will be given a paper label to fill out when you bring your quilt. You will be asked for this information:

- 1) What item or items on the piece are recycled?
- 2) Did you design the piece yourself? If not, who was the designer?
- 3) Did you quilt the piece yourself? If not, who quilted it?

If your quilt has a label, cover it with a piece of cloth.

Bring your quilt in a pillowcase or other closed bag.

There will be 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place ribbons in three categories: Quilt With Repurposed Fabric, Quilt with Repurposed Non-Fabric Item(s), and Other (including clothing, bags, or other fabric items that are not flat like a quilt). You may enter one piece in each category.

Please contact Ellen Heath (ellheath@gmail.com) or Marla Knappe (marlaknappe@gmail.com) for clarifications or questions.

THANK YOU

I wanted to thank all the Courthouse Guild members who donated food items at the December meeting for the Flemington Food Pantry. I delivered all the food items to the Pantry on Tuesday, December 13, 2016. They were greatly appreciative of our donation and were amazed at our thoughtfulness. Judging from the number of people at the Pantry, I believe it will go to good use.

Thank you again and Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah , and Happy Festivus for the rest of us.

Alice Sprenger

Upcoming Workshops

There are still spaces left in two workshops coming up this spring.

The March workshop with Joyce Hughes and the May workshop with Paula Nadelstern filled at our December meeting, but you are welcome to sign up on the waiting list for either of those.

The workshops that have spaces available are:

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10 – 4 p.m. - \$30. Maximum registration: 20.

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June 11 – Pat Christ – “Star Embroidery”

1 – 4 p.m. \$20. Maximum registration – 20.

Learn the basics of this dimensional embroidery technique that has its roots in 17th century England. Also known as “raised embroidery” or “stumpwork,” this technique is used most often in nature embroidery.

You can register at our January meeting, or send a check made out to Courthouse Quilters to Ellen Heath at 266 Taylor Avenue, Easton, PA 18042. You will not be registered until we have a check from you. Your payment is not refundable unless we have someone to take your place. Questions or comments? Contact ellheath@gmail.com.

Sunshine and Shadows

SILK TIES

I have a friend whose husband recently sorted and cleared out his tie collection. He has over 100 silk ties, paisleys and patterns that they can donate. If you would like them, contact me.

Andrea



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

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 Carol Esch.

Board and Committee Chairs

President	Andrea Cavallaro
First Vice President	Ellen Heath
Second Vice President	Marla Knappe
Recording Secretary	Pam Armagost
Corresponding Secretary	Cass Garner
Treasurer	Nicky Wallis
Charity Quilting	Jude McCormick
Circulation	Stephanie Greenberg
Historian	Claire Rohloff
Hospitality	
Librarian	Patty Gertz
Licensing	Joanne Gardner
Membership	Camille Quinton
Newsletter	Carol Esch
Photographer	
Publicity	
Quilt Show	Camille Quinton
Raffle Quilt - Design & Creation	
Web Presence	Karen Davis Cathie Giambalvo

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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.