

Courthouse Quilters Guild Newsletter

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FREE MOTION QUILTING

Workshop and Lecture
by
Mel Beach

February 26, 2023

Workshop: Modern Free Motion Fillers & Fun

Zoom: 11am to 4:30pm

Evening meeting: Zoom 6:30pm to 8:30pm

Lecture: Free Motion Crea-Tv and Reality

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Courthouse Quilters President's Letter

President's Letter

Love is in the air as Valentine's Day approaches. What do you love? I love learning new quilting techniques and approaches. So, I started my quilting year with classes! Four in January to be exact. Two of the classes were one day workshops, while the other two will last for several months. I could definitely be a professional student, how about you?

This month I want to say thanks to all the members who donate their time and passion to the guild. Whether you donate your effort and skills, participate in some of the many activities, work on a committee, or serve as an officer, we appreciate your contribution to our guild. I hope February finds you well and you are able to quilt with abandon! Enjoy the month.

Housekeeping notes: the February meeting is on the fourth Sunday (February 26th) this month to avoid President's Day weekend; if you feel like you are missing guild emails, please check your junk or spam folders; the Prallsville Mill has been rented for 9/25/24 - 9/29/24 to host our 2024 quilt show.

Gina Krejsa
mrkrej@comcast.net

Upcoming Meetings

Zoom January Board Meeting (All members welcome)

Time: Feb 24, 2023 07:00 PM Eastern Time

Zoom January Guild Meeting

Time: Feb 26, 2023 06:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Zoom invites for both meetings will be sent a day or two before the board meeting - watch your email.

Quilters on the Go

Congratulations to Nancy Powell, whose quilt “Exploring the Cosmos: Space Junk!” is headed to QuiltCon in Atlanta in February! See a picture under Show and Tell.

Congratulations to Mary Schwarzenberger who has two jackets in the 3rd Annual Juried Art and Artisan Exhibition which runs through February 12th. There’s still time to check it out! Details below.



Makers Alley ...is on the move to Milford NJ!

3rd Annual Juried Art and Artisan Exhibition
Opens Saturday January 28th, 11AM – 6PM and runs Saturday & Sunday through February 12.

The Old Milford Bank
34 Bridge Street, Milford, NJ

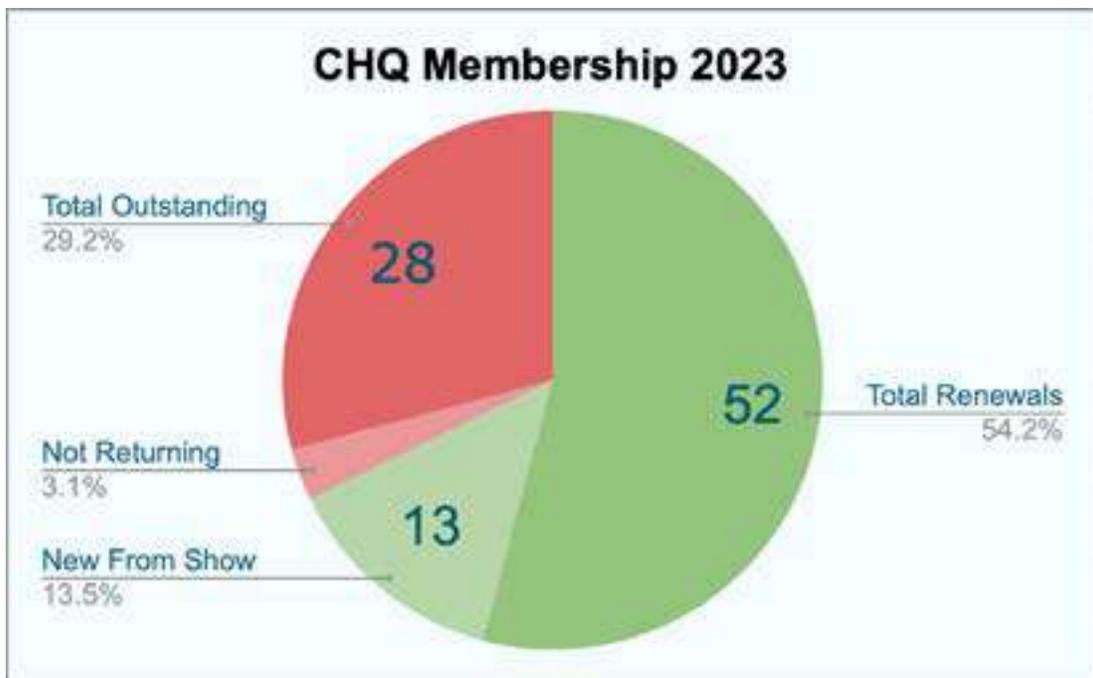
The advertisement features a collage of images: a large photo of a stone building with a sign, and several smaller photos showing interior art displays, including a staircase and various art pieces.

Membership News

To keep on receiving your CHQ Newsletter, will you please renew your dues now. It's easy - click following link [MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL](#) or send a check for \$50 to:

Courthouse Quilters Guild
203 Main Street
Suite 182
Flemington, NJ 08822

Any questions contact, Cathie Giambalvo, Membership Chair
cathiegiambalvo@comcast.net.



CHQ Program News



CHQ PROGRAM

February Program: February 26th, 2023

Workshop and Lecture by Mel Beach

Mel Beach is a San Jose, CA based quilt artist, teacher, and lecturer, who breaks away from tradition by adding her own modern, beautifully textured, and colorful twists.

February Workshop: Modern Free Motion Fillers & Fun



Time: 11:00 to 4:30 pm (with ½ hour break for lunch)

Zoom call number will be sent prior to the class

Cost: \$42.00

Class Limit: 20 Member Only Limit

Supply List: [Mel Beach Supply List](#)

Do you love the look of modern quilts but unsure how best to quilt all that negative space? In this workshop, Mel will share her favorite mark-free, modern quilting motifs involving C-curves, loop de loops, zig zags, and door beads. We'll explore how simple changes to each of the designs will yield all new filler designs! This is a low-stress and super fun workshop that is perfect for quilters who are new to free-motion quilting, as well as those looking to add new modern designs to their quilting repertoire. You'll leave with new design ideas, tips and tricks for free motion quilting success, and the confidence to add beautiful, modern quilted texture to your modern quilt tops!

Evening Meeting: 6:30 - 8:30 pm

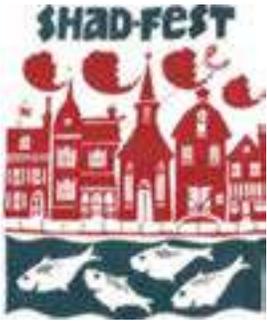
Location: **Zoom Only – number will be sent prior to the meeting**

Lecture: Free Motion Crea-Tv and Reality by Mel Beach

Tune in as Mel shares her love of free motion quilting as it relates to her guilty pleasure of watching reality television!! She'll share her own unscripted, real-life adventures of learning to free-motion quilt. You won't want to change channels as Mel shares her confessionals about her fear factors, extreme makeover story, myth busting tips and tricks for quilting on a domestic sewing machine, and "show" with some of her favorite tools and notions! Be sure to set your TiVo and DVR, as you won't want to miss this humorous and inspirational presentation - complete with a trunk show finale!



Don't forget to share your Valentine Postcards on the Evening Zoom Call



CHQ PROGRAM

March Program: March 19th, 2023

Join in on a CHQ Community Outreach event supporting the historic Shad Festival Scholarship fundraiser held in Lambertville NJ in April.

Shadfest is an event that features artists, crafters, and both a silent and live poster auction. Over 200 original posters will be created and donated by local artists. Proceeds from the auction benefit the Jim Hamilton Shad Festival Scholarship Fund which awards scholarships to regional high school seniors pursuing a fine or performing arts degree. During the CHQ workshop you'll learn different mixed media techniques while making posters. Note: It's ok to still participate in the workshop even if you do not make a poster. Come learn new techniques either way.

Workshop: Fiber Arts & Mixed Media Techniques

Location: Hunterdon County Complex, 314 State Route 12, Building 2, Flemington NJ

Time: 11:00 to 4:30 pm (with ½ hour break for lunch)

Cost: \$10.00

Suggested Supply List is posted on the CHQ web page. Bring your favorite supplies including paints, cloth, thread, paper and other found objects. If you plan to make a quilted item, bring your sewing machine and general sewing supplies including small iron & iron pad. We'll also have supplies on hand as well for you to experiment with.



Evening Meeting: 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Location: Hunterdon County Complex, 314 State Route 12, Building 2, Flemington NJ

Lecture: Amy Coss will share the history of the Jim Hamilton Memorial Shad Festival and Scholarship Program. We'll also share some of the fun techniques we learned in class.

CHQ PROGRAM

April Program: April 16th, 2023

Workshop: Charity Sew-in hosted by Barbara Slaton

Time: 11:00 to 4:00 pm (with ½ hour break for lunch)

Location: Hunterdon County Complex, 314 State Route 12, Building 2, Flemington NJ

We will be making pillowcases for Ryan's Case for Smiles (formerly Conkerr Cancer). Ryan's Case for Smiles delivers over 200,000 pillowcases to local hospitals each year. The idea behind this is to help children with cancer and other life changing illnesses feel better to heal better. Check out their website caseforsmiles.org and watch the video to see how it all got started.

This will be a great opportunity to go through your stash of kid friendly fabrics - only two are needed for each pillowcase. Instructions can be found on their website, CHQ Resource page and in this Newsletter. Supplies to bring: Sewing machine, neutral or thread to match your fabric and general sewing supplies. 100% cotton novelty fabric for boys and girls ages 2-17, no flannel please. 3/4 yd for the body and 1/3 yd for the border. Both should coordinate well, be cheerful and appealing to young children. Some kits will be available to sew that day if you do not have your own.

Please consider participating in this worthwhile event. If you can't make it that day, perhaps you can make a few at home. Bring to either the March or April meeting and give to Barbara Slaton.

Pillowcases must be washed, ironed, and placed in quart Ziplock bags. Please use unscented detergent. NO fabric softener or dryer sheets and check for pins or open seams. If you don't have unscented detergent, no worries, just make your pillowcase and someone will take it home to wash and iron.

Evening: CHQ's 35th Anniversary Celebration & Quilt Challenge

Time: 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Location: Hunterdon County Complex Building, Rt 12 Building 2
Flemington NJ



Color Collaboration Quilt Challenge

Make a monochromatic color schemed quilt panel exclusively using the single color and its tints, shades, and tones from the *Joen Wolfrom* color card you've received. White or black cannot be used. All submissions should measure @ 15" wide x 45" long. There are no restrictions in theme, subject matter, or piecing techniques. The "Other" category is wide-open, although it must be done in a monochromatic color scheme. If you haven't received your color card, contact Anne at aoswald827@gmail.com

Drop off quilts at the Hunterdon County Complex between 4:00 - 5:30 p.m. so we have time to hang them in the room.

“Hot Dog” Approach to Sewing a Pillowcase

Supplies:

- Fun, bright fabric with kid-friendly designs
 - 1/3 yard of border fabric (this will be the “bun”)
 - 3/4 yard of main pillowcase fabric (this will be the “hot dog”)
- Spool of thread that matches fabric

Preparation:

- Cut the “bun” into a strip that’s 10 ½ inches by 40 ½ inches
- Cut the “hot dog” in a strip that’s 26 ½ inches by 40 ½ inches

9 Step Process:

Step 1:

With the border of the pillowcase laying right side up on the surface in front of you, take the body of the pillowcase and place it right side down on top of the border.

Step 2:

Match up the corners of the short 26 ½” end of the body to the 40 1/2” end of the border, so that you can no longer see the border in front of you. Make sure to keep the two edges of the fabrics together for the next few steps.

Step 3:

Roll up the other short end of the body until you are about an inch or two away from the other end.

Step 4:

You should see the other end of the border peeking out from underneath the body. Take that edge of the border and fold it over the rolled-up body aligning its corners with the other two pieces of fabric on the other side.



Step 5:

Pin these three layers of fabric together and sew a 1/2" seam along that edge taking out the pins as you go along. You will begin to see the "hot dog" and "bun" analogy, with the body rolled up as a "hot dog" inside the border which is acting as the "bun."



Step 6:

On either end of this "bun" piece, you will see the rolled-up body inside the sewed-up border.



Step 7:

Roll back the border while simultaneously pulling out the body from within.

Step 8:

Your pillowcase is almost complete! All that's left is two more seams, which are done by folding the pillowcase in-half with the wrong side facing out and sewing along the bottom and side of the pillowcase.

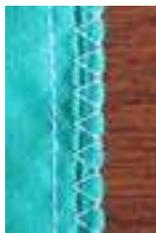


Step 9:

Turn the pillowcase inside-out, and you finally have your finished pillowcase!

Wasn't that easy?

Make a perfect smile by finishing your seams.



Serge

Zig Zag

Check with your regional coordinator for specific washing instructions for your hospital and whether they accept flannel pillowcases.



(©Kris Driessen for coming up with this method in 1997)

For more information about sewing instructions, please visit www.caseforsmiles.org

December Holiday Crafts



December Holiday Party



December Show and Tell



December Gift Exchange



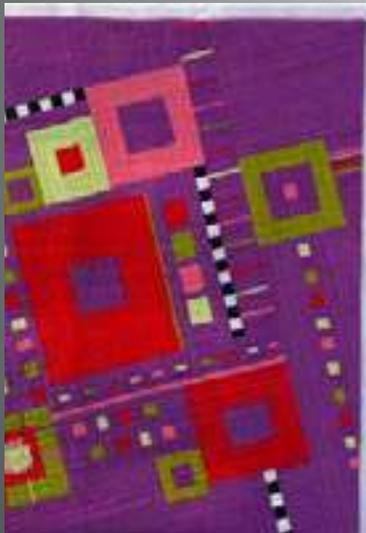
January Show and Tell



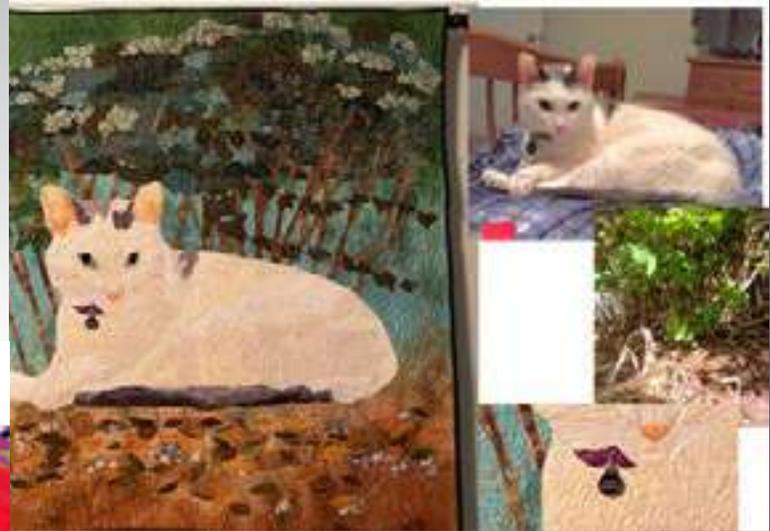
January Show and Tell



Carol Esch



Nancy Powell



Al Accettola





Hospitality



Hospitality News:

CHQ Hospitality Snacks - Please volunteer to provide snacks for the 30-35 members at our monthly CHQ meetings. Review the available slots on the Sign Up Genius form and click the button to sign up. Include your specific items when possible. Members are encouraged to bring their own reusable water bottle or cold beverage. Thank you!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a084baea728a46-chqhospitality>

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.

Board Meeting Minutes November 2022

Meeting at 4:30pm at the Hampton Inn, Flemington NJ

In attendance: Cathie Giambalvo, Joan Lasota, Anne Oswald, Donna Slovak, Al Accettola, Gina Kresja, Jude McCormick, Cass Garner, Stephanie Greenberg, Kerry Cogen, Lauren Lupica, Dyan Rosario, Juliet Leonard, Laura Kohl, Patty Gertz, Barbara Slaton, Maryanne Hampton.

Old Business:

New Business and Board Committee Status: Overview of Executive Board and committee Chair Positions. Should there be term limits on committee chair positions?

Treasurer: Patty Gertz - Treasurer Reports and 2023 CHQ Committee Budgets.

Refund to vendor from the show has not been cashed. 2022 incomes also included from three anonymous donors in addition to the quilt shows. The next raffle quilt budget is being finalized in preparation of ticket sales. Vote in favor of approving the 2023 budget in the amount of \$16,500 which is higher than the last show year. Motion made by Jude, seconded by Al. All in favor.

President: Cathie Giambalvo - Committee Chair Positions, Hunter County Complex update. Meetings will resume at the county complex building in March 2023.

1st Vice President: Jude McCormick -

2nd Vice President: Anne Oswald - Program/Workshop Calendar & budget. Overview of Holiday Party and events planned. 2023 Program Calendar is scheduled.

Recording Secretary: Laura Kohl - Minutes

Corresponding Secretary: Kerry Cogen - Well Wishes

Nominating Committee: Joan Lasota, Alice Marcy, Joanne Gardner- Election Status

Charity and Outreach: Stephanie Greenberg & Cass Garner - Barbara Slaton wants to stand for this position, board vote in December 2022.

Circulation: Lauren Lupica -

Historian: Patty Gertz; Cass Garner starts in 2023.

Hospitality: Donna Slovak - Holiday Celebration on 12/18. Food, snacks and drink sign up opportunities. Sign up sheet for 2023 Hospitality ready on website. Nominated for the new position of Special Events and Hospitality Chair for 2023. Al motioned, Gina Seconded, 12 in favor.

Library: Cass Garner- Marion Hampton nominated for 2023. Joan motioned, Steph seconded. 13 in favor.

Licensing: Joanne Gardner

Membership: Cathie mentioned that she'd like to stand for this position in January 2023.

Newsletter & Photographer: Al Accettola. Send all items for the newsletter to Al by next Sunday.

Publicity: Joan Lasota – Article was written on Safe Harbor and the Baby Quilts in the Bucks County Paper. Dyan Rosario is nominated for Publicity for 2023. Motioned by Joan, seconded by Lauren. Will start in January 2023.

Raffle Quilt Construction 2024: Anne Oswald & Jill Ferrari – Border and quilt are nearing completion.

Raffle Quilt Distribution and Sales: Gina Krejsa & Penny Armagost

Question about changing the number of raffle tickets members need to sell (in order to be a member in good standing) and for the practical reason of selling 24 tickets (4 sets of 6 tickets for \$5) payment of an even \$20.

Quilt Show Co-Chairs: Camille Quinton & Andrea Cavallaro - Show Reports.

Web Presence: Lauren Pine - will not be in attendance. Will continue in this position for 2023.

Gina suggests implementing an online membership level for non-local residents. \$25 membership fee instead of \$50.

Lauren motioned to end the Board Meeting at 5:40. Anne seconded. 10 in favor.

Board Meeting Minutes December 2022

Board Minutes- December 16, 2022

In attendance: Cathie Giambalvo, Cass Garner, Kerry Cogan, Al Accettola, Gina Krejsa, Donna Slovak, Penny Armagost, Barbara Slaton, Dyan Rosario, Lauren Lupica, Lauren Pine, Ann Oswald, Juliet Leonard.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

President Cathie called the meeting to order at 7:03

Cathie asked for a motion to approve November minutes. Gina made the motion, Al seconded. The board unanimously approved November minutes.

Cathie began a conversation regarding the 2024 show to discuss some show topics such as whether strategic changes to the show need to be made before putting a deposit on the Mill for the 2024 show.

Items of consideration from members: Venue- Boutique could use more space, move admission inside, rent the mill for one less day?

Volunteers- Reduce the number of volunteers, include show volunteer as a “member in good standing” requirement, firm the decision to end the show days at 4 or 5.

Storage: boutique, poles, signs.

The Mill Rental: There is a requirement now to rent the “village” which is \$7,000 for 5 days. This will require a 2,000 deposit. There was no deadline for when this was due and Gina has been waiting a couple weeks for them to get back to her with pricing for a 4-day rental rather than 5. We need to have more space information about what exactly the “village” includes.

Gina presented a way to assign numbers to “weigh” members perspective, effort, mission statement, customer perspective, profit. The spreadsheet is on the google drive for anyone on the board who wishes to see how she has captured the data from the show.

Gina thinks that concerning the show, the board should stay away from operational decisions and only decide on strategic decisions, such as deciding whether or not to keep vendors (but not choose the vendors).

Volunteers for white gloving? Maybe use the ribbon or some other means for attendees to be able to look at the backs themselves? Basically, members and attendees consider it a “want” rather than “need”. An in-depth discussion about the pros and cons of having volunteers for white gloving ensued. Kerry reminded the board that white glovers are also “educators” when attendees have questions about the quilts.

Ann and Al wanted to know “Did we make money?” Gina said we did. Ann questioned whether every level of effort on the spreadsheet needed to be addressed at this point or could we just vote about whether to put down the deposit.

Discussion about the cost of the Mill and whether we should put the deposit down. Al moved to vote to plan for the show at the Mill for 2024 and pay the deposit when we know the cost. (4 days vs. 5 days etc.) Kerry seconded. Discussion: Donna asked when we would hear back from the Mill. Gina did not know. Cathie said we should find out about the off-season pricing. We will need to tweak the date of the show to avoid Rosh Hashanah in 2024. Kerry thought the Mill would not discount very much for the 4 days. The vote of the board was unanimous in favor of paying the deposit.

The board also voted unanimously to review the rest of the show details of Gina's spreadsheet in future meetings.

Additional Items from the President:

New Charity Person, Barbara Slaton voted in as the new Charity Committee Chair for next year. Gina made the motion and Penny seconded. Unanimously approved.

Gina will be writing the next President's Bulletin. All articles for the newsletter should be sent to Al.

Treasurer- Patty Gertz -Cathie gave a run-down of expenses from Patty's report.

1st Vice President/Program- Jude McCormick

2nd Vice President/Program-Anne Oswald

Holiday Party: Crafts and menu are set. We will be welcoming the new officers and thank the outgoing officers. Quilty Resolutions winners will be chosen.

Upcoming program events: Christine Barnes in January, Mel Beach in February. Both events will be on ZOOM. March will be a mixed media workshop in conjunction with the SHAD Fest. Amy Coss will speak to the guild in the evening.

Recording Secretary –Laura Kohl

Corresponding Secretary- Kerry Cogan

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Boutique- Sue Garcia was contacted regarding items to donate to the guild. Cathie will make sure it is attended to.

Charity/Community Outreach – open

Circulation – Lauren Lapica

Historian – Open

Hospitality-Donna Slovak

Library – Cass Garner

Licensing – Joanne Gardner

Membership – vacant

Newsletter- Al Accettola

Photographer- Al Accettola

Publicity – Joan Lasota

Raffle Quilt- 2024. Anne Oswald/Jill Ferrari

Special Events – Donna Slovak – Everything is good for the Holiday party. There are two slots open... main dish and clean up. There is always plenty of food so all is good.

Web Presence – Lauren Pine

Other Business:

A motion was made to adjourn by Juliet and was seconded by Penny. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted by: Cass Garner for Laura Kohl

Interested?

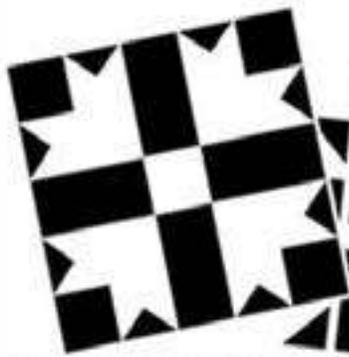
Quilt Presented by The Colonial Quilters Guild

BINGO



Sunday May 7, 2023
Doors open at Noon
Games Start at 1:00
TICKETS ARE LIMITED!
\$25 in Advance \$30 at the Door
FOR TICKETS CALL
Michele 484-894-7128 or Vicki 908-310-3526
Lunch/Refreshments Available
American Legion
2260 Corriere Rd. Easton, PA
Tricky Tray, too!

20
GAMES!



5 SPECIALS!

Watch the Daffodils Pop!

Hudson River Valley Arts Workshops

Link to Website



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!

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 Gina.

Courthouse Quilters Guild Board

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Raffle Quilt Sales 2022 - Open

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