

Courthouse Quilters Guild Newsletter

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May 20, 2018

Karen Eckmeier

**Workshop –
“Accidental Landscapes: Mountains”
10am – 4pm (\$45)**

**Meeting - Lecture and Trunk Show:
“Happy Villages and Accidental Landscapes”
6:30 pm**



Supply list on p. 12.



*Don't miss the opportunity to experience
the work of
Laura Wasilowski*

Laura is a contemporary quilt maker whose art work is collected and exhibited internationally. In 2018, she will be presenting at the Quilters Affair in Sisters, OR; World Quilt New England, in Manchester, NH; and the International Quilt Festival in Houston. She is a founder of the imaginary Chicago School of Fusing.

June 9 – 10, 2018

**Workshop, June 9:
“Zendoodle Quilts” – 10am – 4pm (\$45 + \$25 kit)**

**Workshop, June 10:
“Four Little Landscapes” – 10am – 4 pm (\$45 + \$20 kit)**



Supply lists on p.10 & 11.

**Meeting: Lecture and trunk show:
“I Quilt, Therefore I Am”**

Upcoming Programs

July 8

No Workshop

Meeting: Member Market: "Christmas in July"

August 12

No Workshop

Meeting: Ice Cream Social

Membership

Spring flowers are in bloom, grass is growing, and so is our guild – we now number 63 talented members. Please give a warm CHQ welcome to our newest member, Marie Knapp. And welcome back Linda Wright. Their contact information was emailed to you. Please update your rosters.

Your membership in CHQ benefits you in so many ways – friendship, workshops, inspiration, opportunities to showcase your skills, and more! What can **you** do to support the guild? **Volunteer for the Quilts in the Mill show.** Volunteers are needed for all committees. And members are working hard to prepare the best show we can for our 30th anniversary.

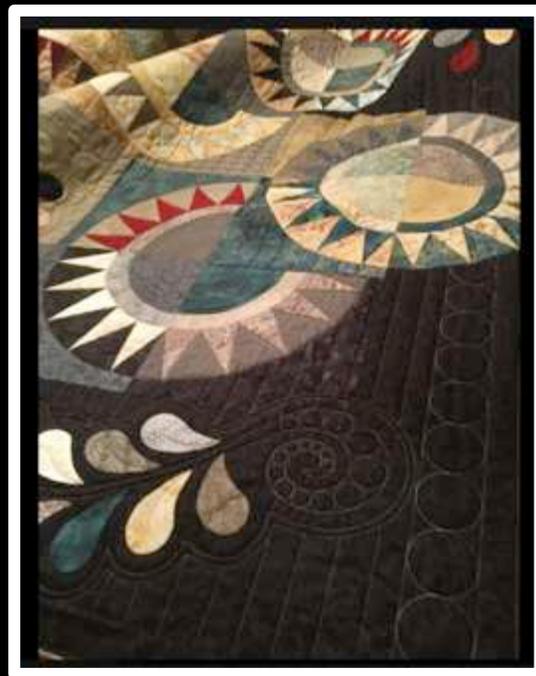
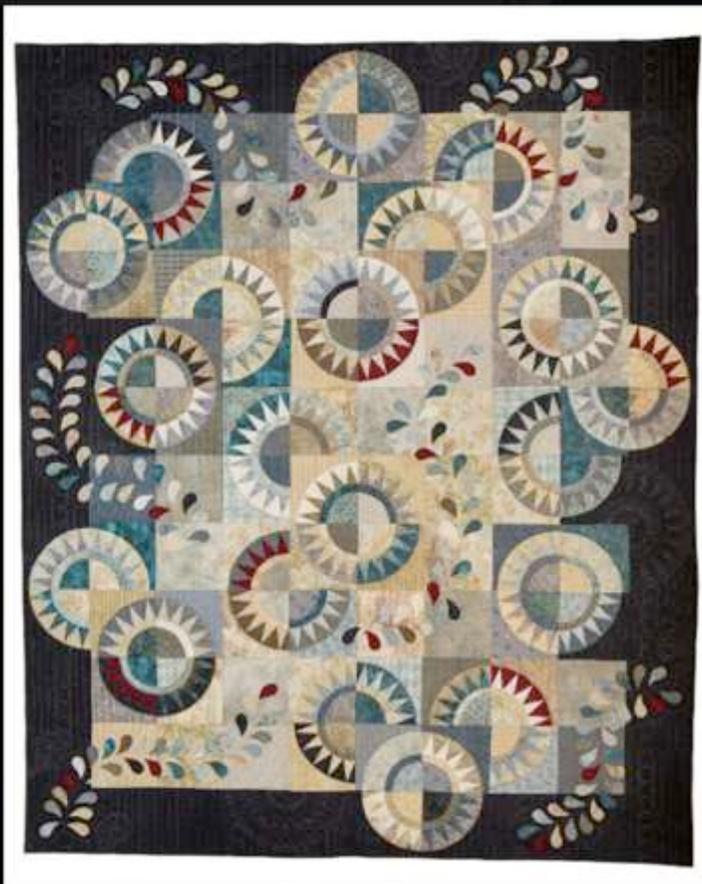
Please give some of your time now. Contact me (I wear two hats – membership and show chair) for ways you can help.

Keep on stitchin'!!
Camille Quinton
CHQ Membership chair

SUNSHINE AND SHADOWS

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

The Raffle Quilt Is Here!



"New York Radiance"
88" x 107"

Designed in EQ7

Blocks made by Courthouse Quilters Guild Members, Frenchtown, NJ
Hand applique by Linda Allen, Andrea Cavallaro, Stephanie Greenberg, Ellen Heath, Judith McCormick, and Alice Sprenger
Longarmed by Cathie Giambalvo
Photographed by Bill Brokaw

Members in the News

Carol Esch's poster was featured in the annual Shad Fest auction in April.



Mary Schwarzenberger's jacket was displayed at the Quilt Fest of New Jersey in April with its blue ribbon for best wearable in the 2018 Hoffman Challenge.



FROM
THE
PRESIDENT



Hi all!

The Guild Challenge and Anniversary celebration all in one! What a fun evening – so sorry I had to leave for a hubby emergency. I look at all the photos and y'all had such a good time. The challenge entries were amazing. I know I have said it before but our guild members are sooooo talented! Thank you to all who worked so hard to make the evening so special!

LAURA WASILOWSKI IS COMING!!!! Woo hoo! I can't believe it, but there are still a few openings left for each day. Guys, do you realize what an opportunity this is??? This is the real Laura Wasilowski - from Chicago! **Each full day workshop is only \$45** plus \$20-\$25 for kit, an unbelievable price. No sewing machines are required, just two fun filled creative days with friends. I hope to see a stampede to the sign-up table next month...

SHOW TALK: Camille is starting to pull her hair out – we need an Acquisition Chair and a Volunteers Chair. I am begging now (groveling comes next and its not pretty...) – please grab your best buddy and help us out. Kidding aside, we need more participation by the membership. Maybe not look at it as a task, but as an opportunity to help the guild, get to know other members and to be part of creating our wonderful Guild Show.

See y'all next month!
Andrea



Check out CHQ on the Web!

Web Page;

www.courthousequilters.org

(Look under www.courthousequilters.org/workshops for what's coming up and supply list)



Courthouse Quilters Guild (Business Page);

<https://www.facebook.com/courthousequilters>

Please “like” and “follow” to get notifications.

Courthouse Quilter Guild Group

<https://www.facebook.com/pg/courthousequilters/groups>

Please “join” to participate and get notifications.

(Tip: Search FB for “**Courthouse Quilter Guild**” and you'll find our page and group or you can always go to our webpage [courthousequilters.org>resources>facebook](http://courthousequilters.org/resources/facebook) for these links)

Meet Our Founding Members



How exciting to have four of our founding members, Janet Silliman, Pam Ambrosio, Babette Galinak, and Veronica Mitchell, at our 30th anniversary party!

Babette shared a bit of guild history with us. After a small group of women decided to form the guild, the first announced meeting was held at the Jewish Community Center in Flemington. They were locked out of the building, but it was a beautiful evening, so they met on the back steps. As the group grew, the guild moved to the Reaville Church, and finally to the Orion Lodge. The first show was held in the art gallery of the Raritan Valley Community College. Before there was money for speakers, members taught each other. Babies were born, bonds were formed, and our guild has continued for 30 years!

Support Ovarian Cancer Awareness

Mary Schwarzenberger is hosting a community service project on May 19th from 12 – 4 pm at the Presbyterian Church in Milford, NJ. A group will gather to make lap quilts to be sent to MD Anderson Cancer Center for their Ovarian Cancer Quilt Project, which is an online auction. Proceeds will be used for ovarian cancer research. Ovarian cancer is typically not diagnosed until late stage, when it has spread to vital organs. At this time, there is no screening test. All are invited to join in to create a quilt and to support a worthy cause. Donations of quality fabric, thread, and batting will be graciously accepted. Contact Mary for more info.



The Show Is Coming!

QUILTS in the MILL SHOW 2018 NEWS

Planning for the fall quilt show is under way, with many of you creating and giving to the mini auction and boutique. Our vendors are in place, as well as our wonderful caterer.

Raffle tickets are being distributed – contact Mary de Sloovere with any questions or if you need more tickets.

Last month, the chair people of past show committees described their committees' responsibilities. All stated their willingness support this year's chairs with their expertise.

Members, chairs are needed for two very important committees:

ACQUISITIONS

Checks all acquisition forms for completeness. Makes a list of quilts and dimensions for hanging committee, program person, and insurance purposes. Keeps on line spreadsheet so that Program, Tag, Hanging Committees may access new entries. Takes photos of mill before and after show for deposit reimbursement.

VOLUNTEERS

Makes master list of jobs needed to cover the show; creates poster for signup; sends email and postcard reminders to guild members.

Other Show committees that need members: Flowers, Tags, Program, Signage

A successful show needs all hands – ask a friend or two to co chair with you.

A reminder that only members in good standing may exhibit quilts at the show.

A member in good standing is a member who

- 1) has dues paid in full
- 2) donates 3 handmade items to the boutique
- 3) sells 20 raffle tickets.

All of you are needed to make the show a success. Please see me at the May meeting to find out how you can help. Or contact me today!

Keep on stitching, and volunteer for the show!

Camille Quinton

Quilts in the Mill 2018 Show Chair

Use the Library and Sew for the Show

The library challenge has been extended! The winning ticket will be pulled at our show in October. Why not use the library as a resource as you sew for the show? Take any book or ruler out of the library and make something. It can be a quilt or table runner, a quilt top, a block, or a practice piece on which you learned a new technique. It can follow directions exactly or just be inspired by them. Bring what you made to show and tell, along with the book, and show the membership what you learned. Each time you share your library-inspired work, you will receive a raffle ticket.

Minis for the Show

Here are the rules for Mini construction:

1. Your Mini can be as small as 6"x6" (minimum) or as large as 24"x24" (maximum).
2. No cheater cloth.
3. Your Mini can be machine or hand quilted; no tied quilts.
4. Your Mini should have a label with your name, county, state, date, and Courthouse Quilters on it. That way your lucky winner will know all about their new quilt and who made it.
5. Your Mini must be handed in by the September meeting. This will give the committee time to get the raffle all set up. You can turn in your Mini to either Mary Rigby or Joan Lasota at any of the guild meetings.

30th Anniversary "Pearl" Challenge Blue-Ribbon Winners



Cathie Giambalvo - Quilt



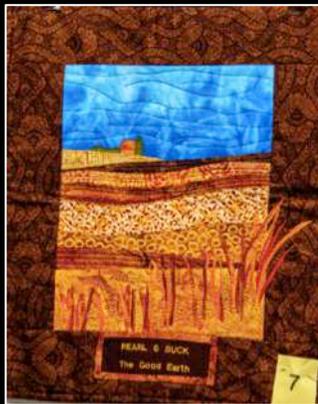
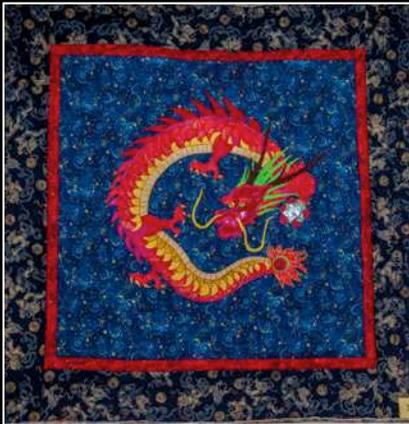
Joan Lasota - 30"x30" Quilt



Al Accettola - Other



30th Anniversary "Pearl" Challenge Entries



April Show & Tell



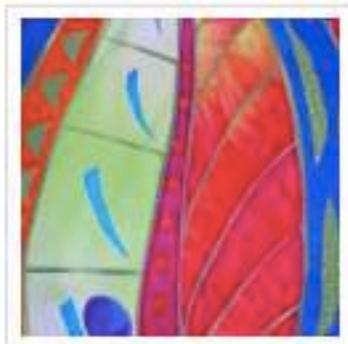
Upcoming Events Around Our Region

May 5 – 6 – Northern Star Quilters Guild presents “A World of Quilts”
Western Connecticut State University, Danbury, CT
Guest speaker – Victoria Findlay Wolfe
For information: <https://www.northernstarquilters.com/quilt-show/show-schedule/>

May 5-6 – Colonial Quilters Quiltfest 2018
Charles Chrin Community Center, 4100 Green Pond Rd., Palmer, PA 18045
Admission: \$8. <http://www.colonialquilters.org/index.html>

May 19 – 20 – Garden State Quilters 2018 Show: “Any Season”
Parsippany PAL, 33 Baldwin Rd., Parsippany, NJ 07054
Admission: \$8. www.gardenstatequilters.com

Zen Doodle Quilts: Full-Day Workshop Supply List



Explore the mesmerizing world of Zen Doodling and design an original art quilt at the same time. You'll soon discover how easy it is to doodle like a Zen master and learn how to convert that drawing into a pattern for your quilt.

With an easy pattern transfer process for fused fabric, your drawing quickly becomes a fused art quilt. New fusing tips and tricks are presented to enhance your Zen doodle design.

Drawing paper and a kit of colorful hand-dyed fabrics and

threads are provided to give you the freedom to play.

(No sewing machine needed.) \$25 Kit Fee.

Supplies Participants Should Bring for a Full-Day Workshop:

- 2 yards of regular weight Wonder-Under (paper backed, #805). Please DO NOT BRING HEAT 'N BOND or STEAM A SEAM.
- Small sharp scissors like 5" [knife blade scissors](#)
- Paper scissors
- 2 yards of parchment paper
- Rotary cutter, ruler, and mat
- Black fine point Sharpie marker and #2 lead pencil with eraser
- Small Sketchbook (optional)
- Specialty rotary cutter blades, such as Pinking, Wavy or Scallop (optional).
- Batting, 1 piece measuring about 18" x 18". Hobbs Heirloom Premium Cotton Batting recommended
- Quilt backing fabric, 1 piece measuring about 18" x 18"
- Iron and ironing surface (share with other class members if not provided by group)
- Tweezers (optional)
- Thimble (optional)
- Small plastic bag for fabric scraps

\$25 Kit Fee: Includes hand out, drawing paper, and hand-dyed fabrics and threads.

Four Little Landscapes: Full-Day Workshop Supply List



Create 4 little landscapes and place them in fabulous fabric frames. Learn how free-cutting, pattern building, and improvisation can dress up a simple view of sky and ground. Your colorful kit of hand-dyed fabrics is designed to make 4

individual fused quilts. Show them separately or combine them for a larger art quilt.
(No sewing machine needed.) \$20 Kit Fee.

Supplies Participants Should Bring:

- 2 yards of regular weight Wonder-Under (paper backed, #805). Please DO NOT BRING HEAT 'N BOND or STEAM A SEAM.
- Small sharp scissors like 5" knife blade scissors
- Paper scissors
- Rotary cutter, ruler, and mat
- Specialty rotary cutter blades, such as Pinking, Wavy or Scallop (optional).
- Batting, 1 piece measuring about 20" x 20". Hobbs Heirloom Premium Cotton Batting recommended
- Quilt backing fabric, 1 piece measuring about 20" x 20"
- Iron and ironing surface (share with other class members if not provided by group)
- Tweezers (optional)
- Thimble (optional)
- Small plastic bag for fabric scraps

\$20 Kit Fee: Includes hand out and hand-dyed fabrics and threads.

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Supply List for May Workshop

Accidental Landscape™: Mountain Views



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Here's another surprisingly simple quilted scene using Karen's layered topstitching technique. Gentle rolling hills of green fabric strips combine with distant peaks to create peaceful vistas. Include a lake or a field of wildflowers. The variations are endless! You will also learn how to add Angelina fibers to your landscape to give it sparkle. (I will provide free samples of white Angelina fiber for each student)
Finished size: approx. 9" x 12" without borders (size varies)

To view color photos of this workshop go to pages 8-13 and 50-51 in the *Accidental Landscapes* book.

Fabric

- **Sky:** ¼ yard "dramatic" fabric with clouds, or sun, or a hand-painted fabric. The sky fabric sets the mood for your entire scene, so be sure you love it!
- **Rolling Hills:** ¼ yard 5-7 greens gradated from light to dark (look for small scale prints – not necessarily "landscape" fabrics. For example: irregular stripes, random dots, mottled, etc.
- **Distant Mountains:** scraps or 1/8 yard each of white, gray, medium purple, or gray blue
- **Wildflowers** (optional): ¼ yard small scale floral that looks like growing flowers
- **Lake/River:** use the fabric you selected for your sky
- **Outer Border:** ¼ yard your choice – dark neutrals, such as black, brown and gray work nicely as borders that act as picture frames or a window frame to surround the scene.



Supplies

- Sewing Machine (Featherweights are fine)
- Rotary cutter, ruler, and mat
- Iron and ironing pad (mini iron will work)
- Threads for topstitching – select threads to match fabrics or use variegated threads
- Neutral thread for bobbin
- Fabric scissors
- Pins (I recommend the long flower head pins)
- Fabric glue (for adding optional details)
- Ruler for rotary cutting borders
- Quilter's Square for squaring piece (only if you already own one)
- Book: *Accidental Landscapes* by Karen Eckmeier \$21.95

Most students get to the quilting stage in both the 3 hour and 6 hour workshops.

PLEASE BRING THE FOLLOWING:

1. Threads for quilting (machine or hand)
2. Needles for machine quilting or hand quilting
3. 100% cotton batting (approx. 18" x 22") + half yard fabric for backing
4. "Walking Foot" and/or Darning Foot for Machine quilting
5. Pins for Basting (for tiny quilts like these, pins are great)

Quilters, Garment sewers, Knitters, etc. all welcome.

Location ---St. Francis Retreatouse (www.stfrancisretreatouse.org) 3918
Chipman Road, Easton, PA

Treat yourself to a winter get-away - private room, private bath, and 9 meals. 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 2 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. **Bring UFO's or start a new project, there are always other participants to assist you, whether it's quilts or garments**

Private Room, private Bath. \$300 (3 nights, 9 meals); or \$210 (2 nights, 6 meals) **Non refundable deposit of \$30.00 will hold your place . Please send now we are filling up. Total amount due June 4th 2018 or send total now to assure a space and the room you prefer.Our policy is a first come, first serve basis for specific room preferences.**

Contacts -Linda Allen 659 County Road 579, Pittstown, NJ 08867 Phone [908-735-4738](tel:908-735-4738) e-mail edlinallen@comcast.net. **Make check to Linda Allen**

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

Send to Linda Allen - 659 County Road 579 , Pittstown, NJ 08867

Sew-er's Retreat Registration Form

Name _____

Street Address _____

City, State & Zip _____

Phone _____

e-mail _____

Check below Room type

3 nights (private room, private bath 9 meals) \$300 _____

2 nights (private room/ private bath - 6 meals) \$210 _____

Thurs- Fri nights ____ Fri- Sat nights _____

Non-refundable deposit enclosed \$30 _____

Balance due **June 4, 2018** or send Full Payment now _____

Check if you have a particular meal requirement: Gluten Free _____ Vegetarian _____

COURTHOUSE QUILTERS

Minutes

April 8, 2018

4:30 - 5:30

Meeting was called to order at 4:30

IN ATTENDANCE: Camille, Ellen, Cass, Patty, Andrea, Jude, Marla, Stephanie, Nicki, Cathie, Joan, Penny

Motion to approve minutes of March 2018 meeting was made by Camille, seconded by Patty, motion passed.

President's business-Andrea

Andrea thanked Patty Gertz for the work she did getting CHQ a new address; Camille for redesigning and updating the CHQ business card and brochure.

Vice Presidents/Program-Marla

Update on MAQGNet Update. Meeting will be 3/23/19 at the same place.

Committees

Charity

Jude McCormick

Update on charity quilts

Membership

Camille Quinton 63 members

Quilt Show

Camille Quinton

Discussion requirements of what a "member in good standing" should be and how it will be monitored. Set up for Quilt Show. Dates and time of Quilt Show-October 5-7, 2018, 10 am-5 pm.

Web Presence

Cathie Giambalvo

Updated information on Web Presence

New Business

There was a lengthy discussion of bylaws changes and changes to Standing Rules that were proposed by the committee. They will be presented to membership.

Motion to adjourn was made by Stephanie and seconded by Cass. Meeting adjourned 6:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Penny Armagost

Courthouse Quilters Guild Board

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Photographer - Al Accettola
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Quilt Show – Camille Quinton
Raffle Quilt - Design and Creation - Stephanie Greenberg/Andrea Cavallaro
Web Presence - Cathie Giambalvo & Alice Marcy



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.

Send all of your articles, news, photos and other newsworthy items to Ellen.



*All
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Many thanks to our photographer, Al Accettola, for capturing our events and quilts.

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