

COURTHOUSE QUILTERS NEWSLETTER

President's Letter



- The holiday time is upon us! The time between Thanksgiving and Christmas was always a blur of pressure, stress and exhaustion. Not so much now. Kids and grandkids have taken on many of the family traditions freeing up Gramma and Grampa to enjoy more of the fun events. This year a trip to NYC, a few holiday concerts and maybe even a small open house for friends is in the works. I hope you all have a chance to enjoy the beauty of the season.
- What a wonderful time we had at our November workshop and evening meeting. Many thanks to Jan for running the opulent Nadelstern holiday ball workshop. The balls shimmer with beautiful beads and sparkles.
- I was very touched by Mark Lipinski's presentation...it was wonderful to see him back in his element, doing what he loves to do. I know we all wish him the best in his future artistic endeavors and especially making his beautiful legacy quilt.
- The first six months of the new year's programs is in this newsletter. We will add the balance next year. This is enough to whet your appetite! Many thanks to Marla and Ellen for presenting and putting together great program choices for next year. It promises to be a fun year with lots of options for making great quilts for our show.
- The Shop Hop was a huge success. We thank Camille for her exceptional organization of the trip. We hope this will be an ongoing event, alternating years with the quilt show.
- Now to look forward and enjoy our Christmas party in December and move into the Christmas season. And then on to making boutique items and quilts for our quilt show coming up in October!
- AND, bring your checkbooks to buy the new COOKBOOK which will be at the December meeting! We're so excited! It will be make a great gift just in time for Christmas!



COZY SEW - **DECEMBER 10** - PROJECT SUPPLIES

All projects require a sewing machine and basic sewing supplies

Composition Notebook Cover

Supplies:

- Minimum 2 fat quarters coordinating fabric (Or any selection of scraps to be sewn into outer side of cover)
- 1 fat quarter for flaps
- Batting 17" x 12"
- Gross grain ribbon ¼" – ½" width approximately 40" long
- General sewing supplies, coordinating thread for decorative stitching (optional)

Marla Knappe

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Cat Mug Mat

For the basic Supplies:

- For face and ears - 7" x 7" square
- Background - 1 10" square
- For the binding - A total of 38" x 2 1/2"
- For the backing - 7.5" x 7.5" square
- (We will supply batting squares.)
- Coordinating thread for whiskers

Claire Coakley



Doorknob or Hook Hanging Bag

Supplies

2 coordinating 16 1/2" x 16 1/2" squares

We will supply pollen interfacing

Coordinating thread for topstitching and buttonhole

Your sewing machine needs to have zigzag stitch

If you plan to use this on a doorknob rather than a hook, measure your doorknob's diameter.

Ellen Heath



Programs and Lectures

December 10. Workshop 1 to 4. (See above instructions)
Holiday Potluck 6:00

Our holiday potluck dinner party will start at 6:00 pm!
(NOTE TIME CHANGE TO 6 PM!!!)

Here's the breakdown of who brings what (based on last name):

A through D – Dessert. E through H – Main Dish I through N - Soup/salad
O through Z - Appetizer

We will have hot tea and coffee, but feel free to bring a cold drink to share.
After dinner the fun continues with our gift exchange. If you want to participate, please bring a wrapped gift item (value \$10-\$15). Or bring something homemade - there's still time to get those creative juices flowing!

NOTE: YOU MUST BRING A GIFT TO GET A GIFT AND IF YOU BRING A GIFT, YOU NEED TO STAY TO GET A GIFT!!!

2018 CHQ Guild Calendar (January through June)

Barbara Slaton/ Mary Ann Hampton

Jan 14 Workshop: Fat Quarter Bag 12 pm - 4 pm
Evening Program: Member Demos

Jan Hunold/Elena Stokes

Feb 11 Workshop: English Paper Piecing: A Primer 1pm - 4 pm
Evening Program: SAQA: A Trunk Show by Elena Stokes

Jody Beck

March 11 Workshop: Stack and Slash "Dancing Stars and Pinwheels" 12 pm - 4 pm
Evening Program: Jody's Jem Journey Trunk Show

April 8

Workshop: Charity Workshop
Evening Program: Annual guild Challenge - 30 Anniversary "Pearls"
Anniversary Celebration

Karen Eckmeier

May 20 Workshop: Accidental Landscapes: Mountains 10 am - 4 pm
Evening Program: Lecture "Happy Villages and Accidental Landscapes"

Laura Wasilowski

June 9 Workshop: Zen Doodle Quilts 10 am - 4 pm
June 10 Workshop: Four Little Landscapes 10 am - 4 pm

Courthouse LIBRARY CHALLENGE

- News from the Library
- CHALLENGE.....
- The Courthouse Library has issued a challenge. 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. The challenge starts next month and runs a year. Every time you bring something to show and tell you get a ticket to enter the contest.
- Access the online catalog via this link: <https://www.librarything.com/catalog/courthousequilters>
- Search for the keyword rulers to see descriptions of all the rulers you are free to borrow.
- Challenge runs through June.....

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.

SUNSHINE AND SHADOWS

Visit our website at [COURTHOUSEQUILTERS.ORG](https://www.courthousequilters.org) for more information or our FACEBOOK PAGE.

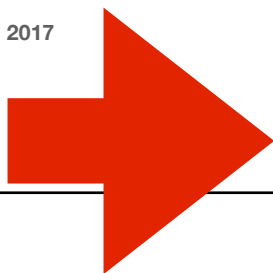
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Claire Rohloff
Mary Rigby
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Camille Quinton
Carol Esch
Al Accettola
Joan LaSota
Camille Quinton
Stephanie Greenberg/Andrea
Cathie Giambalvo



OPULENT ORNAMENT WORKSHOP with Jan Hunold using Paula Nadelstern Fabrics. A very glittery workshop full of pins and beads and beautiful color!



EVENTS in our area to ENJOY.....

We would like to tell you about the upcoming Quilt Luminarium by Ricky Tims coming to Ewing Township, NJ area May 7-8, 2018. The ALL-NEW Quilt Luminarium by Ricky Tims will be held at the Brower Student Center at THE COLLEGE OF NEW JERSEY in Ewing Township, NJ on May 7-8, 2018 (Monday and Tuesday). We wanted to make sure that you are all aware of this educational, fun-filled event, and we encourage you to visit www.quiltluminarium.com to learn about the details. Join Ricky for a two-day comprehensive quilt symposium that demystifies seemingly complex concepts, teaches mastery of unique techniques, and harnesses the power of the ever-elusive muse of creativity. To register for the event, visit www.quiltluminarium.com and click REGISTER HERE ONLINE.

How does Quilt Luminarium differ from Ricky's previous Super Quilt Seminars?

Quilt Luminarium has some cross-over curriculum from the Ricky Tims Super Quilt Seminar, but this event offers a wealth of new and insightful information never presented before.

...It's for ALL Quilters!

...Learn, laugh and be inspired!

...Everyone attends all sessions!

...No Supply List

....No Sit-n-sew

...No UFO's

...You will love it! Money Back Guaranteed!

If you need more details on the seminar, feel free to email heather@rickytims.com

It's December!!! Time to give yourself the gift of another year of CHQ membership!!

Renew for 2018 and help celebrate 30 years of CHQ!

Benefits of Membership:

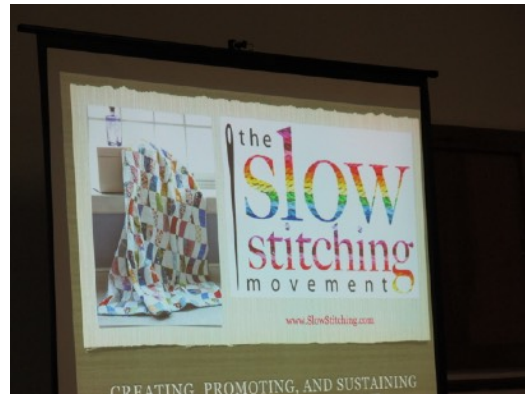
Workshops, guest speakers, UFO auction, monthly meetings, charity sews, friendship, creativity and quilt challenges.

Bring your dues to the December and January meetings, or mail them to Camille Quinton, CHQ Membership chair. Questions? Contact Camille

Reminder: Only members in good standing may exhibit quilts in the QUILTS IN THE MILL show.

Members MUST RENEW by the January meeting 2018

The guild enjoyed a fun night with Mark Lipinski talking about SLOW STITCHING and his life in the QUILT WORLD and TV WORLD in the past. Many laughs were shared and creative juices flowed! Thank you MARK for coming and sharing a night with us.....and some cake!



Meet our new member DENISE DeCAROLIS from New Hope, Pa. Denise moved to New Hope from Ocean County, New Jersey three months ago to be closer to her daughter who lives five miles from her now.

She became interested in quilting during her first trip to Lancaster, Pa in 1987 and she has been making quilts ever since! We can't wait to see the quilts she will share with us.

Welcome DENISE. Be sure to greet her at the next meeting!



A group of quilters and their friends are again going to Cocalico and Nora's Quilters Inn in the Lancaster area. We've had a ball in the past sharing sewing, gabbing and wonderful meals. Sew to your heart's content, even till the wee hours of the morning if you desire. The homes are walking distance to Burkholder's fabric shop and are designed for quilters. The sewing studio is huge, bright and well lit. It has raised cutting stations, and ironing stations abound. Every quilter gets their own rectangle table. The house has a fully stocked gourmet kitchen and the place is spotless.. The cost is \$50/night with two night minimum, plus an equal share of the \$175 cleaning fee per home.. We currently have three open rooms, they can be private rooms or you can share with a friend, the **cost is per person not per room**. There are two openings at \$50 night plus 1/2th of cleaning fee.



If you would like to know more about the place please visit their web site at www.cocalicoquiltersinn.com or give me a call at 609-751-3345.



Stephanie Greenberg
stephanieg@gmail.com

PA SHOP HOP Report

A fabulous time was had by all on the PA Shop Hop. On Saturday, November 4, we met at the lodge at 8am. Door to door service by "party" bus allowed for hours of socializing. Members enjoyed "breakfast" on board. Upon arrival in Intercourse, PA, we visited the shops at Kitchen Kettle Village, the Old Country Store, Zooks, Quilt and Fabric Shack, Dutchland Quilt Patch, and the shops at Miller's. Our soup and salad lunch at Miller's Smorgasbord was delicious.

We were blessed with a perfect fall day, and good quilting friends to enjoy fabric, food and fellowship.



Sew-er's Retreat

Monday - Thursday

January 15-18, 2018

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

Location ---St. Francis Retreatouse (www.stfrancisretreathouse.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 Monday and leave after lunch on Thursday 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. **Bring UFO's or start a new project, there are always other participants to assist you, whether it's quilts or garments. Note: St Francis has raised their prices by \$5. per night from previous retreats.**

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 Jan 2nd 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 _____

Mon-Tues nights ____ Tues-Wed nights _____

Non-refundable deposit enclosed \$30 _____ Balance due **Jan 2nd, 2018**

or send Full Payment now _____

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

COURTHOUSE QUILTERS

Minutes

November 12, 2017

4:30 - 5:30

Meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by Andrea

In Attendance: Andrea Cavallaro, Camille Quinton, Carol Esch, Cass Garner, Cathy Giambalvo, Ellen Heath, Judith McCormack, Marla Knappe, Mary Rigby and Penny Armagost.

Motion to approve minutes of October 2017 meeting was made by Ellen Heath and seconded by Judith McCormack. Motion passed.

President's business - Andrea

Still new new vice president

Patty has money in library fund, wants to buy some quilting DVD's for guild.

Make sure to sign up for My Grove, you can post to it as well as get posts.

Thanked Camille for a great Shop Hop trip.

Vice President/Program - Marla and Ellen

Presented next year's calendar

Cozy sew in December

Discussed programs

Corresponding Secretary - Cass Garner

Starting to compile list of places that allow free advertising for the show. Ask members for their suggestions.

Committees

Charity: Jude McCormack

Fidget quilts have been given. Carol Esch gave her several more to be donated.

Membership - Camille

Half the membership has renewed.

Quilt Show - Camille

Discussed admission fee and discount coupons

Raffle Quilt - Andrea

Moving along

Hospitality - Mary Rigby

Suggestion that we serve refreshments at beginning of meeting so people can eat during the meeting.

New Business:

Website - courthousequilters.org

Motion to adjourn made by Carol Esch, seconded by Cathie Giambalvo. Meeting adjourned at 5:23

Respectfully submitted by Penny Armagost



QUILTS in the MILL SHOW 2018 NEWS

2018 is a special year for the guild – 30 years of continuous quilting education, charity outreach and fellowship.

In October 2018, the guild hosts our biennial Quilts in the Mill show. Special exhibits, are in the planning stage. Guidelines are available for the special 30th anniversary quilt challenge. A team of members are working to finish the beautiful raffle quilt, a modern twist on a New York Beauty design.

Here are a few ways to support the quilt show *now*:

- For every project you sew, make an **item** for the **show boutique**
- make a **mini quilt** – a great way to try a new technique or make that really cute design that doesn't go with your house - someone else will love it!
- Save your **fabric scraps** (2 inches or larger) for the show scrap basket (other quilters LOVE our scraps!)
- **VOLUNTEER** your time (even an hour will help) to a show committee. It takes all hands to create a fantastic show.

A collection box will be at every meeting to collect your show boutique items. Questions on boutique? Ask Ellen H.

Members, a reminder: according to CHQ bylaws, to exhibit quilts in the show, you must be a member in good standing:

- 1) dues paid in full
- 2) make 3 items for the show boutique
- 3) sell 20 raffle tickets

The time is now to start supporting the show! The January meeting marks the kickoff for the 30th anniversary quilt show. Ask me how you can help make the 30th anniversary show the best ever!

Camille Quinton
Quilts in the Mill 2018 Show Chair

OPENING FOR SECOND PROGRAM CHAIR

If you would like to take a job that will help you to be a part of the heart of the guild, get to know your fellow members better, and meet fascinating quilt artists, historians, and teachers, consider volunteering to be our 2nd Vice President/2nd Program Chair.

In this role, you will be working with Marla Knapp on hosting programs in 2018 and planning programs for 2019. You don't have to know about famous quilters or local quilt teachers. Our guild members have many suggestions, and we hear about the successful speakers at other guilds. The skills needed are organization, attention to detail, and a willingness to tell our members about upcoming programs.

The job begins in January and lasts for one year. Then the 2nd Vice President moves to the 1st Vice President position and is joined by a new 2nd VP. You're never in this alone.

If you are interested, please let Marla or Andrea know.

Newsletter Deadline:

The deadline for the newsletter is the Sunday following a meeting. Exceptions are May and show year Octobers with a deadline of the Wednesday after a meeting. Send all your articles, news, photos to Carol Esch. cesch1941@gmail.com

**Courthouse Quilters
Darcy Lodge
39 Everittstown Road
Route 513, Frenchtown, New Jersey**

Directions from Flemington:

Route 12 West 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 South. Turn right just past Pittstown Inn at red light and follow Route 513 for 8 miles. Darcy Lodge on right hand side.