



Courthouse Quilters Guild Newsletter

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August 17, 2025

**Workshop: Journey Folded Fabric
with Jan Hunold**

Tim: 1:00 to 5:00 pm

Evening Program: 6:30 pm

Ice Cream Social

Location:

Hunterdon County Complex
314 State Route 12, Building 1
Flemington, NJ

Courthouse Quilters President's Letter

It is August which means it is time for the **Ice Cream Social** and the **4-H Fair Quilt Show and Boutique**.

Have you picked your quilt for entry at the **4-H Fair Quilt Show**? Quilt intake is Saturday, August 16, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm at the Rutgers Cooperative Extension, 314 State Rte 12, Building #2, Flemington. The Show Guidelines and Entry Form are available on the [Hunterdon County 4-H website](#).

The **Sunday, August 17 meeting** day starts with the workshop "Journey Folded Fabric Quilts" with Jan Hunold and the night is time to gather with members and enjoy conversation and a sweet treat at the **ice cream social**.

The **Hunterdon County 4-H Fair** will be held Wednesday, August 20 - Sunday, August 24. The guild will be hanging the Quilt Show this year and host a boutique of hand made items.

Standing Rules Update:

At the July meeting a proposed change to the Standing Rules was announced and will be voted on at the August guild meeting. The change is to clarify the language related to executive board members also serving as a committee chair during their term. The change is to amend section 7.2 of the standing rules to add an exception to section 6 bylaws requirement for the officer/chair combination if the chair position can be filled without the officer position suffering. The current standing rules addresses a committee chair's ability to serve as a chair of a second committee but did not specifically address an executive board member's ability to also serve as a committee chair.

Raffle Quilt:

We are looking for options for a Raffle Quilt that can be turned around in a short window of time. A couple of options are being looked at including: creating a new quilt, finding a quilt made by a member, and the Hunterdon quilt that was shown at the July meeting. We will need to decide next steps at the August meeting. If you have feedback or suggestions, please email or call me.

Ideas and Planning Sessions:

The work of the fundraising committee brought to light that the guild does activities that may no longer be ones that members are interested in doing or that there are reasons that prevent them from participating. It might be a good time to take a look at our activities so we can better plan for activities that better match the interests of our current members. I would like to hold an informal session with members that are interested in discussing ideas to help develop a plan that matches the interests and desired level of participation. Are you interested in getting together? Please email me if you are interested in meeting and I will contact those interested about a meeting date.

Open Committee Chair Positions:

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. We are scheduled for a show in 2026 and both positions are critical for us to be able to host a show. If you are interested in either position, please email or call me.

Lysa Martinelli

President@CourthouseQuilters.org

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.

- **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

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. 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](#)

Guild Meeting Dates

The guild generally meets on the third Sunday of the month but there are exceptions to that schedule due to holidays and availability of the meeting space. Refer to the Programs, Events and Workshop Calendar for updated meeting dates, times and details.

The 2025 meeting dates are:

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

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



Program

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

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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](#)

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](#)

Workshop Registration

The steps to sign-up and register for workshops have been adjusted to help streamline the process and better track attendance. We no longer will have clip boards at the meetings for workshop sign-up. All workshops will require registration on the CHQ website under the [Program Workshops and Event Calendar](#). Click the "Month" link for more information about workshop and the registration

How to Register for a Workshop

Workshops without a Fee (one step process):

- Sign up online - A link can be found on the CHQ website under the [Program Workshops and Event Calendar](#) (the guild uses Sign Up Genius for registration).

Workshops with a Fee (two step process):

- Step One: Sign up online - A link can be found on the CHQ website under the [Program Workshops and Event Calendar](#) (the guild uses Sign Up Genius for registration). This step is notification that you are interested in attending the workshop but the seat is not reserved until payment is received.
- Step Two: To reserve your seat, complete the [Workshop Registration Form](#) on the CHQ website under the [Program Workshops and Event Calendar](#) section. Once you have registered you can submit your payment for the workshop. Your registration is not complete until your payment is received.

There are several payment options:

- Submit payment to the Treasurer at a guild meeting by cash, check, or credit card.
- Mail a check to the Treasurer at Courthouse Quilters Guild, 203 Main Street, Suite 182, Flemington, NJ 08822. Include the name of the workshop in the notes area of the check.
- Pay by PayPal under the [Program Workshops and Event Calendar](#) section on the CHQ website. Start by clicking the "Buy Now" button. When you're done click "Return to Merchant" (at the bottom of page). If this is done correctly you'll be automatically brought back to our [Workshop Registration Form](#). if you can't find the "Return to Merchant" or you forgot to do this step in the last step - just click here to fill out [Workshop Registration Form](#) then submit it.

If you need help registering for a workshop assistance will be available at meetings or by emailing vicepresident1@courthousequilters.org.

June Workshop



June Workshop



June Show and Tell



June Show and Tell







July Workshop



July Lecture



July Show and Tell



July Show and Tell



Board Meeting Minutes May 2025

CHQ Minutes Board Meeting May 15, 2025 DRAFT

In Attendance: Lysa Martinelli, Al Accettola, Kerry Cogen, Barbara Fusco, Cathie Giambalvo, Cass Garner, Patty Gertz, Jan Hunold, Joan Lasota, Sara Mlynarchek, Dyan Rosario, Kathy Stewart, Donna Slovak.

Lysa called the meeting to order at 7:00. Zoom recording started.

April Board Minutes - a motion to approve the April minutes was made by Al and seconded by Patty. All approved.

Board/Committee Status: President Lysa Martinelli

The May, June and July calendars were reviewed. Patty asked that the state gaming license be added to the June calendar.

Treasurer: Patty Gertz

Patty said she noticed an anomaly on the Paypal report. A transaction had disappeared and when she went back to check the specifics, it was there. Patty stated that the non profit license will be paid in June. Liability insurance has been paid. The state gaming license paperwork is done and ready to be notarized and then submitted to Raritan Township in June.

1st Vice President: Barbara Fusco

Auctioneer Dana Balsamo is set for the auction on Sunday. More volunteers are needed. Donna pointed out that the sign up genius links on the CHQ website are not working. Lysa will send Cathie new links. So far there are 92 auction items just from the CHQ storage unit alone plus 30 items donated by Donna. Lysa plans to go back to the storage unit to sort items to sell at the 4H Fair. A July workshop to make 4H items will not be necessary. A speaker for the July meeting is still needed. Dyan recommended Deb Kalenty from Flagtown, who will be helping us at the 4H Fair. Kerry mentioned the possibility of getting someone from the online Sampler Platter. Joan suggested Terri Nalbone, a fiber artist from Bucks County. Barbara and Cass suggested possible social mixers or games. The June workshop is an outdoor activity and may require a rain date, possibly for the July 20th date. Pam Ambrosio will be consulted and registered participants will be notified of any change in plans. Al will be teaching a workshop in November.

2nd Vice President: Kerry Cogen

The CHQ Challenge quilts are registered for the September Mancuso show in Oaks, PA. Kerry will check to see if non-quilt entries can also be displayed. Kerry said that she welcomes feedback from members who watched the Global Quilt Connection's Sampler Platter.

Secretary: Donna Slovak No report.

Archivist: Gina Krejsa (not present)

Boutique: (open)

This position needs to be filled soon. It has been suggested by Janet that the position be divided into two roles; one or more people to handle fabric intake and donations and a second person to handle the homemade boutique items. Cass is willing to help on the committee.

Charity & Outreach: Cheryl Dennis (not present)

Circulation: Jan Hunold No report.

Fundraising Ad Hoc Committee: Lysa Martinelli

Lysa shared a summary of the report done by the Fundraising Ad Hoc Committee. The committee members are; (Chair) Lysa Martinelli, Janet Bergman, Kerry Cogen, Patty Gertz, Jan Hunold and Gina Krejsa. The committee has been meeting since November 2024 reviewing and analyzing the fundraising activities of the guild. The data and statistics gathered have been assembled into a report of their findings. The complete report will be emailed to board members to review. After board members review the report, their feedback should be emailed to Lysa prior to the June meeting. Lysa will create a feedback document with board members' comments that will be on the google drive. The June board meeting will include a discussion and a vote to accept the fundraising committee's recommendations. A presentation of the board's findings will be shared with the guild members at the July meeting.

Hospitality: Gretta Casella and Margaretanne Reina (not present)

Membership: Sara Mlynarchek

Sara has been working on an updated member roster that will be emailed to CHQ members soon. Lysa asked if new members from the quilt show have been attending the monthly guild meetings. Sara will check the attendance numbers.

Newsletter & Photographer: Al Accettola

All newsletter information should be sent to Al by the Sunday after the monthly meeting 5/25. Joan mentioned that she will do a write up about Ruth Gronskey's passing and include service arrangement details for the June newsletter.

Nominating Committee: Joan Lasota, Kathy Stewart, Cass Garner

The next newsletter will include information and a job description for a potential new vice president.

Publicity: Dyan Rosario

Dyan requested the names of new members that have joined since September so they can be included in publicity. June CHQ meeting info will be going out to newspapers.

Raffle Quilt Construction: Juliet Leonard (not present)

Raffle Quilt Ticket Distribution and Sales: Gina Krejsa (not present)

Raffle Quilt Sales Event Coordinator: (open)

Lysa pointed out that the majority of 2024 raffle quilt tickets were sold at these events. There was some discussion about what it means to be a CHQ member in good standing and the results of member ticket returns.

4H Fair Quilt Show: Lysa Martinelli and Barbara Fusco

Plans are on target and judges have been booked. Lysa and Barbara will attend a June meeting with the 4H Fair organizers. The 4H Fair is an event that showcases the work of CHQ members. Details about how to enter a quilt in the fair will be sent out to members.

Quilt Show Co-Chair: (open)

Recruiting for this position will start soon.

Web Presence: Cathie Giambalvo

Cathie said she is getting close to a final web setup. She solved some payment problems on google sites and is working on a calendar feature. She is also trying to develop generic gmail addresses for board positions. A test date will be decided and volunteers will be needed to serve as testers. Lysa suggested that a committee be formed to review what to include and what *not* to include on the new website. Cathie and Lysa will work together to ensure that the newsletter info and the website info are the same.

Jan made a motion to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by AI. The meeting was adjourned at 9:11.

Board Meeting Minutes June 2025

CHQ Minutes Board Meeting 6/19/25 DRAFT

In Attendance: Lysa Martinelli, Al Accettola, Penny Armagost, Kerry Cogen, Cheryl Dennis, Barbara Fusco, Cass Garner, Patty Gertz, Jan Hunold, Gina Krejsa, Joan Lasota, Sara Mlynarchek, Margareteanne Reina, Donna Slovak.

Lysa called the meeting to order at 7:00. Zoom recording started.

Board Minutes: Al made a motion to approve the May minutes, seconded by Barbara. All approved.

Board/Committee Status: Lysa Martinelli

The June, July and August calendars were reviewed.

Construction issues of the 2026 Raffle Quilt were explained at length. Laura, Cass and Lysa agree that the quality and workmanship is not at an acceptable level for a raffle quilt and not a good representation of the guild. Lysa said a decision on how to proceed needs to be made quickly. Several options were considered and discussed. A motion to halt construction of the current raffle quilt was made by Lysa and seconded by Al. All approved. The board will consider and review options for replacing the current quilt. Lysa will explain the issue to guild members at the July meeting.

Treasurer: Patty Gertz

The treasurer's report was reviewed. Patty applied for the New Jersey Gaming License which is good for two years. She renewed the zoom account for \$170. The May auction to benefit Safe Harbor was successful and a check for \$3,440 will be presented to Carol Dvoor. The New Jersey annual report has been filed and is on the CHQ google drive. Designated raffle money has been moved to the general account.

1st Vice President/Program: Barbara Fusco

The July workshop will focus on 4H Fair prep and Caring Hearts quilts. Sue Fox Mitrano will be the guest speaker for the July meeting and will discuss Shibori dyeing. July will also be the potential rain date if needed for the June workshop with Pam Ambrosio. August will have a Folded Fabric Quilts workshop given by Jan Hunold followed by the ice cream social during the guild meeting.

2nd Vice President.Program: Kerry Cogen

Kerry confirmed with Mancuso that the nonquilt items made for the CHQ Challenge can be displayed at the Oaks show. September will be the time to preview upcoming programs for 2026 and in October the CHQ 2026 Challenge will be announced.

Secretary: Donna Slovak No report.

Archivist: Gina Krejsa No report.

Boutique: (open position)

Charity and Outreach: Cheryl Dennis No report.

Circulation: Jan Hunold No report.

Fundraising Ad Hoc: Lysa Martinelli

The discussion about the Fundraising Committee's findings and report continued. Gina suggested that the expense for the storage unit be moved from operating expenses to fundraising expenses. She said that without fundraising events, no storage would be needed. Al shared that CHQ cannot sell anything at the Hunterdon County Complex but a show would be ok. Lysa will reach out to the county to confirm building usage details. The need to change the quilt show venue for 2026 was discussed at length. Lysa will share the fundraising summary report and board decision regarding the quilt show with the guild at the July meeting.

Hospitality: Margaretanne Reina No report.

Membership: Sara Mlynarchek No report.

Nominating Committee: Cass Garner, Joan Lasota, Kathy Stewart

Joan said that one person, who is currently serving on the board, has volunteered to be considered for the 2nd Vice President position but wants to maintain their current role as well. Cass and Joan will check the by-laws to confirm that this would be ok. Other potential candidates will be contacted as well.

Publicity: Dyan Rosario (not present)

Raffle Quilt Construction: Juliet Leonard (not present)

Raffle Quilt Ticket Distribution and Sales: Gina Krejsa (position on hold)

4H Fair Quilt Show: Lysa Martinelli, Barbara Fusco

A sign up genius form for volunteers will be put on the CHQ website. Quilt submissions for the fair are now being accepted through the 4H Fair website.

Quilt Show Co-Chair: (open position)

Web Presence: Cathie Giambalvo (not present)

Cathie is making a lot of progress on the new website..

Al made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Barbara. The meeting was adjourned at 8:25.



Check our website for the latest workshops and supply lists, meeting news, cancellations, forms, inclement weather announcements, and just general information about the guild.

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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 Lysa.

Courthouse Quilters Guild Board

President - Lysa Martinelli

First Vice President – Barbara Fusco

Second Vice President— Kerry Cogan
& Programs

Secretary - Donna Slovak

Treasurer - Patty Gertz

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Newsletter –Al Accettola

Photographer - Al Accettola

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Quilt Show –

Raffle Quilt Design and Creation Juliet Leonard

Raffle Quilt Sales 2026 - Gina Krejsa & OPEN

Web Presence - Cathie Giambalvo

Boutique - OPEN

4H Fair - Barbara Fusco & Lysa Martinelli

Nominating: Joan Lasota, Cass Garner, Kathy Stewart