



# COURTHOUSE QUILTERS NEWSLETTER

## President's Letter



Hi all!

We had such a lovely day with RaNae Merrill last week - we learned about the art of writing haiku and communed with nature for a bit writing our observations down. We then turned these observations into simple haikus and RaNae guided us through the process of interpreting them into a small quilt. New skills were learned and an appreciation for being open to the beauty of the natural world was conveyed.

Fun times are ahead! Learning how to make fidget quilts and auction night in October. November has the shop hop (still a few seats left), making beautiful Paula Nadelstern balls with Jan and having Mark Lipinski at the evening meeting. The year rounds out with a fun workshop of simple gift demonstrations and our annual Christmas get together. Wow!

I would like to encourage you to think about joining us at one of the Lancaster quilt retreats. There will be one in March and another in September in Lancaster. The drive is under two hours, the cost minimal, the food excellent, the facilities outstanding and the company excellent. Please contact Stephanie for further information.

Linda Allen and Claire Rohloff also have a retreat in Easton which is wonderful. The information is below in newsletter.

I will close with a plea for someone to help the guild by working with Marla as second vice president. With two people sharing the job and several members stepping up to assist I think both Ellen and Marla will agree that the load has been lightened considerably. Think about it...

Andrea

Meeting Notes:

**COURTHOUSE QUILTERS**  
**Minutes**  
September 10, 2017  
4:30 - 5:40

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Andrea K. Cavallaro; Camille Quinton; Cass Garner; Cathie Giambalvo; Ellen Heath; Joan Lasota; Judith McCormick, Marla Knappe, Mary Rigby; Patty Gertz; Penny Armagost; Stephanie Greenberg, Barbara Slayton

Motion to approve minutes of August, 2017 meeting was made by Ellen Heath, seconded by Cass Garner, motion passed.

**President’s business-Andrea**

We need a new VP for 2018, election will be in November. Person will work with Marla.

Nicki Wallis is missing a 6 ½ x 24” ruler, if you accidentally took it, please return it to her

Quilting frame will be donated to Homefront (moved, seconded, and passed)

Raffle quilt is progressing nicely

**Vice Presidents/Program** Marla K.,-Ellen Heath

Discussions and information regarding past and future meetings and workshops.

**Corresponding Secretary-** Cass G.

**Committees**

**Charity** Jude McCormick  
If you have input for what you’d like to see made, tell Jude

**Circulation** Stephanie Greenberg Working on changes in email.

**Librarian** Patty Gertz you make a quilt or project using a ruler or book from the library and show it at the meeting, you get a ticket to put in a jar. There will be a drawing for the winner at a future time.

**Membership** Camille Quinton  
79 members, about half attend meetings.

Room for 6 more to go on shop hop trip  
**Publicity** Joan Lasota  
Posted information at various places to inform people about ReNae Merrill coming to our guild meeting.

**Raffle Quilt**  
Being quilted now

**New Business**

**Cookbook**

There was a discussion about the cookbook. It has 233 recipes. 200 copies will be ordered. Should be here in time to buy for Christmas presents.

Motion to adjourn was made by Stephanie G, seconded by Cass., passed. Meeting adjourned at 5:35

Respectfully submitted by Penny Armagost

# Programs and Lectures

UFO AUCTION October 8th.....6:30 p.m.

UFO's are unfinished projects that you will never finish or a pattern with fabric. UFO's only wanted at auction. No books, notions, etc. Save those for the boutique sale. Bring UFO's early around 6 pm if possible. But even if you can't make it at 6, bring your donation anyway! Bring \$'s to bid! Most items start at \$1.00.

The money we make at this auction goes directly to **Safe in Hunterdon**, an organization that has been serving victims of domestic and sexual violence for over 35 years.

Whether you have something to donate or not, come to this meeting filled with laughter and some actual treasures

**October 8.** Workshop - **Charity sew.** 1-4 p.m. At this workshop we will be making FIDGET quilts for Alzheimers patients. They will consist of 16 6 1/2" squares that have interesting textures, things to do, or a figure (chicken, flower, dog, etc.) to start a conversation or just keep restless hands busy. They do not need to be pretty or perfect quilts but need to be full of texture or things to do!



We have plenty of cotton fabric for backing and to use as a base for sewing down notions. What you will need to bring are textured fabrics such as fake fur, corduroy, velvet, etc. Use your imagination!

Also bring things such as scrap lace, braiding, rick rack, pockets from old jeans or pants...whatever you have on hand. Sewing machine, thread, rotary cutter and mat, rulers, extension cord, batting (leftovers can be pieced). Come and be creative!

Evening Program **6:00 UFO Auction** (see above). Search your closets and shelves for your unfinished quilts that may be loved by a new owner. We will raffle them off to raise money for SAFE IN HUNTERDON.

**November 12.** Workshop: Jan Hunnold will teach **Christmas ornament class** from 1-4 p.m. with Paula Nadelstern fabrics. Information below....

EVENING MEETING at 6:30..... Mark **Lipinski "Slow Stitching Movement)**.

**December 10.** Workshop Holiday Sew--mini lessons on three little gifts you can make in an afternoon.....OR bring your own sewing project to work on.

EVENING PROGRAM: 6:00 HOLIDAY PARTY

### For Christmas ORNAMENT workshop with Jan Hunnold:

- Opulent Ornament fabric by Paula Nadelstern from Benartex – you need two large motifs and four small motifs. You can also use the centers of large motifs to substitute for the small motifs. You can repeat motifs, or each one can be different. This is for the 6” ball, which is available from the guild.
  - A 6” Styrofoam ball – purchase the one the guild is selling.
- You can also make a 4” ball – available from Jan. You still need six motifs, but they can all be small.
- 1 box of ordinary flat-head straight pins – at least 250 pins. Most normal straight pins will work; do NOT use silk pins.
  - Metal thimble or other form of finger protector
  - Perhaps a pair of small pliers would be helpful, but not required
  - small, sharp scissors for fussy cutting fabric and for adjusting fabric

#### Embellishments

Get a variety in different colors: seed beads; bugle beads; sequins; pearl head pins; straight pins

Please be sure your straight pin will pass through the beads easily.

Sequins come in all shapes and sizes – get a variety! We can share.

- staples – staples with a chisel tip are best – different colors will be good
- neutral or black sewing thread and needle (should be able to pass through beads)
  - Kreinik braid or metallic thread – holographic looks terrific!
- Small baggies to store opened beads and other embellishments, if necessary
  - Bring a sense of adventure! cut

If possible, cut out the small motifs before class, **BUT IT IS OK IF YOU DON'T HAVE THIS DONE!!!**

Don't out the large motifs!

Paula has instructions for these ornaments here. You can download these before class. I have a few tips to help you make a beautiful ornament!!

<http://paulanadelstern.com/weblog/wp-content/uploads/2015/12/>

Supplies will be available to purchase from the guild. **SPECIAL 6” styrofoam ball for \$2.50 and a set of 6 Paula Nadelstern fabric kalidescopes in various colors for \$3.** These supplies will be for sale at the October meeting for those who register for workshop. Workshop participants will be able to purchase one set of the ball and fabric.

The remaining supplies, if any are left, will be sold at the November meeting for those who wish to purchase them at the same price.

## 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.

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

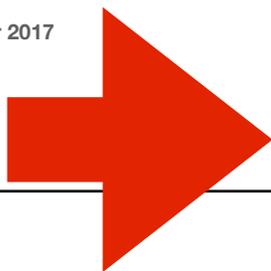
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FACEBOOK PAGE.

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## EVENTS in our area to ENJOY.....

Friday October 13 and Saturday October 14

Keystone Quilts presents Quilt Show 2017 "Quilter's Garden".

NEW LOCATION: Finland Mennonite Church, 1750 Ziegler Road, Pennsburg, Pa 18073

Admission \$7, children under 12 free.

NACQJ Judged Quilt Show with free demos, door prizes, boutique/recycle room, Chinese auction, Keystone Cafe and vendor mall

[www.keystonequilters.org](http://www.keystonequilters.org) or call 610-282-0651

EVENING STAR QUILTER'S GUILD. 2017 "A Harvest of Quilts Show". Saturday October 21, 10 to 4 p.m. and Sunday, October 22, 10 to 4 p.m. BELVIDERE HIGH SCHOOL, 809 Oxford Street, Belvidere, NJ. Admission \$7.00 Vendors, workshops, boutique and cafe.

Looking for quilt(s) for  
"Airing of Quilts 2017"

During the Lambertville Historical Society's House Tour, on Sunday, October 15th, I organize informal quilt show. I ask my neighbors to hang quilts on their porches and I "place" some of my quilts on houses in strategic areas. I need more quilts.

(These quilts will be hung with clothes pins on clothes lines to between porch columns, so washable quilts are preferred). The more quilts the merrier!

For more information contact: [cathiegiambalvo@comcast.net](mailto:cathiegiambalvo@comcast.net) or go to [www.onestitchatatime.com](http://www.onestitchatatime.com)

Heart In Hand Guild (Wind Gap, PA) is hosting a workshop with Jackie Hazen featuring a 16" by 20" Christmas English Paper Piecing project on Saturday, October 14, at Hope UCC, 701 Cherry Street, Wind Gap, PA at 9:00 am to early afternoon. The cost is \$40 for both the kit and the workshop.

Please email Barb Seely at [bseely@epix.net](mailto:bseely@epix.net) for more information or to sign up.

UNDERCOVER QUILTERS...Sew Many Memories Quilt Show October 20, 21, 22 10-4. Brookhaven Municipal Building, 2 Cambridge Road, Brookhaven, Pa. 125 quilts, food, vendors, raffle quilt, demos

HOSPITALITY.....Once again, many thanks to those members contributing some wonderful treats at our September meeting (Jill Ferrari, Linda Allen, Alice Sprenger, Jude McCormack, Carol Esch, Joan Lasota, Betty Czerwinski and Cass Garner). Even homemade delicious blueberry pie! Thanks, Jude!! Thank you to Jill and Cass for being our September Hospitality Volunteers. What a beautiful table! Betty and Elena are scheduled for October and Carol and Alice are on for November. Plenty of openings after that! Sign up sheets will be on the front table during the meeting.  
Thanks, Mary Rigby

Can you haiku? We learned, “yes we can!” thanks to the creative and fun Haikuilts workshop given by Raenae Merrill. Thank you to Ellen and the program folks for bringing this imagination stretching workshop to the September meeting.

Programs like “Haikuilts” are just one reason to belong to CHQ.  
And yes, Time to RENEW your CHQ membership for 2018 has begun!

Still \$35 for the calendar year 2018, you can bring your dues to the next meeting or mail your dues, check payable to CHQ, to me (address in roster).

Already, 10 members have renewed – thank you for being the early birds.

Next year is an important milestone for the guild – 30 years, a continuous thread of friendship, service, and creativity. Our 2018 Quilts in the Mill Show will be the best yet, as we reflect on the last 30 years, and anticipate the future.

I know some of you have started on your show quilts, so just a reminder that only members in good standing may enter quilts in the show. That means:

- 1) Dues paid in full
- 2) 3 handmade items for the show boutique
- 3) sell 20 quilt raffle tickets

September rosters have been emailed to you. Please review your information, and let me know if there are changes to be made.

A belated welcome to our newest member, someone you all know, Azie Kohn. Welcome back, Azie!

PA SHOP SHOP: just a few seats left! Invite your friends to join you. Members \$20, guests \$30, includes bus and lunch. Questions? Contact me.

Attending a quilt show? Bring several CHQ business cards to give to stitchers you meet. Extra cards are available at the Welcome table at every meeting.

Any questions about your membership? Please contact me.

Enjoy the first colors of autumn, and keep on stitching!  
Camille Quinton  
CHQ Membership chair



**Cocalico Retreat on Labor Day 2017....wonderful facilities and private rooms and baths! This is a deluxe place to get together with quilters and have a great time. Contact Stephanie Greenberg ASAP to sign up for Labor Day 2018.....stephanieg@gmail.com to reserve. \$50-\$60 per night plus cleaning fee shared. Check out on [www.cocalicoquiltersinn](http://www.cocalicoquiltersinn). Then email Stephanie to reserve immediately!**



Cass says this retreat is a place where you can sew as long or as little as you like! Plenty of room and lots of light in sewing areas with big tables to work on. The kitchens are stocked with every appliance you could dream of so you can make meals. You can walk or drive to Burkholders to buy more fabric within ten minutes! A great place to sew and share.



**LAST CHANCE TO SAVE A SEAT ON THE PA SHOP HOP BUS!!!**

**DATE: Saturday, November 4, 2017**

**TIME: 8:00am - 7:00pm**

**Tickets: \$20 for members**

**\$30 non members**

Visit the shops in Intercourse PA, lunch at an Amish style restaurant. snack on board, and enjoy the door to door service!!

**CONTACT CAMILLE ASAP!!!**

**Sew-er's Retreat**

**Monday - Thursday**

**January 15-18, 2018**

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

**Location ---St. Francis Retreatouse ([www.stfrancisretreathouse.org](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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 \_\_\_\_\_

# Show and Tell





**Quilts in the Mill Show 2018**

**WANTED - Publicity**

**Looking for:** exceptional, charming vivacious team -  
 2 or 3 willing hands for the  
**Publicity** committee.  
 Guidelines, training and most materials provided.

**Requirements:** a willing heart  
**Salary:** a successful quilt show

**Send your resume (just one line – I can do it!) to :**  
 Camille Quinton, Quilt Show chair ([camquinton@gmail.com](mailto:camquinton@gmail.com))  
**ASAP**

**Other positions available – send inquiries to Camille**

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President/2<sup>nd</sup> Program Chair.

In this role, you will be working with Marla Knappe 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President moves to the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President position and is joined by a new 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto: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.