

COURTHOUSE QUILTERS NEWSLETTER

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Workshop - "Divide and Design" with Lisa Calle

10:00 - 4:00 pm

Have you ever stood in front of a quilt and wondered how the quilter came up with the designs on the quilt? In this class, Lisa will teach her approach to the design process by dividing large areas into manageable spaces and create quilting designs that will make your quilts sing. You will learn the step-by-step method of turning everyday quilts into masterpieces and special quilts into treasured heirlooms.



Meeting - Lecture and Trunk Show with Lisa Calle

6:30 pm



December 11, 2016

Workshop - "Cozy Sewing Time"

1:00 - 4:00 pm

Charity sew, finish up a project of your own or make a microwaveable/freezer pillow as a quick gift. A nice opportunity to sew with friends. (See inside for details.)

Meeting - "Holiday Party"

6:00 pm

(See inside for details.)

January 8, 2017



Workshop - "One Block Wonder" with our own Marla Knappe

12:00 - 4:00 - \$15.00

A single print, cut randomly with no fussy cutting, is pieced together with gorgeous results. The room was filled with oohhs and aahhs at Marla's last workshop. (New members may take course at no charge!)

Meeting - "Member Showcase"

6:30 pm

Our own members will present a Round Robin of skills lessons based on their 2016 challenge quilts and show quilts. Come and be inspired.

President's Letter

All,

Another fantastic quilt show! It's no wonder that people talk about our guild with awe. Besides the actual coming together of the show itself, the quilts were as varied and beautiful as our members. Thank you to everyone who helped – from the chairs that worked for months to the worker bees who donated hours that week. We have recorded good ideas for improving the 2018 show. As things occur to you don't hesitate to email me and add them to the list.

If you are interested in being an officer next term, please consider being treasurer. Managing the guild is a rewarding experience and a chance to influence direction. I look forward to the great programs laid out for the next year or so. I'm already envisioning my future quilts.

Remember that November's meeting is the last chance for you to bring empty spools.

Patty

Membership

I love these days of Indian summer -- slowly turning leaves warmed by the last hurrah of summer. I'm still basking in the glow of a fantastic Quilts in the Mill show – a wonderful reason to -- drum roll please!! -- RENEW your membership for 2017.

Dues are \$35 for the calendar year. To continue your membership, CHQ bylaws state you must renew by the January meeting. No need to wait – RENEW now!! You may bring your check, payable to CHQ, to the next guild meeting, or mail it to me (address in your roster).

Need more reasons to renew? Here are a few: Lending library, charity work, CHQ independent shows at local museums, workshops by top designers/quilters, friendship, a phenomenally talented membership, opportunities to hone your skills and expand your creative horizon, the camaraderie of fellow stitchers.....

Our show has inspired several quilters to join our guild. Please give a warm, CHQ welcome our newest member, Dolores Pompeo. Dolores attended the show, then came to the October meeting to officially join our guild.

Questions on membership? Just contact me.

Enjoy the creative possibilities of autumn!

Camille Quinton
CHQ membership chair



Holiday Fun at our December Meeting

Workshop - "Cozy Sewing Time" - 1:00 - 4:00 pm

Spend a relaxing afternoon sewing with friends. You can work on your own project, participate in the charity sew or make a microwaveable/freezer bag as a quick and easy gift.



The charity sew is for Patients Into People. They are based in New Jersey but send gowns to hospitals across the country. The gowns are super simple but do require 4 yards of fabric. Bright cheery colors are preferred, more than one fabric can be used per gown and appliques can be added to brighten solids. We have fabric enough for some gowns, but if you would like to bring in some fabric to use, it would be wonderful! Sewing machine, thread and basic sewing tools are needed.

At 3:00, there will be an option to make a microwaveable/freezer pillow - a great small comfort gift. If you want to make one, bring a 12" square piece of fabric or use one of our flannel squares. We will supply the rice filling.

~ After the workshop it is Party Time! ~



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 H - Main dish
- I through M - Soup/salad
- N through R - Appetizer
- S through Z - Dessert



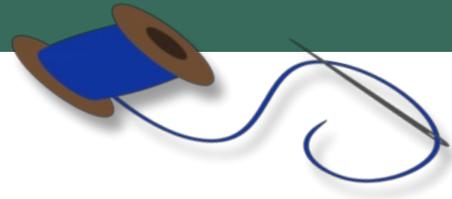
We will have hot tea and coffee, but feel free to bring a cold drink to share.

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!!!!

Sew-er's Retreat



Thursday - Sunday February 2 - 5, 2017

Quilters, Garment sewers, Knitters, etc.

Location -

St. Francis Retreathouse (www.stfrancisretreathouse.org) 3918 Chipman Road, Easton, PA

Treat yourself to a winter get-away. 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 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. Fully heated /air conditioned.

Bring UFO's or start a new project. There are always other participants to assist you, whether it is quilts or garments!

Private Room, private Bath. \$280 (3 nights, 9 meals); or \$200 (2 nights, 6 meals)

**Non refundable deposit of \$25.00 will hold your place . Must be received by Dec 11, 2016.
(Make checks payable to Linda Allen.)**

Total amount due Jan 8, 2017 or send total now to assure a space and the room you prefer.

Our policy is a first come, first serve basis for specific preferences.

Contacts -

**Linda Allen - 659 County Road 579, Pittstown, NJ 08867 Phone 908-735-4738
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**Claire Rohloff - 383 Bloomsbury Rd. Bloomsbury, NJ 08804 Phone 908-479-6599
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Sew-er's Retreat Registration Form

Name _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ email _____

Check below Room type - meals start with dinner the first night and end with lunch on the last day.

3 nights (private room, private bath 9 meals) \$280 _____

2 nights (private room/ private bath - 6 meals) \$200 _____

Thurs - Fri nights _____ Fri - Sat nights _____

Check if you have a particular meal requirement Vegetarian _____ Gluten free _____

(Cut out registration form and include with deposit check.)

Show Recap

We had a FABULOUS show! Kudos to everyone, especially to the Show Chair and Show Teams, who pulled it all together so beautifully. While still fresh in our minds, we thought it prudent to capture some thoughts from our members for the next show. They are below.

Quilt show suggestions: “Things to keep”

- Welcome Table
- Quantity and size of quilts was good
- Mini Quilt tickets, Many people loved that they didn't have to write on all the tickets
- Great Charity Display- It showcases the guild's community outreach



Quilt show suggestions: “Things to think about changing”

- Money aprons did not work for wristbands.
- Better lighting in some places- this is an ongoing issue at the Mill
- Raffle table: More space for people to fill in raffle tickets
- Flower arrangements should not be for sale but given to show chairs
- Cash boxes should be brought to the Treasurer at 5:00 pm rather than the Treasurer trying to gather them all by 5:00.
- Photo of Raffle Quilt winner w/quilt displayed at subsequent shows. (note from Cass do we have to get a permission signed for this?)
- Fill Publicity Chairperson position early to meet deadlines and establish contacts with media.
- Create a Publicity Facebook blurb for members to post on their Facebook pages.
- There should be 2 people doing wristbands and 2 people collecting money with TWO cash boxes at admissions especially for the morning shifts.
- Discuss increasing admission fee since so many people use the postcard for discount
- Discuss the flow of traffic around admissions when a bus arrives. It seems like there is a bottleneck.
- Use a pop-up tent in front of the entrance area.

If there are other suggestions, please feel free to send them to a board member before the next meeting.

Submitted by Cass

Some Guild Business...

Guild Bylaws

The proposed bylaws revision overwhelmingly passed at the October meeting. There were 26 members in attendance and 25 members voted for the change and 1 member abstained from voting. A copy of the revised bylaws has been emailed to all guild members.

Help!

Our guild needs a member to serve as Treasurer! Not a difficult job. If you can balance your checkbook, you can do this! Contact Patty if you are willing to help!

Slate for 2017 Guild Board Elections

President - Andrea Cavallaro

First Vice President - Ellen Heath

Second Vice President - Marla Knapp

Recording Secretary - Penny Armagost

Elections will be held at the November Meeting.

Guild Teams Need Chairpersons

Several of our teams need new chairpersons in 2017 to continue operating:

- ~ Jill is stepping down and we need a special events committee chair or co-chair.
- ~ Claire and Linda are stepping down and we need a hospitality committee chair or co-chair.
- ~ Andrea is stepping down and we need someone to create the newsletter.
- ~ We also need a Publicity chairperson.

Are you thinking that being a team chairperson is just too much responsibility? Grab a friend and share the load!



January Workshop - "One Block Wonder" Supply List

Class Supplies

- Required book: One-Block Wonders by Maxine Rosenthal*
- A 60 degree ruler with pointed tip – Clearview Triangle Ruler
- Flower pins (pins that lie flat)
- Straight edge rule 24"
- 45mm or 60 mm blade rotary cutter – new blade
- Strongly recommended- Design wall or Creative grid flannel (design wall fabric) 2 yds
- Sewing machine in good working order
- Quarter inch foot
- Painter's tape , suggested
- Regular sewing supplies- scissors, seam ripper, thread to match fabric
- Cutting Mat *



Fabric Requirements

We are making the hexagon blocks. Fabric yardage requirements will vary depending on the length of repeat. The rule is that you need **six repeats** of the fabric's design element. Refer to page 17 in One-Block Wonders book. You may want to purchase an additional ½ to 1 yard of fabric for borders.

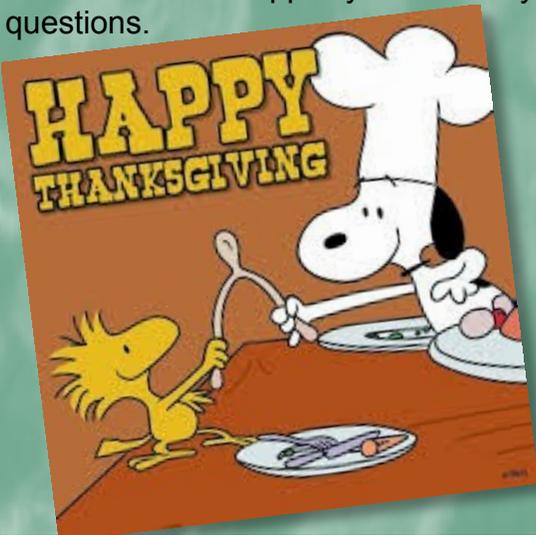
Hints on selecting fabric: Look for fabrics with very little background and medium to large scale design elements. Elements that blend into one another are more favorable, than distinct elements. A non-solid background gives more movement to the overall quilt top. The vertical repeat should be between 12" and 24". The smaller the repeat, the smaller the quilt. The larger the print/design of fabric, the less the kaleidoscopes will look like the original fabric. Select fabric with your favorite color(s).

Class Prep

- Do NOT wash fabric.
- Iron fabric aligning the two selvages

You will need two cutting mats to cut your fabric, so I am suggesting that some of you bring along a mat.

Contact Marla Knapp is you have any questions.



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Bits and Pieces



“And the winners are.....”

Our beautiful raffle quilt was won by Mr. Ralph Worth from Arkansas. He plans visits to his sister (pictured here) so they can attend our show together.

Sewing Machine, Serger, and Fabric for Sale

A visitor to our quilt show, Jean Kaucher, a spry 90 year old quilter, has lots of fabric and two sewing machines to sell - a Bernina (year 2000) and a serger.

If you are interested in purchasing these items, please contact Jean at 215-598-7813.

The quilt show was wonderful, and inspired some visitors to join our fabulous guild.

Please give a warm CHQ welcome to our new members:

Regina Apuzzo

Lyn Anderson

Brielle Cordingley

Tami Lewis

Barbara McClintock

Dolores Pompeo

Donna Martinez

They range from beginner to advanced quilters, with interests from traditional to contemporary genres.



Mary de Sloovere presented her ELMER Storybook quilt to the New Hope-Solebury Library on behalf of Courthouse Quilters, in memory of Sandy Lobley, quilter and friend of the library.



Artworks by Carol Esch and Betty Czerwinski now at Clinton Fudge Shop in Clinton.

What Sells at the Show Boutique?

Sue and I were asked this question many times during the boutique, and it isn't an easy question to answer. Something that hasn't sold for a couple of shows may fly out the door at the next show. However, we did notice a few trends at this show that we can share with you.

- 1) Our shoppers are looking for a bargain. Please don't spend time making an item that deserves to sell at a Nordstrom's price (or even a Macy's price). When we put low prices on boutique items, it is not because we don't understand their beauty and value, it's because we've been told, and now have observed, that we can't get their deserved value.
- 2) Here are handmade items the DIDN'T sell well this year: kitchen items, baby items, Christmas items (possibly because we didn't put the Christmas items in a good spot), jewelry, and most items not made from fabric.
- 3) Here are handmade items that flew off the tables: fall décor items; items made from wool; sewing-related handmade items such as sewing supply cases, pincushions, and clever thread collectors.

We noticed that items that are clever, unique, or charming sell well, no matter what their category. For example, Babette's tiny pincushions in salt cellars, Jan's wool pumpkins, Camille's Kewpie dolls, and someone's cactus pincushions were all highly prized. (If you made those cactus pincushions, please let us know.)

During the next two years, we will look for interesting ideas and patterns and share them in the newsletter. Alice had a great suggestion: Each time you finish a personal project, take a look at your scraps before you put them away and make a boutique item from the coordinated fabrics you have right there.

Thank you to everyone who made the boutique a great success! We appreciate your contributions of beautiful handmade items, fabrics, books, notions, and, especially time.

Ellen and Sue



Twila doing her thing at the Quilt Show....many thanks for all the wonderful photos she shares with us!

Sunshine and Shadows



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

CHQ ONLINE



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!



Newsletter Deadline

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 Andrea.

Board and Committee Chairs

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Route 12 W 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 S. Turn right at Burgdorf Realtors Route 513. Continue for 8 miles.