

Courthouse Quilters Guild Newsletter

December 2022

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HOLIDAY CELEBRATION

Make & Take(s),
Potluck & Gift Exchange

December 18, 2022
Flemington Women's Club

2:30pm until 7:30pm

Courthouse Quilters President's Letter

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December 2022

Dear CHQ Membership,

Congratulations to our new Executive Board; Gina, Anne, Laura, Kerry, Cheryl, and Juliette! Welcome to your new positions at CHQ. We're all wishing you a ton of success! And a huge thank you to the 2021-2022 Executive Board; Jude, Patty, Laura, and Kerry for doing an outstanding job for the last 2 years keeping CHQ creatively going especially through the pandemic. Thank you for your service.

Now, it's time to pause, relax and celebrate at our Annual Holiday Party. See you at the Flemington Women's Club for some good laughs, great food, easy crafts, and a crazy gift exchange.

Everything starts at 2:30 pm, come and go according to your own schedule; Appetizers and Hot Chocolate Bar to begin with, Pot Luck dinner at 4 pm, Dessert at 6 pm - for more details see below or go to our December Calendar page on our website; www.courthousequilters.org. This year, Santa's favorite elf, Jude McCommick will lead our gift exchange; if you'd like to participate, please bring a wrapped unlabelled gift valued at \$20-\$25.

With a grateful heart, it's time to say goodbye as your president. It's been an exciting couple of years, during which we've made many great memories and learned a ton of new quilty things together. I know that you're in great hands going forward!

Happy Holidays,

Cathie
Cathie Giambalvo
CHQ President
609-558-7228

MEMBERSHIP NEWS:

Dues are due for the next year - 2023.

Please click on the following link

[MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL](#)

Please fill out membership renewal form
and make your 2023 payment of \$50.

Directions for payment by check or credit card on our
website www.courthousequilters.org.



CHQ Program News

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December Program: December 18th, 2022

Holiday Party, Fun Crafts, Potluck and Gift Exchange

We have lot of special activities planned for our annual Holiday Party starting at 2:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. at the **Flemington Woman's Club, 43 Park Ave, Flemington NJ**

Setup: 2:00 – 2:30 pm

Crafts: 2:30 – 4:00 pm: Kick back and relax with fellow members OR jump in and make one of the super cute Holiday crafts some of our members have graciously volunteered to share. Appetizers, Beverages, and Hot Cocoa Bar available.

Dinner: 4:00 – 5:30 pm: Look for Donna Slovak's posted Menu on Sign-up Genius to bring your favorite dish.

Recognition and New Board Member Swearing into Office: 5:30 – 6:00 pm

Gift Exchange and Dessert: 6:00 – 6:30 pm: Bring a wrapped, unlabeled gift valued at \$20-\$25 if you'd like to participate.

Clean-up: 6:30 – 7:00 p.m.



...and don't forget your

CHQ 2022 Quilty Resolutions

Did you think we forgot.... Well, we didn't...

Be ready to reveal whether you completed your quilt resolutions. Members who finish more than one resolution will be entered into a fun raffle!

CHQ PROGRAM NEWS

January Program: January 15th, 2023

Workshop and Lecture by Christine Barnes

Christine is a well-known quilter and published author from Northern California specializing in color for quilters.

Location: Zoom ONLY

Time: 11:00 to 4:00 pm (with ½ hour break for lunch)

Cost: \$40.00 Includes Pattern

Class Limit: 20 Member Only Limit

Supply List: [Christine Barnes Workshop Supply List](#)



Workshop: *You get to Choose*

Join Christine Barnes' workshop where you get to choose which special effect you want your quilt to result in using the same pattern.

Luminaria – when you surround a relatively small area of warm, intense color with a larger area of cooler, less-intense, darker color, your quilt will appear to glow, as if light and warmth are coming from behind creating a *Luminosity* effect.

OR

Transparent Squares – create an illusion of *Transparency*; layers of see-through color with light center squares that seem to float above the darker shapes. Sections of gray ombre appear to flow underneath the blocks, enhancing the sense of light and movement.

This workshop begins with a crash course in color, followed by an evaluation of your fabrics to ensure success which will be surprisingly easy to achieve once you understand a few simple concepts. Then you'll begin cutting and piecing your blocks. Both quilts use the same pattern. Along the way, Christine will have lots of tips for making the process easier and more accurate.

**When signing up, please note which quilt you'll be making – either *Luminaria* or *Transparent Squares*. Supply lists can be found on the [Courthousequilters.org](#)

Luminaria



Transparent Squares

Evening Meeting: 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Location: Zoom ONLY

Lecture: Christine Barnes *Color: A Step-by-Step Tutorial*

Learn how, *exactly*, Christine plans and makes a quilt? Which comes first, the design idea or the fabric? How to "hunt and gather" fabric for a quilt? How does pattern affect color in fabrics? For the first portion of the lecture, Christine will show digital step-by-step images and describe her methods of choosing, auditioning, and editing fabrics. A trunk show of quilts and wearables wraps it all up.



CHQ PROGRAM NEWS

February Program: February 26th, 2023

Workshop and Lecture by Mel Beach

Mel Beach is a San Jose, CA based quilt artist, teacher, and lecturer, who breaks away from tradition by adding her own modern, beautifully textured, and colorful twists.



Location: Zoom Only

Time: 11:00 to 4:30 pm (with ½ hour break for lunch)

Cost: \$42.00

Class Limit: 20 Member Only Limit

Supply List: [Mel Beach Supply List](#)

Workshop: Modern Free Motion Fillers & Fun

Do you love the look of modern quilts but unsure how best to quilt all that negative space? In this workshop, Mel will share her favorite mark-free, modern quilting motifs involving C-curves, loop de loops, zig zags, and door beads. We'll explore how simple changes to each of the designs will yield all new filler designs! This is a low-stress and super fun workshop that is perfect for quilters who are new to free-motion quilting, as well as those looking to add new modern designs to their quilting repertoire. You'll leave with new design ideas, tips and tricks for free motion quilting success, and the confidence to add beautiful, modern quilted texture to your modern quilt tops!



Evening Meeting: 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Location: Zoom Only

Lecture: Free Motion Crea-Tv and Reality

Tune in as Mel shares her love of free motion quilting as it relates to her guilty pleasure of watching reality television!! She'll share her own unscripted, real-life adventures of learning to free-motion quilt. You won't want to change channels as Mel shares her confessionals about her fear factors, extreme makeover story, myth busting tips and tricks for quilting on a domestic sewing machine, and "show" mance with some of her favorite tools and notions! Be sure to set your TiVo and DVR, as you won't want to miss this humorous and inspirational presentation - complete with a trunk show finale!



October Workshop



October Show and Tell



October Raffle Quilt Workshop



November Show and Tell



November Show and Tell

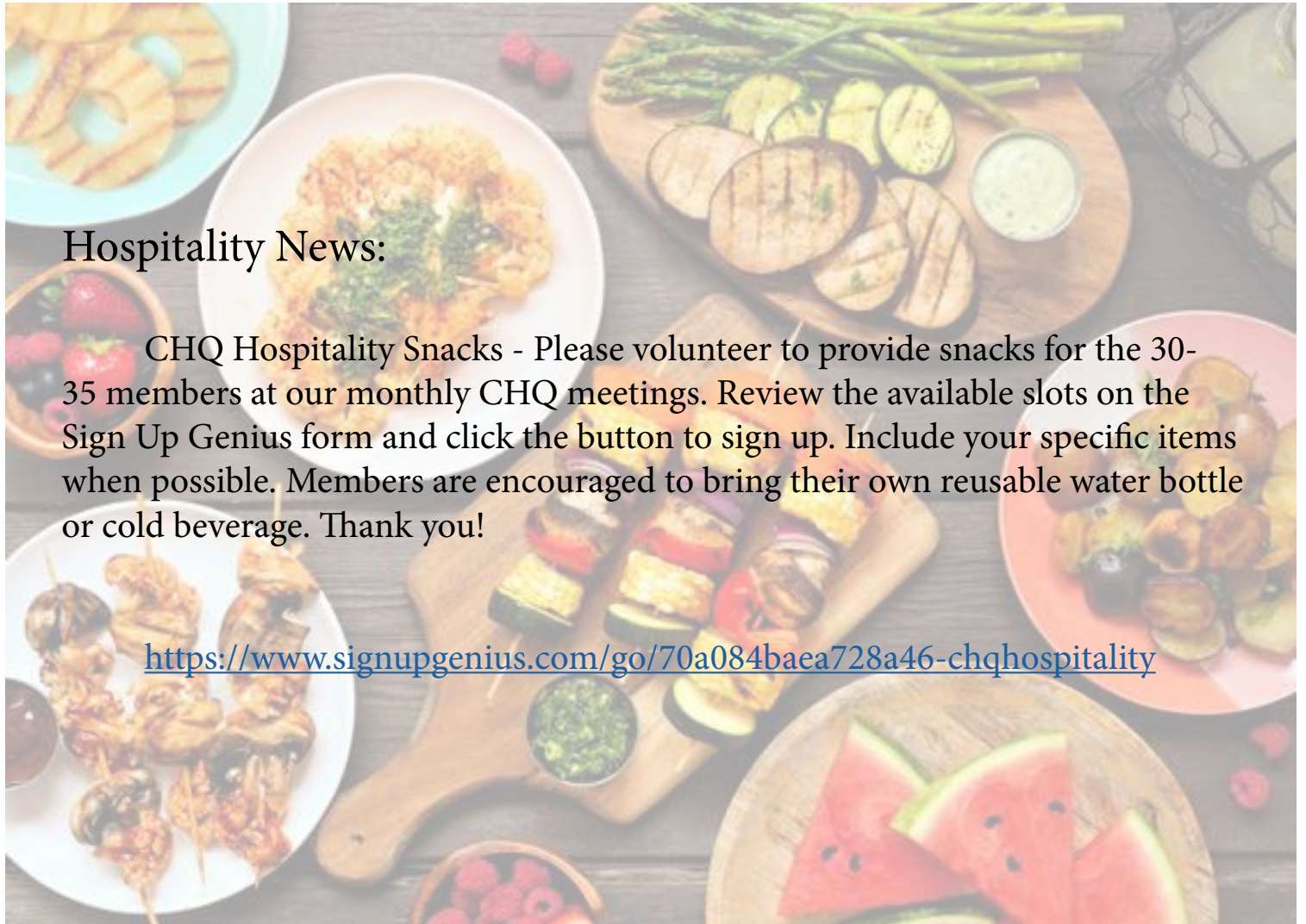


November Show and Tell





Hospitality



Hospitality News:

CHQ Hospitality Snacks - Please volunteer to provide snacks for the 30-35 members at our monthly CHQ meetings. Review the available slots on the Sign Up Genius form and click the button to sign up. Include your specific items when possible. Members are encouraged to bring their own reusable water bottle or cold beverage. Thank you!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a084baea728a46-chqhospitality>

Sunshine and Shadows

If you know of anyone who could use a little cheering up, please contact the Corresponding Secretary Kerry Cogan. She will send them a card.

CHQ Board Meeting Minutes September 2022

In attendance: Donna, Cathie, Juliet, Lauren P, Lauren L, Laura, Al, Joan, Penny, Gina, Cass, Andrea, Jude, Kerry, Patty, Camille and Stephanie

Meeting called to order at 4:30pm. Hampton Inn Flemington.

Approval of August board meeting minutes, Gina motioned to approve, Andrea seconded, 13 in favor.

Old business: Discussion about Financial report meeting and tracking expenses on the CHQ Google drive. There will be a broad overview of financials from the show at the October meeting because Andrea and Camille will not be present. A final show report will be presented at the November meeting.

New Business & Board/ Committee Status:

Treasurer: Patty Gertz- Treasurer reports: \$5,200 in outstanding checks, including rent for the Mill. \$1,100 in expenses not yet reimbursed.

President: Cathie Giambalvo- 4H final report: The fair was very successful, \$1,472 was made in raffle quilt sales. Discussion on switching our 'responsibility' year to do the fair again next year and what that would mean in terms of raffle quilt licensing and sales. Discussion about moving the Boutique Committee up a level in organization to be at the same level as other committees. This will require changing the bylaws and standing rules. This change would allow the boutique to run independently at other events, therefore keeping inventory manageable while producing a steady cash flow.

Two new members have joined the guild.

Cass: Show décor- Preview party and décor from Rutgers Landscape. Wine tasting at Unionville Vineyards to be gifted to one of the business cards drawn from the vendors at Preview Night.

1st Vice President/ Program- Jude McCormick- Program Updates: Stitching kits for October class will need to be ordered. Mileage reimbursement and expenses to be totaled post program completion. Luminosity class will be in person and on zoom. December meeting will be in person at The Women's Club.

Recording Secretary: Laura Kohl- Minutes

Corresponding Secretary: Kerry Cogan- Well Wishes

Nominating Committee: Joan Lasota, Alice Marcy, Joanne Gardner – names in all slots for nominating committee.

Charity and Outreach: Stephanie Greenberg- Food Pantry

Cass Garner- Baby Quilt Initiative

Circulation: Lauren Lupica

Historian: Patty Gertz (starting 2023) and Cass Garner

Hospitality: Donna Slovak

Library: Cass Garner

CHQ Board Meeting Minutes October 16, 2022

In attendance: Cathie Giambolvo, Patty Gertz, Anne Oswald, Laura Kohl, Kerry Cogen, Joan Lasota, Stephanie Greenberg, Patty Gertz, Donna Slovak, Al Accettola, Gina Kresja, and Juliet Leonard.

Meeting called to order at 4:30 pm.

Approve September Board Minutes: Minutes will be amended to omit referencing raffle quilt licensing and sales regarding changing the rotation of the 4-H fair. Al motioned to amend, Stephanie seconded, 11 in favor.

Old Business:

New Business and Board Committee Status: Discussion on a tricky tray style drawing to gift a basket to one of the new members selected during the Holiday Party.

Patty Gertz - Treasurer Reports- Balance is over \$43,000 with approximately \$2,000 in uncashed checks. Paypal balance should be transferred to the main account. Raffle accounts should be reported in 30 days. Rent is currently \$1,500 over budget with an additional \$500 by the end of the fiscal year. Budget should be set for 2023 by November.

President: Cathie Giambolvo - Go Daddy needs to be upgraded to a higher platform. It has not been updated for a decade. This upgrade will make it easier to maintain for future guild members. The application has been resubmitted for all meetings March- December 2023 at the Municipal County Complex.

1st Vice President: Jude McCormick -

2nd Vice President: Anne Oswald – The workshop today was great. The 2023 Quilt Challenge will be announced at the evening meeting.

Christine Barnes's class, originally scheduled for November, has been moved to January. We need additional members to fill the slots to be able to run the class.

November will be a show report, voting for the new executive board, and possible discussion on feedback about the show. Joan will act as the moderator to keep a concise and focused timetable. Show reports should be sent to Camille and Andrea by the 25th of October. A video that Al had made of the quilt show will also be shown.

November raffle quilt should be nearing completion to give to the quilter. Border needs to be completed. The quilt is currently 86 x 86 without a border.

Dec holiday party is coming up and we will be looking for volunteers to help with Craft tables. Two have signed-up, possibly a 3rd. There will be a Pot Luck, Gift exchange (Cathie will lead). The 2023 budget has been pretty much confirmed.

Recording Secretary: Laura Kohl - Minutes

Corresponding Secretary: Kerry Cogen - Well Wishes

Nominating Committee: Joan Lasota, Alice Marcy, Joanne Gardner- Nominations will be shared at the October meeting. Voting will be held during the November meeting. Voting can be a show of hands unless there is more than one candidate.

Charity & Outreach: Stephanie Greenberg – Sold 40 baby quilts. 9 quilts are remaining. Personal items can be brought to the December meeting for the food bank.

Cass Garner - will not be in attendance.

Circulation: Lauren Lupica - will not be in attendance.

Historian: Patty Gertz and Cass Garner start in 2023.

Hospitality: Donna Slovak -Hospitality will be working alongside programs coordinators to plan the December Holiday party on 12/18. Stay tuned for food, snacks and drink sign up opportunities. Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to provide goodies for our monthly meetings. Slots are now available for 2023!

Library: Cass Garner

Licensing: Joanne Gardner

Membership:

Newsletter and Photographer: Al Accettola

Next month, send items for the Newsletter to Cathie by Oct 21.

Publicity: Joan Lasota -

Raffle Quilt Construction 2024: Anne Oswald & Jill Ferrari

Raffle Ticket Distribution and Sales Co-Chairs: Gina Krejsa & Penny Armagost

Quilt Show Co-Chairs: Camille Quinton & Andrea Cavallaro

Web Presence: Lauren Pine - Go Daddy Upgrade - will not be in attendance

All motioned to end the meeting at 5:46. Seconded by Stephanie.

Classified

For Sale!! \$425.00

Lovingly used PE770 Brother Embroidery Machine

Comes with manuals, hoops, cord, and a few samples of stabilizers

Thread, a jump drive, needles, extra bobbins, recent sample of stitches.

If interested contact Cass Garner. Cassgarner1@gmail.com





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.

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 Cathie.

Courthouse Quilters Guild Board

President - Cathie Giambalvo

First Vice President – Jude McCormick

Second Vice President—Anne Oswald
& Programs

Recording Secretary - Laura Kohl

Corresponding Secretary - Kerry Cogan

Treasurer - Patty Gertz

Charity and Outreach- Stephanie Greenberg & Cass
Garner

Circulation - Lauren Lupica

Historian - (open position)

Hospitality - Donna Slovak

Librarian - Cass Garner

Licensing - Joanne Gardner

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Newsletter –Al Accettola

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Quilt Show Publicity - Dyan Rosario

Raffle Quilt Design and Creation Anne Oswald &
Jill Ferrari

Raffle Quilt Sales 2022 - Penny Armagost & Regina Krejsa

Web Presence - Lauren Pine