

COURTHOUSE QUILTERS PRESIDENT'S BULLETIN September 2024

President's Letter

Thanks to everyone who came out for our August workshop and guild meeting. We priced a lot of fabric for the Boutique. Some of the fun of pricing is that you see all the lovely fabric and can get in on the buying before it hits the shelves! We had plenty of laughs during the day. Penny was heard saying that she was never going to buy fabric again, how's that for funny. Yes, she made it approximately 5 minutes before making a purchase of something she was folding...

The 4H Fair was a big success again this year! Thank you to everyone for volunteering and a special thanks to Penny, Kerry, Barbara, and Janet for their organization. We raised \$1,573 for Raffle and \$551 for Boutique. In the words of Juliet - Woo Hoo!

It's only a few weeks until our Quilts in the Mill show. Planning, work, and organization are all in full swing. If you want to help, but aren't sure what you can do, please reach out to Lysa, our show chair. There are still more volunteers needed in certain areas. Please check out the sign up here [CHQ Quilt Show Volunteers 2024](#) and volunteer. It takes the support of a lot of people to make the show a success and it is so much fun to watch and chat with all the visitors!

We want to put on a beautiful and varied display of quilts, wall hangings, and wearables. Make sure to complete your acquisition forms by this Tuesday 8/27. If you're wavering as to whether to submit a piece, just do it. If you need help submitting your forms, give me a call at 508.523.0577 and I will help you complete them. Please submit your work, the show is such a wonderful reflection of our talented members. When viewed as a full body of work, it is spectacular. Be a part of it!

Please be sure to read the information from the Nominating Committee in this bulletin. As you know, we are still in need of candidates for president and treasurer. If you are interested, please let Joan, Cass, or Kathy know. The guild cannot operate without people in these positions, so please consider if you are willing to become an officer.

The Raffle Sales committee needs volunteers for the Chester Fall Craft Show on September 7th and 8th. This is a weather permitting event as we are outside. Consider signing up and enjoying the day selling tickets and chatting with folks! [CHQ Raffle Sales at Chester](#).

There is a Boutique pricing event this Wednesday from 10:00 - 4:00 in Building #1 at the Hunterdon County Complex (our normal guild meeting spot). Please join us if you are available.

It is with great sadness that I let you know that Sarah Bond passed away recently. Sarah had taught and spoken at our guild several times. Her work was both innovative and striking. Sarah was a lovely person and she will be missed.

Happy quilting!

Gina

president@courthousequilters.org

Upcoming Meetings

Zoom Board Meeting (All members welcome)

Time: September 13, 2024 7:00 PM

In Person Guild Meeting at the Hunterdon County Complex, Building 1

Time: September 15, 2024 6:30 pm

Program

August

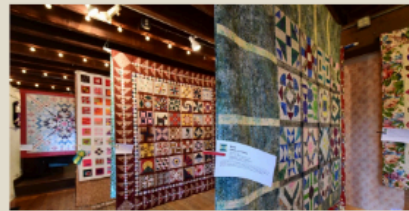
September 15th, 2024

SHOW PREP!!!!

- Less than **2 weeks** until the 2024 Quilts in the Mill Show. Join forces with our amazing Show Chair Lysa to put on the best show yet!
- Any committee or subcommittee needing work done prior to the show can use the time to meet, coordinate, and work with volunteers
- Any presenter who wants to practice with an audience is welcome
- Sneak peak of our 2025 Programs

Presentation Title

9/3/20XX



October - Note Nichole is workshop only, not evening lecture - we did try for both. If you want to see her, you will need to take the workshop. Workshop is only \$26.



October 20th, 2024
Embroidery workshop with Nichole Vogelsinger of wildboho 1-4pm.
 Bring your favorite botanical fabric and learn how to boho it up, encrusting it with layers of embroidery stitches, beads and sequins that will inspire you to look at fabric in a whole new way!

Evening meeting 6:30pm - Show Recap followed by 'Emotional Quilting' lecture with Linda Martin-Mills.
Kindness, compassion and philanthropy. Learn how colors, patterns and words can lift your mood, increase gratitude, and help others through charitable works.

Presentation Title 9

November

November 17th, 2024

- **1-4 pm Sew-in!** Spend time with your quilting friends finishing up those handmade Holiday gifts for friends and family, UFO's, or any other sewing projects you've been meaning to get to. We will also be putting the finishing touches on the 2026 Raffle Quilt top.
- Business meeting and Guild Election at 6:30.
- **Evening lecture-** Eileen Porretta and Barbara Gates from the Quilts of Valor Foundation share the mission and passion behind presenting veterans touched by war with comforting and healing quilts.

Presentation Title



Committee Notes

Boutique (Janet Bergman)



Join us for a full day of Fun !

Wednesday, August 28th

10-4 at our normal meeting spot.

Come help price fabric and notions for the boutique.

Don't forget your lunch and some cash...you get first dibs on anything you see!

Community Outreach (Barbara Slaton)

- Quilts for Kids
 - Collection is ongoing at guild meetings to Gretta. Let Gretta know if you would like a kit to complete.
- Caring Heart Quilts
 - We will be selling the quilts that have been donated during our Quilts in the Mill Show. This is a great fundraiser for both our guild and Safe Harbor.
 - Thanks to everyone who has donated

Hospitality (Donna Slovak)

Thanks to all of the volunteers who share snacks and drinks at our monthly CHQ meetings and workshops! Special thanks to Cathie for setting up and bringing the ice cream at our August meeting. Please use the sign up genius link to review the available slots and click the button to sign up. Members are encouraged to bring personal water bottles. Hot coffee and tea will return in September. [Hospitality Sign Up Here](#)

Thank you!

Raffle Sales (Penny Armagost and Gina Krejsa)

- Raffle Sales continue to move along. So far we have sold over 5,000 tickets and collected about \$4,700 in total. About 79% of members have returned at least a portion of their tickets so far.
- Thank you to all the volunteers who helped sell tickets during the 4H Fair - Cass, Barbara F, Lysa, Gina, Penny, Alice, Kerry, Juliet, Joan, Kathy, Patty, Anne O, Ellen, and Donna. We raised \$1,573!
- Please sign up for upcoming raffle sales events - [CHQ Raffle Sales at Chester](#)
 - September 7th and 8th - Chester Fall Craft Fair, 60 Main Street, Chester NJ

Raffle Construction (Juliet Leonard)

- Survey Request from Juliet to assess how many people are still working on an X-Block quilt block. Please take a moment and answer the 2 question yes/no, survey <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/9XDZZBK>

Nominating Committee (Joan Lasota, Cass Garner, Kathy Stewart)

Nominating Committee Needs Your Help

The 2024 Nominating Committee has been working since May to find candidates to run for 4 board positions. Currently, we have candidates for 2nd Vice President and Secretary. We have made announcements at every guild meeting, and we're spoken to almost everyone in the guild, but we still do not have candidates for President and Treasurer.

We understand that everyone is focused on the 2024 Quilt Show, but we are getting very close to when we need to present our slate of candidates to the membership and vote for these positions. Anyone who fills a position will have the support of the previous position holder and the current board to ensure they're comfortable with the responsibilities of the position.

What happens if we DON'T have nominees for President & Treasurer?

If no one steps up to serve in these positions, we are at risk of losing our 501(c)(3) status. What this means is we would have to regroup as a non-charity organization, losing the benefits of being a 501(c)(3), including all the money we have. That money will have to be redistributed to another charity organization if we do not meet the criteria for being a 501(c)(3) organization.

There is a sense of urgency at this point to find qualified candidates for President and Treasurer. The committee needs to present the slate of candidates at the October meeting.

We are sincerely asking for members who could fill these positions to reach out to one of us to add their name to the ballot or nominate someone whom you think might be appropriate for these positions.

Nominating Committee 2024/25

Joan Lasota (H) 908-806-7223 jalasota@icloud.com

Cass Garner (C) 609-462-7338 cassgarner1@gmail.com

Kathy Stewart (C) 267-235-9753 kathystewart@verizon.net

Nominating Committee Time-Line: 2024

May-Sept – solicit member input and prepare a slate of candidates for President, Treasurer, 2nd VP, and Secretary.

October- present the slate of candidates to members at the October meeting and ask if there are other candidates to be added.

November- Vote on the slate of candidates at November meeting

December – New officers will be installed at the end of the December meeting.

Show (Lysa Martinelli)

Quilts in the Mill ♦ Quilt Show “Confetti of Color”



Show Volunteers Needed - Sign-up for a shift!

Thank you to everyone that has signed up for a shift. We are getting close to the Show dates and there are still 26 shifts that need to be filled. We reduced the parking shift to two hours and 9 parking shifts need to be filled. If you aren't able to help fill one of those shifts is there a family member or friend that you can recruit to help?

Please use the link to sign-up for your shift(s):

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0545ADAF29A7FC1-mill#/>.

If you have any questions about volunteering, please contact the Quilt Show Volunteer Chair: Cathie Giambalvo (membership@courthousequilters.org).

Spread The Word: Tell your friends, tell your family and even tell strangers. There is a Facebook Event posted (thank you Cathie) to the guild Facebook group. Please like, comment and share that so we can spread the word.

Show Details:

Friday, September 27 - Sunday, September 29 (Show set-up: Wednesday, September 25 and Thursday, September 26)
Prallsville Mills - 33 Risler Street (Route 29), Stockton, NJ 08559
Daily Show Hours: 10:00 am - 4:00 pm (Friday-Sunday)
Ticket Price: \$12 (discount: 10 or more \$10 each)

Special Presentations, Exhibits and Workshops:

All Show

- Invitational Exhibit by Liza Lucy

Friday

- Book Signing by Jo Ann Lepore - *“Picture Patchwork: 15 Charted Patterns”* (11-12:30 p.m. and 1:30-3 p.m.)
- Member Demo - Cass Garner: Binding from the Back (11:00 a.m.)
- Wearable Art and Accessories Fashion Show (1:00 p.m.)
- Member Demo - Anne Oswald: Quick and Easy Square in a Square (2:30 p.m.)

Saturday

- Members Demo - Patty Gertz: Embellishing Border (11:00 a.m.)
- Presentation by Meg Cox - *"Talking to History: Help Your Quilts Tell Their Stories"* (1:00 p.m.)
- Member Demo - Joanne Gardner: Hand Quilting (2:30 p.m.)

Sunday

- Harriet Powers Quilts - Talk and Exhibit (1:00 p.m.)
- Mini Quilt Auction (2:00 p.m.)
- Quilt Raffle Drawing (3:30 p.m.)

Preview Party: We will be hosting a Quilts in the Mill Preview Party on Thursday, September 26, 2024, 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Prallsville Mills. Guild members and a guest are invited to attend this special preview of our quilt show. You will have the opportunity to preview the beautiful quilts on display and to do some early shopping in the boutique.

NEW THIS SHOW - GUILD CHOICE AWARD: During the preview party vote for your favorite quilt. Beautiful ribbons (thank you Carol and Patty) will be awarded and displayed for the first day of the show.

Show Committee Chairs: The following are the show committee chairs. If you have any questions please reach out to them or you can contact me directly.

- **Acquisitions** - Jill Ferrari (jafrahway@gmail.com) and Andrea Cavallaro (andreakcav@gmail.com)
- **Admissions** - Barbara Fusco (bjf110@yahoo.com)
- **Boutique** - Janet Bergman (quiltedhorse@icloud.com)
- **Caring Hearts Quilts** - Barbara Slaton (bjs21556@gmail.com) and Mary Ann Hampton (mahampton@ptd.net)
- **Decorations** - Al Accettola (aajr@pipeline.com), Linda Allen (edlinallen@comcast.net), and Claire Rohloff (clmaquilt@gmail.com)
- **Library Display** - Barbara Fusco (bjf110@yahoo.com)
- **Mini Quilts** - Joan Lasota (jalasota@icloud.com) and Mary Rigby (maryrigby@comcast.net)
- **Parking** - Joe Martinelli (martinjj58@gmail.com)
- **Preview Party** - Patty Gertz (patty.gertz@gmail.com) and Cass Garner (cassgarner1@gmail.com)
- **Prizes/Ribbons** - Patty Gertz (patty.gertz@gmail.com) and Carol Esch (cesch1941@gmail.com)
- **Program** - Helle-May Cheney (helle-may@comcast.net)
- **Publicity** - Dyan Rosario (dyan.rosario@gmail.com)
- **Quilt Hanging** - Pam Ambrosio (vpambrosio6@yahoo.com) and Deb Brockway (dbrockway8@gmail.com)
- **Quilt Tags** - Brielle Cordingley (BM Cordingley@hotmail.com)
- **Signage** - Anne Oswald (aoswald827@gmail.com)
- **Special Programs** - Anne Oswald (aoswald827@gmail.com)
- **Vendors** - Lysa Martinelli (lysa.martinelli.shu@gmail.com)
- **Volunteers** - Cathie Giambalvo (cathiegiambalvo@comcast.net)

Need More Information: Email, call or text me if you have any questions or need more information.

Lysa Martinelli, Show Chair
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Upcoming Shows and Events

Raritan Valley Community College Exhibit

BEARING WITNESS

An exhibition featuring mixed-media quilts and other works of fabric art, organized in partnership with Studio Art Quilt Associates (SAQA), Inc.

August 28 to December 13

Humanity's shared history includes a violent and shameful component—that of deliberate attempts to eradicate specific populations due to differences in culture, religion, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender expression, and race. These acts are often motivated by those in power, and collective trauma and tragedy are part of many people's past and present. These themes are explored in the exhibition, which features work by artists from the United States and the United Kingdom, Israel, Germany, Italy, and Canada.

To see this exhibit In-person OR Online, contact Michelle Edgar, Program Specialist, Institute of Holocaust and Genocide Studies, at michelle.edgar@raritanval.edu.



'A Shared Destiny' by Patty Kennedy-Zafred



'Never Again?' by Allison James

Mancuso Oaks Show



Courthouse Quilters Guild 36th Anniversary Challenge: Portraits

Members were asked to create a portrait quilt using any technique and any subject, the only constraint being the size. The results were a beautiful, diverse collection of quilts depicting those we love, those that inspire us, and those that simply bring us joy. Courthouse Quilters Guild was founded in 1988 in Hunterdon County, New Jersey. The guild's name has roots in the early meeting location and local landmark, the Flemington Courthouse.

Hand-dyed Mandalas - Sisterhood of the Traveling Eyeballs

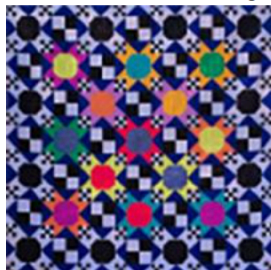
The "Eyeballs" is a group of fiber artists that have been meeting in Pittstown, New Jersey for more than 10 years sharing creative ideas and projects including dyeing, cyantope, felting, painting, gelli printing and whatever feeds our creative soul! A couple of us had previously dyed mandalas which are created by folding fabric in certain ways and dyed so we got our members on board with each member dyeing more. We then quilted and here are the stunning results! Look closely and you may see unusual forms that showed up!

Mandala means "circle," a geometric pattern symbolizing the universe, which can be used as visual meditation. The Buddhists use as a meditation of a universe of suffering to one of joy, We hope that you enjoy the color and shapes that are in these dyed mandalas.

Faces of Love – Sankofa Quilters Guild

The Sankofa Artisan Guild Philadelphia was established in 2019 by a diverse group of Black women interested in sharing their love of the arts. The guild is member-supported and maintains an open membership, irrespective of artistic expression, for artists interested in realizing the guild's mission. The following works are the result of a two-day workshop where participants created a portrait quilt based on a photo of their choosing. Specific techniques taught by our instructor Rameses, who has used this technique in his own art quilts. We learned step-by-step methods on how to design and sew a portrait quilt. The portraits within this exhibit are the result of joined efforts between both instructor and dedicated artists in the class.

Celebration of the Quilting Art – Newtown Quilters Guild



The art of quilting lends itself to many applications and styles. The Newtown Quilters Guild, celebrating its 35th anniversary in 2024, engages in many different types of quilting including a broad range of philanthropy and quilting challenges. Talented quilters create works of art, whether bed quilts, wallhangings, decorative and practical items or even wearable art. Members celebrate the art of quilting and the fulfillment of helping the community through philanthropy projects. Our exhibit seeks to show the variety of quilting applications. Pictured: Newtown Quilters 2024 Raffle Quilt

UNBLOCKED: IMPROVISATION AND IDENTITY IN CONTEMPORARY QUILTS

MARY BIRMINGHAM & JENNIFER WROBLEWSKI, CURATORS

ELIZABETH BRANDT ZAK FOSTER COULTER FUSSELL
CHAWNE KIMBER BASIL KINCAID
KWESI O. KWARTENG KRYSTLE LEMONIAS
SARAH NISHIURA MELANIE TUAZON SHERRI LYNN WOOD

EXHIBITION September 22, 2024 - January 12, 2025

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2024

Opening Reception with Artist Talks 2:00 – 4:00 pm

BLOCK PARTY ON THE TERRACE 2:00 – 5:00 pm

Live Music with New Road Band • Tia B's Street Tacos

Food Truck • ArtBar – Wine, Beer & Cocktails

OCT. 6 • 9:30am – 4:30pm • Quilt Retreat at HAM

OCT. 13 • 2 – 4:30 pm • Improv (Un)Planning: A Guided Approach to the Improv Quilting Mindset Workshop with Melanie Tuazon

NOV. 16 • 1 – 2:30 pm • The Limits (AND Portals) of Patchwork Interactive lecture, demo, and sew-along with Sherri Lynn Wood

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FROM 9:00 AM TO 3:00 PM

PENN ROSE QUILT GUILD PRESENTS
OUR FIRST QUILT SHOW
ADMISSION : \$5.00 CASH

Vendor mall Boutique
Demonstrations
PRQG Cafe Recycle room

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NAZARETH, PA 18064

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Pieceful Shores Quilters Guild
"Pointing the Way"

Quilt Show

November 8 & 9, 2024

Raffle Quilt

Beautiful
Quilt
Displays

Raffle Baskets

Daily
Demonstrations



Country
Market

Fabric Sale

Scissor/
Knife

Sharpening
While You
Wait

Admission: \$8.00

Friday: 10:00am – 5:00pm
Saturday: 10:00am – 4:00pm

Ocean Acres Community Center
489 Nautilus Drive
Manahawkin, New Jersey

EXECUTIVE BOARD, COMMITTEE CHAIRS, SPECIAL COMMITTEES

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Membership: Cathie Giambalvo
Newsletter/Photography: Al Accettola
Publicity: Dyan Rosario
Quilt Show: Lysa Martinelli
Web Presence: Lauren Pine

Ad-Hoc Committee Chairs

Bylaws and Standing Rules: Patty Gertz & Cass Garner
Licensing: Dyan Rosario
Raffle Quilt Sales 2024: Penny Armagost
Raffle Quilt Construction 2026: Juliet Leonard
Nominating: Joan Lasota, Cass Garner, Kathy Stewart

Courthouse Quilters Guild - Our Mission

The purpose of our Guild is to:

- preserve and promote the tradition and history of quilting.
- to foster fellowship among interested persons in all aspects of quilting.
- to sponsor and support educational quilting activities.
- to encourage quilt making and collecting.
- to promote the appreciation of quilting throughout the community.
- and to support charitable activities.