

President's Letter

What a great month for the guild! During our workshop, 18 members made pillowcases for Ryan's Case for Smiles - a fantastic turnout. Sewing machines and sergers were humming and we produced well over 100 pillowcases during the day. Then, people brought more that they had made at home. In total, we have collected 190 pillowcases so far - which far exceeded our goal! Special thanks to the Charity committee (Barbara, Cathie, and Mary Anne) for all their prep and hard work and to all the folks that came to the workshop, brought in pillowcases, or shared snacks.

Our anniversary celebration and Color Collaboration challenge turnout was spectacular. Fifty-five people saw the grand reveal of our spectrum of quilts. Our display shows what happens when people come together with different techniques and talents to build a new and stronger unified whole. Thanks so much to our Program team (Anne and Laura), Hospitality committee (Donna) and for everyone who helped hang or clean up, brought food items, or participated in the challenge. Congratulations to all the winners! The beautiful handmade ribbons were made by Anne and Cathie. Carol has graciously offered to look for venues to show the challenge quilts as an exhibit for those who choose to participate. If you haven't made a challenge piece yet, but would like to be included just let Carol know.

And then there was Shadfest! Seventeen members donated 21 posters, including two in memory of recently deceased local quilters. Sally Davis' piece "Ripple" won the award for best textile - what a lovely tribute to a great needlewoman. The bidding was fast and furious. Guild member posters raised \$3,465 for the Jim Hamilton Scholarship Fund. So much energy, fun, and kettle corn! Thanks to everyone who created posters, came to the Shadfest, posted pictures and videos, and bid on the wonderful pieces. As Amy would say, "it's all for the children."

Next month we have our UFO Auction at the Marion Clawson Park in the pavilion. All proceeds will be donated to Safe Harbor. Please take some time to clean out those projects and items that have just been sitting around for too long. Then encourage your friends to spend their money buying them. Don't worry you'll get seller's remorse, you'll be too busy admiring the new projects you picked up!

I want to thank Janet Bergman for volunteering to be Boutique Chair. Boutique is such an important committee for the guild's fundraising efforts and we truly appreciate her coming forward into this position.

Our storage unit move is complete! We now have a 10x15 unit. Thanks to Kerry, Cathie, Laura, and Janet for their hard work! The timing was great - that same day we received an email about a large fabric donation!

Happy quilting and see you at the auction!

Gina

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**Courthouse Quilters Guild
May 21st, 2023**

Time: 3:00 – 7:00 pm

Location: Marion Clawson Park
1053 Old York Rd, Ringoes, NJ

Drop Off: 2:30 – 3:30 pm

Auction: 3:30 pm – 5:00 pm

**Business Meeting followed by
Show n' Tell:** 6:00 – 7:00 pm

www.courthousequilters@gmail.com

UFO Auction / Sunday Afternoon Picnic

Our May meeting will be an Auction where Members are asked to donate quilt related items such as UFO's, fabric bundles, patterns, kits, rulers etc.

Kathie Fadigan from *Dana Balsamo's Auctions LLC* will host our live auction under the main pavilion (as you enter the park).

Check or Cash will be accepted. ALL proceeds from the auction sales will go to a local Charity, Safe Harbor.

Bring your own picnic lunch and treats to share.

Members are invited to set up lawn chairs, picnic blankets or sit at the picnic tables under the pavilion as well. The event will take place rain or shine since there is a pavilion at our disposal. In case of rain, bring an umbrella and wear your rubber boots!

Courthouse Quilters Guild June Program

June 25th, 2023

****4th Sunday of the Month****

Workshop

Interleave Quilt by Kyona Nash

Cost: \$36.00

Class Limit: 20

Evening Activities

6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Lecture

Kyona's Quilt Journey & Trunk Show

Location

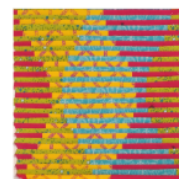
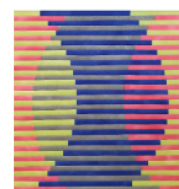
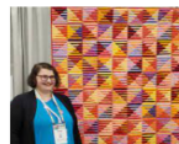
Hunterdon County Complex,
314 State Route 12, Building 1,
Flemington NJ

<http://www.courthousequilters.org>

Workshop

Kyona Nason is an award-winning quilter and pharmacist living in Southeastern Pennsylvania. Her work has been juried into QuiltCon, Pennsylvania National Quilt Extravaganza, Quiltfest Lancaster, and AQS Paducah. Her work is varied but primarily focuses on the interleaving technique and she has been teaching it since 2019.

In this class, you'll learn how to piece curvy designs with zero curved piecing. Kyona will teach you a quilt-as-you-go technique, so you'll leave with a nearly completed piece.



June Sign Up

July 16th Summer Fun Event



CHQ POTLUCK
3:00 – 7:30 pm



- ❖ 4H Fair Workshop will start at 11:00 a.m.
- ❖ Bring your favorite dish for our Potluck
- ❖ Appetizers 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.
- ❖ Dinner & Dessert 5:00 - 6:30 p.m.
- ❖ General Mtg and Show n' Tell 6:30 – 7:30 pm

Bring your favorite Red, White & Blue Quilts



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



Courthouse Quilters Guild
Sign-up to bring a dish at [Potluck Sign Up](#)
Sign-up for Workshop at [4H Fair Sew Sign Up](#)

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Upcoming Meetings

Zoom March Board Meeting (All members welcome)

Time: May 19, 2023 07:00 PM

In Person Guild Meeting at Marion Clawson Park

1053 Old York Rd, Ringoes, NJ

Time: May 21, 2023 02:30 PM Drop Off Start Time

Please Note: For May, we are in the **Marion Clawson Park** pavilion rain or shine

Committee Notes

Program (Anne Oswald & Laura Kohl)

Congratulations to all the winners of the Color Collaboration Challenge!

Best in Show - Quilts

1. Cathie Giambalvo
2. Babette Galinak
3. Laura Kohl

Best in Show - Other

1. Lysa Martinelli
2. Patty Gertz
3. Joanne Gardner

Best Traditional - Jude McCormick

Best Non-Traditional - Al Accettola

Best Use of Color - Janet Bergman

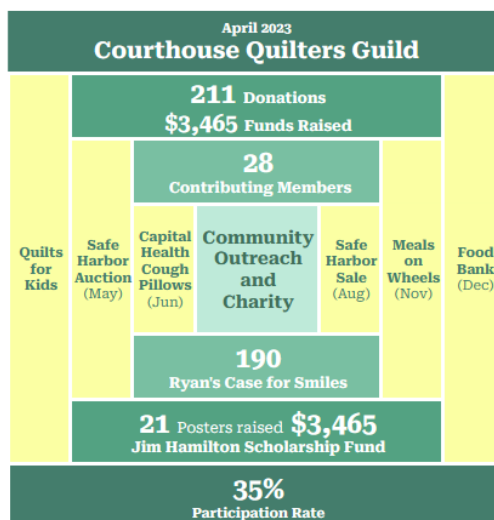
Bylaws/Standing Rules (Patty Gertz & Cass Garner)

It's time to review the bylaws and standing rules. Both documents can be found on the Courthouse website. Please take a few minutes to read them and send any suggestions to Patty (patty.gertz@gmail.com). We will incorporate suggestions this month, present to the board at the May meeting, finalize and board approve at the June meeting, post them in the July and August newsletter/President's letter, and have a full membership vote in September.

Remember that our bylaws show our legal construct and organization governance, while our standing rules describe our administrative policies and procedures.

Thanks for your feedback.

Community Outreach (Barbara Slaton & Cathie Giambalvo)



- UFO Charity Auction at May Guild Meeting
 - All proceeds will go to Safe Harbor
 - Please donate your UFO's and other items to sell to your friends
- Quilts for Kids
 - Great News! We have 2 new members Gretta Casella & Margaretanne Reina that are willing to act as liaisons between our guild and "Quilts for Kids".
 - "Quilts for Kids" is a nonprofit organization dedicated to transforming fabrics into patchwork quilts to comfort children facing serious illness, trauma, abuse, and natural disasters.
 - "Quilt for Kids" website: www.quiltsforkids.org.
 - Gretta and Margaretanne have volunteered to bring us quilt kits from "Quilts for Kids" AND deliver them back once finished, making it soooo much easier for CHQ Members to participate!
 - If you are interested in making a quilt - please contact Gretta ~ qmpiano@gmail.com or Margaretanne ~ margaretannereina@gmail.com
- Capital Health Cough Pillows - Sign Up
 - CHQ has been invited to partner with Capital Health, Newtown Quilt Guild, and the American Sewing Guild to make cough pillows which help prevent patients from developing pneumonia
 - Saturday, June 10 from 10:00 am - 3:00 pm
 - Capital Health Hopewell - Garden Level Conference Room
 - Bring cheery, washed, cotton fabric scraps 10"x14" or larger and your sewing machine and supplies - no need to cut fabric before the event
 - Simple oval pillow pattern with no zipper
 - Capital Health will provide the stuffing material (Polyfill)
 - [Capital Health Cough Pillow Sign Up](#)

Historians (Cass Garner & Patty Gertz)

We are currently in phase I of the Historian project which includes sorting print newsletters for scanning and cataloging. Phase II is still in the planning stages but will include photos. Many of the photos are not historical in nature but rather social quilting moments. We will bring the albums and photos to the August meeting (Ice Cream Social) for members to look through and take any that they like. Please plan to be at the Ice Cream Social in August if you are interested in vintage CHQ photos. If you have questions, please contact Cass (cassgarner1@gmail.com) or Patty Gertz (patty.gertz@gmail.com)

Hospitality (Donna Slovak)

A big shout out to the volunteers who provide tasty treats and drinks for our CHQ meetings. For May special thanks go to Jude McCormick and Donna Slovak. In June we are grateful for volunteers Kerry Cogen, Barbara Fusco and Margaretanne Reina. We are still looking for a couple of people to provide some cold beverages for the June meeting.

We want to be able to acknowledge the members who bring treats in for the workshops too so please sign in when you drop off goodies so we can thank you properly!

Please consider providing snacks or drinks for the 30-35 members at our monthly CHQ meetings. Check out the Sign Up Genius link below and click the button to sign up for an open spot. Thank you!

[Courthouse Quilters Guild: CHQ Hospitality Snacks \(signupgenius.com\)](https://signupgenius.com)

Membership (Cathie Giambalvo)

Welcome New Members!

- Pamela Compton
- Kathy Stewart

Total Members: 81

Total New Members: 6

April Anniversary Celebration/2023 Challenge - 55 people in attendance.

Other Member Notes

Color Collaboration Challenge Quilt Exhibit (Carol Esch)

What a fabulous response to the prism color challenge! Beautiful work by all who participated and great response from the guild appreciating the work. We are hoping to share this in other venues in our area. I will be contacting places that might be interested. If you have suggestions or contacts email me at cesch1941@gmail.com. In preparation for possible shows in addition to our Prallsville Mill show in 2024, please add a 4" (8" folded) sleeve on back to fit on piping to hang. And be sure to have your information permanently on the back including the name of your quilt if any, name, courthouse quilt challenge 2023, and phone number. I know we are excited to share this collection with others. Thank you Anne for all your work in getting permission, the color cards handed out and the exhibit hung! I'm sure there will be time if anyone else wants to finish or make one to include!!!! Participation is voluntary, if you don't want your quilt in any shows that is always your option.

Classifieds

Princeton Adult School Teaching Opportunity

The Princeton Adult School is looking for experienced instructors who have an interest in teaching starting in their fall 2023 semester in early October. They always have an enthusiastic group for quilting but have not had anyone to teach in a while. Now that they are back in person on Tuesday evenings, they have reached out. If interested, please contact Anne Brener, Executive Director, Princeton Adult School

Machines for Sale

A friend of the guild has the following 3 machines for sale. The family has been very generous making fabric donations to the guild following the passing of their mother/wife. For pricing they are asking \$45 for the machines with the cabinets or \$20 for the portable with a bag. In each case, it will be that price or best offer, if higher. The machines work, but may need servicing. Let Gina know if interested.





EXECUTIVE BOARD, COMMITTEE CHAIRS, SPECIAL COMMITTEES 2023

Executive Board

President: Regina Krejsa

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Treasurer: Kerry Cogan

Recording Secretary: Cheryl Dennis

Corresponding Secretary: Juliet Leonard

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Boutique: Janet Bergman

Charity & Outreach: Barbara Slaton

Circulation: Lauren Lupica

Historian: Patty Gertz & Cass Garner

Hospitality: Donna Slovak

Librarian: Mary Ann Hampton

Licensing: Dyan Rosario

Membership: Cathie Giambalvo

Newsletter: Al Accettola

Photographer: Al Accettola

Publicity: Dyan Rosario

Quilt Show: OPEN

Raffle Quilt Construction 2024: Anne Oswald & Jill Ferrari

Raffle Quilt Sales 2024: Penny Armagost

Web Presence: Lauren Pine

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.