

Courthouse Quilters President's Bulletin

November 2025

Time is flying by and the year is close to wrapping up. With two months left in the year it is time to renew your membership for 2026. There is a lot being planned for next year and Kerry has been busy putting together an exciting calendar of programs. One of the highlights for 2026 is the Quilt Show and we have good news. Sara has stepped up to volunteer as the show chair and I have agreed to co-chair it with her. We are looking forward to working with guild members to put on another successful quilt show.

At the October Guild meeting there was discussion about the time of our meetings and if members are unable to attend when it gets dark earlier and they experience issues with driving in the dark. A request was made to survey the membership about meeting times. Please review the survey and submit your feedback.



[Submit Your Survey](#)

Lysa Martinelli
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Upcoming Meetings

Board Meeting - ZOOM (all members welcome)

Date/Time: Thursday, November 13, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

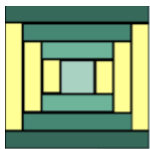
Guild Workshop and Meeting

Date/Time: Sunday, November 16, 2025

- Workshop: Charity Sewing Project or Open Sew
- Business Meeting / Guest Speaker: Joyce Hughes "My Journey into Quilting" / Show & Tell

Mark Your Calendar - 2026 Meeting Dates

- January 18, 2026 (virtual)
- February 15, 2026 (virtual)
Workshop on Saturday and Sunday
- March 15, 2026
- April 19, 2026
- May 17, 2026
- June 28, 2026 (4th Sunday)
- July 19, 2026
Workshop on Saturday and Sunday
- August 16, 2026
- September 27, 2026 (4th Sunday)
- October 18, 2026
- November 15, 2026
- December 20, 2026



Membership

Time to Renew for 2026 - \$50 Annual Dues

Pay by Check

Pay by Cash (include your name with the cash payment)

Use the QR Code - Click on "Buy It Now"



CHQ 2nd VP Position - VOTE IN NOVEMBER!!!

At the end of this year Barbara Fusco will “retire” from her CHQ role as 1st Vice President (VP). Kerry Cogen, currently 2nd VP, will assume that position. The 2nd VP position will need to be filled. We currently have one 2nd VP candidate, Andy Foster. The 2nd VP will be elected by the majority vote of current members at the November 16th meeting. The candidate will take office at the end of the December meeting. The person who assumes the 2nd VP position will do so for one year before automatically transitioning to the 1st VP role in January, 2027 for a one year term.

ANDY FOSTER’S BIO

Andy began quilting in 2007 during her “first” retirement. She initially learned to quilt by participating in Saturday Samplers and taking lots of classes. Andy quickly learned that the more you learn about the art of quilting, the more there is to learn and she got “hooked.”

After returning to work and then retiring for a second time, there was more time to devote to quilting. Andy has been a member of three quilting guilds—Courthouse, Central Jersey MQG, and Hunterdon County Quilting Guild. She has held positions as President, Programs VP, and has had responsibility for Community Service projects and continues to be involved in committee activities. Andy loves classes and workshops that take her outside of her comfort zone and expands her skill set. “We can learn so much from each other in workshops and classes --even one takeaway makes for a good investment of time.” Andy rejoined CHQ in Fall 2024 to be inspired by and learn from the many talented members of the guild. She thanks the Nominating Committee for considering her, is looking forward to working with Kerry and is grateful for the opportunity to contribute to the guild.

Upcoming Meetings

November 16, 2025

****Workshop****

Charity Workshop

Location: Rt 12 County Complex

Time: 1:00 - 5:00

FREE

****Evening Program****

"My Journey into Quilting"

Joyce Hughes

www.joycehughesoriginals.com

Location: Rt 12 County Complex

www.courthousequilters.org

Courthouse Quilters Guild Program

Workshop

Charity Workshop: Sign up here:
[CHQ November Charity Sew](#)

Evening Program

Joyce Hughes - "My Journey into Quilting".

Joyce is an award winning self-taught quilter, fiber artist and author. She has written two books that focus on thread painting, raw edge appliqué and creating art quilt panels with embellishments.



December 21, 2025

Holiday Party

Location: Rt 12 County Complex

Time: 3:00 - 7:30

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Courthouse Quilters Guild Program

Happy Holidays to our Members!
Join us for the festivities.



Executive Board, Committee Chairs, Special Committees

Executive Board:

President: Lysa Martinelli
1st Vice President: Barbara Fusco
2nd Vice President: Kerry Cogan
Treasurer: Patty Gertz
Secretary: Donna Slovak

Standing Committee Chairs:

Archivist: Regina Krejsa
Boutique: **Open**
Charity & Outreach: Cheryl Dennis
Circulation: Jan Hunold
Hospitality: Greta Casella & Margaretanne Reina
Membership: Sara Mlynarchek
Newsletter/Photography: Al Accettola
Publicity: Dyan Rosario
Quilt Show: Sara Mlynarchek & Lysa Martinelli
Web Presence: Cathie Giambalvo

Ad-Hoc Committee Chairs:

4H Fair: Barbara Fusco & Lysa Martinelli
Raffle Quilt Sales 2026: Gina Krejsa & **Open**
Raffle Quilt Construction 2026: **Open**
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.

Website: Visit the Courthouse Quilters website (www.courthousequilters.org) for information on meetings, presentations, workshops, and general information about the guild.

Facebook: Become Facebook "friends" with Courthouse Quilters. Search for "Courthouse Quilters" and "like" us. See what guild members are posting related to quilting, sewing, art, and other interesting things.

Newsletter: The deadline for the newsletter is the Sunday following a meeting. For the even numbered months newsletter send all of your articles, news, photos and other newsworthy items to Al and for the odd numbered months send your information to Lysa.