

Courthouse Quilters Guild Newsletter

April 2018

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April 8, 2018

**Workshop – Charity Sew
“Fidget Quilts”
Noon – 4 pm**

**Meeting – 30th Anniversary Celebration
And Guild Challenge – “Pearl for the 30th”
6:30 pm**

Workshop Details on p. 2. Challenge details on p. 4.

May 20, 2018

Karen Eckmeier

**Workshop –
“Accidental Landscapes: Mountains”
10am – 4pm (\$45)**

**Meeting - Lecture and Trunk Show:
“Happy Villages and Accidental Landscapes”
6:30 pm**

Supply list on p. 10.



June 9 – 10, 2018

Laura Wasilowski

**Workshop, June 9:
“Zendoodle Quilts” – 10am – 4pm (\$45 + \$20 kit)**

**Workshop, June 10:
“Four Little Landscapes” – 10am – 4 pm (\$45 + \$25 kit)**

**Meeting: Lecture and trunk show:
“I Quilt, Therefore I Am”**



Upcoming Programs

July 8

No Workshop

Meeting: Member Market: "Christmas in July"

August 12

No Workshop

Meeting: Ice Cream Social

Membership

By the time you read this, we will know if March, after roaring in as a lion, has gone out as a lamb. I hope you kept warm by stitching and creating for the show! Minis, boutique items, and show quilts – so many ways to support the show!

Our guild now numbers 60 talented folks. Members, welcome back Pam Ambrosio, Sheri Brown, and Carol Lyons. Their contact information was emailed to you

Our current roster was sent to you in February. Please check your information, and let me know if any corrections need to be made.

As a reminder, the CHQ roster is updated and emailed to you three times a year – February, June, October. In the in between months, updates and changes are sent to membership by email.

Keep on stitchin'!!
Camille Quinton
CHQ Membership chair

Charity Workshop - April 8 - Noon to 4 p.m.

Once again we will be making 6-inch blocks for fidget quilts. They will be put together to make Alzheimer's quilts. There is a need for them in our area, and I would like to be able to offer a few to local organizations or individuals who need them.

Please bring various items with you: fabrics of different textures and your imagination to create blocks to keep restless hands busy. Suggestions include zippers, large buttons, ribbons, fabrics with animals or other figures to start conversations, pockets cut from old jeans, fake fur, whatever you can find.

You will also need a sewing machine and basic sewing supplies.

Jude McCormick

The Raffle Quilt Is Here!



“New York Radiance”
88” x 107”

Designed in EQ7

Blocks made by Courthouse Quilters Guild Members, Frenchtown, NJ
Hand applique by Linda Allen, Andrea Cavallaro, Stephanie Greenberg, Ellen Heath, Judith McCormick, and Alice Sprenger
Longarmed by Cathie Giambalvo
Photographed by Bill Brokaw

+++++WANTED +++++

RAFFLE TABLE VOLUNTEERS

To cover the raffle table and white gloving at the **NJ QuiltFest**
April 26-29, 2018
NJ Expo Center, Raritan Center

Two hour time slots each day: 10am-12N, 12N-2pm, 2pm-4pm, 4pm-6pm. Members needed especially for **FRIDAY** and **SUNDAY**. We need two persons for each time slot - one to white glove and one to cover the raffle ticket table. Volunteers can take turns – you decide.

Sign up on the google docs spreadsheet:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1eCqNZdRASyu5zoLhwzWO20yI9yaLcakq5pGmkaxyk6l/edit#gid=0>

All materials will be provided. Just come with a smile and a willingness to promote our fabulous quilt and show.

Send your resume (just one line – I can do it!) to :
Camille Quinton, Quilt Show chair (camquinton@gmail.com)

FROM
THE
PRESIDENT



Hi all!

This is our 30th Anniversary month! Congratulations to us all! Camille has been researching some very interesting commemorative items to mark the occasion...more about that later.

The Guild Challenge is this month. Unlike last year, I have almost finished my entry, lol. Can't wait to see everyone's creations – y'all are so talented I'm sure they are going to be outstanding.

Show Talk: We still need someone for Acquisitions and for Volunteers. Talk with your best buddy and work together – help – PLEASE!

Our workshop this month is for Charity – we are making more fidget quilts. They are so much fun to make and are in such great demand – hope you will come and help us out. As always, please feel free to join us even if making a fidget quilt is not your thing. It's always a good time when you are with guild friends.

See you at the meeting!
Andrea

Challenge 2018

30th ANNIVERSARY - PEARL

Is it the pearl in an oyster, a string of pearls, a lovely pearlescent color, or a pearl of wisdom? However you choose to use the word, incorporate a pearl into your challenge quilt to celebrate the 30th anniversary of Courthouse Quilters – our pearl anniversary.

Ribbons will be given in three categories:

- 1) Quilt of any size.
- 2) Quilt that measures 30" x 30".
- 3) Other ("Other" may be – but is not limited to – clothing, fabric sculpture, home décor item.).

The quilt must be made between November 12, 2017 and April 8, 2018.
Challenge entries are judged by all guild members at the April meeting.

Grandma's House Charity Project

The room at Grandma's House is finished! Thank you all for donating your time, talent, and treasure to such a worthy cause. The room we decorated and supplied will be a temporary home for a woman in need of shelter and services during her pregnancy and afterwards to help her start a more independent life. Special thanks go out to Cathy Giambalvo, Sue Pictroski, and Patty Gertz for their donations of supplies and quilting skills and also to all of our members for working on the quilts donated to the charity committee over the past years that now are bringing comfort and joy to the residents of the shelter. Joan Fasanello and Arlane Lippincott opened Life Choices in Phillipsburg 19 years ago to help women with medical, social, and educational services. St. Ann's Center (nicknamed Grandma's House) will now also provide shelter to homeless women with children along with 24-hour daycare for them and the surrounding communities. If you wish to volunteer or donate further you can contact Joan at www.grandmashouse.us.

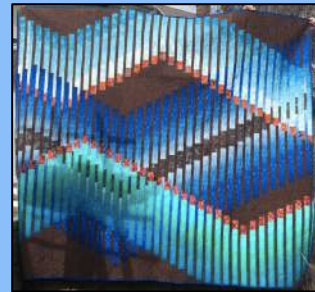
Meet Our Member - Brielle Cordingley



Brielle was between college (where she studied theoretical mathematics with a metal and jewelry arts minor) and graduate school in 2008 and was looking for something new and creative to try. She was experienced in making costumes for Renaissance Faires, so a quilt-making class at Pennington Quilt Works caught her eye. It was love at first stitch: no armholes, no zippers. It was flat!

Working on her graduate degree in architecture interfered with her quilting time, but when she completed her degree, she picked up where she left off. Her favorite quilt, called *King Stripes*, is the first quilt that was “entirely my thought and design.” Brielle will often start with the inspiration of a block or layout and then make the quilt her own.

When she is not working or quilting, she is an avid reader and collector of sci-fi fantasy. She is a member of a sci-fi book club and is contemplating a future quilt with a sci-fi theme.



King
Stripes

Hospitality

Many thanks to all those who contributed snacks for the March Guild Meeting including Page Morgan, Jude McCormick, Al Accettola, Linda Allen, Sue Pictroski, Cass Garner, Alice Marcy and Betty Czerwinski. Delicious! We are most appreciative of the help provided during March by our Hospitality Volunteers, Al Accettola and Cathie Giambalvo. Irish spirit was in the air!

Susan Flick and Lisa Oertle have graciously signed up to be Hospitality Volunteers for April. A reminder will be emailed to our volunteers the week before the meeting listing your responsibilities for the evening.

If you have not done so already, please consider volunteering for one month. It really does not take too much time, and enables all to enjoy the delicious snacks available during our meetings. Any questions, please contact Mary Rigby - maryrigby@comcast.net.

Support Ovarian Cancer Awareness

To celebrate World Ovarian Cancer Awareness Day (May 8), Mary S. will be hosting a workshop at Fantasy Fiber Art at 23 Bridge St. in Milford to teach participants to sew 9-patch blocks that will be made into small quilts and donated to M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Texas. They will auction them off for ovarian cancer research. If you would be interested in either making a block or helping out at the workshop, please contact her at fantasyfiberart@outlook.com. Workshops are planned for Saturday May 19th from 12:00 - 3:00 PM and Monday May 21 from 12:00 - 3:00 PM. If you are willing to, you can also donate a 12" (finished size) 9-patch block.

The Show Is Coming!

QUILTS in the MILL SHOW 2018 NEWS

Are you sewing for the show? Making fabulous boutique items, minis for the auction, and quilts to exhibit? Great!!

Many thanks to Carol Esch for volunteering to chair the show Door Prize committee.

Raffle tickets are ready for sale – yeah!!! --- and will be distributed at the April meeting. Make sure to pick up yours, and sell, sell, sell!

At the upcoming April meeting, committee chairs from the 2016 show will give presentations on their committees' duties. Below are the duties of a few committees that still need help:

Acquisitions:

Checks all acquisition forms for completeness; makes a list of quilts and dimensions for hanging committee, program person and insurance purposes. Up keeps on line spreadsheet so that Program, Tag, Hanging committees may access new entries, takes photos of mill before and after show for deposit reimbursement.

Volunteers:

Makes master list of jobs needed to cover the show; creates poster for signup; sends email and postcard reminders to guild members.

Raffle Tables:

To set up raffle sales and volunteer coverage at upcoming shows: Mancuso NJ Quiltfest (April), 4H Fair (August). Other shows if needed.

Other Show committees that need members:

Flowers, Tags, Program, Signage

Remember, the more hands the easier the job – ask a friend or two to co chair with you. Contact me or sign up at the April meeting,

Keep on stitching, and volunteer for the show!

Camille Quinton

Quilts in the Mill 2018 Show Chair

Use the Library and Sew for the Show

The library challenge has been extended! The winning ticket will be pulled at our show in October. Why not use the library as a resource as you sew for the show? Take any book or ruler out of the library and make something. It can be a quilt or table runner, a quilt top, a block, or a practice piece on which you learned a new technique. It can follow directions exactly or just be inspired by them. Bring what you made to show and tell, along with the book, and show the membership what you learned. Each time you share your library-inspired work, you will receive a raffle ticket.

Minis for the Show

Here are the rules for Mini construction:

1. Your Mini can be as small as 6"x6" (minimum) or as large as 24"x24" (maximum).
2. No cheater cloth.
3. Your Mini can be machine or hand quilted; no tied quilts.
4. Your Mini should have a label with your name, county, state, date, and Courthouse Quilters on it. That way your lucky winner will know all about their new quilt and who made it.
5. Your Mini must be handed in by the September meeting. This will give the committee time to get the raffle all set up. You can turn in your Mini to either Mary Rigby or Joan Lasota at any of the guild meetings.



Check out CHQ on the Web!

Web Page;

www.courthousequilters.org

(Look under www.courthousequilters.org/workshops for what's coming up and supply list)



Courthouse Quilters Guild (Business Page);

<https://www.facebook.com/courthousequilters>

Please "like" and "follow" to get notifications.

Courthouse Quilter Guild Group

<https://www.facebook.com/pg/courthousequilters/groups>

Please "join" to participate and get notifications.

(Tip: Search FB for "**Courthouse Quilter Guild**" and you'll find our page and group or you can always go to our webpage courthousequilters.org>resources>facebook for these links)

March Workshop - "Dancing Stars and Pinwheels" with Jody Beck



March Meeting and Show & Tell



SUNSHINE AND SHADOWS

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

Supply List for May Workshop

Accidental Landscape™: Mountain Views



©2009-2018 Karen Eckmeier karen@quilted-lizard.com www.kareneckmeier.com

Here's another surprisingly simple quilted scene using Karen's layered topstitching technique. Gentle rolling hills of green fabric strips combine with distant peaks to create peaceful vistas. Include a lake or a field of wildflowers. The variations are endless! You will also learn how to add Angelina fibers to your landscape to give it sparkle. (I will provide free samples of white Angelina fiber for each student)
Finished size: approx. 9" x 12" without borders (size varies)

To view color photos of this workshop go to pages 8-13 and 50-51 in the *Accidental Landscapes* book.

Fabric

- **Sky:** ¼ yard "dramatic" fabric with clouds, or sun, or a hand-painted fabric. The sky fabric sets the mood for you entire scene, so be sure you love it!
- **Rolling Hills:** ¼ yard 5-7 greens graduated from light to dark (look for small scale prints – not necessarily "landscape" fabrics. For example: irregular stripes, random dots, mottled, etc.
- **Distant Mountains:** scraps or 1/8 yard each of white, gray, medium purple, or gray blue
- **Wildflowers** (optional): ¼ yard small scale floral that looks like growing flowers
- **Lake/River:** use the fabric you selected for your sky
- **Outer Border:** ¼ yard your choice – dark neutrals, such as black, brown and gray work nicely as borders that act as picture frames or a window frame to surround the scene.



Supplies

- Sewing Machine (Featherweights are fine)
- Rotary cutter, ruler, and mat
- Iron and ironing pad (mini iron will work)
- Threads for topstitching – select threads to match fabrics or use variegated threads
- Neutral thread for bobbin
- Fabric scissors
- Pins (I recommend the long flower head pins)
- Fabric glue (for adding optional details)
- Ruler for rotary cutting borders
- Quilter's Square for squaring piece (only if you already own one)
- Book: *Accidental Landscapes* by Karen Eckmeier \$21.95

Most students get to the quilting stage in both the 3 hour and 6 hour workshops.

PLEASE BRING THE FOLLOWING:

1. Threads for quilting (machine or hand)
2. Needles for machine quilting or hand quilting
3. 100% cotton batting (approx. 18" x 22") + half yard fabric for backing
4. "Walking Foot" and/or Darning Foot for Machine quilting
5. Pins for Basting (for tiny quilts like these, pins are great)

Quilters, Garment sewers, Knitters, etc. all welcome.

Location ---St. Francis Retreatouse (www.stfrancisretreatouse.org) 3918
Chipman Road, Easton, PA

Treat yourself to a winter get-away - private room, private bath, and 9 meals. 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 2 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. **Bring UFO's or start a new project, there are always other participants to assist you, whether it's quilts or garments**

Private Room, private Bath. \$300 (3 nights, 9 meals); or \$210 (2 nights, 6 meals) **Non refundable deposit of \$30.00 will hold your place . Please send now we are filling up. Total amount due June 4th 2018 or send total now to assure a space and the room you prefer.Our policy is a first come, first serve basis for specific room preferences.**

Contacts -Linda Allen 659 County Road 579, Pittstown, NJ 08867 Phone [908-735-4738](tel:908-735-4738) e-mail edlinallen@comcast.net. **Make check to Linda Allen**

Claire Rohloff - 383 Bloomsbury Rd. Bloomsbury, NJ 08804 Phone 908-479-6599 e-mail cmrdomehs@embarqmail.com

Send to Linda Allen - 659 County Road 579 , Pittstown, NJ 08867

Sew-er's Retreat Registration Form

Name _____

Street Address _____

City, State & Zip _____

Phone _____

e-mail _____

Check below Room type

3 nights (private room, private bath 9 meals) \$300 _____

2 nights (private room/ private bath - 6 meals) \$210 _____

Thurs- Fri nights ____ Fri- Sat nights _____

Non-refundable deposit enclosed \$30 _____

Balance due **June 4, 2018** or send Full Payment now _____

Check if you have a particular meal requirement: Gluten Free _____ Vegetarian _____

Board Notes for March 2018

In attendance: Andrea C. , Nicky W., Cass G., Joan L., Stephanie G., Camilla Q-- , Mary R., Patty G., Cathie G. , Marla K. , Jude M.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

President Andrea called the meeting to order at 4:52. A motion was made and seconded to approve the February 2018 minutes. Unanimously approved. Motion carried.

President-Andrea- no items to discuss.

Vice President/Program-Marla/Stephanie..

Stephanie thought Marla wanted to talk about by-law changes and standing rule changes. Stephanie also brought up issues concerning bad weather and speakers and workshops. Jude and Marla are going to Maqnet and will ask what other guilds do regarding speakers and inclement weather and late speaker cancellations.

Treasurer-Nicky W. Report is forthcoming

Recording Secretary-Penny A. Penny is away this month and Cass is taking notes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Charity/Community Outreach, Jude McC. -Grandma's house in Phillipsburg is finished. CHQ charity furnished and decorated one room including quilts, curtains, etc. This is for women who are pregnant and alone. Jude has pictures. April-Charity. Fidget Quilt Workshop

Library -Patty. About 30 DVD's have been donated by a member, which have already been cataloged and are ready to borrow.

Correspondence – Cass

Cass will reach out to a few long time members who no longer can come to meetings even if they are no longer members.

Raffle: Joanne- Camille said the raffle applications has not returned from the state so we will have very little time to get the tickets printed up. Joanne identified a printer and she has asked for a mock up in the meantime.

Membership: Camille: We currently have 58 members.

Show- Camille: Postcards are done!

Camille updated the brochure and will reproduce it once we begin using a Registered Agent and change the address. Camille pointed out that with 58 members, we may have a more difficult time getting enough volunteers for the show. She pointed out that many guilds require members to work at the "show" and/or pay to have a quilt entered.

Discussion followed about pros and cons of this requirement. Discussion ensued about how to get volunteers for the show. Joan confirmed that there were enough volunteers working at the last show.

Cass- Will send out the draft press release ad to the board for approval so she can start placing ads.

Other Business:

Stephanie commented on the content size of the newsletters and a couple people were not able to open them.

Stephanie asked that Andrea make an announcement to use compressed files because some computers cannot receive the newsletters if they have small servers.

Stephanie also asked if we can have a gmail account to set up a google doc repository. The board agreed that would be a great place to keep all of our written material.

Question arose about CHQ logo: can the colors be changed? The board thought it could.

By Laws-Patty. Gave a list of things that we should be changing and the reasons why.

Registered Agent: Should we hire a Registered Agent? We pay 260.00 currently for a mailbox. We need a physical address in NJ to be compliant. Patty will find out how fast we can get the Registered Agent. A motion was made to move forward and seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made and was seconded to adjourn at 6:08

Respectfully submitted by: Cass Garner for Penny Armagost

Courthouse Quilters Guild Board

President - Andrea Cavallaro
First Vice President –Marla Knappe
Second Vice President - Stephanie Greenberg
Recording Secretary - Penny Armagost
Corresponding Secretary - Cass Garner
Treasurer - Nicky Wallis
Charity Quilting - Jude McCormick
Circulation - Stephanie Greenberg
Historian - Alice Sprenger
Hospitality - Mary Rigby
Librarian - Patty Gertz
Licensing - Joanne Gardner
Membership - Camille Quinton
Newsletter – Ellen Heath
Photographer - Al Accettola
Publicity - Joan Lasota
Quilt Show – Camille Quinton
Raffle Quilt - Design and Creation - Stephanie Greenberg/Andrea Cavallaro
Web Presence - Cathie Giambalvo & Alice Marcy



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.

Send all of your articles, news, photos and other newsworthy items to Ellen.



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