

COURTHOUSE QUILTERS NEWSLETTER

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December 11, 2016

Workshop - "Cozy Sewing Time"

1:00 - 4:00 pm

Charity sew, finish up a project of your own or make a microwaveable/freezer pillow as a quick gift. A nice opportunity to sew with friends. (See inside for details.)

Meeting - "Holiday Party"

6:00 pm

(See inside for details.)



January 8, 2017

Workshop - "One Block Wonder" with our own Marla Knappe

12:00 - 4:00 - \$15

A single print, cut randomly with no fussy cutting, is pieced together with gorgeous results. The room was filled with oohhs and aahhs at Marla's last workshop. (New members may take course at no charge!)



Meeting - "Member Showcase"

6:30 pm

Our own members will present a Round Robin of skills lessons based on their 2016 challenge quilts and show quilts. Demos include: Patty Gertz - Methods of machine embroidery, Jan Hunold - Millefiore hexies, Cathi Giambalvo - Quilt design, Jude McCormick - Confetti quilts.

February 12, 2017

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with Jessica Levitt

10:00 am - 4:00 pm - \$30

Learn to place and piece organic shapes to create a modern look. Jessica, a quilting teacher from Bridgewater, NJ, has a degree in electrical engineering and is also a fabric designer for Windham Fabrics



Meeting - "All About Modern Quilting"

6:30 pm

A lecture and trunk show with Jessica Levitt. A founder of the Central Jersey Modern Quilt Guild, Jessica Levitt wrote the book "Modern Mix."



President's Letter

All,

My thanks go to all the members who help to insure Courthouse Quilters remains a strong organization dedicated to the art of quilting. It's been my pleasure to act as your president for the past two years, and as treasurer before that. I look forward to contributing my efforts to the guild as well as learning from its workshops, lectures and fellow members.

Thanks to Andrea, Ellen, Marla, Nicky, Penny and Cass for stepping up to the future leadership roles. Courthouse Quilters has a bright future.

Patty



Membership

OK, call me crazy but I love the cool, crisp air of early winter. And, the cool weather means.....time to RENEW your membership for 2017.

Dues are \$35 for the calendar year. To continue your membership, CHQ by-laws state you must renew by the January meeting. RENEW now! As an added bonus, each renewing member receives a commemorative CHQ 25th Anniversary collectors' mug (while supplies last!).

You may bring your check, payable to CHQ, to the next guild meeting, or mail it to me (address in your roster). So far, 26 have renewed for 2017. Keep those checks and cash coming!

Our fabulous show has encouraged two more to join our guild – Lauren Gertz and Grace Giambalvo. And yes, their moms had something to do with it!! And please welcome Dolores Pompeo. Dolores attended the show, then came to the October meeting to officially join our guild. Our creative band grows! Give them all a warm CHQ welcome when you see them.

Questions on membership? Just contact me.

Camille Quinton
CHQ membership chair



Holiday Fun at our December Meeting

Workshop - "Cozy Sewing Time" - 1:00 - 4:00 pm

Spend a relaxing afternoon sewing with friends. You can work on your own project, participate in the charity sew or make a microwaveable/freezer bag as a quick and easy gift.

The charity sew is for Patients Into People. They are based in New Jersey but send gowns to hospitals across the country. The gowns are super simple but do require 4 yards of fabric. Bright cheery colors are preferred, more than one fabric can be used per gown and appliques can be added to brighten solids. We have fabric enough for some gowns, but if you would like to bring in some fabric to use, it would be wonderful! Sewing machine, thread and basic sewing tools are needed.

At 3:00, there will be an option to make a microwaveable/freezer pillow - a great small comfort gift. If you want to make one, bring a 12" square piece of fabric or use one of our flannel squares. We will supply the rice filling.



AFTER THE WORKSHOP IT IS PARTY TIME!



Our holiday potluck dinner party
will start at 6:00 pm!

(NOTE TIME CHANGE TO 6 PM!!!!)

Here's the breakdown of who
brings what (based on last name):

- A through H - Main dish
- I through M - Soup/salad
- N through R - Appetizer
- S through Z - Dessert



We will have hot tea and coffee, but feel free to bring a cold drink to share.

After dinner the fun continues with our gift exchange. If you want to participate, please bring a wrapped gift item (value \$10-\$15). Or bring something homemade - there's still time to get those creative juices flowing!



NOTE: YOU MUST BRING A GIFT TO GET A GIFT AND IF YOU BRING A GIFT, YOU NEED TO STAY TO GET A GIFT!!!!



2016-2017 Courthouse Quilters' Executive Board

The nominating committee is pleased to announce the 2016-2017 Courthouse Quilters' Executive Board. They were voted in unanimously at the November Meeting.

President - Andrea Cavallaro

First Vice President - Ellen Heath

Second Vice President - Marla Knappe

Treasurer - Nicky Wallis

Recording Secretary - Penny Armagost

Corresponding Secretary - Cass Garner

We wish them well in their future endeavors.

Make it for the Boutique



MAKE IT FOR THE BOUTIQUE – Cat Toy: “Menswear Mouse Toys”

Join Martha Stewart and make a handful of cat toys from a man's shirt or jacket. Add a bit of catnip to the stuffing, and cat lovers will snap these up at the boutique.

<http://www.marthastewart.com/908084/menswear-mouse-toy>

Did you notice the Boutique bin across the membership table at the November meeting? You'll find it there at every meeting. If you're cleaning out fabrics, magazines, or notions, or you have a handmade item ready, just drop it in the boutique bin, and Sue or Ellen will take it home to add to the boutique stash. If you've made an item, be sure to attach your name to it so that you get credit for it.

Flemington Food Bank

Since this is the season of giving, we are asking our members to bring food donations for the Flemington Food Pantry to the December Meeting. The Food Pantry tries to provide holiday meals for families in need. Below is a list of their needs, but feel free to donate whatever you want.

Holiday Meal Needs List

Boxed/Bagged Stuffing

Jarred Gravy

Canned Vegetables: Corn, Green Beans

Canned Yams

Canned Fruit: Mandarin Oranges, Mixed Fruit

Instant Mashed Potatoes

Cranberry Sauce

Corn Bread Mix

Boxed Tea



Thank you in advance for your donation.

Alice S

January Workshop - "One Block Wonder" Supply List

Class Supplies

- Required book: One-Block Wonders by Maxine Rosenthal*
- A 60 degree ruler with pointed tip – Clearview Triangle Ruler
- Flower pins (pins that lie flat)
- Straight edge rule 24"
- 45mm or 60 mm blade rotary cutter – new blade
- Strongly recommended- Design wall or Creative grid flannel (design wall fabric) 2 yds
- Sewing machine in good working order
- Quarter inch foot
- Painter's tape , suggested
- Regular sewing supplies- scissors, seam ripper, thread to match fabric
- Cutting Mat *



Fabric Requirements

We are making the hexagon blocks. Fabric yardage requirements will vary depending on the length of repeat. The rule is that you need **six repeats** of the fabric's design element. Refer to page 17 in One-Block Wonders book. You may want to purchase an additional ½ to 1 yard of fabric for borders.

Hints on selecting fabric: Look for fabrics with very little background and medium to large scale design elements. Elements that blend into one another are more favorable, than distinct elements. A non-solid background gives more movement to the overall quilt top. The vertical repeat should be between 12" and 24". The smaller the repeat, the smaller the quilt. The larger the print/design of fabric, the less the kaleidoscopes will look like the original fabric. Select fabric with your favorite color(s).

Class Prep

- Do NOT wash fabric.
- Iron fabric aligning the two selvages

You will need two cutting mats to cut your fabric, so I am suggesting that some of you bring along a mat.

Contact Marla Knapp if you have any questions.



Quilts in the Mill Show Recap and Online Survey



Since only 22 persons responded to the survey, the sampling was too small to reflect the views of the membership as a whole. Almost all suggestions made were already presented at the October meeting show recap, and were printed in the last newsletter. The general consensus is that the Show Must Go On, both to support the guild's educational activities and its charity work. All members should volunteer in some way in supporting the various show committees in the months leading up to the actual show, as well as volunteer on show days.

Looking forward, the primary need is for a Publicity Chair. The Show Chair has the contacts - the who, what, when of show publicity - and would work with the Publicity Chair throughout the process. Since the tasks can be broken down into parts, this position can easily be done by two or three members working together.

The October recap meeting and the online survey presented members' concerns in other areas, such as staffing, lighting, exhibits, etc. These issues will be addressed by the Show Chair as needed during the next two years.

The 2016 show received raves from the visiting public - the improvements we need to make are focused on sharing the work load so that all members participate in presenting our next show in 2018 -- a celebration of 30 years as the Courthouse Quilters guild.

Bits and Pieces...



A New Quilt Shop!

130 South Clinton Street
Doylestown, PA 18901
267-406-0486

*Located inside the historic
Doylestown train station*


Small Wonders Cash and Carry Show

Elena Stokes is one of the artists whose work will be included in the Nurture Nature Center's annual holiday event *Small Wonders* (all pieces are 12 inches or smaller). It's a great way to **Shop Local** and support your local artists this holiday season.

SMALL WONDERS Cash & Carry Show

Show dates: November 26 - January 30.
Opening Reception: Friday, December 2,
6:30-9:00 pm

Nurture Nature Center
518 Northampton Street
Easton, PA



*Wishing all of our
members a joyous, healthy
and safe holiday season!*



Board Minutes



Board Minutes- November 13, 2016

In attendance: Patty G., Ellen H., Cathy G., Cass G., Andrea C., Karen D., Penny A., Alice S., Joanne G., Stephanie G., Nicki Wallis, Jude S., Marla K. Camille Q.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

President - Patty called the meeting to order at 4:32

There was no board meeting in October so no minutes October minutes to approve.

Elections will take place at the general meeting and we have a full slate. The new officers will take over Jan 1. Empty spools. Patty will take the spools and make a piece of paper for each spool since they vary so much in size. It was agreed that there would be 5 prizes of 25.00 gift certificates from Pennington.

Patty will handle the January workshop since Ellen will be away. Jan. evening will be members teaching. Feb workshop. Karen Davis volunteered to handle the event since Ellen will still be away.

We signed a new contract to have our next show at the Mill for 2018.

Survey Monkey results for CHQ- summary will be in the newsletter.

There was discussion about using a professional photographer for show publicity including the postcard.

Vice President/Program-Ellen H.

Ellen would like to reduce the cost to members for all workshops. Karen asked if there are other things that the program money could be used for. If someone steps up to be a retreat chairman, we can look into retreats and funding could be used for that.

Ballots for Challenge will be distributed at the December meeting and the resulting winning Challenge will be announced in January.

Treasurer-Alice S.

Alice went over the 2016 show revenues and expenses and she then went over the budget for 2017. The board voted unanimously to approve the budget for 2017.

COMMITTEE REPORTS (*Positions that have "17" next to the name will continue in the next year.*)

Charity/Community Outreach, Jude 17

Circulation – Stephanie G. 17

Door Prizes – Joanne G. 17

Historian – Claire R. ?

Hospitality- open

Library – Cathie G. 17

Licensing – Joanne G. 17

Membership – Camille Q. 17

Newsletter- open

Photographer- Twila O?

Publicity - Open

Raffle Quilt- na (it was noted that the raffle quilt needed to be completed and photographed by January 18 of the show year)

Special Events - open

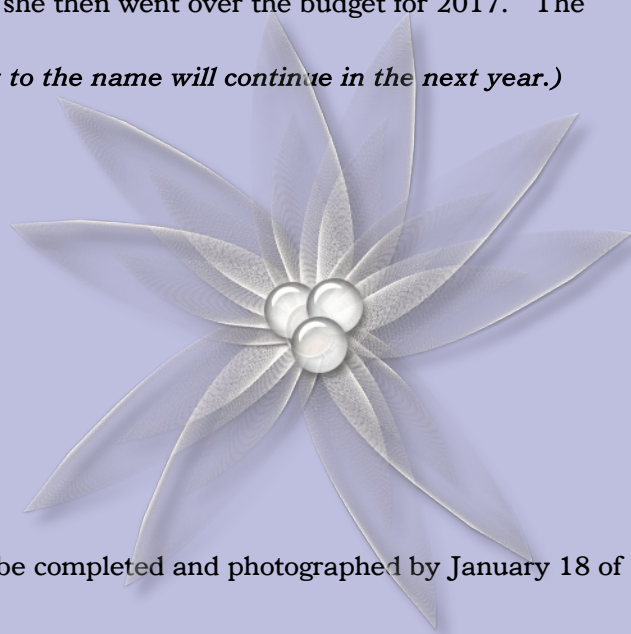
Web Presence – Karen D. and Cathie G. 17

Karen will move the Facebook from a personal site to a business site. It might take a bit of time to move all the content. We have three different pages that need to be deactivated. Two of them may not be able to delete because someone else set them up.

Other Business:

A motion was made and was seconded to adjourn at 5:32.

Respectfully submitted by: Cass Garner



Spring 2017 Workshops



Sign-ups for our four spring workshops will open at the December meeting.

Please remember that you are not registered until you have paid for the workshop, so bring your checkbook or cash to sign up. If more than the maximum wish to register for any workshop, we will have a drawing at the December meeting. If you can not attend, please be sure that a representative can sign you up and has your check.



February 12 – Jessica Levitt – “Modern Organic Shapes By Machine”

10:00 am - 4:00 pm - \$30 (Maximum registration: 20)

Learn to place and piece organic shapes to create a modern look. Jessica, a quilting teacher from Bridgewater, NJ, has a degree in electrical engineering and is also a fabric designer for Windham Fabrics.



March 12 – Joyce Hughes – “Basic Thread Painting”

1:00 - 4:00 pm - \$20 (Maximum registration: 15)

Learn to sketch in fine details on your quilts, particularly nature quilts by painting with thread.



May 20 and 21 – Paula Nadelstern – “Kaleidoscope”

2-day workshop, May 20 and 21

10:00 am - 4:00 pm each day - \$100 (Maximum registration: 20)

Students learn all of the unique machine piecing and template techniques I use to create complex kaleidoscopic images while simultaneously exploring the virtues of bilaterally symmetrical fabric. You'll learn to draft perfect angles and to identify and join different angles together. This product and process class culminates in the creation of a unique and fabulous kaleidoscope block. Often effects more wonderful than you imagine occur, making you both the one who makes the magic and the one who is surprised.

Details about supplies are available at

<http://www.paulanadelstern.com/workshops-lectures/workshop-details.php?ID=15>



Spring 2017 Programs - (continued)



June 11 – Pat Christ – “Star Embroidery”

1:00 - 4:00 pm - \$20. (Maximum registration: 20)

Learn the basics of this dimensional embroidery technique that has its roots in 17th century England. Also known as “raised embroidery” or “stumpwork”, this technique is used most often in nature embroidery.



Can You Help With Programs?

So many guild members have said that they are willing to help out with programming, but I haven't made good use of your kind offers. So, we would like to have a one-time-only meeting of all of those of you who can help out with programs in some way.

Please join us at 4:00 on December 11, for a half-hour meeting where we explain our needs and give you an opportunity to let us know how you can lend us a hand.

The kinds of help we need are: suggestions for speakers, contacting speakers shortly before they come to check on their needs, being a speaker's assistant for one workshop, taking a speaker out to dinner (guild pays for the speaker's dinner), helping to hang challenge quilts, helping out with the UFO auction, helping out with the newcomers' tea. If you can do just one thing on this list, you will lighten our load and contribute to the guild.

Please send comments and suggestions to Ellen Heath (ellheath@gmail.com) or call 551-427-7153.

Hospitality

Thanks to everyone who brought refreshments to the November meeting:

Claire Rohloff
Barbara Staton
Jude McCormick
Alice Marcy
Penny Armagost
Marla Knapp



Sunshine and Shadows



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

CHQ ONLINE



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!



Newsletter Deadline

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 Andrea.

Board and Committee Chairs

President	Patty Gertz
Vice President/Programs	Ellen Heath
Recording Secretary	Cass Garner
Corresponding Secretary	Sue Garcia
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Librarian Interim	Mary Schwarzenberger Cathie Giambalvo
Licensing	Joanne Gardner
Membership	Camille Quinton
Photographer	Twila O'Connell
Quilt Show	Stephanie Greenberg
Raffle Quilt - Design & Creation	Babette Galinak Susan Fellin
Special Events	Jill Ferrari
Web Presence	Karen Davis

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Directions from Flemington:

Route 12 W to flashing red light at The National Hotel in Frenchtown. Turn right onto Route 513 and drive up steep hill. The Darcy Lodge will be 3/4 mile on the left.

Directions from Clinton:

Route I-78 to Exit 15 to route 513 S. Turn right at Burgdorf Realtors Route 513. Continue for 8 miles.