

## **President's Letter**

Thanks to everyone who helped make the November workshop and guild meeting such a success! Program was filled with sharing by our very own talented guild members. Our workshop instructor was Patty, who provided us with useful and organized techniques to improve our applique skills. Patty also shared many quilts which allowed us to really see the impact of stitching differences on finished projects. The lecture explored a reimagined and modern take of the historical quilts of Harriet Powers. The quilts were created by the Princeton Sankofa Stitchers MDQ of which our own Mada and Juanda are co-presidents. They graciously provided a wonderful lecture explaining the history and reinterpretation of these quilts. This quilt collection has been featured at QuiltCon, Quiltfolk Magazine (January 2024), as well as other exhibit venues. We were lucky to have an in depth look.

Other guild meeting highlights included: Donna's devine display of delicious desserts; passage of the proposed bylaws (Thanks Patty and Cass!); a boutique silent auction of fabrics from Sierra Leone which raised \$137 for the Boutique (Thanks Janet!); our 5 X 7 art piece exchange (Thanks Anne!); and the announcement of the 2024 Anniversary Challenge (Thanks Laura!) - Whew, it was a busy night!

Congratulations to Jude for creating our Viewer's Choice 5 X 7 in our art exchange. Thanks to everyone who participated - the guild really seems to enjoy the exchanges. And as a perk, the Boutique got some lovely items to sell.

Thanks to the members that signed up to make a block for the Safe Harbor Quilted Wall Hanging Project. More information is included in this newsletter.

Next Month: Charity Workshop - Placemats for Meals on Wheels; Lecture by Michael Ross; and Election of 2nd Vice President. Hope to see you there!

Happy quilting!

Gina

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## Upcoming Meetings

Zoom Board Meeting (All members welcome)

Time: November 17, 2023 07:00 PM

In Person Guild Meeting at Hunterdon County Complex

314 State Route 12, building 1, Flemington NJ



Time: November 19, 2023 6:30 pm

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## Program

### 2023 Quilty Resolutions

Friendly Reminder to all those who participated in this year's Quilty Resolution Challenge ---- the countdown has officially started ---- there's just about two months left to complete all your projects you listed as a goal for this year. I sure hope you're on track more than I am..... I'm waaayyy behind! And... if you can't remember what you wrote down at the beginning of the year, don't hesitate to contact me at [aoswald827@gmail.com](mailto:aoswald827@gmail.com) (I have them all written down).

<p><b>November 19th, 2023</b></p> <p><b>Workshop 11:00 a.m. – 4:00p.m.</b> Charity Workshop making Placemats</p> <p><b>Evening Activities</b> 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>Lecture</b> <i>An Artist's Journey</i> by Michael Ross</p> <p><b>Location</b> Hunterdon County Complex, 314 State Route 12, Building 1, Flemington NJ</p> <p><a href="http://www.courthousequilters.org">http://www.courthousequilters.org</a></p>	<p><b>Courthouse Quilters Guild November Program</b></p>	
	<p><i>Meals on Wheels Placemats</i></p>	<p>CHQ's Charity Committee will host a workshop making quilted placemats for <i>Meals on Wheels</i> with a target to complete 100 placemats. This workshop will be a great stash buster, or you can use <u>left-over</u> orphan blocks. The quilted placemat is 12"x18" finished using a thin batting; a fat quarter for the backing, binding is optional. There's a lot of great free patterns on <a href="http://ThunderBayQuilts.org">ThunderBayQuilts.org</a>. <i>Meals on Wheels</i> has asked that we stay away from holiday themed fabrics and keep everything generic. Seasonal and red, white and blue for veterans is acceptable.</p>
	<p><i>Evening Presentation by Michael Ross</i></p>	<p>Michael Ross is a local artist who taught himself to sew over 40 years ago and always loved working with color. Over the years, Michael has combined both interests and began exploring quilt making. His work has been shown at the European Patchwork Meeting in France, SAQA Global Exhibition in Chicago and The Dairy Barn Arts Center in Ohio just to name a few. More recently, he has created several large bodies of work exploring surface design and painting to expand his work into some new areas. Michael will talk us through "<i>An Artist's Journey</i>" and share some of his new pieces.</p>
		

[November Info](#)  
[Placemats Sign Up](#)

**December 17th, 2023**

**CHQ Holiday Party**  
3:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

**Come Make Merry....**  
Holiday Crafts  
Social Time with Friends  
Pot-Luck Dinner  
Desserts  
Annual Gift Exchange  
*Food Pantry* Non-food Donations

**Details to follow**

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

<http://www.courthousequilters.org>



[CHQ Holiday Party SignUp](#)

## Hugs or Kisses Quilt-As-You-Go

with Kristin Echols of Kristen Laura Designs

+ Via Zoom January 14<sup>th</sup> 1-4 pm and January 21<sup>st</sup> 1-4 pm

**20 spots available Cost: \$38**

This large block quilt pattern really shows off your favorite layer cake or prints. Choose from 3 different layouts: Hugs, Kisses, or Hugs & Kisses. Using the "quilt-as-you-go" technique, each over-sized block is quilted individually then joined together with a special sashing technique. This is a great way to quilt larger quilts in smaller, manageable sections. You will learn everything you need to complete your quilt during two class sessions.



[January Workshop Sign Up](#)



Jane Sassaman  
**Wings & Wedges**  
Via Zoom February 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>  
1-4pm  
Cost = \$45

Join us for a two day Zoom class with Jane Sassaman, award winning quilter, author and fabric designer. 24 spots available.

Description: In a fabric collage of simple symmetrical shapes, you will learn the basics of Jane's accessible machine appliqué techniques. We will cut into stabilized fat fabric quarters and use the resulting shapes in a unique collage composition. This will also provide a chance to sharpen your design and machine embroidery skills.

[February Workshop Sign Up](#)

## 2024 Anniversary Challenge

### PORTRAIT Challenge 2024

Create a portrait using any technique: pieced, reverse applique, collage, etc.

Your portrait can be of anyone; yourself, your pet, your favorite family member, best friend, or even a celebrity!

Portrait must be 20 x 24 inches in portrait orientation (not landscape).

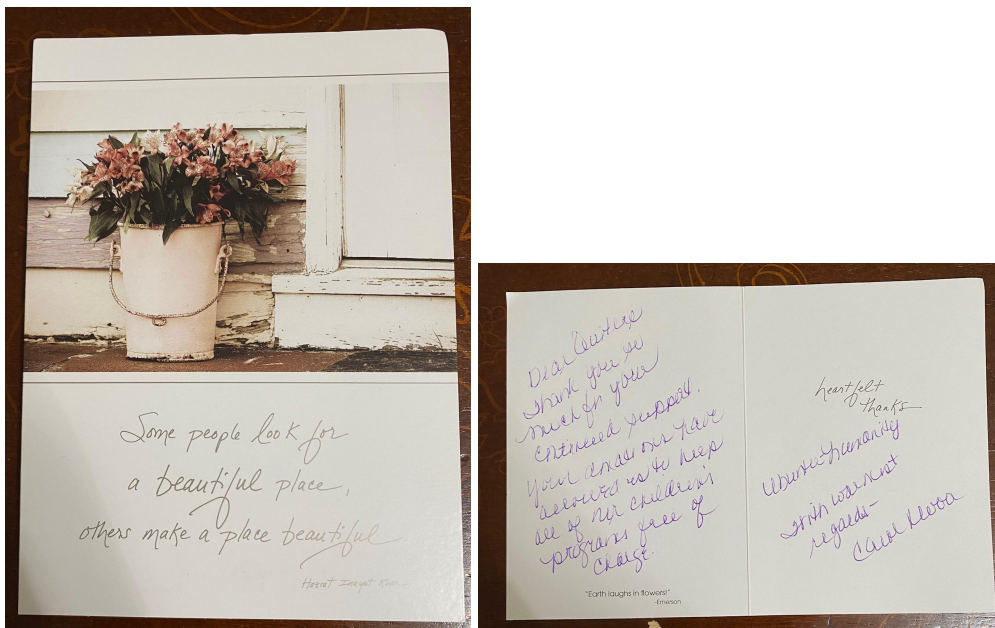
When submitting your challenge, please include a typed paragraph telling us about why you chose your subject matter. What about them inspires you? What have you tried to portray about them through your portrait? Make us feel like we know them too!



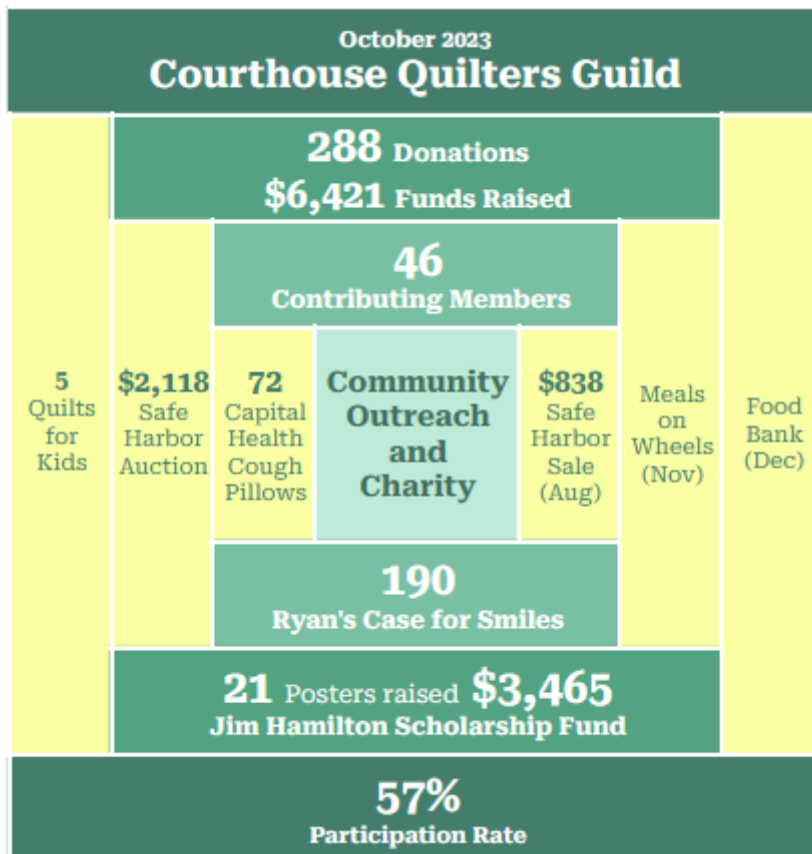
## Committee Notes

### Community Outreach (Barbara Slaton & Cathie Giambalvo)

- Placemats for Meals on Wheels
  - During the November workshop, we will be sewing placemats for Meals on Wheels, if interested and have not signed up yet, please sign up here [Placemats Sign Up](#)
- Quilts for Kids
  - If you are interested in making a quilt - please contact Gretta [gmpiano@gmail.com](mailto:gmpiano@gmail.com) / Margaretanne [margaretannereina@gmail.com](mailto:margaretannereina@gmail.com)
- Safe Harbor Quilted Wall Hanging Project - [Safe Harbor Blocks Sign Up](#)
  - Member sign up to make **9" square blocks using batik fabrics containing NO Black**
    - Will be trimmed during construction to 8.5" to finish at 8"
    - Black sashing or borders are anticipated, depending on final layout
  - Blocks due by 12/31 to Gina (can be mailed)
  - Blocks can be pieced, applique, collage, etc.
  - Can be literal theme, community, Flemington, embroidery, etc.
  - No embellishments that break a needle during quilting
  - Wall hanging size will depend on number of participants
  - Hanging to be delivered during March guild meeting
- Thank You Note from Safe Harbor



- Annual Detail



### Hospitality (Donna Slovak)

Thank you to all of our hospitality volunteers who provide snacks and drinks for our monthly meetings and to those who bring treats for the workshops. Special note of thanks to Jude McCormick, Kerry Cogen and Juliet Leonard for supplying our November goodies and to Susan Flick for bringing drinks.

The CHQ Holiday Party will be on Sunday December 17th 3:00-7:30!

*NEW this year* - we are asking each person to bring their own placemat and personal place setting to set our dining tables.

Please use the sign up genius link so we can plan our meal together. A hard copy will also be available for sign ups at our November meeting.

[CHQ Holiday Party SignUp](#)

## Membership (Cathie Giambalvo)

*Time to RENEW your  
2024 CHQ Membership!*

please go to:

[Membership \(courthousequilters.org\)](http://Membership.courthousequilters.org)

### **Member Benefits**

- **Learn New Things** - enjoy informative lectures, workshops and trunk shows by local and nationally recognized instructors.
- **Be Inspired** - Show and Tell at every meeting - show off your skills and be inspired by the creations of other members.
- **Get Challenged** - expand your creative reach and sharpen your skills by participating in our yearly anniversary quilting challenge.
- **Participate** - opportunities to take part in community outreach sewing projects, collection drives, and fundraising, supporting worthy causes in our area and abroad. Feel good about doing good, working on a team bringing comfort and resources to others in need.
- **Show Your Work** - opportunities to exhibit your quilts at our “Quilts in the Mill” and other venues. Our biennial quilt show is held at the beautiful Prallsville Mill in Stockton, NJ, our next show is scheduled for Fall 2024.
- **Stay Connected** - receive monthly CHQ Newsletter or President’s Bulletin – keeps you up to date on guild activities, and local quilt related events. Make new friends or hang out with old ones. CHQ provides space to share your quilting passion



## **Nominating Committee (Joan Lasota)**

### **VOTE IN NOVEMBER!!!**

November is the month CHQ members vote for candidates for the guild's elected positions. This November we'll be electing a new 2nd Vice-President (VP). At the end of this year Anne will complete her responsibilities as 1st VP and Laura, currently 2nd VP, will assume that role. The 2nd VP position will need to be filled.

At present we have one 2nd VP candidate whom you'll be asked to vote for, unless someone requests to be considered or is nominated before we vote during the November meeting. Our current candidate is Barbara Fusco.

Barbara was nominated by a guild member and would very much like to be considered for the role of 2nd VP for CHQ. Barbara's interest in many forms of sewing goes way back to her childhood, perhaps a common history of many CHQ members. She learned to hand-stitch as a child and creatively sewed her own clothes in high school. Barbara advanced to sewing special outfits for her own children and constructing many projects for her home. In the early 2000's Barbara took a job making window treatments. She very much appreciated the opportunity to learn another type of sewing and to work with many beautiful fabrics. Barbara is happy with her decision to join CHQ and enjoys spending time with very talented and creative sewists. This summer Barbara volunteered to chair the Hunterdon County 4H quilt show during which she enjoyed getting to know CHQ members with whom she had an opportunity to work. Barbara says she's very excited at the possibility of serving the guild in the role of 2nd VP in 2024. If elected she would then transition to the 1st VP position in January, 2025.

Should you have any questions about the voting that will take place in person at our November meeting, or if you would like to nominate someone in advance of that meeting, contact Joan Lasota at [jalasota@icloud.com](mailto:jalasota@icloud.com) or 908-806-7223.

Thank you and we look forward to seeing you at our meeting on November 19th.

CHQ Nominating Committee

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## **Other Member Notes**

### **Quiltfolk Magazine in January is featuring New Jersey**

- It will include a piece on the Princeton Sankofa Stitchers MDQ. We have several dual members including Mada, Juanda, Rosemary, and Stephen - Congratulations!
- It will also include a piece on former guild member Dana Balsamo
- Keep an eye out for this issue!

## Makers Alley Art Show

Congratulations to Mary S, Carol, and Jeanette who have pieces in the Makers Alley Art Show now running in New Hope! There is still time to go and see this exhibit.



### Sew Ezi Table Info (from Cass)

For those of you who were at the workshop in October and noticed my handy-dandy sewing table, here is where you can find your very own: <https://www.sewezi.com/> Check out the website. I don't see that they are vending in Houston this year. Normally, if you buy it at a show or know someone who is going and can order it for you, you can avoid shipping. Also, know the make and model of the machine/s you wish to use with this table. One clear insert comes with the table but you can get others for additional fees.

It also comes with a set of spacers for adjusting the depth of where the machine sits so it is flush with the top. I find this to be the most cumbersome part but only if you use it for more than one machine and have to adjust the depth for each machine. This table comes in a larger size for bigger machines but if you are using this table for retreats, it's kind of heavy and has a separate rack for wheeling. My small table is lighter and has wheels built in one end so it's easier to transport. If you have questions or want to check out the one I have, let me know. I've had it for about 10 years now and drag it to just about every retreat and for a few years, I used it for my Juki 2010.

## **EXECUTIVE BOARD, COMMITTEE CHAIRS, SPECIAL COMMITTEES UPDATED 2023**

### **Executive Board**

President: Regina Krejsa  
1st Vice President: Anne Oswald  
2nd Vice President: Laura Kohl  
Treasurer: Kerry Cogan  
Secretary: Cheryl Dennis

### **Standing Committee Chairs**

Archivist: Patty Gertz & Cass Garner  
Boutique: Janet Bergman  
Charity & Outreach: Barbara Slaton  
Circulation: Lauren Lupica  
Hospitality: Donna Slovak  
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

### **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.