

COURTHOUSE QUILTERS NEWSLETTER

PRESIDENT'S LETTER



“SUN” dyed by Carol Esch

Courthouse Quilters

- Hi all!
- I just glanced at the weather forecast - hot and steamy for the days ahead. Definitely a good time to hibernate in the nice air conditioning and sew. Working on the raffle quilt, which is coming along very nicely. Hopefully we will get it to our appliquer's by the beginning of August.
- You all pulled through and we finally have sufficient recipes to go ahead with the Courthouse Quilters Cookbook. Not sure of the timing, but it might be available for holiday presents. A great big thank you to Barbara, who has done an outstanding job!
- Don't forget that our August Ice Cream Social will be held at Nicky Wallis's home!
- Will be sending out a "CHQ Blast" will information and directions! Till then, enjoy these beautiful summer days.
- Don't forget to get working on the CHALLENGE QUILTS based on our library books!
- Andrea

Minutes for June 2017 Board Minutes for July 2017

In attendance: Patty G., Karen D., Andrea C., Marla K., Cass G., Jude M., Ellen H., Mary R., Carol E., Stephanie G., Nicky W., Joan L.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

President Andrea called the meeting to order at 4:38. A motion was made and seconded to approve the June, 2017 minutes. Unanimously approved. Motion carried.

President-Andrea Nothing to discuss this meeting.

Vice President/Program-Ellen H/ Marla. Ellen will try to give more information about the workshops going forward so members have a clearer idea about what will be taught/learned.

Marla will order the microphone this month and will do a little more research to determine which would be the best one for CHQ to purchase.

Discussion: regarding the August meeting at Nicky's for the ice-cream social. Andrea will work on directions and send them out to the guild members in an email blast.

Treasurer-Nicky Wallis. Nicky is going to be away and will give Andrea a few checks in case people need reimbursements.

Recording Secretary –Penny A. Penny is away this month and Cass is taking minutes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Charity/Community Outreach, Jude McC. Next Charity Sew is going to be October. We make a lot of different kinds of things at a Charity sew and Jude questioned whether we might concentrate on one or two items. It was agreed that we should.

Discussion: Re: supporting charities. Proceeds from the October auction will go to "Safe in Hunterdon" again this year.

We will also look into "Reach of Hunterdon" which serves disabled young children or possibly making lap wheelchair quilts, using some of the quilts we already have.

Library - Patty. Nicky donated a book for a door prize and Patty will hold on to it until next month since we are doing member night. Patty also asked about the possibility of getting additional funds sometimes in the future, if needed. It will be discussed if funding runs out.

Publicity – Joan- Publicity only went out electronically this month.

Cookbook – Joan brought the old cookbook to show to the group and suggested using our raffle quilt as the cover as we did before and adding tips. She will show it to Barb Slaton, who is spearheading the project.

Hospitality – Mary- She has a box of supplies for the ice cream social. We need to post what members need to bring for the social in the newsletter again. Andrea is bringing ice, ice cream and the supplies.

Web Presence – Karen D/ Cathie G..

Karen said the "not for profit" CHQ page is ready to go but has not been executed yet. Once all of the files have been downloaded from the old site, they will be able to be upload it to the new site. Steph suggested that we put a notice up a few days beforehand that the page will be down for a couple of days.

Update on the second rogue CHQ Facebook page that we wanted to take down: Face Book will not remove it because they have not been able to obtain permission from the person who originally set it up on Facebook. Karen filed an appeal.

Cathie G. made her first web update today.

Stephanie finds it difficult to use Yahoo for email distributions. She can't seem to set up a group in Yahoo. Karen said she thought using GoDaddy might be more consistent but Karen does not know if it can handle a group distribution. Andrea asked Karen and Stephanie to work together to try to come up with a best way to do distribute to an e-list.

Other Business:

Raffle Quilt: Continuing to work on the blocks and are hoping to have the quilt put together sometime in August. The applique pieces will be distributed shortly.

Postcards. For the Raffle Quilt:

There is a significant discount in January if we can get the quilt done and photographed by then. Based on past history, Steph said 8000 cards should be more than enough. Joan said the 2010 postcard was striking and suggested we look at that card for guidance. It should be professionally photographed with a high pixel level.

A motion was made and was seconded to adjourn at 5: 27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by: Cass Garner for Penny Armagost

Programs and Lectures

August 13. Workshop - Charity sew and open sew - if it's not to HOT HOT HOT at the lodge.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL. The annual ice cream social will take place at Nicky Wallis' house. Nicky's address is 65 Sweet Hollow Road, Milford. Her cell phone is 609-851-0870. Many thanks to Nicky for volunteering her studio and home. The guild provides the ice cream and our members bring toppings and bottom-ints. If anyone prefers to bring finger foods or any other "goodies" please feel free! Any questions, get in touch with Mary Rigby at 908-303-5906.

	Bottoms:	Toppings:
If your last name starts with :: please bring	brownies, pound cake,	whipped cream, jimmies,
A through F toppings	sponge cake, cut fruit,	chocolate syrup, cut fruit,
G through L. cold drinks	angel food cake, cookies,	nuts, candy pieces,
M through Z. Bottoms	ice cream cones	bacon (Jill's favorite)

September 10. Workshop ReNae Merrill - "Haiku + Quilt = Haikuilt. 10 to 4 p.m. \$40. There are still space in this workshop at which we will make a mini quilt based on a haiku. For complete information, visit <http://www.ranaemerrillquilts.com/teaching/313>. To register, contact Ellen Heath at ellheath@gmail.com or 551-427-7153.

Evening Program - Lecture and trunk show -ReNae Merrill - "Lessons I've Learned From My Quilts". Each quilt is a journey and ReNae will share hers and she talks about her quilts and the life lessons they have taught her. Part trunk show, part quilting lesson and part inspiration this lecture will leave you wanting to try something new — whether its a quilting technique or an adventure. This trunk show includes many of RaNae's spiral quilts and mandala quilts, as well as other non-spiral quilts that she doesn't show in any other lecture or class.

October 8. Workshop - Charity Sew 1-4 p.m. Join us to work on one of several sewing projects to benefit charities. Bring your sewing machine.

Evening Program - UFO Auction. 6:30 p.m. Search your closets for your UFO's, unfinished objects. We will raffle them off to raise money for local charitable organization (to be chosen). We all have those unfinished projects that we know we will never, ever finish. Bring yours to the auction to raise money for SAFE in Hunterdon, an organization that serves victims and survivors of domestic violence. Come to bid and take home some treasures. We have seen several that were changed and resurrected into beautiful new pieces from last year!!!!

November 12. Workshop - to be determined.....

Evening Program. Lecture with Mark Lapinski "The Slow Stitching Movement".

December 10. Workshop - 1 to 4 p.m. Holiday sew and special gift project to make in an afternoon.

Evening Program. Holiday Party.



Infinity VI by Elena Stokes



"Inspired by Chihuly" by Carol Esch using coffee filters, spun fibers and fabric paints. Quilted by Krishma Patel.

COURTHOUSE QUILTERS LIBRARY CHALLENGE

• News from the Library

• CHALLENGE.....

• The Courthouse Library has issued a challenge. 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. The challenge starts next month and runs a year. Every time you bring something to show and tell you get a ticket to enter the contest.

• Access the online catalog via this link: <https://www.librarything.com/catalog/courthousequilters>

• Search for the keyword rulers to see descriptions of all the rulers you are free to borrow.

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

SUNSHINE AND SHADOWS

Visit our website at COURTHOUSEQUILTERS.ORG for more information or our FACEBOOK PAGE.

ONLY A FEW SEATS LEFT!!!!

BRING YOUR FRIENDS

Pennsylvania Shop Hop

**Saturday, November 4, 2017
8:00am - 7:00pm**

Tickets: \$20 for members

Join your CHQ friends on this chartered bus trip to Intercourse, PA.

Itinerary:

Leave Darcy Lodge at 8:00am, enjoy a continental breakfast on board.

Arrive by 10:00am. Shop along Old Philadelphia Pike, with door to door service provided.

Lunch at an Amish family style restaurant, then visit another store or two.

Leave Intercourse by 5:30pm, and enjoy a snack on the ride back.

Arrive Darcy Lodge by 7:00pm.

Questions or to sign up: contact Camille

E: camquinton@gmail.com

Mail your check (\$20 payable to CHQ) to:
Camille Quinton, CHQ Membership Chair, (address on roster)
or bring to the next meeting.

RETREATS

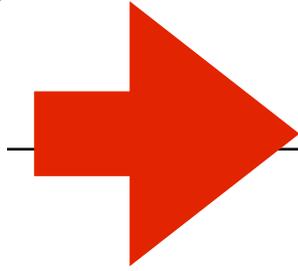
We have two retreats coming up in the Lancaster area at the retreat houses owned by Burkholders Fabrics.

The first is LABOR DAY WEEKEND...Thursday August 31 through Sunday, September 3. We have 4 openings for private rooms with private baths at \$60 per night. We could also accommodate people who don't mind sharing a bathroom (Jack and Jill set-up with the bathroom shared between two bedrooms) at \$50/night.

The other retreat is March 15-18, 2018 and there are currently two openings and either of the above set ups is available to take more people but at the same cost. If you are willing to share your bedroom you would have to arrange your roommate. As this is NOT a guild sponsored event you can invite non-guild members at the same price.

Additionally each house has a \$175 cleaning fee which will be split evenly by the total number of attendees. We share all meals with two or more people doing the prep and cooking. No one is responsible for more than one meal. We are also very sensitive to special food need that people may have. A signup sheet for meals is sent out approximately 4-6 weeks ahead of the retreat for food assignments.

To see the amenities at the sites go to: <http://cocalicoquiltersinn.com/> or to Cocalico Quilters Inn on facebook. Other questions stephanieg@gmail.com or 609-751-3345 with any questions you may have.



EVENTS in our area to ENJOY.....

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KEYSTONE QUILTERS show "QUILTER'S GARDEN". Friday October 13 from 10 to 6 p.m. Saturday, October 14 from 10 to 5 p.m. Admission \$7.00. FINLAND MENNONITE CHURCH, 1750 Ziegler Road, Pennsburg, PA. 18073. Free demonstrations, door prizes and

EVENING STAR QUILTER'S GUILD. 2017 "A Harvest of Quilts Show". Saturday October 21, 10 to 4 p.m. and Sunday, October 22, 10 to 4 p.m. BELVIDERE HIGH SCHOOL, 809 Oxford Street, Belvidere, NJ. Admission \$7.00 Vendors, workshops, boutique and cafe.

The Link for the new Artisan Studio in Nazareth, Pa. where Claire took her silk painting class is <https://www.nazarethartisan.com>. Check it out—lots of interesting classes and great teacher!

KUDOS TO:

Elena Stokes whose quilt INFINITY VI won BEST IN SHOW at the 35th Annual New Legacies Contemporary Art Quilt exhibition in Fort Collins, COLORADO. This is her first major award and she is delighted! The exhibition runs through August 26th for all you who are visiting in Colorado! (See Quilt above!)

Carol Esch whose quilt "Inspired by Chihuly" has been accepted into the AQS Paducah show this fall in the Art Quilt category. The show is September 13-16. Carol will be taking a class at Mancuso Show in Oaks and going to Quilters Take Manhattan at that time, so if anyone is there please take a snapshot!



NEVER TOO EARLY to start your quilts for the October 2018 Prallsville Mill show! Also each member is requested to make at least three items for the boutique!!!! And of course, all of those mini's are a big draw at the show..... And ELLEN is willing to take fabric and supplies at any meeting to prepare for the show in advance. So sort through your stash and give her the ones that no longer serve your purposes.....someone will LOVE them!

Quilts in the Mill Show 2018

**+++++WANTED +++++
Publicity Chair and committee**

Looking for:

Exceptional, charming vivacious guild member or two or three to work on the **Publicity** committee.

Guidelines, training and most materials provided

Requirements: a willing heart

Salary: a successful quilt show

Send your resume (just one line – I can do it!) to :

Camille Quinton, Quilt Show chair (camquinton@gmail.com)
ASAP

Other positions available – send inquiries to Camille

**Courthouse Quilters
Darcy Lodge
39 Everittstown Road
Route 513, Frenchtown, New Jersey**

All photographs by Al and Carol.....

Newsletter Deadline:

The deadline for the newsletter is the Sunday following a meeting. Exceptions are May and show year Octobers with a deadline of the Wednesday after a meeting. Send all your articles, news, photos to Carol Esch. cesch1941@gmail.com

Directions from Flemington:

Route 12 West 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 South. Turn right just past Pittstown Inn at red light and follow Route 513 for 8 miles. Darcy Lodge on right hand side.