

Courthouse Quilters Guild Newsletter

June 22, 2025

**Workshop: Fabric Dyeing
with Pam Ambrosio**

Evening Program: 6:30 pm

**Kaffe & Morris: A color Collaboration Across Time
Marisa Simon**

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

Courthouse Quilters President's Letter

It is summer time and there is a lot coming up for the guild.

In addition to our workshops and meetings this summer the guild is hosting the **4-H Fair Quilt Show**. The Hunterdon County 4-H Fair will be held on Wednesday, August 22 - Sunday, August 24 and includes a judged quilt show. Courthouse Quilters and Hunterdon County Quilting Guild alternate coordinating the quilt show at the fair. This year it is our turn. We will be looking for volunteers to make items for the Boutique as well as work shifts but right now you should start thinking about what quilt you want to enter in the show. The Show Information can be found at: [Hunterdon County 4-H Fair](#).

Participation at the 4-H Fair also gives us an opportunity to sell handmade items and **Caring Hearts Quilts** in a Boutique. We need to increase our inventory of Caring Heart Quilts and hope that you will consider making and donating a quilt for the sale.

It takes many volunteers to keep the guild going and there are two chairperson positions that we need to fill. We are looking for people to serve as the **Boutique Chair** and the **Quilt Show Chair**. If you are interested in either position or need more information please contact me (president@courthousequilters.org).

At the May guild meeting I reported on the status of the work of the Fundraising Committee. This is the information that was shared at the meeting.

A committee was formed in November 2024 to review the fundraising activities of the guild. Members of the committee are: Lysa Martinelli (chair), Janet Bergman, Kerry Cogen, Patty Gertz, Jan Hunold, and Gina Krejsa.

The purpose of the committee is to:

- Review the financial responsibility of the guild's fundraising activities
 - What is the need/impact of fundraising activities on the guild's finances
 - Where does the guild spend money
 - How does the guild make money
- Review each of the fundraising activities
 - What is the effort/cost/reward for each activity
 - What is the effort/cost on the guild's finances
 - What is the effort/cost on the guild's members
 - What is the impact on volunteers
 - What is the stress on chairpersons and difficulty filling positions
- What are the Pros and Cons of the fundraising activities
- Examine ways to provide activities that meet the needs/desires that members are looking for from the guild
- Help the Board to make informed decisions on future fundraising activities

Guild Fundraising Activities

- Quilt Show
- Quilt Raffle
- Boutique
- Charity
 - Caring Heart Quilts and Auction
- Donations/Grants

Timeline:

- Present preliminary report to the Board - Thursday, May 15

- Board review and feedback - complete by June meeting for discussion
- Share the report with the guild after the June meeting to allow members to review and provide feedback
- Final report reviewed and open discussion at the July meeting

Lysa Martinelli

President@CourthouseQuilters.org

Upcoming Meetings

Board Meeting - ZOOM (all members welcome)

Date/Time: Thursday, June 19, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

Guild Workshop and Meeting

Date/Time: Sunday, June 22, 2025 (4th Sunday of the month)

- Workshop: 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.
- Business Meeting / Show & Tell: 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Raffle Quilt Sales Events Coordinator Needed

It is nearing the time to start the sales phase for the 2026 Raffle Quilt, Aegean Sea. Tickets for the quilt will be on sale from December 2025 through the drawing at the December 2026 CHQ Guild meeting. The raffle might sound like a long way off but the process to sell tickets needs to start now. The licensing process takes time and needs to be done so tickets can be printed and distributed in December. We can start selling tickets a year in advance to the drawing.

The Raffle Quilt Sales Chairperson position is being split into two roles to share the workload. Gina Krejsa will handle the ticket distribution and administration portion and we are looking for one or a few people to serve as the sales events coordinator(s).

The responsibilities of the Quilts Sales Events Coordinator(s) are:

- Finds various locations and events to sell raffle tickets.
- Organize and coordinate with CHQ member(s) the selling of tickets, supplying raffle quilt, hanging equipment and petty cash box.
- Promotes raffle ticket sales.

Please let me know (president@courthousequilters.org) if you want to talk more about serving as our Raffle Quilt Sales Event Coordinator.

Guild Meeting Dates

The guild generally meets on the third Sunday of the month but there are exceptions to that schedule due to holidays and availability of the meeting space. Refer to the Programs, Events and Workshop Calendar for updated meeting dates, times and details.

The 2025 meeting dates are:

- June 22, 2025 (4th Sunday)
- July 20, 2025
- August 17, 2025
- September 21, 2025
- October 26, 2025 (4th Sunday)
- November 16, 2025
- December 21, 2025

Donated Fabric and Sewing Goods

The guild is often contacted by quilters or quilters family members about donating their fabric, notions, patterns, books and other items. We held off on collecting items until we had a chance to organize and inventory what was left over from the quilt show boutique. We also needed to decide what type of items we will collect and what we no longer will collect. We are now taking in donations. All offered items will be collected and reviewed before it goes into the storage unit. Items will be sorted into the categories of keep, donate, discard, and offer to members. The items that will be kept for the boutique will mainly be fabric and some notions but no books, patterns or other items that don't sell.

Dates will be coordinated for the intake and review of donated items based on when donations are received. If you would like to be part of the intake and review process please let us know. There aren't specific dates for this work but you can sign-up that you are interested and we will coordinate the schedule with people that volunteered. [Volunteer Sign-up](#)



Program Notes

Our UFO Auction took place on 5/18 and was a great opportunity to move those unfinished projects to somebody else's house or to acquire all those quilting items you never knew you needed. The auctioneer, Dana Balsamo, kept things moving with her professional skills and the spot-on auctioneer lingo, which definitely added to the fun.

The charity, Safe Harbor, benefited with all the proceeds of \$3440 going to them. Part of that total, \$1175, was strictly from 16 donations made without a bid.

Thanks to all that donated goods, their help and a great array of snacks and appies.

Just a reminder about the June 22 meeting. We will have a Fabric Dyeing Workshop with Pam Ambrosio in the afternoon, 1 pm - 5 pm. There are still a few openings available so you can still get in on this outdoor workshop. Sign up is on the CHQ website under Programs, Workshops & Events 2025 Calendar.

We will have a guest speaker, Marisa Simon, a fabric sales representative at our evening meeting. Marisa will speak about the collaboration between Kaffe Fassett, and his wonderful use of color with the well known decorative arts pioneer, Morris & Company, established 150 years ago. She will also bring along a pop-up shop of a few items from Pennington Quilt Works.



Program

June 22, 2025

****Workshop****

Fabric Dyeing
with Pam Ambrosio
Location: Rt 12 County
Complex
Time: 1:00 - 5:00
Cost: \$13 plus any kit fee

****Evening Program****

"Kaffe & Morris: A Color
Collaboration Across Time" -
Marisa Simon

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Courthouse Quilters Guild Program

Workshop

Join us for this hands on outdoor session as we learn about dyeing techniques from talented member Pam Ambrosio.



Evening Presentation

"Kaffe & Morris: A Color Collaboration Across Time"
- Marisa Simon, NJ Free Spirit Fabric Sales Representative, will speak about the recent collaboration of Morris & Co, with a 150 year influence on the decorative arts and Kaffe Fassett, well known for his influence on color and pattern in the craft industry. Learn why this collaboration between the father of the Arts & Crafts movement and a modern day color genius works so well.

The June workshop is being held outside. If the weather interferes, the workshop will be postponed until the July meeting date.

July 20, 2025

****Workshop****

*4-H Fair Prep
& Boutique Prep*
Location: Rt 12 County
Complex
Time: 1:00 - 5:00
FREE

****Evening Program****

TBD

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Courthouse Quilters Guild Program

Workshop

Bring your machine, supplies and enthusiasm as we prepare items for the 2025 Hunterdon County 4-H Fair. Sign up here: [CHQ July 4H Fair Sew](#)



August 17, 2025

****Workshop****

Journey Folded Fabric
with Jan Hunold

Location: Rt 12 County
Complex

Time: 1:00 - 5:00

Cost: \$13 plus any kit fee

****Evening Program****

Ice Cream Social

Location: Rt 12 County
Complex

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Courthouse Quilters Guild Program

Workshop

With a simple folded fabric technique, add dynamic texture to your quilt. This folded technique adds a third layer to a half-square triangle. The half-square triangles are folded back to reveal a sliver of a highlighted curve. The result is a stunning block that looks complicated, but is very simple. Blocks can be arranged in the usual rows and columns or turned in different directions to create a pathway among the curves. Be creative with your blocks! Create your own journey!

Evening Program

Ice Cream Social - Enjoy a time with fellow members to share ideas or just kick back and relax.



Workshop Registration

The steps to sign-up and register for workshops have been adjusted to help streamline the process and better track attendance. We no longer will have clip boards at the meetings for workshop sign-up. All workshops will require registration on the CHQ website under the [Program Workshops and Event Calendar](#). Click the "Month" link for more information about workshop and the registration

How to Register for a Workshop

Workshops without a Fee (one step process):

- Sign up online - A link can be found on the CHQ website under the [Program Workshops and Event Calendar](#) (the guild uses Sign Up Genius for registration).

Workshops with a Fee (two step process):

- Step One: Sign up online - A link can be found on the CHQ website under the [Program Workshops and Event Calendar](#) (the guild uses Sign Up Genius for registration). This step is notification that you are interested in attending the workshop but the seat is not reserved until payment is received.
- Step Two: To reserve your seat, complete the [Workshop Registration Form](#) on the CHQ website under the [Program Workshops and Event Calendar](#) section. Once you have registered you can submit your payment for the workshop. Your registration is not complete until your payment is received.

There are several payment options:

- Submit payment to the Treasurer at a guild meeting by cash, check, or credit card.
- Mail a check to the Treasurer at Courthouse Quilters Guild, 203 Main Street, Suite 182, Flemington, NJ 08822. Include the name of the workshop in the notes area of the check.
- Pay by PayPal under the [Program Workshops and Event Calendar](#) section on the CHQ website. Start by clicking the "Buy Now" button. When you're done click "Return to Merchant" (at the bottom of page). If this is done correctly you'll be automatically brought back to our [Workshop Registration Form](#). if you can't find the "Return to Merchant" or you forgot to do this step in the last step - just click here to fill out [Workshop Registration Form](#) then submit it.

If you need help registering for a workshop assistance will be available at meetings or by emailing vicepresident1@courthousequilters.org.

SEEKING NOMINATIONS – 2ND VICE PRESIDENT/PROGRAM POSITION

The CHQ Nominating Committee is seeking nominations for the position of Second Vice President. The position is a two-year appointment whereby the individual functions in the role of Second Vice President in the first year and First Vice President in the second year. This is a great opportunity for a member who has interest in influencing the direction of CHQ workshops and programs!

You may nominate yourself or any other guild member by providing names to one of the Nominating Committee members (see below). One of the committee members will reach out to the nominated individual(s) to further explain the role and gauge their level of interest.

The list of interested candidates will be circulated to CHQ members in October of this year and voting will take place during the November, 2025 meeting. Following is a description of the Second Vice President position.

Second Vice President

Assists the First Vice President with selection and organization of CHQ workshops/programs and monthly guild meetings/events. The Second Vice President will be in a training role for the first year, then will move into the First Vice President's role in the second year. The First Vice President (with assistance from the Second Vice President) is responsible for planning and executing creative, informative events, educational workshops/programs for the guild and leading/organizing the guild's speakers/events. Duties include identifying, contacting and scheduling teachers/speakers, preparing/signing contracts and payment, insuring transportation/hotel considerations (if necessary) are met and setting up/coordinating workshops/programs. The Second Vice President performs the duties of the First Vice President in their absence (Currently, Barbara Fusco is our First VP and Kerry Cogan is Second VP; Kerry will become First VP in 2026; this is an opportunity to work with her in 2026).

Nominating Committee 2024/25

Joan Lasota (H) 908-806-7223 joanlasota@icloud.com

Cass Garner (C) 609-462-7338 cassgarner1@gmail.com

Kathy Stewart (C) 267-235-9753 kathystewart@verizon.net

Nominating Committee Time-Line:

2025 May-Sept – solicit member input and prepare a slate of candidates for 2nd VP.

October- present the candidate/s to members at the October meeting and ask if there are other candidates to be added.

November- Vote on the candidate/s at November meeting

December – New officer will be installed at the end of the December meeting

PASSING OF A DEAR FRIEND AND FELLOW QUILTER

Ruth Gronskey, a member of Courthouse Quilters for more than 30 years, passed peacefully on May 4th, surrounded by her loving family. Ruth was a creative and prolific quilter who had a special skill for exquisite piecing, appliqué and embroidery. In addition to Ruth's support of CHQ since 1989, her daughter Tanya provided significant leadership to the guild during her terms as President and quilt show chair. In addition to her needlework, Ruth loved to travel with her husband Nick. She was also an avid bird watcher.

Although for health reasons Ruth wasn't able to participate in guild meetings for the past several years, she loved reminiscing about members, workshops and shows. She was thrilled and grateful to CHQ for hanging her embroidered barn quilt in last year's show. Ruth even managed to climb to the mill's second floor to admire each and every quilt and to take chances on the minis. Ruth's cheerful, pleasant demeanor and infinitely positive attitude will continue to be an inspiration for so many who's lives she touched in very special ways.

A memorial gathering for Ruth will be held from 3:00-7:00pm on Thursday, June 19th, at Clinton United Methodist Church, 12 Halstead Ave, Clinton, NJ.

A memorial service will be held at 10:00am on Friday, June 20th, at the church.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Ruth's memory may be made to the Hunterdon Cancer Center to honor Ruth's enduring strength and compassion.

April Workshop



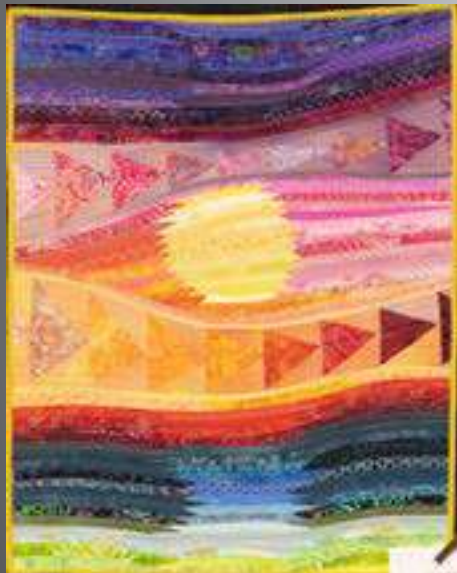
April Workshop



2025 Challenge



2025 Challenge













April Show and Tell





May Auction





May Show and Tell





Board Meeting Minutes March 2025

CHQ Board Meeting March 20, 2025 DRAFT

In Attendance: Lysa Martinelli, Al Accettola, Kerry Cogen, Barbara Fusco, Cass Garner, Patty Gertz, Gina Krejsa, Joan Lasota, Dyan Rosario, Donna Slovak, Kathy Stewart.

Lysa called the meeting to order at 7:00PM. Zoom recording started.

February Board Meeting Minutes A motion was made by Gina to approve the February Board minutes, Al seconded. Minutes unanimously approved..

Board/Committee Status: Lysa Martinelli

Committee Chairs still needed. A Hospitality Chair is needed or the monthly service will be discontinued. There is an urgent need for a 4H Chair. We have made a commitment to participate this year but may need it to be dropped next year if no one volunteers. Every year the 4H Fair provides the guild with visibility and is a worthwhile opportunity to sell raffle tickets. Gina made the point that there are activities the guild *needs* to do versus activities the guild *wants* to do. Hanging the 4H quilts is a *need* to do and selling CHQ boutique items is a *want* to do. Lysa and Barbara agreed to work together on 4H this year.

March + April calendars were reviewed.

The licensing for raffle sales is typically done in March. Insurance is due in April and the library receives a copy. The PO box renewal is due. Patty asked that the Federal IRS 990 form be added to the April calendar with payment due in May. The New Jersey form will be filed in summer. The CHQ Anniversary celebration is in April. Donna agreed to get the sheet cake and bring paper goods. Items for the March newsletter are due to Al by March 30th..

Treasurer's Report: Patty Gertz

The main expenses for the month were for programs and the rental of the storage unit. Patty explained that she has an outstanding \$50 check from a member and has gone back and forth trying to clarify the status of payment as well as the person's address. Patty will email this person again. It is important that all members verify their information on the CHQ roster and report any updates or errors.

1st Vice President/Program: Barbara Fusco

The Sunday workshops are full and Sherry Shine, the guest speaker for the evening meeting, is all set. April will be a workshop to make Quilts of Valor and the CHQ Challenge quilts will be displayed in the evening. Details about the challenge quilt submission process will be included in the April newsletter and sent in an email blast. May will be the UFO Auction and volunteers will be needed to help. All proceeds will go to Safe Harbor charity. Barbara is finalizing June workshop details with Pam Ambrosio. Patty suggested that we consider Free Spirit rep, Marissa Simon, as a potential guest speaker. She recently saw her at a Pennington Quilt Works presentation.

There was a lengthy discussion at the end of the meeting regarding the use of clipboards to sign up participants for workshops. Do clipboards have value and are they helpful or do they add an element of confusion especially when it comes to tracking payments? Card readers can be made available at meetings and volunteers could make themselves available to help those members who do not use online services. Sign Up Genius seems to be the most user friendly option for folks who are unsure about online registration. Each workshop will have its own Sign Up Genius form. Cass asked what the guild intends to do with the supply of rulers that she has. It was agreed that they be auctioned off at the May UFO Auction.

2nd Vice President: Kerry Cogen

Kerry asked if the guild wants to display the challenge quilts again at Mancuso's Penn National Quilt in Oaks, PA. She will need to know if there is enough interest in order to commit by the end of April. Kerry also mentioned that there will be an online presentation given by The Global Quilt Connection called a Sampler Platter on 5/3 + 5/4. During two 3 hour sessions 18 instructors present 15 minute demonstrations of their work or process. Videos are made available for 72 hours. They do this twice a year. It could provide the guild with ideas for potential future guest speakers. There is a \$100 fee for guild participation. Dyan made a motion to approve the payment and Kerry seconded. All approved.

Secretary: Donna Slovak

Postage stamps need to be purchased for Sunshine and Shadows cards \$14.60. Previously there was a \$50 budget designated for the corresponding secretary. Since the role has been combined with the recording secretary, it should be included in next year's budget.

Archivist: Gina Krejsa

No report.

Boutique: (On hold)

Charity: Cheryl Dennis (not present)

Red white and blue fabric is in the storage unit.

Circulation: Jan Hunold (not present)

Fundraising Ad Hoc: Lysa Martinelli

A meeting will be scheduled in the next two weeks. Lysa has done some outreach and details can be presented to the board in April.

Hospitality: (Open)

Cass volunteered to handle it in March.

Membership: Sara Mlynarchek (not present)

Sara sent a report saying CHQ currently has 79 members with 1 outstanding renewal. 8 people are not renewing for 2025.

Newsletter & Photographer: Al Accettola

Newsletter info needs to get to Al by 3/30.

Nominating Committee: Joan Lasota, Kathy Stewart, Cass Garner.

Joan stated that this year a new 2nd Vice President will be needed. An announcement will be made during the March meeting and the vote will take place in November

Publicity: Dyan Rosario

Dyan has had the CHQ info included on various community calendars on local news radio programs 101.5 and News12. Joan suggested she reach out to WDVR FM, a local radio station serving Hunterdon County.

Raffle Quilt Construction 2026: Juliet Leonard (not present)

Quilt will be ready to be longarm quilted in April.

Raffle Quilt Ticket Distribution and Sales Chair: (Open)

Lysa recommended that the licensing for the raffle quilt should be done through Flemington and not Stockton since they have been so difficult to deal with. This would require that the drawing for the quilt be done in Flemington and not at the Stockton quilt show. Lysa suggested having the raffle drawing at the December 2026 holiday party at our Flemington meeting place. Gina pointed out that the meeting date would need to be confirmed with the county first before tickets are printed. Ticket sales would take place December 2025 through December 2026. Dyan made a motion to have the licensing done through Flemington. Kerry seconded. All approved.

Quilt Show 2026 Co-Chairs: Lysa Martinelli

An ad hoc fundraising meeting will take place soon. Lysa is researching potential alternate venues.

Web Presence: Cathie Giambalvo (not present)

A new CHQ website needs to be in place by November 2025. Lysa and Cathie will be meeting to discuss options.

New Business:

Lysa asked who would run the guild meeting if she cannot be present. The Vice President covers if the President cannot attend.

Al made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Barbara seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:40.

Board Meeting Minutes April 2025

In Attendance: Lysa Martinelli, Al Accettola, Kerry Cogen, Cheryl Dennis, Barbara Fusco, Cathie Giambalvo, Patty Gertz, Jan Hunold, Gina Krejsa, Juliet Leonard, Sara Mlynarchek, Donna Slovak.

Lysa called the meeting to order at 7:00. Zoom recording started.

March Board Meeting Minutes - a correction was made to the minutes in the calendar section stating that a copy of the insurance will be sent to the Hunterdon County Complex not to the library. A motion was made by Al to approve the minutes as amended. Kerry seconded, Unanimously approved.

Board/Committee Status: President Lysa Martinelli

A motion was made by Barbara to appoint new Hospitality Chairs Gretta Casella and Margaretanne Reina to start in May. Seconded by Gina. All approved.

A motion was made by Donna to appoint Gina to be the Raffle Quilt Ticket Distribution and Administration. Seconded by Al. All approved.

Committee chair positions that are still open include; Raffle Quilt Sales Event Coordinator, Boutique - on hold, and Quilt Show - on hold.

May & June Calendars were reviewed.

Treasurer: Patty Gertz

March treasurer's report - the IRS 990 has been filed and paid. The insurance has been paid for a year and the PO box renewal has been paid. Patty said the PO renewal was quite a process but as a nonprofit CHQ is required to have a mailing address. Patty asked if the Treasurer's report should include the banking balance as of the end of the month or the accurate amount on the day of the board meeting. All agreed it was not an issue and she should do whatever is most convenient.

1st Vice President/Program: Barbara Fusco

Cheryl is set to host the Quilts of Valor workshop on Sunday. She will email the workshop participants to remind them and request any additional needed items. For the evening meeting Barbara and Lysa will hang the challenge quilts with help from Sara and Kerry. Cathie will help with the check-in process. Contracts have been made with Marisa Simon for June and Joyce Hughes for November. A lecturer for July is still needed. The Global Quilt Connection Sampler Platter virtual event will be May 3rd and 4th. Information was included in the April newsletter and details about accessing the program will be emailed to members on Monday after the guild meeting.

2nd Vice President/Program: Kerry Cogen

Kerry will need a final decision Sunday night about showing the CHQ challenge quilts at the Oaks exhibit again this year. She is willing to organize and take them but will wait to see what kind of response there is at the guild meeting. Gina suggested photographing and identifying each of the quilts and their makers on Sunday in order to make organizing them for Oaks easier.

In addition, Gina suggested that details about the May auction and the bidding process be shared at the guild meeting. Sara asked about what type of donated items are wanted or unwanted. Gina explained that lesser items are often grouped or bundled together.

Secretary: Donna Slovak No report.

Archivist: Gina Krejsa No report.

Boutique: (on hold) It was agreed that CHQ would start accepting boutique donations again. All items will be accepted but the guild will need to sort them *before* they are put in the storage unit. CHQ will discern what items are suitable for sale and/or use. They will be categorized - keep, toss or donate. Gina pointed out that the guild is actually providing a community service to families who are grieving the loss of a quilter or sewist by accepting their donations. Lysa reached out to Janet about boutique items currently in the storage unit and those leftover after the quilt show. Lysa will go to the storage unit to retrieve any items that could potentially be sold at the May auction. She will ask for volunteers to help and will publish the dates she plans to go. Sara asked that at the guild meeting an explanation be given about boutique donations versus auction donations and the differences between them. Lysa agreed to share details. She will also explain that at the 4H Fair there will be a smaller *variety* of items sold but not fewer total items.

Charity & Outreach: Cheryl Dennis

Proceeds from quilts sold at the 4H Fair will be split 50/50 between CHQ and Safe Harbor. Cheryl will ask Barbara Slaton if she will help with the Caring Hearts Quilts again. Gina added that the Shadfest posters are also considered charity and 18 posters were made by guild members this year. She will try to bring a sales dollar amount to Sunday's meeting.

Circulation: Jan Hunold

Jan said a new member was upset about not receiving the April newsletter. Jan requested that if the most recent newsletter has just gone out and then a new member joins, if Membership could send this person the most recent CHQ email and newsletter. Sara pointed out that the new member mentioned has not yet submitted a new membership form with all of her contact information.

Fundraising Ad Hoc: Lysa Martinelli

A meeting is scheduled for 4/30. Kerry, Jan, Gina and Lysa are on the committee.

Hospitality:

New co chairs Gretta and Margaretanne will start in May. Donna will get the anniversary cake for this Sunday. She will bring hospitality supplies and be available to answer any questions.

Membership: Sara Mlynarchek

There are currently 81 members. Sara will bring her computer to the meeting Sunday to edit and update any of the members' information. There was discussion about various board members needing to access the most updated member roster for workshops, emails etc. It was agreed that there needs to be one single central source for an updated distribution list on the google drive that is accessible to board members but separate from the Membership files. Sara asked what happens to paper copies of the membership forms after they have been entered into the

database. Cathie said that in the past she saved them for a while to be sure they were correct and then discarded them.

Newsletter & Photographer: Al Accettola

Information goes to Lysa this month.

Nominating Committee: Cass Garner, Joan Lasota and Kathy Stewart. No report.

Publicity: Dyan Rosario (not present)

CHQ information has been added to the WDVR community calendar.

Raffle Quilt Construction: Juliet Leonard

The last border will soon be put on. Juliet will bring the quilt to the meeting Sunday for review. Laura has the backing and will longarm the quilt. Since the sales start in December there is plenty of time to quilt it, bind it and have it appraised. Juliet asked if the quilt could be displayed and tickets sold at the Oaks PA show. Gina yes, but that the guild would be required to provide white glove service for the *entire* quilt show. In the past the guild did not feel it was worthwhile given the number of hours and volunteers required. The person who takes on the role of Raffle Quilt Sales Event Coordinator will need to discern what venues are best suited for ticket sales.

Raffle Quilt Ticket Distribution and Administration: Gina Krejsa

Raffle Quilt Sales Event Coordinator: Open position

4H Fair Quilt Show: Lysa Martinelli & Barbara Fusco

Plans are on track and the 4H Fair Center has been informed who from CHQ will be handling it. Barbara stated that Sharon Weatherford from the Hunterdon County Quilt Guild handled some of the initial 4H information for CHQ. Two judges have been lined up for the show. Volunteer sign ups will begin soon.

Quilt Show 2026 Co-Chairs: Lysa Martinelli & open position. No report.

Web Presence: Cathie Giambalvo

Cathie mocked up a sample google website that she feels works well. It would be free but does not include a payment option. She said that it provides a good space for CHQ to move to when the current website elapses and that better website options could still be considered in the future. Lysa pointed out that the current website tracking seems to indicate that most of the traffic comes from CHQ members. Cathie said that future payment for membership could potentially be made through Paypal. Program fees could be managed through Signup Genius.

A motion to adjourn was made by Al and seconded by Juliet. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20.



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

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.

For the even numbered months newsletter send all of your articles news, photos and other newsworthy items to Al.

For the odd numbered months send your information to Lysa.

Courthouse Quilters Guild Board

President - Lysa Martinelli

First Vice President – Barbara Fusco

Second Vice President— Kerry Cogan
& Programs

Secretary - Donna Slovak

Treasurer - Patty Gertz

Charity and Outreach- Cheryl Dennis

Circulation - Jan Hunold

Archivist - Regina Krejsa

Hospitality - Greta Casella & Margaretanne Reina

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Quilt Show –

Raffle Quilt Design and Creation Juliet Leonard

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Boutique - OPEN

4H Fair - Barbara Fusco & Lysa Martinelli

Nominating: Joan Lasota, Cass Garner, Kathy Stewart