

Courthouse Quilters Guild Newsletter

December 2020

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**December ZOOM Meeting
6:30 PM**

**“Holiday Treats and
Treasures”**



Program News

Program News!

Guild Meeting: “Holiday Treats and Treasures”

Date: Sunday-December 20, 2020

Time: 6:30pm



Description:

Nothing's going to stop US! Since we can't meet in person we can still enjoy a holiday gathering with our friends virtually. Grab your “Holiday Treats” and settle in for an evening with friends. We are asking everyone to send a pic (if possible) to Ellen ellheath@gmail.com of a person, place, thing, memory, ritual that is meaningful to you especially around the holidays. It can be an ornament, a family heirloom, decoration, table runner...anything handmade or a memory, ritual, story, music, person, etc. We hope everyone will participate. It's one more way to get to know fellow CHQ quilters a little better.

BONUS! Here's a chance for you to wear that ugly holiday sweater that's been hidden away in the closet. Dig it out!



January

Workshop: “Chevon Star...or Not”

Instructor: David Sirota

Date: Sunday-January 17, 2021

Time: 10:00 am- 4:00pm

Cost: \$20 (after reimbursement)

Sign up NOW! (Class limited to 24!)



Description:

This is a great workshop for traditional or modern quilters...the look of the quilt changes depending on the fabrics used.

How to sign up for workshop:

Sign up on Dave Sirota’s website:

<https://www.quiltmavendave.com/>

Instructions:

1. Click link or go to website.
2. Scroll down to January 17th (.THAT’s our CHQ class!)
3. Pay \$40.00 for the class through this website
4. Contact Cass Garner (cassgarner1@gmail.com) for reimbursement (CHQ will reimburse *members* \$20.00, *you must let Cass know when you have signed up in order to be reimbursed!*)

For More Information about Class:

<https://www.quiltmavendave.com/copy-of-upcoming-virtual-classes>

Workshop Prep:

This is important! **BEFORE Class Prep**

Link to materials and prep before class:

<https://www.quiltmavendave.com/copy-of-card-trick>

Instructor’s Webpage:

<https://www.quiltmavendave.com>

Questions:

Contact cassgarner1@gmail.com

February

Workshop:

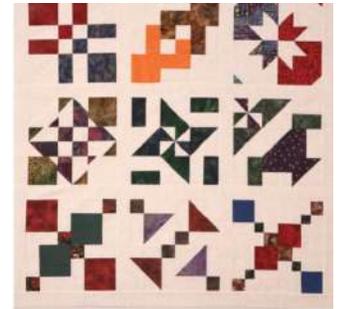
“Making Magic, A Disappearing Block Sampler Quilt”

Instructor: Brita Nelson

Date: Sunday- February 14, 2021

Time: 10:00am-4:00pm

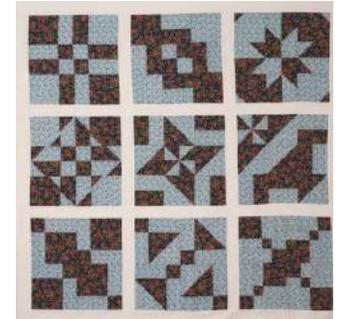
Cost: \$20 plus Pattern Cost \$8 (with discount code) (reg \$10)



Sign up NOW! (Class Limited to 20!)

Description:

This 6 hour workshop will be structured similar to a “sew along”. There are 9 blocks and Brita will teach each one in turn. Brita has 2 cameras, one will be on her and the sewing machine and one pointing straight down at the cutting mat and pressing surface. She’ll demonstrate how to make the block along with little tips on accurate piecing and pressing. The students will then follow along and take turns showing the class how their block came out. The Zoom features allow me to answer questions immediately and help anyone who might be having a little trouble. As some students finish before others, Brita will show other possible layouts and talk about things like how to enlarge the pattern, or use different colors and how these blocks might look in a finished quilt.



How to sign up for workshop:

On CHQ Website>Program/Workshop page

<http://www.courthousequilters.org/2021-programs--workshops---events.html>

(Class confirmation and workshop links will come in an email)

How to purchase Pattern:

1. Go to Brita’s Nelson website and purchase “Making Magic, A Disappearing Block Sampler Quilt” 39 x 39 (pattern is a downloadable pdf file)

<https://questioningquilter.com/shop/>

2. Use Discount Code; “**courthouse**” for 20% off.

More Information:

Check out <https://questioningquilter.com/> to see more examples of what you can do with these blocks.

Questions:

Contact cassgarner1@gmail.com

Instructor’s Website:

<https://questioningquilter.com>

Program Calendar

December 2020

Evening: Holiday Aoom Celebration-"Holiday Treats and Treasures"

1. Send holiday picture to Ellen of a place, thing, memory, ritual that is meaningful to you, before Dec 15th.
2. Wear that ugly holiday sweater that's been hidden away in the closet!
3. Grab your "holiday Treats" and settle in for an evening with friends.

January 17

Workshop: David Sirota, "Scrappy Chevron Star .. or not"

Evening: David Sirota

Feb 21, 2021

Workshop: (10am to 4pm) Brita Nelson
"Making Magic, A Disappearing Block Sampler Quilt"

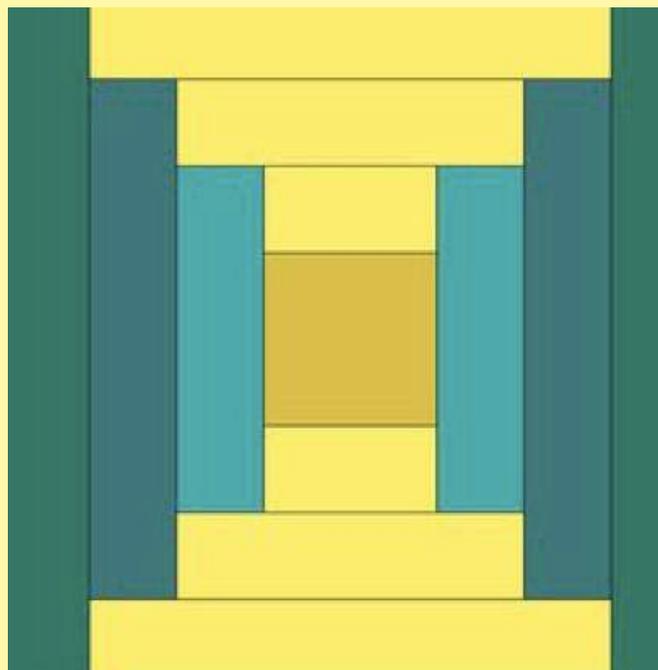
Evening: Brita Nelson

March 21, 2021

(10am to 4pm) Sew Social - Baby Quilt

"Sewial" details TBA

Evening Lecture TBA



President's Letter

Hello, Quilters,

This is my last letter to you as the president of the guild, and I must say that these two years were not what I (or anyone else) expected. I thought that the biggest event of my presidency would be our show in 2020, and that was the one big thing that DIDN'T happen!

Instead, we moved from Darcy Lodge to our new location at the Hunterdon County Center, got ourselves a storage unit, explored other venues for upcoming shows, and faced a world-wide pandemic that made Zoomers of those of us who had never heard of Zoom before.



I cannot begin to express my appreciation to everyone in the guild who did the hard work of making all of these things happen while maintaining our friendships and good humor. Some folks must be named, though. First in line is Cass Garner, who reached out to and negotiated with some of the best speakers and workshop presenters we have ever had. Although our meetings are not the same, I know that we look forward to them with anticipation each month and haven't been disappointed.

I also want to thank Andrea Cavallaro, who connected us with the folks at Hunterdon County and helped us move to a superior venue at no cost! Andrea also found us the best possible storage unit for safety and price while serving as our treasurer.

Patty Gertz, with her team of Cass Garner, Joan Lasota, and Alice Sprenger considered 26 venues for our quilt shows, narrowed those down to three, and presented a detailed report. Their work led us to see that, although imperfect, the Prallsville Mills

Sunshine and Shadows

If you know of anyone who could use a little cheering up, please contact the Corresponding Secretary, Claire Coakley. She will send them a card on behalf of the Guild.

are cost effective as well as atmospheric, and we have made the decision to have our 2022 show in that location again.

Cathie Giambalvo, Joan Lasota, and Andrea Cavallaro worked to be sure that any member interested in running for office had a chance to do so, and we now have a stellar group of new officers set to go in January.

Cathie Giambalvo, Albert Accettola and Stephanie Greenberg have kept us connected: Cathie through our website and Facebook page, Al with his beautiful newsletters, and Stephanie by making sure that communications went out to us all.

Camille Quinton reached out to our current members and welcomed new members with her warmth and welcoming attitude. She worked with Cathie to allow us to pay our dues online. She and Andrea also weathered the storm of cancelling our 2020 show, a painful decision for all, but clearly the right one.

Alice Sprenger worked to coordinate our mask-making and created a report that showed the extensive contributions that our members made to keeping our community and others far and wide safe from Covid.

Dana Balsamo, our very own auctioneer, ran our most successful UFO auction by far and allowed us to make a wonderful donation to Safe in Hunterdon.

The entire board has been constructive and hard-working through all of these decisions (and more than once kept me from going off the rails). Thank you to Cass Garner, Joanne Gardner, Penny Armagost, Patricia Crowell, Claire Coakley, Andrea Cavallaro, Camille Quinton, Albert Accettola, Jude McCormick, Joan Lasota, Brielle Cordingley, Stephanie Greenberg, and Cathie Giambalvo.

I know that I speak for all of us when I thank every member who has stuck with us through all of these changes. We love to see your faces on Zoom and look forward to the time when our guild, still strong, still filled with spirit, will be able to meet in person again.

All the best,
Ellen

A PLAN FOR SHOW & TELL AT OUR MEETINGS

We all love Show & Tell, but sometimes it is hard for us to see each other's creations clearly in the Zoom format. For our October meeting, we are going to try something new: Show & Tell using a pre-made Powerpoint. In this way, we can fill the screen with your photo as you speak to the group.

If you have something to show, please send a clear photo to me as an email attachment. Feel free to take both a full shot and a close-up of a detail – or even a video if you can make one small enough to send as an email attachment. If you get your photo to me by the day before the meeting, I will include it in the Powerpoint. For the upcoming meeting, please get your photo(s) to me by Saturday, October 17.

Of course, we would never turn away a Show & Tell. If you forget or don't know how to send a photo, you may still show your creation at the meeting right after the Powerpoint.

Please send your photos to ellheath@gmail.com, and also contact me with questions, comments, or concerns.

Ellen Heath



MEMBERSHIP NEWS NOVEMBER 2020

The changing season brings the crisp air and brilliant colors of autumn. This year I find it especially inspiring and uplifting, and such a welcome respite from the dulling sameness of pandemic life.

CHQ meetings and workshops, and catching up with friends are the highlights of each month. I encourage you to zoom with us monthly, take a CHQ sponsored workshop, and just call, picnic lunch, or zoom with your sewing friends.

NEW MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENT

CHQ members, please give a warm welcome to our newest member, Shari D'Amico. Her friend Dyan R. invited her to join.

And, please welcome back Karen Davis and Liz Menzie. Karen and Liz have rejoined after a few years away from CHQ. I am so glad they can enjoy the gifts of the guild through zoom.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME ----- IT'S ONLINE! ----- RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP FOR 2021!

Go to www.courthousequilters.org, click Membership, click Renewals. Follow the instructions to pay online, by credit or debit card. It is quick and easy!

Or you can renew the traditional way, by sending your dues check to the Membership chair – me! Please contact me to let me know you are going low tech!

For the foreseeable future, CHQ will be meeting once a month by Zoom.

The Zoom meeting link is sent to members one week prior to the monthly meeting. Beginning February 1, 2021, only members paid in full will receive the Zoom link email or other CHQ emails.

Please renew your membership for 2021 no later than the January meeting (as per CHQ bylaws).

Details are on the website, but if you have any questions, please contact me.

E: camquinton@gmail.com

EMPTY SPOOLS CONTEST ---- DRAWING TO BE HELD AT THE DECEMBER MEETING

With all the mask making, quilting creating, and hopefully, UFO finishing that has been going on since March, we expect most of you have a pile of empty thread spools. Get ready to make them useful again!

At the start of the December meeting, show your pile (just for the fun of seeing all those spools!) and tell us how many empty spools you have (we trust you!!!) We will hold a drawing at the end of the meeting to call the winners. What are the prizes? Find out at the December meeting.

As always, if you have any questions about your membership in CHQ, please contact me. Keep well, keep safe, keep on stitchin' and creating!!

Camille Quinton
CHQ Membership Chair

A NOTE FROM A MEMBER

Traditionally many people put candles in their windows during the holiday season. A candle in the window is a welcoming sight on a bleak winter's night. Wouldn't it be wonderful if people in NJ (in apartments, homes and businesses) put candles in all their front facing windows as a sign of hope that we will get through this pandemic together? Better to light a candle than curse the darkness

Chris Englehart

Chris does not have email, so if you would like to contact her, please call her by phone (check your roster for her contact info).

Members on Display

Mary Rigby

I am very excited to share that my quilt, Goshen Pond Tranquility, has been accepted into the In My Mind exhibit that will be in the 2020 Virtual International Quilt Festival. The show can be viewed December 3-5 online here: <https://www.quilts.com/quilt-festival/virtual-quilt-festival/class-information/>.

Sew-er's Retreat

Monday - Thursday

February 8-11, 2021

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

Location ---St. Francis Retreatouse (www.stfrancisretreatouse.org) 3918 Chipman Road, Easton, PA.
Covid-19 safety restrictions in place by facility. Occupancy limited as per state requirements.

Private room, private bath, and 9 meals. Large 2000 sq ft. well lit sewing room with window wall and adjacent courtyard. 8 foot table all to yourself. Bedrooms, dining and sewing room in connecting wings, elevators available. Local fabric stores. You may arrive at 11am on Monday and leave after lunch on Thursday around 2 pm. Included in price is lodging, dinner on Monday night and all other meals through lunch on Thursday. Coffee/tea service available from 7am to 10pm.... And, of course, any snacks we bring to share. Alcohol is permitted. Linens are provided. 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 January 5, 2021 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 ldlinallen@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 _____

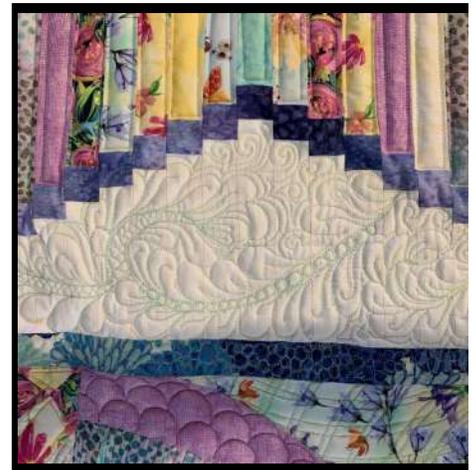
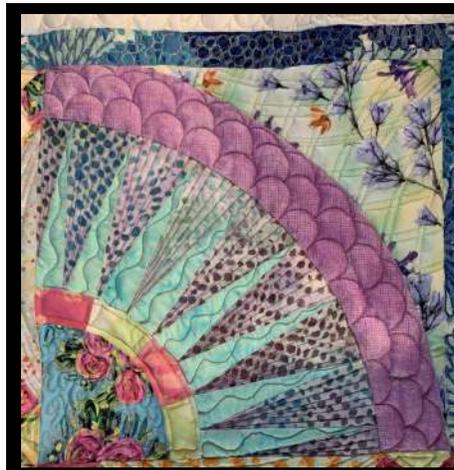
2 nights (private room/ private bath - 6 meals) \$210 _____

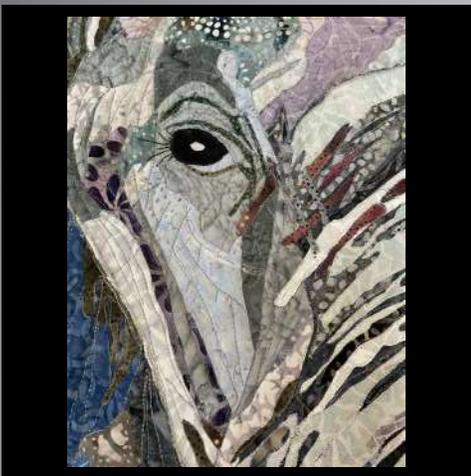
Mon-Tues nights ____ Tues -Wed nights _____

Non-refundable deposit enclosed \$30 _____ **Balance due January 27, 2021** or send Full Payment now _____

Check if you have a particular meal requirement: gluten free ____ vegetarian ____ no dairy ____ no fish _____

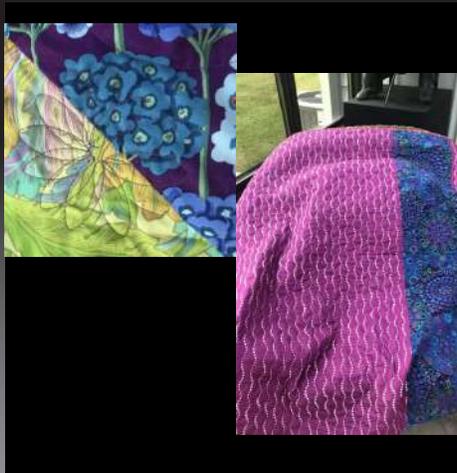
Show and Tell October 2020



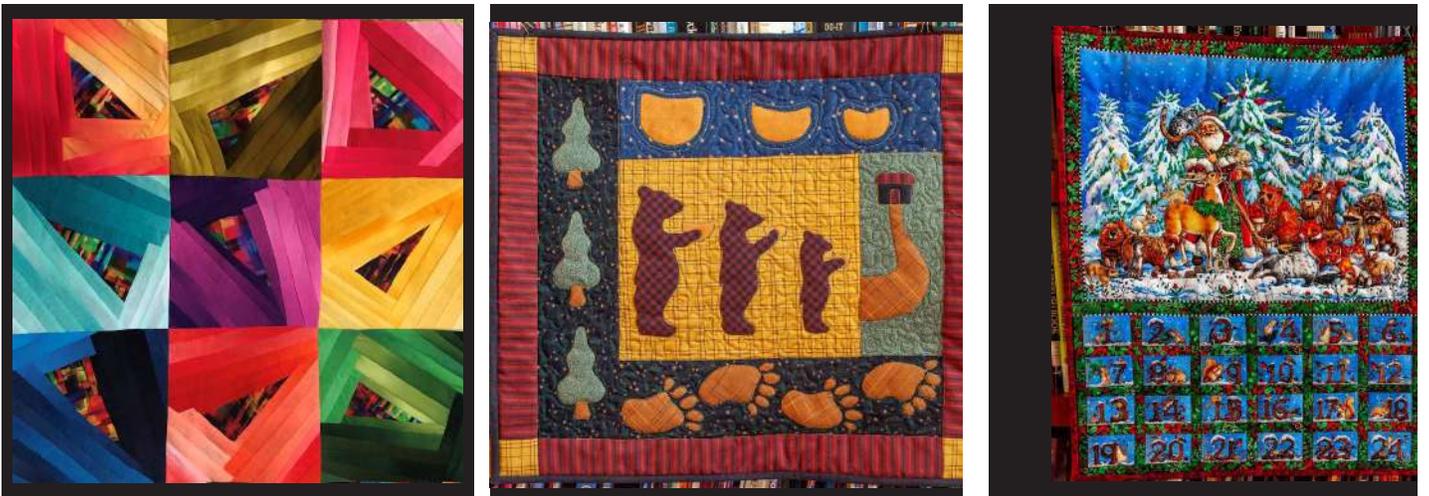
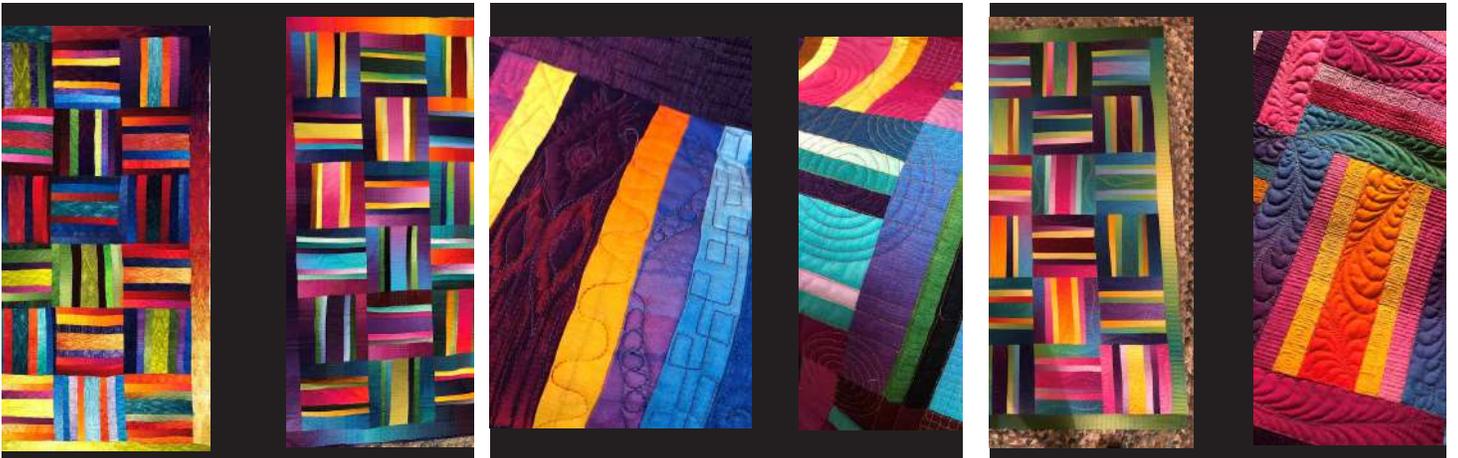


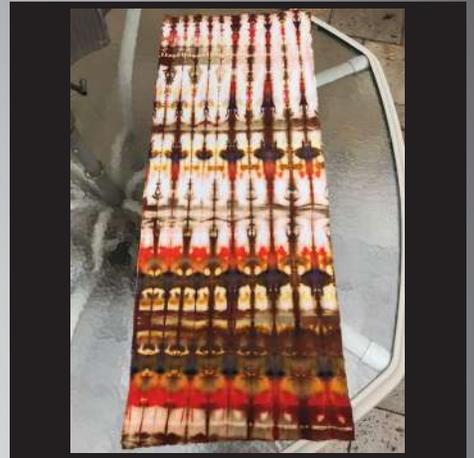
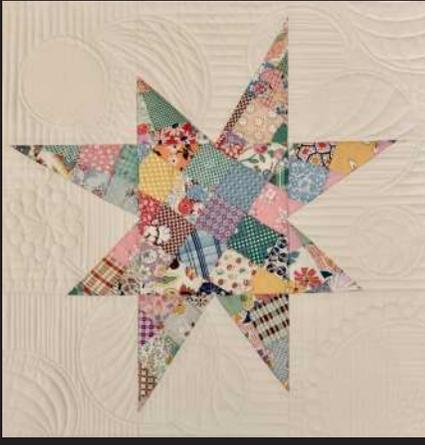
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 in Embroidered silk
 Visit our website at www.shibori.com
 This garment is entirely hand made and each will vary slightly.
 Every dyed pattern is unique and is the property of the artist and
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Show and Tell November 2020





As we have had to postpone the Quilts in the Mill show until 2022 the vendors who have supported us will lose out on any sales they might have made at the show.

We can support them now by ordering items from them whenever possible.

Below, is a list of our vendors with links to their online sale sites (when available.)

Show vendors:

Pat Farace	Glorious Colors	Material Pleasures
Ferris wheel Design	249 East Second Street	Dana Balsamo
34 Avalon Way	Moorestown, NJ. 08057	Guild Member
Watertown, NJ. 08758	Gloriouscolors.com	materialpleasures.com
She has quilts and fabrics to sell	Olde City Quilts	
	339 High Street	
	Burlington, NJ. 08016	
DWR Woodworking	oldecetyquilts.com	
David Reiner	Quilters Obsession	
137 N. Tamarind Avenue	Box 233	
New Britain, Pa. 18901	Flagtown, NJ. 08821	
Dwrwood.com	Qultersobsession.com	
Cynthia Busic-Snyder	Stone Row Studio	
Duchess Froufrou	283 Little Mexico Road	
Box 422	Saylorsburg, PA. 18353	
Morrisville, NY. 13408		
Duchessfroufrou.storenvy.com		
Stitch Central	Divine Threads	
2339 Huntington Pike	8414 Hobnail Road	
Huntington Valley, Pa. 19006	Manlius, NY. 13082	
Mystitchcentral.com	Etsy.com/shop/DivineThreadsLLC	
	Facebook.com/mcamom96/	

MINIS IN THE MILL

One of the successful fundraisers held during our CHQ biennial quilt show has been a raffle of mini quilts

made by the guild members. The raffle is conducted in tricky-tray fashion, with the drawing on the

afternoon of the last day of the show. It's a great opportunity for members, other quilters and non-quilters to take a chance at taking home a small piece(s) of quilted art made by CHQ members.

In the past we've raffled 50-60 mini quilts per show.

Please consider making at least one Mini for our October Courthouse Quilters Guild Show.

Here are the rules for Mini construction:

1. Your Mini can represent any theme and can be traditional, modern or an art quilt, either from a pattern
or your own creation.
2. Your Mini can be as small as 6"x6" (minimum) or as large as 24"x24" (maximum).
3. No cheater cloth.
4. Your Mini can be machine or hand quilted; no tied quilts.
5. Your Mini should have a label with quilt title (optional), your name, county, state, date and Courthouse Quilters. That way the lucky winner will know all about their new quilt and who made it. It's not necessary to add a hanging sleeve.
6. Your Mini must be handed in by no later than the September meeting. This will give the committee time to photograph the Minis and finalize other details.

Minis can be given to Mary Rigby or Joan Lasota at any guild meeting . If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us.

Mary Rigby (908-303-5906) maryrigby@comcast.net

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

Thank you!

September Board Meeting

Minutes

Minutes of September 20, 2020

Board of Directors

Courthouse Quilters

In attendance:

Ellen Heath; Andrea C; Penny A; Albert; Cathie G; Judith M; Patty G; Cass G; Stephanie G; Brielle; Camille; Joan L

Ellen called the meeting to order at 5:30

Motion to approve August, 2020 minutes—Moved by AI, seconded by Andrea, voted to approve, passed with condition that minutes will be amended with correction—”should all email be saved and filed”

Ellen suggested a new way to do show and tell. Members will send Ellen pictures of their projects by emails in advance. Ellen will create a power point of them to show. Members will talk about their own project when it comes into view. There will also be opportunity to show last minute items.

Board is in agreement that people with no technology capabilities will be able to receive a hard copy of the newsletter.

Reports

Cass-Program the following programs are scheduled

October-Mary Rigby and Cathy Giambalvo

November- Big Leaf- Pat Pauly -filled

December- still being worked on

Joan nominating committee report will be given by Cathie.

Cathie reported that election will follow guild by-laws. The election will be held through email format over a month's time. Andrea and Joan will receive the votes, they will tally them by Saturday night and announce winners on Sunday evening. Candidates will have an opportunity to say 1 or 2 sentences.

Patty said this will follow state of NJ laws. She also suggested that we need to keep track of who has voted.

Camille suggested we start 2024 raffle quilt in 2021. The timing will be better than waiting until 2023.

Camille made a motion to form a raffle quilt committee for 2021 to have quilt ready for 2024 quilt show. Seconded by Cathie. Unanimously passed.

Camille gave membership report.

Alice Marcy suggested we get on a list from a quilt shop that donates materials that they receive.

AI- there is a newsletter this month.

Stephanie spoke about masks for Home Front

Motion to adjourn made by Stephanie, seconded by Andrea. Meeting adjourned at 6:28

Minutes respectfully submitted by Penny Armagost

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALL CHQ MASKETEERS!!!

Please save a sample of each type of mask you are making for a special display at our next Quilts in the Mill show.

Nominating Committee Election Report

The CHQ Nominating Committee (Andrea Cavallaro, Cathie Giambalvo, Joan Lasota) wishes to thank everyone who volunteered for consideration for the Executive Board positions.

As was mentioned during the November monthly meeting, the results for both the Recording Secretary and Corresponding Secretary positions were extremely close. Thank you to all CHQ members who took the time to support CHQ with their vote.

The following will be the Executive Board for 2021/22. Good luck ladies and thank you for your dedication to our wonderful guild!

President - Cathie Giambalvo

1st Vice President - Joanne Gardner

2nd Vice President - Jude McCormick (will become 1st VP in 2022)

Treasurer - Patty Gertz

Recording Secretary - Laura Kohl

Corresponding Secretary - Kerry Cogan

CHQ Library

The re-envisioned library:

Our guild library currently consists of approximately 100 books, (culled from 450) and 36 rulers. Since there is no closet space in our new location, the process of borrowing is a little different.

To facilitate the use of the library during quarantine, we are implementing new procedures.

First, access the online catalog at <https://www.librarything.com/catalog/courthousequilters>

- 1) Search for your book, **including the keyword 2020** and any other keywords you like. 2020 insures that the book is in the current library.
- 2) If you find a book you'd like, email Patty Gertz at patty.gertz@gmail.com . She will make sure the book isn't signed out to someone else, then she will respond with directions of where the storage unit is and how to access it.
- 3) You are then free to get the book yourself, or Patty will meet you at the storage unit if you'd rather. If you get the book yourself, please email Patty and she will sign it out to you.
- 4) You may keep the book as long as you need it.
There are no library fines.

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Flemington, NJ 08822

CHQ
30th Anniversary
Needle Nanny



limited edition,
custom designed for CHQ

magnetic to hold needles --
loop for glasses or attach a scissor

\$10 members
\$12 non members



Courthouse Quilters Guild Board

President - Ellen Heath

First Vice President – Cass Garner

Second Vice President—Joann Gardner

Recording Secretary - Penny Armagost

Corresponding Secretary - Claire Coakley

Treasurer - Andrea Cavallaro

Charity - Position open

Circulation - Stephanie Greenberg

Historian - Position open

Hospitality - Cathie Giambalvo, Carol Esch, Brielle Cord-ingley, Jill Ferrari

Librarian - Patty Gertz

Licensing - Joanne Gardner

Membership - Camille Quinton

Newsletter –Al Accettola

Photographer - Al Accettola

Publicity - Joan Lasota

Quilt Show – Camille Quinton

Raffle Quilt Design and Creation Brielle Cordingley and Jude McCormick

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.

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 Ellen.