

Courthouse Quilters Guild Newsletter

April 2025

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April 27, 2025

Charity Sew-in: “Quilts of Valor” 1 - 5 pm

Evening Program: 6:30 pm

**Anniversary Party
2025 CHQ Challenge**

Location:

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

Courthouse Quilters President's Letter

Happy April! Hopefully we don't get too many "April Showers" but if we do it's ok because who doesn't love "May Flowers".

March was a good month for me with quilting and creating. It was a month of making many blocks for various projects but of course not one complete project. My daughter-in-law also introduced me to decoupage wine bottles and now I have another fun hobby. I celebrated International Quilting Day on the 15th by spending the day in my happy place sewing which is always a great way to spend a day. The month ended with a three day quilting retreat that was so much fun and again I made many blocks for a project rather than completing one of my many-many unfinished projects. A highlight of March was the Sea Glass Quilt workshop led by Juliet. This was a fun project and she made it so easy to do with her video that gave inspiration examples. I hope you also had a fun and creative month.

In April the workshop will be to make Quilts of Valor blocks and it is a free workshop. Included with this newsletter are several patterns if you would like to make some blocks in advance of the workshop or if you are not able to attend the workshop and would like to participate by making blocks. The goal is to make quilts for QOV to present to veterans. If you would like information about the Quilts of Valor program their website is: <https://www.qovf.org/>.

Items of interest in this Newsletter are:

- Upcoming Programs
- How to Submit your Challenge Entry
- New Process on How to Register and Pay for a Workshop
- Global Quilt Connection All Star Sample Platter - May 3 and 4
- Guild Meeting Dates

I hope to see you at the April meeting for the challenge reveal and celebrating the guild's anniversary.

Lysa Martinelli

President@CourthouseQuilters.org


Upcoming Meetings

Board Meeting - ZOOM (all members welcome)

Date/Time: Thursday, April 24, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

Guild Workshop & Meeting

Date/Time: Sunday, April 27, 2025 (4th Sunday of the month)

- Workshop: 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.
 - Meeting: 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
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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:

- April 27, 2025 (4th Sunday)
- May 18, 2025
- 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



The Global Quilt Connection All-Star Sampler Platter will be held on Saturday, May 3 and Sunday, May 4 at 3:00 to 6:00 pm each day. The guild has signed up to participate in the live virtual program. Each day there will be nine - 15 minute demonstrations by Global Quilt Connection teachers. The viewing links will be available for 72 hours after the live events.

Eighteen Amazing Teachers!
Eighteen Amazing Demonstrations!
Something to please every kind of quilter!

The viewing link and workbook will be sent in an email the week prior to the live event. The link is for CHQ current members only and should not be shared with non-members.

Program

April 27, 2025

****Workshop****

*Charity Sew-in:
Quilts of Valor*
Location: Rt 12 County
Complex
Time: 1:00 - 5:00
FREE

****Evening Program****

2025 CHQ Challenge
Location: Rt 12 County
Complex

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Courthouse Quilters Guild Program

Workshop

Charity Sew-in - we will be working on quilt tops for Quilts of Valor in support of the Hunterdon County Group. Please bring red, white, and blue fabrics, sewing machines and supplies! Sign up here: [CHQ April Charity Sew In - Quilts of Valor](#)



Evening Program

Courthouse Quilters will present their creations for this year's challenge at our 37th Anniversary Celebration.



Note: If you would like to make blocks in advance to the workshop - attached are four patterns.

May 18, 2025

****Workshop****

UFO Auction & Picnic
With auctioneer Dana
Balsamo

Location: Rt 12 County
Complex

Time: 3:00 - 6:30

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Courthouse Quilters Guild Program

Workshop

Come have fun and bid on abandoned projects to take home and complete.



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****

TBD

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Courthouse Quilters Guild Program

Workshop

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

This is a hands on workshop, stay tuned for details.



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](#)



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.

2025 Anniversary Challenge

Musical Inspiration

The April 27th Guild Meeting is the 2025 Challenge "Musical Inspiration" reveal and our 37th Anniversary Celebration. It is a highlight each year to see what has been created and how members have interpreted the theme of the challenge.

Participation Information:

- Challenge submission is due at the April 27th guild meeting
- Drop off is 4:30 - 5:30 pm
- Place your submission in a pillowcase or bag with your name on the outside
- Print out and complete the submission form (2 copies), place one copy without your name on it inside the bag, and hand in a second copy with your name written on it
- [Submission Form](#)

2025 CHQ Anniversary Challenge

Musical Inspirations

What song/artist/lyric did you reference?

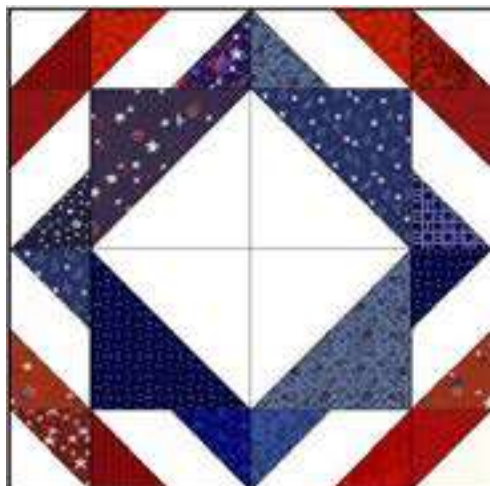
Did you design the piece yourself?

Is any part of the submission not done by you? Please note pattern, designer or who helped you and how.

Tell us about your creation. What was your inspiration?



Quilt Examples for Quilts of Valor



“Courage”

By Persimmon Quilts

Courage Block 12 1/2" Unfinished

Fabrics & Cutting: **SCRAP IT UP!**

White: (2) 5" squares, draw a diagonal line on wrong side
(2) 3" squares - draw diagonal line on wrong side
(8) 2 1/2" x 4 1/2"

BLUE: (2) 5" squares
(8) 2 1/2" squares - draw diagonal line on wrong side

RED: (2) 3" squares
(8) 2 1/2" squares - draw a diagonal line on wrong side

Sewing Instructions:

Make Half Square Triangles (HST) by placing (1) 3" WHITE square on top of (1) 3" RED square, right sides together. Stitch 1/4" on each side of line. Cut apart on line, and press to Red.

Make Half Square Triangles (HST) by placing (1) 5" WHITE square on top of (1) BLUE square, right sides together. Stitch 1/4" on each side of line. Cut apart on line, and press to Blue.

Square up to 2 1/2"



Make 4



Square up to 4 1/2"



Make 4



Place (1) 2 1/2" RED square on one end
(1) 2 1/2" x 4 1/2" WHITE strip, as
shown. Sew on line. Cut 1/4" seam
allowance, and flip back and press.



Make 4



Repeat process on opposite end of 2
1/2" x 4 1/2" strip, using (1) 2 1/2" BLUE
square, being careful of placement. Flip
back and press.



Make 4 "A"



Repeat above process, but reversing direction of sewn 2 1/2" square, as shown:



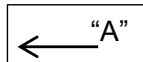
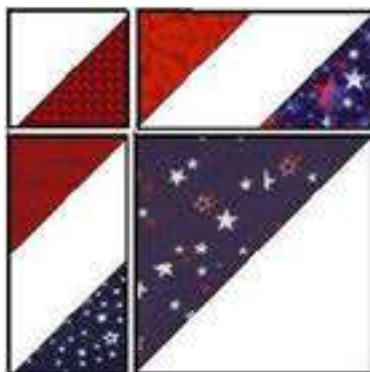
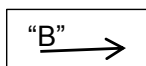
Make 4



Make 4 "B"



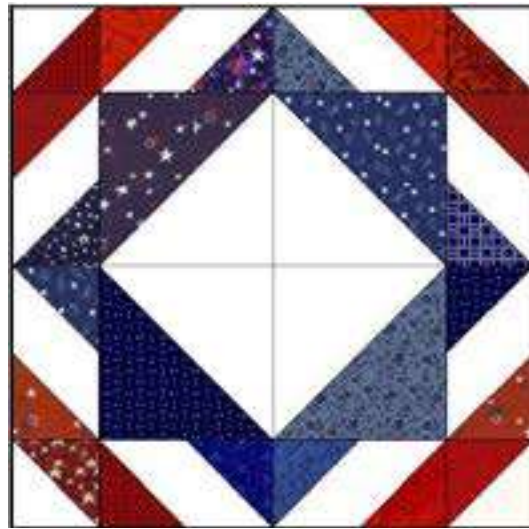
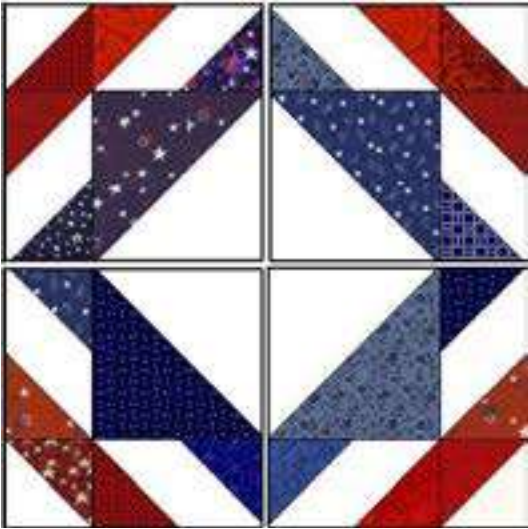
Assemble your quad unit as shown:



Make 4

Block Assembly:

Assemble your block using (4) Quad units, rotating until unit is as shown below.



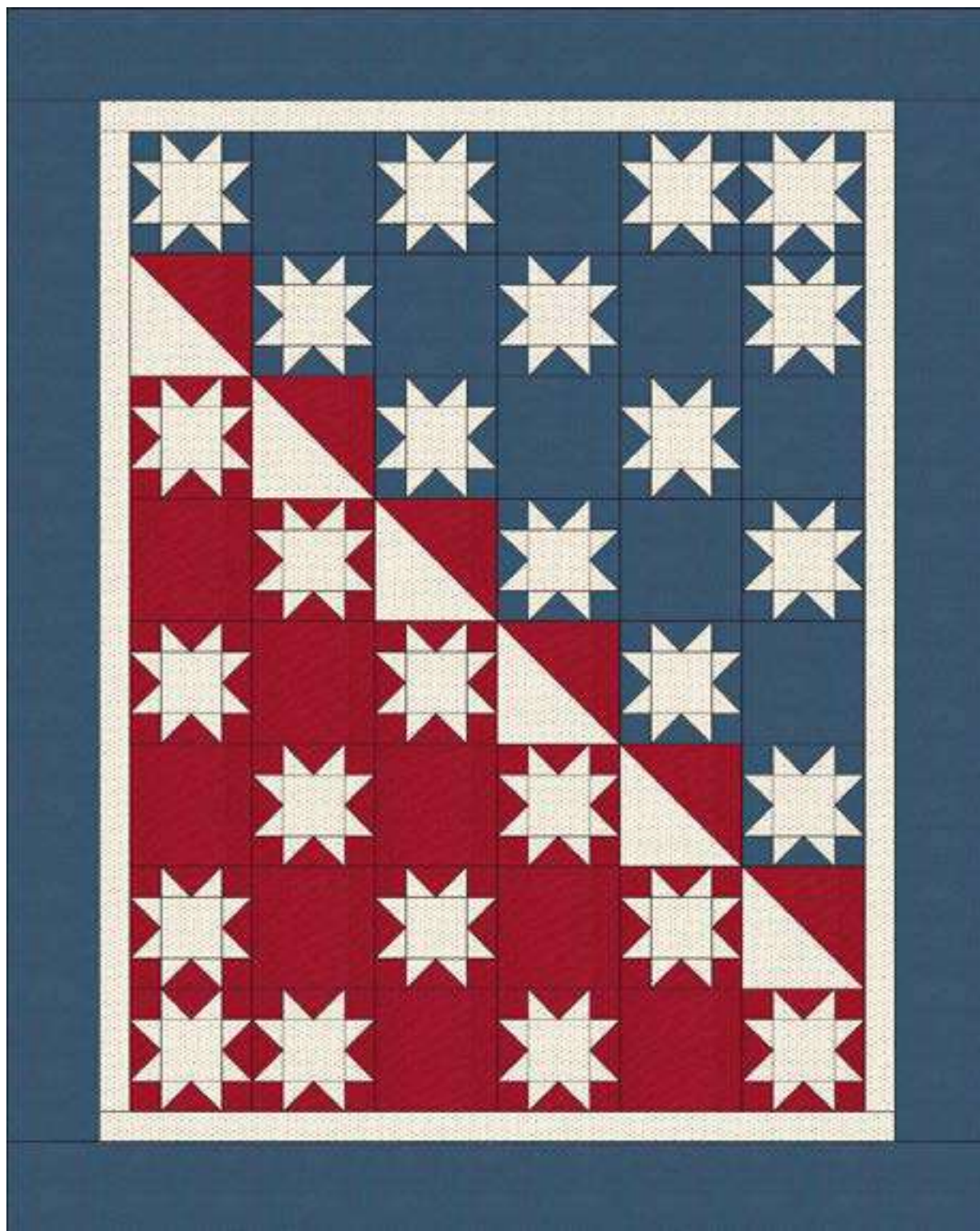
Your block should measure 12 1/2" Unfinished

Here is what a finished quilt (62x62) might look like - using 16 blocks, with a 2"(unfinished) inner border, and a 5 1/2" (unfinished) border:



Repeat above process, but reversing direction of sewn 2 1/2" square, as shown:

Delbert's Glory QOV



Finishes 64 ½" x 80 ½"

Delbert's Glory QOV

Red – 1 5/8 yards

1. Cut 1 strip 9". Cut into 3 squares 9".
2. Cut 2 strips 8 1/2". Cut into 8 Squares 8 1/2".
3. Cut 2 strips 5 1/2". Cut 13 squares 5 1/2".
4. Cut 5 strips 2 1/2". Cut into 52 squares 2 1/2".

White – 2 3/4 yards

1. Cut 1 strip 9". Cut into 3 squares 9".
2. Cut 6 strips 7". Cut into 26 squares 7".
3. Cut 4 strips 4 1/2". Cut into 26 squares 4 1/2".
4. Cut 7 strips 2 1/2" for 1st border.

Blue – 3 1/2 yards

1. Cut 2 strips 8 1/2". Cut into 8 squares 8 1/2".
2. Cut 2 strips 5 1/2". Cut into 13 squares 5 1/2".
3. Cut 5 strips 2 1/2". Cut into 52 squares 2 1/2".
4. Cut 8 strips 6 1/2" for 2nd border.
5. Cut 8 strips 2 1/4" for binding.

Backing

72" x 88" piece or 5 yards (2 pieces 2 1/2 yards x 2)

Sewing Instructions

1. Make flying geese with 13 white squares 7" and 13 blue squares 5 1/2".
 - a. Draw a diagonal line corner to corner on back of blue squares.
 - b. Place the blue square rights sides together with the 7" white squares. They will be placed in center with 3/4" of white showing on all sides.
 - c. Sew scant 1/4" on both sides of line.
 - d. Cut apart on line. Press to white.
 - e. Place squares right sides together to match the sides, not the center. Match blue to white side and white side to blue.

There will be sticky out corner points and the seam line you sewed will not match in the middle.
 - f. Draw a diagonal line corner to corner the opposite way the seams are already sewn. Sew on both sides of line with scant 1/4" seam allowance.
 - g. After sewn, cut apart on marked line.
 - h. After cut apart, before you do anything else, fold in half along seam line and clip to the seam line. This allows you to press each side to the sky portion (white) of the flying geese, or what was the original 7" square.
 - i. After you have pressed to the white side, cut your flying geese units to 2 1/2" x 4 1/2". They will finish 2" x 4" when sewn in quilt.

Delbert's Glory QOV

2. Take the flying geese units and with the matching $4\frac{1}{2}$ " white squares and the matching blue $2\frac{1}{2}$ " squares and make 13 sawtooth stars. It will measure $8\frac{1}{2}$ " x $8\frac{1}{2}$ ".



Need 13

3. Make flying geese with 13 white squares 7" and 13 red squares $5\frac{1}{2}$ ".
- j. Draw a diagonal line corner to corner on back of red squares.
 - k. Place the red square right sides together with the 7" white squares. They will be placed in center with $\frac{3}{4}$ " of white showing on all sides.
 - l. Sew scant $\frac{1}{4}$ " on both sides of line.
 - m. Cut apart on line. Press to white.
 - n. Place squares right sides together to match the sides, not the center. Match red to white side and white side to red.
- There will be sticky out corner points and the seam line you sewed will not match in the middle.
- o. Draw a diagonal line corner to corner the opposite way the seams are already sewn. Sew on both sides of line with scant $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance.
 - p. After sewn, cut apart on marked line.
 - q. After cut apart, before you do anything else, fold in half along seam line and clip to the seam line. This allows you to press each side to the sky portion (white) of the flying geese, or what was the original 7" square.
 - r. After you have pressed to the white side, cut your flying geese units to $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x $4\frac{1}{2}$ ". They will finish 2" x 4" when sewn in quilt.
4. Take the flying geese units and with the matching $4\frac{1}{2}$ " white squares and the matching red $2\frac{1}{2}$ " squares and make 13 sawtooth stars. It will measure $8\frac{1}{2}$ " x $8\frac{1}{2}$ ".



Need 13

5. With the 3 white 9" squares and the 3 9" red squares.
- a. Mark the back of the 3 white 9" square diagonally corner to corner. Place right sides together with the red 9" squares. Sew on both sides with scant $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance. Cut apart on marked line.
 - b. Press to red. Trim to $8\frac{1}{2}$ " to make 6 half square triangle squares $8\frac{1}{2}$ " x $8\frac{1}{2}$ ".

Delbert's Glory QOV



Need 6

Now start assembling the rows of the quilt. Each row should measure 8 ½" x 48 ½" when complete.

6. Row 1 -



7. Row 2



8. Row 3



9. Row 4



10. Row 5



11. Row 6



Delbert's Glory QOV

12. Row 7



13. Row 8



14. After all the rows are assembled, sew the rows together to complete the quilt top center. The center section of the quilt should measure 48 ½" x 64 ½".
15. Sew together 2 of the white 2 ½" strips for each of the sides and 1 ½ of the 2 ½" strips for the top and bottom of the quilt. Press.
 - a. Cut the side border pieces cut to 2 ½" x 64 ½". Sew onto sides. Press to border.
 - b. Cut the top and bottom border pieces to 2 ½" x 52 ½", Sew to top and bottom. Press to border.
16. Sew together 2 of the 6 ½" blue border strips for each of the sides and top and bottom of the quilt. Press.
 - a. Cut the side border pieces to 6 ½" x 68 ½". Sew onto sides. Press to blue border.
 - b. Cut the top and bottom to 6 ½" x 64 ½". Sew onto top and bottom. Press to blue border.
17. Sew binding pieces together in one long strip. Add together on 45 degree angle and press open. After sewn, pressed at seams, and trimmed, fold in half lengthwise and press. Binding is now ready to be sewn on when quilt has been quilted.

Thank you for helping us honor our veterans and service members.



Liberty block 15" finished

“Liberty”

By Persimmon Quilts

Cutting Instructions:

Red..... (5) 3 1/2" squares
 (8) 3 1/2" squares - draw a diagonal line on wrong side

White.....(4) 3 1/2" squares

Blue.....(4) 3 1/2" x 9 1/2"
 (4) 3 1/2" squares

Sewing Instructions:

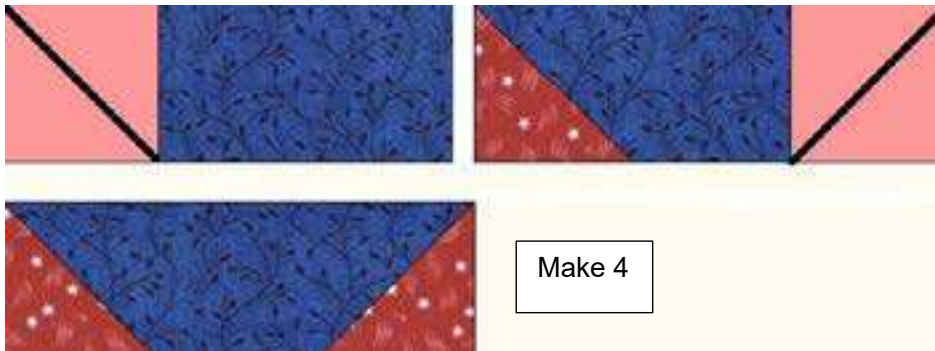
Sew 3 1/2" RED and WHITE squares together to make a 9-patch, as shown:



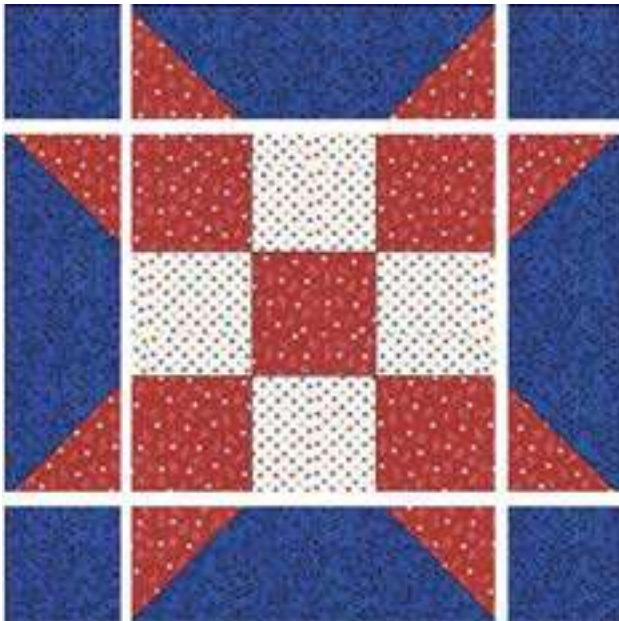
Your 9-patch should measure 9 1/2"

Make 1

Place (1) 3 1/2" square on each corner of (1) 3 1/2" x 9 1/2" BLUE strip, being careful of placement as shown. Sew on line. Cut 1/4" seam allowance, flip back, and press.



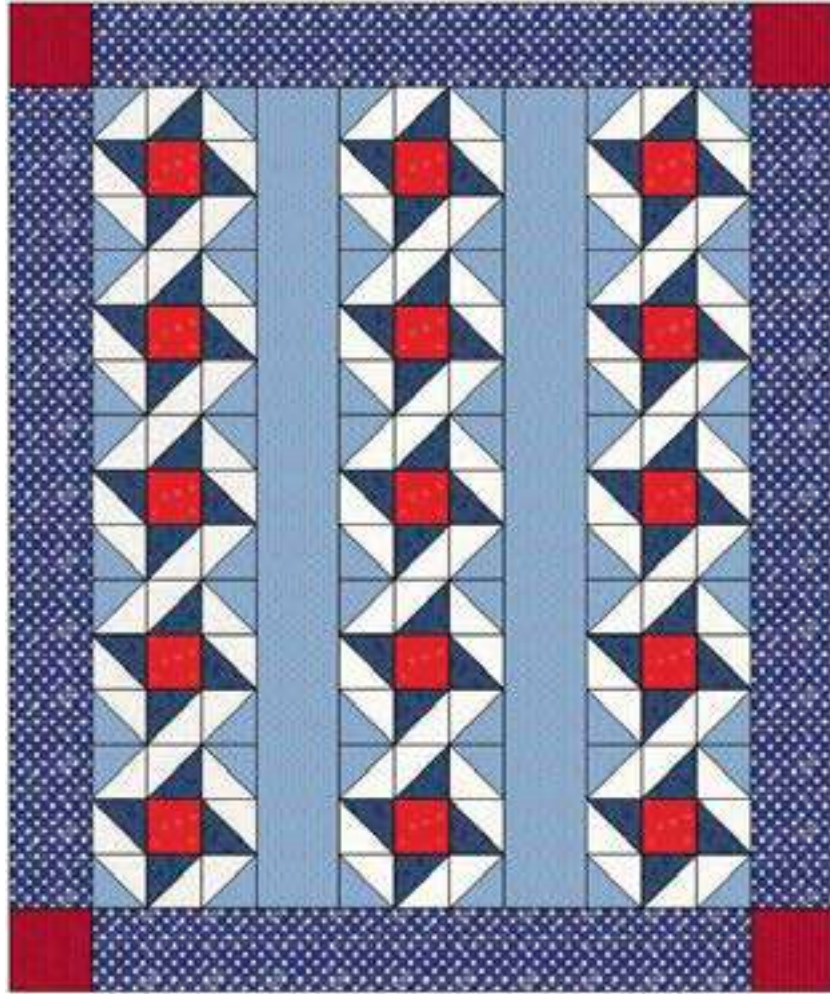
Sew blue 3 1/2" squares to both sides of the top and bottom 9 1/2" finish strips from above. Assemble your block as shown:



Stars of Courage

A free Quilt of Valor pattern

Designed by Julie Cefalu, The Crafty Quilter Designs
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Quilt size: 60" x 72" Block size: 12" square (finished)



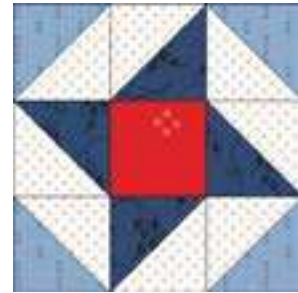
Quilt size: 60" x 72"



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Fabric	Placement	Amount
Light blue	Background & plain columns	1 3/4 yards
Dark blue	Star points	2/3 yard
Red	Star centers & border corners	1/2 yard
White	Star ribbon	1 1/4 yards
Blue/white Stars	Border	1 1/3 yards
Binding		5/8 yard
Backing		3 3/4 yards

Use a variety of reds, whites and blues from your stash to make this quilt extra scrappy.



Please read through **ALL** instructions before beginning this project.

- All seams are made with a 1/4" seam allowance unless otherwise noted.
- WOF = width of fabric LOF = length of fabric
- RST = right sides together
- HST = half square triangle

Important Notes

- All half-square triangle units are made 8-at-a-time, over-sized and then **trimmed** to exact size.
- I normally press seams to the side and I've given instructions for that in most of the steps; however, you may want to press all seams open to reduce bulk.

Cutting Instructions

Light blue:

- (2) 6 1/2" x LOF strips (approx. 64" and CUT PARALLEL TO THE SELVAGE)
- Cut the remaining fabric into (8) 10" x 10" (A) squares (Ribbon Star HST's)

Dark blue:

- (2) 10" x WOF strips; sub-cut into (8) 10" x 10" (B) squares (Ribbon Star HST's)

White:

(4) 10" x WOF strips; sub-cut into (16) 10" x 10" (C) squares (Ribbon Star HST's)

Red:

- (2) 4 1/2" x WOF strips; sub-cut into (15) 4 1/2" x 4 1/2" (D) squares (Ribbon Star center)
- (1) 6 1/2" x WOF strip; sub-cut into (4) 6 1/2" x 6 1/2" (E) squares (border corner squares)

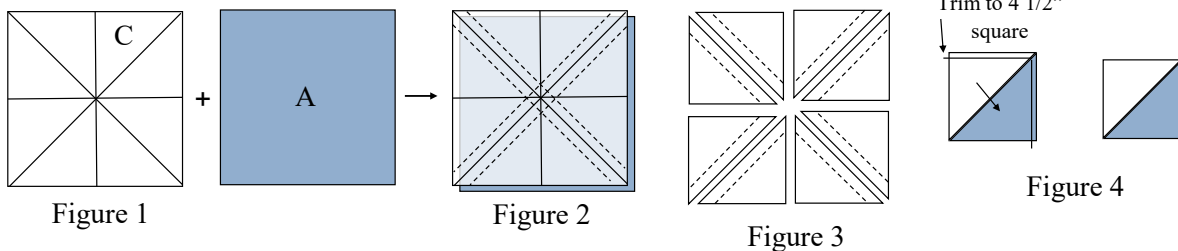
Blue/white stars:

- (7) 6 1/2" x WOF strips (borders)

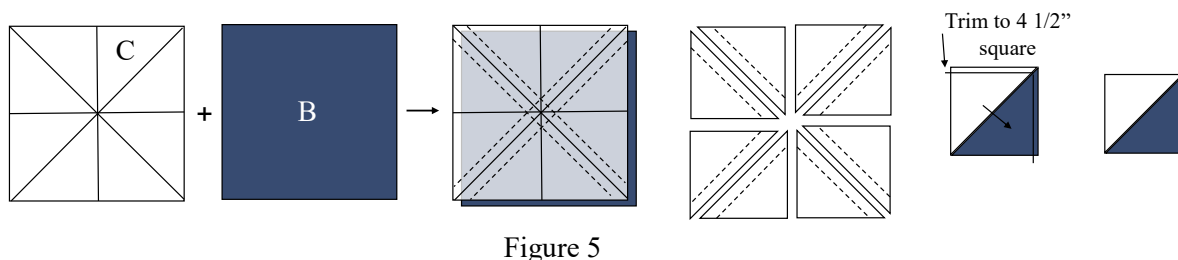
Ribbon Stars

Make the half square triangle units (HST's). Each ribbon star requires four light blue/white HST's and four dark blue/white HST's. You will be making a total of 60 HST's for each color combination.

1. On the wrong side of each 10" white (C) square, draw a diagonal line from corner to corner in both directions forming an "X". Then draw a horizontal and vertical line through the center (at 5"). (Figure 1)
2. Place a marked white (C) square, right sides together with a light blue 10" (A) square. Stitch 1/4" on both sides of the diagonal lines. (Figure 2)
3. Cut apart on the horizontal and vertical lines and the marked diagonal lines. (Figure 3)
4. Press towards the light blue.
5. Trim each HST to 4 1/2" square. (Figure 4) Repeat to make 60 light blue/white HST's. You will have 4 leftover.

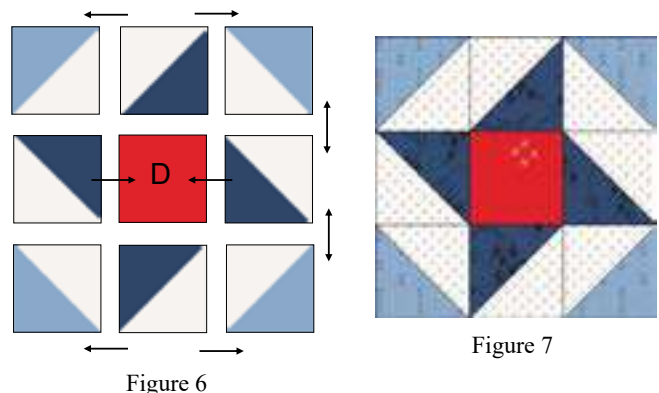


6. Using the remaining 10" white (C) squares and the 10" dark blue (B) squares, repeat steps 1 thru 3. Press towards the dark blue and trim to 4 1/2" square. (Figure 5) Make 60 dark blue/white HST's. You will have 4 leftover.



Ribbon star assembly

7. Arrange the half-square triangles, and center red 4 1/2" (D) square as shown. (Figure 6)
8. Sew the units together into rows and press following the pressing arrows. (Figure 6)
9. Sew the rows together to form the Ribbon Star. Press row seams open to reduce bulk or to the side. It should measure 12 1/2" square. (Figure 7)



10. Make 15 Ribbon Star blocks.

Quilt top assembly

11. Join 5 Ribbon Star blocks to form a column. Press seams open. Make three Ribbon Star columns. (Figure 8)
12. Measure the length of the columns and cut both of the 6 1/2" wide light blue strips to that length. It should measure approximately 60 1/2" long.
13. Join the Ribbon Star columns to both sides of a 6 1/2" wide light blue strip to form the quilt top. Press towards the light blue column. (Figure 8)

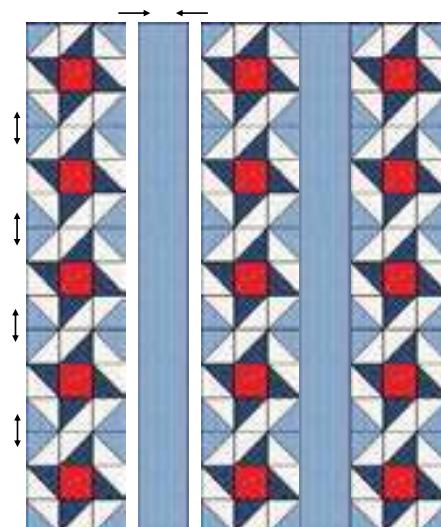


Figure 8

Add borders

14. Join the 6 1/2" x WOF borders trips together to form one long piece.
15. Measure the length of the quilt top and cut two strips to that measurement for the side borders.
16. Measure the width of the quilt top and cut two border strips to that measurement for the top and bottom pieced border.
17. Sew the side border strips to each side of the quilt top. (Figure 9)
18. Sew a 6 1/2" red E square to each end of the top and bottom border strips. Press towards the border strip. (Figure 9)
19. Sew the pieced top and bottom border strips to the quilt top. (Figure 9)

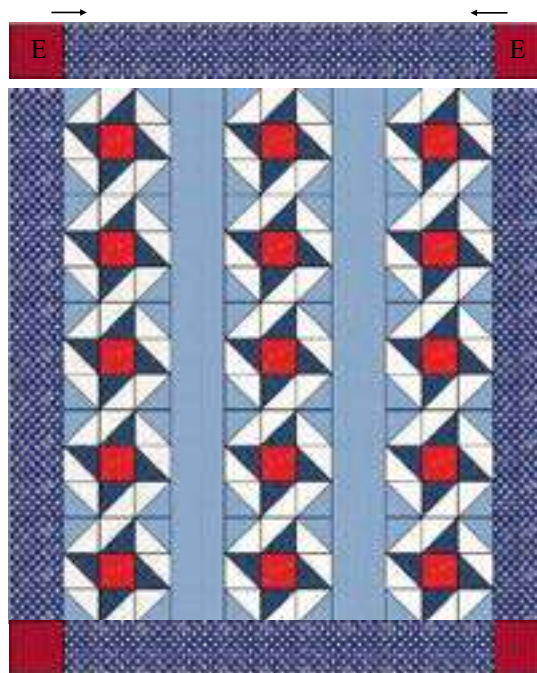


Figure 9

Finishing

20. Baste the backing, batting and quilt top.
21. Quilt as desired. Straight lines connecting the ribbons of the stars is easy and effective. (Figure 10)
22. Bind using your favorite method.
23. Don't forget a label!



Figure 10

March Workshop



March Workshop



March



March



March



Board Meeting Minutes January 2025

CHQ Board Meeting Minutes January 17, 2025

In Attendance: Lysa Martinelli, Kerry Cogen, Cheryl Dennis, Barbara Fusco, Cass Garner, Cathie Giambalvo, Gina Krejsa, Sara Mlynarchek and Donna Slovak.

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

December Board Minutes: Cathie made a correction to the membership notes to state that members who do not renew by the end of January will not receive the February newsletter. Cheryl will amend the minutes. Gina made a motion to approve the amended minutes and Kerry seconded the motion. Approved unanimously by 8 board members.

Old Business:

2025 & 2026 Executive Board Election Results.

At the November 2024 Guild meeting the Nominating Committee presented the slate of officers for the 2025 and 2026 years. The slate was approved by a vote of the guild members in attendance.

Elected were:

- President - Lysa Martinelli
- 2nd Vice President - Kerry Cogen
- Secretary - Donna Slovak
- Treasurer - Patty Gertz
- 1st Vice President - Barbara Fusco moved up to 1st Vice President for 2025 from 2nd Vice President as per the guild bylaws.

Board/Committee Status:

President: Lysa Martinelli

- New committee Chairs were presented, Cathie Giambalvo to Web and Sara Mlynarchek to Membership. Barbara made a motion to approve the new Chairs and Kerry seconded. Approved unanimously.
- Open Committee Chair positions were discussed for Hospitality, 4H, Boutique and Raffle Sales. A Hospitality Chair should be in place by the March in-person meeting. Lysa mentioned that occasionally in the past the position has rotated between individuals on a short term basis, which is a possibility. A 4H Chair will be needed *before* June. Barbara stated that the Hunterdon Quilting Guild contacted her regarding the ribbon order for the fair and she is expecting more details from them about that. Cathie mentioned that there is quite a bit of prep

work that needs to be done by a chairperson prior to a full 4H meeting, such as advertising and promotion. Barbara stated that she has a to-do list ready. CHQ is responsible for hanging the quilts this year at the fair. Boutique Chair and Raffle Chair are currently on hold.

- Lysa shared a document* created 2 years ago about CHQ roles and responsibilities. She highlighted the fact that most members who previously held positions are available to mentor the people new to the role. Kerry asked for clarification on committee money in the budget coming to the board for review. Gina confirmed that committee chairs have discretion in the use of their budgeted funds unless it is an out of the ordinary expense. *See attached.*

Lysa stated that the CHQ shared Google drive has a wealth of information available to board members especially those that are new to their roles.

- In December the CHQ website was down and users were receiving error messages. The platform certification had expired and Lysa approved a temporary patch to be installed at the cost of \$139.98 which will function until December 2025. Cheryl asked if, for future reference, an emergency email could be sent to board members to approve a decision that needed an immediate response. A new CHQ website will need to be created. Lysa and Cathie are currently looking into possible new platform options. Cathie welcomed suggestions and stressed the need to have a site with payment options that produce invoices. Gina made a motion to approve adding an additional \$110 to the December budget proposal for 2025. Kerry seconded the motion. Approved unanimously. Each Committee Chair will need to review the information that is included on the current CHQ website and recommend any changes and updates necessary. It was mentioned that currently the name on the account for the Treasurer ID cannot be changed when a new individual takes the role. Research will be done to address this on the new website.
- January and February calendars were reviewed with one correction made – the storage unit rent is due on the 15th of each month, not the third Thursday of the month.
- Cass suggested as part of the previous library committee, that the rulers remain available to members. Barbara may use them for a future program activity. They could also be sold at the summer auction.

- Lysa suggested moving the CHQ Board zoom meetings to Thursdays at 7:00 PM instead of Fridays. All agreed. She will finalize the specific dates for 2025 to be included on the CHQ website.

Treasurer: Patty Gertz – (Not present)

- Kerry reported that as of December all the accounts look good. The right time to move money out of the raffle account is to be determined. Donna mentioned that the last Hospitality expenses of \$61.10 for the holiday party did not show on the report. Kerry will amend the report.

1st Vice President/Program: Barbara Fusco

- Barbara stated that the January workshop with Rachel Derstine is full with 20 people signed up to attend remotely via Zoom. Rachel will also be the guest speaker at the evening member meeting via Zoom.

2nd Vice President: Kerry Cogen:

- Nothing to report.

Secretary: Donna Slovak

- Nothing to report.

Archivist: Gina Krejsa

- Gina has transferred the Google workspace accounts to the new people in the positions. Following tonight's meeting she will transfer Sara into Membership and Cathie into Web.

Boutique: (On Hold)

- Donations on hold through March.

Charity and Outreach: Cheryl Dennis

- The information about the making of Quilts of Valor will be coming soon. Cheryl stated that pattern suggestions are welcome. Lysa mentioned her previous experience having individual blocks for the quilts made by members and then brought together for assembly by the guild.

Circulation: Jan Hunold (Not present)

Fundraising Ad Hoc: Lysa Martinelli

- The group will start meeting again soon.

Hospitality: (Open position)

- Committee Chair needed prior to the March meeting.

Membership: Cathie Giambalvo/Sara Mlynarchek

- Cathie stated that we had one new member, she received 47 renewals with 20 outstanding. Currently CHQ has 89 members. Membership cards will go out in January. Sara will now take over as Membership Chair.

Newsletter & Photographer: Al Accettola (Not present)

- Newsletter items must be sent to Al by the Sunday after the guild meeting.

Publicity: Dyan Rosario (Not present)

- The next publicity wave will be done for the March meeting.

Raffle Quilt Construction 2026: Juliet Leonard (Not present)

Raffle Quilt Ticket Distribution and Sales Chair: (Open)

- This position should be filled as soon as possible.

Web Presence: Cathie Giambalvo

- Cathie stated that some of the current website information is inaccurate including the September and October speaker info. She will make the necessary corrections.

New Business:

- Jan has gotten two recent requests via the CHQ website; one from an antique business for information about getting quilt appraisals and a second from a person at Princeton University looking to have someone make a lap quilt. The information will be shared at the guild meeting and put in the newsletter.
- Sara asked a question about the expectations of new members and how to best contribute to specific events such as the auction, the 4H fair etc. Lysa agreed to document the details and explanations for specific activities. Gina mentioned that Sara's experience and feedback as a new member herself is valuable and appreciated.

Barbara moved to adjourn the meeting and Gina seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 8:16 PM.

Board Meeting Minutes February 2025

CHQ Board Meeting February 20, 2025

In Attendance: Lysa Martinelli, Al Accettola, Kerry Cogen, Cheryl Dennis, Barbara Fusco, Cass Garner, Patty Gertz, Jan Hunold, Sara Mlynarchek, Donna Slovak.

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

January Board Meeting Minutes A motion was made by Jan to approve the January Board minutes, Barbara seconded. Minutes approved by 8 members with 1 abstention.

Board/Committee Status: Lysa Martinelli

Committee Chairs needed. A Hospitality Chair is needed by March. Lysa suggested that if no one volunteers, there will be no monthly set up for coffee and snacks. Special Events, the April CHQ Anniversary, the Ice Cream Social and the December Holiday party will be managed by the entire membership. A 4H Chair is needed soon. Details about the responsibilities and duties of the position are available to any new person willing to step up. Boutique is on hold until March. Someone made a post to the CHQ FB page wanting to donate fabric. Lysa will respond to them. Raffle Sales Chair is needed soon, there is prep work that needs to be done.

February + March calendars were reviewed. Storage unit rent was paid on the 15th. Lysa will check in with Juliet about quilt construction progress.

Items for the March President's Bulletin are due to Lysa by March 2nd.

Treasurer's Report: Patty Gertz

Patty and Kerry agreed that the \$500 written in red under website on the budget spreadsheet should be black, Patty will make the correction. Patty mentioned that if she sees committee chairs going through their budgeted funds quickly by midyear, she will check in with them.

1st Vice President/Program: Barbara Fusco

Barbara stated this Sunday's workshop with Sheila Frampton Cooper is all set. There were a few people who had signed up and then dropped out but there was a waitlist of people interested in joining. Currently there are 19 people signed up. There was discussion about the individual who had technical difficulty accessing the January zoom workshop and her request for a refund. All other participants were able to join remotely. The policy on refunds is stated in the CHQ Standing Rules and any exceptions to them may be made at the discretion of the President. Going forward for the remote workshops, people will be reminded that they must have the technology available to participate and they should check the zoom link prior to the start of the program. Cheryl suggested that some kind of tech support should be available to assist people when operating remotely.

The tracking of payments made to CHQ was discussed at length. Jan gets the Paypal confirmations but cash and check payments are difficult to track and members sometimes pay twice for workshops and membership renewals. Patty stated that the google drive under

Treasurers info is updated regularly but for other board members, finding the information is a convoluted process. A question was raised if we currently have too many payment options. Sara mentioned the possibility of using a QR code that would direct people to the CHQ website for payment. The new website should be able to address this issue. Lysa suggested forming a core group to evaluate and streamline the process. This issue will be revisited in an effort to reduce confusion and consolidate the process.

2nd Vice President: Kerry Cogen No report.

Secretary: Donna Slovak No report.

Archivist: Gina Krejsa (not present)

Gina has been actively updating the google email accounts. Lysa mentioned the importance of using those CHQ accounts to save documents in order to maintain a historical record of guild activities.

Boutique: (On hold)

Charity: Cheryl Dennis

Cheryl is preparing for the Quilts of Valor workshop in April and has several star block patterns that will be available for members at the March meeting and will be included in the March newsletter. She asked for input about keeping the look of any quilt assembled by the guild consistent and uniform, especially the use of various white fabrics. Lysa said that in her experience with Quilts of Valor, if you tell members to use only pure white or white on white that it all works out. Cass suggested directing people to make the blocks slightly bigger so they can be trimmed down to a consistent size. Cheryl plans to have a raffle drawing with prizes at the meeting for those members that submit quilt blocks. Lysa and Cheryl will check the storage unit to look for any red white and blue fabrics. The star block patterns will also be included in the March President's Bulletin.

Circulation: Jan Hunold

Jan checked with the group about a suspected new member scam email she received. She will delete.

Fundraising Ad Hoc: Lysa Martinelli

Update coming soon.

Hospitality: (Open)

Membership: Sara Mlynarchek

Not all members who renewed their membership signed the photo release. It was suggested that a change in wording next time should combine the two things in one statement. Sara said there are 11 unpaid members. Sara and Patty will compare notes to confirm any recent renewal payments. An updated membership list is in progress and Sara will send any changes, additions

or edits to Jan for an updated email blast list. Sara hopes to have new membership cards ready prior to the March meeting.

Newsletter & Photographer: Al Accettola

This month info goes to Lysa for the President's Newsletter.

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

Cass stated that currently there are no meetings scheduled.

Publicity: Dyan Rosario (not present)

The publicity wave for the March in-person meeting has been sent.

Raffle Quilt Construction 2026: Juliet Leonard (not present)

Raffle Quilt Ticket Distribution and Sales Chair: (Open) Need position filled ASAP.

Quilt Show 2026 Co-Chairs: Lysa Martinelli

No report yet.

Web Presence: Cathie Giambalvo (not present)

Web updating has been ongoing.

New Business: None

Al made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Jan seconded. Meeting adjourned.

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Janome Continental M8 for Sale

Hi I'm Randi Jones (randisroost@gmail.com) and I'm selling a Janome Continental M8. I'm hoping to find a local buyer so I don't have to ship it. The buyer would need to pick up the machine in Holland, NJ. I'm asking \$7,500 (MSRP is \$9,999). It has 15 hours of sewing time on it, and has recently been professionally serviced/cleaned. All original accessories are included, including a stitch regulator.

Hello:

My name is Joanne Battisick. I am a quilter and longarm professional for more than 20 years. I live in Ocean County NJ and have a Simply Sixteen with ProStitcher. If you or anyone is your Guild is interested in having me finish your quilts my rates are very reasonable.

I charge 2 cents for square inch for an End to End design. I have a variety of designs available. I can also obtain additional designs if requested. I do not charge for thread or bobbin changes. I do charge for batting, or you can supply your own. There is an additional charge for attaching binding and hand sewing binding.

If anyone is interested, please email me at battisickj@yahoo.com. I will respond promptly.

Have a great day!

Joanne

Strip Illusion Workshop

With Karen Dever

In person Workshop



Friday, April 11, 2025 - 9:00 am -3:00 pm (with a lunch break)

In person Workshop

Members \$40 Mail or \$42 PayPal;

Non-Members \$60 mail or \$63 PayPal

[online registration](#)

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Do you have a lot of scraps and do not know what to do with them? Let's use those scraps and strips to create a stunning wall hanging that gives an illusion of curves with only stitching straight lines!

About Karen Dever:

Karen, an award winning quilter, has been involved with quilting for over 20 years and is a teacher, designer and an AQS Certified quilt appraiser. She presently works and teaches at [The Village Quilter](#) Quilt Shop in Mt. Holly, NJ. She has had several designs published in McCall's, For the Love of Quilting and Quilter's Newsletter.

<https://www.karendever.com/index.htm>



SAVE THE DATES: APRIL 26-27 for the Brooklyn Quilters Guild 2025 Quilt Show!

It will feature an exhibit of more than 200 quilts, both traditional and contemporary, along with a raffle quilt, tote bag raffle, silent auction, workshops, vendors, a featured speaker, kids' activities and a cafe. In addition, the show will feature the "Star of Honor Memorial Quilt" that commemorates the firefighters, police officers and other uniformed personnel who lost their lives as a result of their service at the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001.



2025 Raffle Quilt

MORE SHOW INFORMATION:

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The show will be held at BKLOFT26, 163 26th St., Brooklyn, NY 11232 on Saturday, April 26, 10-6, and on Sunday, April 27, 10-4.

Admission is \$12 at the door, \$10 advance, and children 12 and under are free. Tickets are also available on Eventbrite.

Our featured speaker at 2 p.m. on Sunday is Dr. Myrah Brown Green, art historian, author, consultant and professional quilter.

Parking is available on the street and in the nearby Industry City parking lot (\$5). There's a free shuttle us to and from the parking lot. If you're coming on public transportation, take the R train to 25th St., or the B63 or B37 bus.

Feb. 10, 2025



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.

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