



Courthouse Quilters Guild Newsletter

October 2025

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October 26, 2025

**Workshop: Design for Foundation Piecing
with Al Accettola**

Time: 1:00 to 5:00 pm

Evening Program: 6:30 pm

Deb Brockway Trunk Show

Location:

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

Courthouse Quilters President's Letter



Happy Fall!

I don't know about you but the September presentation really is making me think about the labels on my quilts. I especially want to redo the ones on the quilts that I give to family members. Meg Cox is a wonderful speaker and the stories she tells really touch my heart. We put so much love and thought into our quilts and by labeling it the way Meg talked about the quilt will forever tell the complete story and details about the quilt and what went into it. Whoever the quilt ends up with, even if it isn't the original person it was gifted to, the story will live on with the quilt.

Lysa Martinelli

President@CourthouseQuilters.org

Upcoming Meetings

Board Meeting - ZOOM (all members welcome)

Date/Time: Thursday, October 18, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

Guild Workshop and Meeting

Date/Time: Sunday, October 26, 2025 (**Important: This meeting is on the 4th Sunday**)

- Workshop: "Designing Quilt Blocks for Foundation Paper Piecing" session led by Al Accettola
- Business Meeting / Deb Brockway Trunk Show / Show & Tell

The remaining 2025 meeting dates are: November 16, 2025 and December 21, 2025.

Open Committee Chair Positions:

As you know, 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. We are scheduled for a show in 2026 and both positions are critical for us to be able to host a show. If you are interested in either position, please email or call me.

Quilt Shows

Garden State Quilters Guild - "Piece by Piece Quilt Show"

Saturday, October 18 (10am-5pm) - Sunday, October 19 (10am-4pm)

Chatham Township Municipal Building, 58 Meyersville Road, Chatham, NJ

07928 Cost: \$12 per person

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

Evening Star Quilter's Guild - "A Harvest of Quilts"

Saturday, October 25 and Sunday, October 26 - 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Belvidere High School, 809 Oxford Street, Belvidere, NJ

Cost: \$10 per person

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

Brownstone Quilters Guild

Just a reminder that the Brownstone Show is November 7 and 8, 2025.

Complete details on our website: brownstonequiltersguild.com. It's time to enter those beautiful quilts you have working on for the past two years. The entry form is attached.

Mary Ritchey, Quilt Show Co-Chair

Program

October Workshop and Program

<p>October 26, 2025</p> <p>**Workshop** <i>Designing Quilt Blocks for Foundation Paper Piecing with Al Accettola</i> Location: Rt 12 County Complex Time: 1:00 - 5:00 Cost: \$14 - no kit fee</p> <p>**Evening Program** <i>Deb Brockway Trunk Show</i> Location: Rt 12 County Complex</p> <p><small>www.courthousequilters.org</small></p>	<p>Courthouse Quilters Guild Program</p> <p><u>Workshop</u> Learn the fundamentals of Foundation Paper Piecing: block construction, seam placement, rules of line placement and segmentation of a the block. Sign up here: Workshop</p> <p><u>Evening Program</u> Deb finds pleasure in creating quilts inspired by the natural world and experimenting with materials and techniques to enhance fabric. Deb will show us some of her favorite creations.</p> <div data-bbox="1101 478 1302 651"></div> <div data-bbox="1101 693 1302 898"></div>
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[Click Here to Sign-up for the Workshop](#)

November Workshop and Program

<p>November 16, 2025</p> <p>**Workshop** <i>Charity Workshop</i> Location: Rt 12 County Complex Time: 1:00 - 5:00 FREE</p> <p>**Evening Program** <i>"My Journey into Quilting"</i> <i>Joyce Hughes</i> www.joycehughesoriginals.com Location: Rt 12 County Complex</p> <p><small>www.courthousequilters.org</small></p>	<p>Courthouse Quilters Guild Program</p> <p><u>Workshop</u> Charity Workshop: Sign up here: CHQ November Charity Sew</p> <p><u>Evening Program</u> Joyce Hughes - "My Journey into Quilting". Joyce is an award winning self-taught quilter, fiber artist and author. She has written two books that focus on thread painting, raw edge appliqué and creating art quilt panels with embellishments.</p> <div data-bbox="1117 1516 1256 1688"></div>
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[Click Here to Sign-up for the Workshop](#)

Meg Cox spoke to our guild at our September meeting, with a message that was very much appreciated by all. She is an author, a journalist, a quilter and absolutely a quilt enthusiast. She spoke about the importance of labeling your quilts to document important details for future generations to understand and appreciate. She emphasized that this handout has valuable information to help us all on this mission and she asked that we make it available to all our members, even those that were unable to attend.

Resources from Meg Cox lecture: Talking to History

Key Facts to Include on a Quilt Label or use the 5 W's Who/What/When/Where/Why

- *Sewn By (Name), whether you or another. Mention if collaborators.
- *The year and/or your age when it was finished.
- *Title of quilt if there is one or overall description.
- *Name of recipient/occasion if it's a gift.
- *Place where you made it.
- *Block pattern. If made from a pattern, name of pattern + designer.
- *Why you made it: occasion, inspiration, contest or show, inspired by a cause, trying a new technique, skill building, made it for a workshop?
- *If it's a quilt in your collection, add Provenance and anything else you know not currently on the quilt or label. State facts you know about the quilt. If it's an estimate or guess, say so.
- *Julie Silber's Wild Card: How Does This Quilt Make You Feel?

ONLINE ARCHIVES FOR YOUR QUILTS: Go to **QuiltAlliance.org**. Under Projects, click on Labeling Resources. Download a printable sheet of 2 labels you can print on fabric or download the pdf Label That Quilt.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zfdMMDXw_E

Use link above to view Textile Talk on How to Label Anonymous Quilts.

QuiltIndex.org: Under Collections on the home page scroll down to Public Submission.

QuiltAlliance.org: Under Projects on home page scroll down to Go Tell It! For instructions on how to make and upload a 3-minute video about one of your quilts to the Alliance archive.

Follow Meg on IG @meg4quilts. www.megcox.com to subscribe to Quilt Journalist Tells All! Newsletter.

August Workshop



August Ice Cream Social



August Show and Tell



August Show and Tell



August Show and Tell





September



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Board Meeting Minutes July 2025

CHQ Minutes Board Meeting 7/14/25 DRAFT

In Attendance: Lysa Martinelli, Al Accettola, Penny Armagost, Kerry Cogen, Cheryl Dennis, Barbara Fusco, Jan Hunold, Gina Krejsa, Sara Mlynarchek, Margaretanne Reina.

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

Board Minutes: Al made a motion to approve the June minutes, seconded by Kerry. All approved.

Old Business: Lysa Martinelli

An executive board candidate wants to also continue serving in their current position as a committee chair. Lysa made a motion to amend the CHQ Standing Rules in section 7.2 to add an exception to section 6 bylaws requirement to allow the officer/chair combination as long as the chair position can be filled without the officer position suffering. This person would have one board vote. Motion seconded by Al. All approved. This amendment will be presented to the guild at the July meeting and a vote taken at the August meeting. A two thirds vote of the attendees is required.

2026 Raffle Quilt

Juliet will purchase the current raffle quilt. At the July guild meeting members will be informed about the start of a new raffle quilt production and a volunteer to chair the project will be requested. There was some discussion about possible patterns to replace the current quilt. Kerry suggested using a quilt top that she purchased at the CHQ auction. It was pulled from the CHQ storage unit. The images on it represent various sights and scenes in Hunterdon County but could also be viewed as any typical countryside scene. Patty Gertz is familiar with this pattern and suggests it may be over 25 years old. It is currently smaller than a queen size but borders could be added with potential for applique. The maker is unknown but the history of it could add to the story and interest of the piece. Gina suggested adding a CHQ block to the barn on the quilt. The board agreed that this quilt top could be used as a replacement for the 2026 raffle quilt. Lysa will announce to guild members at the July meeting that we are looking for another option for the raffle quilt. We will request that someone volunteer to chair the completion of construction.

Board/Committee Status:

President: Lysa Martinelli

The July, August and September calendars were reviewed.

Treasurer: Patty Gertz (not present)

Lysa reviewed the Treasurer's report and pointed out the revised storage unit fee that had been initially omitted for June. Cheryl asked about purchasing fabric for the Quilts of Valor backings.

Lysa suggested they meet at the storage unit to see what is there that could be used before using her charity budget money.

1st Vice President/Program: Barbara Fusco

Barbara said the calendar is settled for the next few months. She presented a check to Carol Dvoor of Safe Harbor but a photo was not taken at the time. Lysa stated that currently no one is signed up for the 4H Boutique sew-in on Sunday. There had been an issue with Signup Genius not working for a while and some people did not retry it who still planned to attend. Supplies will be on hand from the storage unit to make children's aprons to sell at the 4H Fair and quilt tops that could be completed to sell as Caring Hearts Quilts.

2nd Vice President/Program: Kerry Cogen

Kerry has a potential teacher for 2026, Carly Mul, who wants to hold a 2 day workshop instead of one. Kerry asked if our regular meeting venue could be used on a Saturday. Lysa will email our contact person to check. The proposed dates would be 7/20-7/21 2026.

Secretary: Donna Slovak (not present)

Archivist: Gina Krejsa No report.

Boutique: (Open position)

If a volunteer is not found after the 4H this position will be dropped.

Charity: Cheryl Dennis

Cheryl has some quilt tops that need backing and quilting. November is a charity workshop. Lysa stated that in the storage unit there are partially made girls dresses from a charity project done years ago. If CHQ does not complete them for donation, they will be given to another guild that supports a similar charity.

Circulation: Jan Hunold No report.

Fundraising Ad Hoc: Lysa Martinelli

The committee report and information was included in the June newsletter including the need for a new Quilt Show venue. The next step will be to open it up for questions and discussion at the July guild meeting. Our current meeting venue cannot be considered due to the fact that they do not allow activities that include admission fees or ticket sales.

Hospitality: Margaretanne Reina No report.

Membership: Sara Mlynarchek

New nametags are ready. Members need to remember to sign in at guild meetings.

Newsletter & Photographer: Al Accettola

All info to be included in the next CHQ newsletter needs to get to Al by next Sunday.

Nominating Committee: Joan Lasota, Kathy Stewart, Cass Garner (not present)

An update will be presented at the July guild meeting.

Publicity: Dyan Rosario

Updated info has been sent out. Dyan would like a photo of the Safe Harbor check presentation to share through CHQ publicity.

Raffle Quilt Construction: (on hold)

Raffle Quilt Distribution and Sales Chair: (on hold)

4H Fair Quilt Show: Lysa Martinelli and Barbara Fusco

Barbara and Lysa will be meeting with the 4H Fair administrators next week and will get parking passes for guild volunteers. Sign ups for the fair Boutique sales are sparse. If there are not enough volunteers signed up there will be no Boutique sales at the fair.

Quilt Show Co-Chair: *(open position)*

If no volunteer steps forward by December, a decision will need to be made if a 2026 quilt show is feasible. The CHQ Quilt Show and Raffle Quilt Sale should be held during the same year.

Web Presence: Cathie Giambalvo (not present)

Cathie is continuing to work on a new CHQ website.

Dyan made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:18, seconded by Al.

Board Meeting Minutes August 2025

CHQ Board Minutes 8/14/25 DRAFT

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

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

Board Minutes: A spelling correction was made to Carol Dvoor's name. Al made a motion to approve the amended July minutes, seconded by Kerry, all approved.

Old Business

An amendment was made to section 7.2 of the standing rules as previously discussed in July. A vote will be taken at the August guild meeting for approval.

2026 Raffle Quilt options were revisited and discussed at length. At the July guild meeting members at large expressed concern about using the quilt top Kerry had purchased at the auction citing the age, quality, theme, limited interest and appeal of the quilt. The family of long time member Ruth Gronsky, who passed away recently, will be in NJ at the end of August and will bring some of Ruth's completed quilts to consider as a replacement for the raffle quilt. The board agreed to pursue acquiring one of Ruth's completed quilts and meeting with Ruth's family in August as the first choice option.

Board/Committee Status:

President: Lysa Martinelli

The August, September and October calendars were reviewed. They are currently out of sync due to some events being on hold. Lysa asked people to let her know if any adjustments are needed. Lysa has a list of people willing to work with her on ideas and planning sessions to be scheduled soon.

Treasurer: Patty Gertz

Patty stated that credit card readers will be available for use at the 4H Fair. Checks and cash are also accepted for payment. Patty will populate and set up the cash box each morning and pick it up at the end of each fair day. The monthly rent for the storage unit is now paid automatically.

1st Vice President/Program: Barbara Fusco

Barbara had nothing new to report and said 18 people signed up for Jan's Sunday's workshop.

2nd Vice President/Program: Kerry Cogen

Kerry has a tentative list of 2026 speakers and teachers some of which are virtual, some in person and some are 2 day workshops for a Saturday and Sunday.

- January (virtual) - David Owen Hastings "Mini Quilt with Texture". 6 hour workshop + 1 hour lecture.
- February (virtual) - Dana Jones "Warp Speed" a 2 day workshop 3 hours each + 1 hour lecture.
- May (virtual) Jen Houlden from Canada 2 day workshops 3 hours each + 1 hour lecture.

- July (confirmed) - Carly Mul in person from VA. 2 day workshops 3 hours each + 1 hour trunk show. No sewing machine needed.
- Other potential speakers: Linda Sullivan (virtual) in CA - 2 day 3 hour workshops from Colourwerks Studio.

Kerry stated that many of the teachers she researched want 2 day workshops. She acknowledged that outside teachers are expensive especially if travel and lodging are required. The number of local teachers is limited and the guild has used many of them in the past. In order to keep members interested and engaged requires balancing cost with quality. There will also be at least one charity workshop, possibly two. Kerry will seek some feedback from members who typically attend the workshops regarding their opinions on virtual and 2 day sessions. Kerry asked the board for an increase of \$2000 in the program budget. The new yearly budget would be \$8000.

Secretary: Donna Slovak No report.

Archivist: Gina Krejsa No report.

Boutique: (open position)

Charity & Outreach: Cheryl Dennis

Cheryl is expecting to get some Quilts of Valor back that will need binding. Cass volunteered to help with binding. Some guild members expressed interest in nominating a family member to receive a Quilt of Valor and Cheryl will get the documentation necessary.

Circulation: Jan Hunold No report.

Fundraising Ad Hoc: Lysa Martinelli No report.

Hospitality: Gretta Casella and Margaretanne Reina (not present)

Lysa will email them to see if they have Sunday's Ice Cream Social event covered.

Membership: Sara Mlynarchek

Membership renewals will begin in October and should include a photo release question. Sara will research the best option for this. She also has a list of people who joined CHQ at the quilt show and in 2025.

Newsletter & Photographer: Al Accettola

Information goes to Lysa for this month.

Nominating Committee: Joan Lasota, Kathy Stewart, Cass Garner

The committee is accepting nominations for positions until October.

Publicity: Dyan Rosario

September event info was sent out. Dyan asked for people to watch for newspaper articles, especially the Safe Harbor photo and to send copies to her.

Raffle Quilt Construction: (on hold)

Raffle Quilt Ticket Distribution and Sales Chair: (on hold)

4H Fair Quilt Show: Lysa Martinelli and Barbara Fusco

Sign up genius slots are mostly filled. Barbara has the racks to hang the Caring Hearts Quilts. There have been some changes to the interior of the fair building but Lysa and Barbara will adapt for our quilt hanging and boutique sale.

Quilt Show Co-chair: (open position)

Web Presence: Cathie Giambalvo (not present)

New Business:

The Red Mill Museum in Clinton is interested in partnering with CHQ for a special 250th birthday of America quilt exhibit in June 2026. Every year on Flag Day they present Quilts of Valor with the Hunterdon Quilt Guild, in 2026 they want to expand that event. They also plan to create an exhibit of historic quilts that they will display for the entire year. The Hunterdon County Quilt guild referred the Mill to CHQ after they declined to be involved in the event expansion. Would CHQ be interested in setting up an airing of the quilts for one day? Would there be enough interest and volunteers? Who would be responsible for actually hanging the quilts? Can the guild's responsibilities, participation and involvement be negotiated? There is very little parking available on site and shuttle service would be needed so it would not be considered as a venue candidate for the CHQ quilt show. It would also need to be a much smaller quilt show due to available space. There was discussion about other possible ways to connect with the Mill in the future if not this Flag Day event, such as making our 2026 Challenge theme a patriotic one and helping the Red Mill to promote their events to other guilds.

Al made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:58 seconded by Barbara.



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

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First Vice President – Barbara Fusco

Second Vice President— Kerry Cogan
& Programs

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Quilt Show –

Raffle Quilt Design and Creation -

Raffle Quilt Sales 2026 - Gina Krejsa & OPEN

Web Presence - Cathie Giambalvo

Boutique - OPEN

4H Fair -

Nominating: Joan Lasota, Cass Garner, Kathy Stewart