

# Courthouse Quilters Guild Newsletter

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## **February 11, 2018**



### **Workshop – English Paper Piecing: A Primer With Jan Hunold**

**10 am – 4 pm (\$20 + \$11 kit)**

Learn the basics of this popular and evolving method of hand piecing.  
(Description and supplies – p. 6)



### **Meeting – SAQA Lecture and Trunk Show 6:30 pm**

Elena Stokes, a member of SAQA, the Studio Artists Quilt Association, will share over 50 quilts by SAQA artists in their traveling trunk show.



Marion Shimoda



Carolyn Walwyn

## **March 11, 2018**

### **Workshop: Stack and Stash “Dancing Stars and Pinwheels” with Jody Beck**

**12 - 4 pm (\$30 + \$10 pattern)**

### **Meeting – Jody’s Jems Trunk Show 6:30 pm**



## **April 8, 2018**

### **Workshop – Charity Sew 1 – 4 pm**

### **Meeting – 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration And Guild Challenge – “Pearl for the 30<sup>th</sup>”**

**6:30 pm**

Challenge details on p. 3.)

## Upcoming Spring Programs

May 20

**Karen Eckmeier** – Workshop: “Accidental Landscapes: Mountains” – 10am – 4pm (\$45)  
Meeting: Lecture and Trunk Show: “Happy Villages and Accidental Landscapes”

June 9 – 10

**Laura Wasilowski** – Workshop, June 9: “Zendoodle Quilts” – 10am – 4pm (\$45 + \$20 kit)  
Workshop, June 10: “Four Little Landscapes” – 10am – 4 pm  
(\$45 + \$25 kit)  
Meeting: Lecture and trunk show: “I Quilt, Therefore I Am”

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**FINAL REMINDER**  
**RENEW Your Membership for 2018**

**and celebrate 30 years of CHQ!**

**Dues: \$35 for the calendar year**

**Contact Camille Quinton, CHQ Membership chair**  
**TODAY!!!!**

**Only members in good standing may exhibit quilts at**  
**the 2018 Quilts in the Mill show**

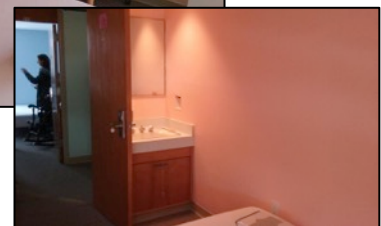
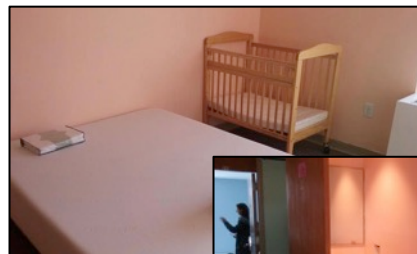
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### \*\*\*\*\*Special Charity Opportunity\*\*\*\*\*

Grandma's House in Phillipsburg has an exciting opportunity for a group. Grandma's House is a project of Life Choices that provides help to women with babies who need aid. They are opening a maternity residency for homeless pregnant women.

They need a group to to decorate one of their rooms and get it supplied for an incoming mother. They are hoping to be ready by the end of February, so we need to get in gear very quickly.

Anyone who is interested can call Jude McCormick, Charity Chairperson, at 908-303-9208 so we can get started.



FROM  
THE  
PRESIDENT



Hi all!

Wow! The handbags that y'all made at last month's workshop were awesome – so colorful and unusual. Many thanks to Barbara and Mary Ann for running the workshop. Don't forget to sign up for Jan's workshop on English Paper Piecing (a particular favorite of mine).

Congratulations and a great big thank you to Stephanie on becoming our Second Vice President! Also, many thanks to Carol for stepping up and doing a great job on the newsletter this past year. Ellen will be doing the newsletter for us this year. We are looking for someone to do circulation – not time consuming and can be done at home (need to be comfortable with computer stuff, however). Let me know if you might be interested.

I have to send another thank you to Mary for the wonderful job she is doing in hospitality – every month is such a treat to see the beautifully decorated refreshment table.

Are you on MyGrove? Having trouble signing in? Send me an email and I will troubleshoot for you. See you in February!

Andrea

PS – Have you started your challenge quilt yet?

## *Challenge 2018*

### **30<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY - PEARL**

Is it the pearl in an oyster, a string of pearls, a lovely pearlescent color, or a pearl of wisdom? However you choose to use the word, incorporate a pearl into your challenge quilt to celebrate the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Courthouse Quilters – our pearl anniversary.

Ribbons will be given in three categories:

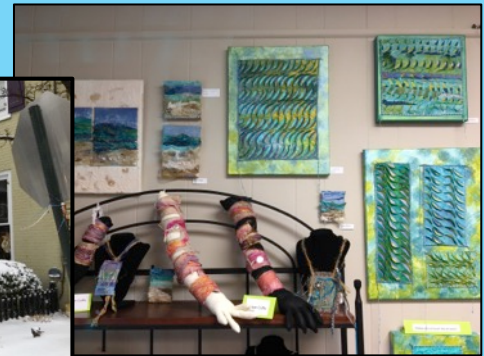
- 1) Quilt of any size.
- 2) Quilt that measures 30" x 30".
- 3) Other ("Other" may be – but is not limited to – clothing, fabric sculpture, home décor item.).

The quilt must be made between November 12, 2017 and April 8, 2018.  
Challenge entries are judged by all guild members at the April meeting.

## Meet Our Member - Mary Schwarzenberger



Mary Schwarzenberger was creating with fabric before she learned to drive a car. Her creative mother and grandmother were her inspirations. She attended FIT to become a fashion designer, but the rushed and competitive NY Garment District wasn't a fit for her laid-back style. As a career speech therapist, she managed stress by using her spare time to explore her creative ideas with materials of all kinds. When she joined Courthouse Quilters in the '90s, she took classes and went to quilt shows as often as she could. During this time, she developed her unique whimsical, free, and colorful style for quilts, clothing, and accessories. Most recently, Mary has opened her own shop, Fantasy Fiber Art, 23 Bridge St. (at Church St.) in Milford.



Have a suggestion for a member to be in next month's feature? Contact Ellen Heath at [ellheath@gmail.com](mailto:ellheath@gmail.com).

## Hospitality

Once again, many thanks to all who brought in snacks for our January guild meeting including Cass Garner, Page Morgan, Linda Allen, Penny Armagost, and Nicky Wallis. Cass and Nicky, thank you for being our Hospitality Volunteers this month. What a great job and speedy cleanup!

February volunteers are Joan Lasota and Penny Armagost. A reminder will be emailed to volunteers a week before the meeting.

We still need volunteers for March and April. **If you have not helped out yet, please consider doing so.** If you have any questions about what needs to be done, please contact Mary Rigby at [maryrigby@comcast.net](mailto:maryrigby@comcast.net). Your help would be most appreciated.

## At the Mercer Museum

AFRICAN AMERICAN QUILTS:  
FROM TRADITIONAL  
TO CONTEMPORARY  
JANUARY 20  
@ 10:00 AM - APRIL 15 @ 5:00 PM



Highlights the textile collections of the late Cuesta Benberry, a 20th Century pioneer and researcher in the field of American, and especially African-American, quilt-making. The exhibit features 13 important quilts from Benberry's collection including works by Faith Ringgold and Gee's Bend Quilters

**QUILTS in the MILL SHOW 2018 NEWS**

It takes the whole guild to make the Quilt Show. A little bit of your time, your hands and creative talents are needed for the following Show Committees:

Acquisitions, Flowers, Decorations, Door Prizes, Volunteers.

Contact me, or sign up at the February meeting.

Our raffle quilt is nearing completion, and is a beauty, a New York Beauty! We will be displaying the quilt and selling raffle tickets beginning at the NJ Quilt Fest (Mancuso show) in late April. Raffle tickets will also be sold at the 4 H Fair in August, and possibly at the Oaks show in September.

**CHAIR NEEDED FOR THE RAFFLE TABLE COMMITTEE**

A member is needed to head the Raffle Table committee. Responsibilities include: organizing volunteers to cover the raffle table, and white glove at the April show, (and possibly Oaks ), and organizing coverage for the raffle table at the 4H Fair.

Please let me know if you would like to chair this committee, or if you can cover a couple of hours at a show.

Keep making your handmade boutique items , save those scraps (3 inch square or larger). Our show visitors love them! A collection box is at each meeting,

And keep stitching those minis.

Members, a reminder: according to CHQ bylaws, to exhibit quilts in the show, you must be a member in good standing:

- 1) dues paid in full
- 2) make 3 items for the show boutique
- 3) sell 20 raffle tickets

Keep on stitching, and volunteer for the show!

Camille Quinton

Quilts in the Mill 2018 Show Chair

**Where should we advertise our show???**

If you know of a paper, magazine, on line advertising, TV, radio station or any venue that would be good to advertise, please send the names to me at [cassgarner1@gmail.com](mailto:cassgarner1@gmail.com). We are focusing on free ads but paid ads are not out of the question. Many thanks in advance for helping with this ever-changing list.

**Minis for the Show**

Here are the rules for Mini construction:

1. Your Mini can be as small as 6"x6" (minimum) or as large as 24"x24" (maximum).
2. No cheater cloth.
3. Your Mini can be machine or hand quilted; no tied quilts.
4. Your Mini should have a label with your name, county, state, date, and Courthouse Quilters on it. That way your lucky winner will know all about their new quilt and who made it.
5. Your Mini must be handed in by the September meeting. This will give the committee time to get the raffle all set up. You can turn in your Mini to either Marv

## ENGLISH PAPER PIECING WORKSHOP for February 2018 with Jan Hunold

This workshop will cover:

- Cutting fabric with an EPP template, including fussy cutting with a template for repeats
- Wrapping/attaching fabric around the paper piece (variety of methods)
- Joining pieces together using two different techniques
- Joining rounds by hand
- Attaching a completed design to a background
- Popular EPP projects

EPP pieces and template kit from the guild - kit will include a 1 3/8" hexagon template and papers for the 1 3/4" hex.

You can use supplies you already have if you wish.

Kit will cost under \$12.00

- Jan will provide a stock card fussy cut finder for you.

FABRIC:

- You can use scraps for this workshop. I would recommend a combination of contrasting colors and patterns. At least five to eight different fabrics. Scraps need to be at least 3" square
- Please bring one piece of fabric with at least five repeats of a really interesting pattern for fussy cutting (for a total of six hexes of the same interesting feature).

THREADS:

- Junk basting thread in light and dark
- Cotton thread in a variety of colors (see what works with your stash). I use Mettler 60 wt. If you have a favorite appliqué thread that will work. Silk is not a good option (it stretches). Hand quilting thread also works.
- Some EPP fans swear by bottom line, but it doesn't come in a lot of colors

NEEDLES

Straw (milliner) needles 9, 10, 11 or whatever kind or size you like to use for your threads.

USUAL HAND-STITCHING TOOLS

- thimble or preferred finger tip protection, or not
- Needleinders or needle case
- Beeswax or thread heaven
- Light/magnifier
- Needle threader
- Small scissors or clips
- Tweezers
- Whatever else you usually use for hand stitching

Other Stuff:

- Sewline glue stick (or your favorite washable glue stick)
- Plastic clips - I get the really cheap ones on Amazon like 100 for under \$10. They are just fine!
- Small iron and ironing pad
- Wooden finger presser (optional)
- Small cutting mat
- Small rotary cutter. A 60 mm is overkill- 46mm and smaller is ok
- Hand cream

ROTATING MAT - a good rotating mat is a cool luxury but not necessary for the workshop

- To make a cheap rotating cutting mat, bring a small cutting mat (like 8"x12") and a cheap lazy susan turntable. You can put the small cutting mat on the turntable.. I have the OXO Good grips lazy susan turntable 11" that runs around \$12

- I do not like the Olga rotating mat....not worth the money
- The Martelli rotating mat system is the Cadillac of rotating mats but \$\$\$\$

If you have purchased papers and templates for a specific pattern you are welcome to work on that project in the workshop. The technique is all the same!

*January Workshop - Fat Quarter Bag with Barbara Slaton & Mary Ann Hampton*



*January Meeting*



# COURTHOUSE QUILTERS

## Minutes

January 14, 2018

4:30 - 5:30

Meeting was called to order at 4:15 pm by Andrea.

IN ATTENDANCE: Andrea K. Cavallaro; Camille Quinton; Slice Sprenger; Patty Gertz; Cass Garner; Cathie Giambalvo; Stephanie Greenberg; Nicky Wallis; Judith McCormick, Marla Knappe; Mary Rigby; Penny Armagost

Motion to approve minutes of November, 2017 meeting was made by Penny,

seconded by Marla, motion passed.

### **President's business**-Andrea

There are two board openings:

Ellen will do newsletter

Stephanie will do Program with Marla

**Vice Presidents/Program** Marla K.-Spoke about need for a cord to connect computer to projector.

Discussed:

How to handle supply list updates

Workshops are listed under events

Andrea will post on My Grove

Challenge quilts

**Corresponding Secretary**- Cass G.

Still looking for more places where we can advertise Quilt Show for free.

**Treasurer's Report**-Nicky Wallis

Discussed year in review, is sending out report

### **Committees**

#### **Charity**

Jude McCormick

Discussed a guild project at Life Choices in Phillipsburg-will report at meeting.

#### **Hospitality**

Mary Rigby

Needs people to volunteer, will report to guild at the meeting

Reminded people about mini quilts needed for Quilt Show

#### **Library**

Patty Gertz

Proposed that people donate any DVD's with quilt lessons that they are no longer using.

#### **Membership**

Camille Quinton

Two new members. Only half have paid to renew. Discussed how to improve meeting renewal deadline.

#### **Quilt Show**

Camille Quinton

There is a list of committees for people to sign up for.

Linda Allen is collecting boutique items and donations. Each member should donate 3 items and a mini quilt

**Raffle Quilt** Currently being quilted by Cathie Giambalvo

#### **Web Presence**

**Karen Davis and Cathie Giambalvo**

Facebook is coming along, the page is not up yet, but the other one is down.

Go Daddy is the Web page

### **New Business**

Motion to adjourn was made by Camille, seconded by Marla, passed. Meeting adjourned at 5:30.

Respectfully submitted by Penny Armagost



## Courthouse Quilters Guild Board



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](http://www.courthousequilters.org)

For a complete listing of the holdings in the guild library, go to:

[www.librarything.com/catalog/CourthouseQuilters](http://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.

Send all of your articles, news, photos and other newsworthy items to Ellen.

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- Newsletter – Ellen Heath
- Photographer - Al Accettola
- Publicity - Joan Lasota
- Quilt Show – Camille Quinton
- Raffle Quilt - Design and Creation - Stephanie Greenberg/Andrea Cavallaro
- Web Presence - Karen Davis and Cathie Giambalvo

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