

Courthouse Quilters Guild Newsletter

December 2023

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CHQ Holiday Party

3:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Annual Pot-Luck

Sign up to bring a dish

Bring your own Place Setting / Placemat

Bring non-food Donations

Placemat Contest with Prizes

Crafts

****Gift Exchange is Switching Up****

Wrap a pair of socks for a fun exchange

Bring an extra pair to donate to the Food Pantry

(Gift value \$10 - \$15)

Location

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

Courthouse Quilters President's Letter

President's Letter

I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving with family and friends! Our November workshop was filled with members making placemats to donate to Meals on Wheels. So far, we have 116 placemats and you can still turn more in at the December meeting. The guild has had a truly terrific year in terms of community outreach! Thanks to Barbara, Mary Ann, and Cathie for all of their hard work, organization, and leadership. And, thank you to all of the members who have participated.

I found Michael Ross' quilts to be amazing - his piecing - wow. I am seeing an intersection of ideas and techniques that is opening up completely different possibilities. I am fascinated by the idea of not thinking about color, only value. Thank you to Anne and Laura for organizing our program and exposing us to different types of quilting!

Congratulations to Barbara Fusco for being elected to the position of 2nd Vice President! We look forward to working with you and appreciate your willingness to serve in this important role.

It's hard to believe that the year is coming to a close. Next year brings the excitement of our quilt show. Please be thinking about how you want to participate in the fun and what role you might play. Also start thinking about quilts you will show. I hope that all our members will enter something. One piece of advice that Joyce Hughes gave in one of her classes was to be happy wherever you are in your quilting journey. Be proud of the work you do - whether it is your first quilt or your 50th. Wherever you are today is to be celebrated and it leads to what you may create tomorrow.

Housekeeping: It's membership time, please renew today! The January and February workshops are filling up, we will open them up to non-members soon, please sign up and pay for the workshop if you are interested. Blocks for the Safe Harbor wall hanging are due by 12/31. They can be handed at the December meeting or mailed to Laura Kohl.

Happy quilting!

Gina

president@courthousequilters.org

Upcoming Meetings

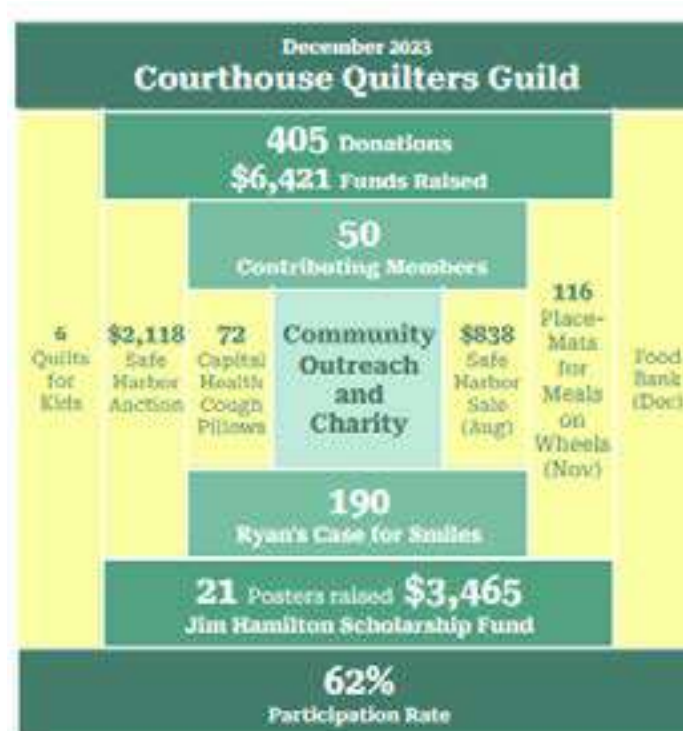
Zoom Board Meeting (All members welcome)

Time: December 15, 2023 07:00 PM

Guild Meeting at Hunterdon County Complex (Bldg 1)

Time: December 17, 2023 03:00 PM Eastern Time

Community Outreach (Barbara Slaton & Cathie Giambalvo)

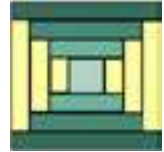


- Placemats for Meals on Wheels
 - Thanks to everyone who came to the workshop or made placemats at home. Placemats may still be turned in at our December meeting. We have 116 placemats so far!
- Safe Harbor Quilted Wall Hanging Project - [Safe Harbor Blocks Sign Up](#)
 - Member sign up to make **9" square blocks using batik fabrics containing NO Black**
 - Will be trimmed during construction to 8.5" to finish at 8"
 - Black sashing or borders are anticipated, depending on final layout
 - Blocks due by 12/31 to Laura Kohl (can be mailed)
 - Blocks can be pieced, applique, collage, etc.

- Can be literal theme, community, Flemington, embroidery, etc.
 - No embellishments that break a needle during quilting
 - Wall hanging size will depend on number of participants
 - Hanging to be delivered during March guild meeting
- Food Pantry
 - Please bring your donations of non food items to the December meeting.

CHQ Membership News ~

From: Cathie Giambalvo, CHQ Membership Chair
cathiegiambalvo@comcast.net



Time to RENEW your 2024 CHQ Membership!

please go to:

<http://www.courthousequilters.org/renew-membership.html>

Member Benefits

- **Learn New Things** - enjoy informative lectures, workshops and trunk shows by local and nationally recognized instructors.
- **Be Inspired** - Show and Tell at every meeting - show off your skills and be inspired by the creations of other members.
- **Get Challenged** - expand your creative reach and sharpen your skills by participating in our yearly anniversary quilting challenge.
- **Participate** - opportunities to take part in community outreach sewing projects, collection drives, and fundraising, supporting worthy causes in our area and abroad. Feel good about doing good, working on a team bringing comfort and resources to others in need.
- **Show Your Work** - opportunities to exhibit your quilts at our “Quilts in the Mill” and other venues. Our biennial quilt show is held at the beautiful Prallsville Mill in Stockton, NJ, our next show is scheduled for Fall 2024.
- **Stay Connected** - receive monthly CHQ Newsletter or President’s Bulletin – keeps you up to date on guild activities, and local quilt related events. Make new friends or hang out with old ones. CHQ provides space to share your quilting passion!

*44 members in attendance at our November meeting
24 came to the “Placemats for Meals on Wheels” Charity Sew
16 Members have already renewed their memberships for 2024!*

*We welcomed 3 guests:
Christy Stephenson, Donna Martinez and Deb Brockway*

CHQ PROGRAM Updates

December 17th, 2023

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Courthouse Quilters Guild December Program



January 14 & 21
(two day workshop - ZOOM)

Workshop: Hugs or Kisses Quilt-As-You-Go
Kristin Echols

Lecture: Kristin Echols' quilt as you go method
and live (virtual) trunk show



**February 18 & 25
(two day workshop) ZOOM
Workshop: Wings & Wedges
Jane Sassaman**

**Lecture: “under the Influence”
Jane Sassaman**



Charity

CHQ DONATIONS TO THE FOOD PANTRY 2023!

PLEASE BRING TO THE HOLIDAY PARTY IN DECEMBER!

NON-FOOD ITEMS NEEDED:



**SOCKS/ADULT & CHILD
ADULT GLOVES
PERSONAL CARE ITEMS INCLUDING
FEMININE HYGEINE ITEMS
SHAMPOO
SOAP
TOOTHBRUSHES
TISSUES**

DIAPERS-ESPECIALLY SIZE 4-5

October Workshop



Homage to Harriett Powers



October Show and Tell



October Show and Tell



November Charity Sew



Michael Ross



November Show and Tell



November Show and Tell





Hospitality

We look forward to seeing all of you at the annual CHQ Holiday Party on December 17th. Thank you to those who have signed up to share in our potluck meal. There are still a few spots open and everyone is welcome. Coffee, tea and hot cocoa will be provided and don't forget to bring your own placemat and place setting!

**[https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A084BAEA728A46-45252392-chqholiday#/
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The hospitality sign up genius link is ready to accept snack](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A084BAEA728A46-45252392-chqholiday#/)**

**volunteers for our monthly meetings starting in March 2024.
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Thank you and happy holidays!](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a084baea728a46-chqhospitality#/)**

Donna Slovak

Sunshine and Shadows

If you know of anyone who could use a little cheering up, please contact the Secretary Cheryl Dennis. She will send them a card.

Board Meeting Minutes September 2023

CHQ Board Meeting Minutes September 15, 2023

Friday, September 15 · 7:08 – 8:10 PM ZOOM

In Attendance: Gina Krejsa, Kerry Cogen, Anne Oswald, Lauren Pine, Cathie Giambalvo, Cheryl Dennis, Laura Kohl, Barbara Slaton, Donna Slovak, Penny Armagost, Al Accettola and Cass Garner (Non-voting), Janet Bergman (Non-Voting).

Gina Krejsa called the meeting to order at 7:08 PM.

August Board Minutes: Cathie Giambalvo made a motion to approve the August minutes Gina Krejsa seconded the motion. Approved unanimously, seven (7) board members were present at time of approval vote.

Old Business:

- Tabled for future discussion: a review of show functions from a strategy perspective.
Gina Krejsa motion to remove “tabled old business” item, Al Accettola second to remove. Approved unanimously.

Board/Committee Status:

- **President:** Gina Krejsa
 - Meeting dates have been entered with Hunterdon County for 2024.
- **Treasurer:** Kerry Cogan - Treasurer Report
 - The guild did well with sales at the 4H fair. The guild will be providing a donation to Safe harbor. The 4H fair showed that the decision to raise the price of the quilts was the right decision.
- **1st Vice President/Program:** Anne Oswald - Program/Workshop Calendar
 - September meeting will be an open workshop, Jacket and half square triangle sew-along club. The evening event will be a discussion on happy sewing. We will be voting on the bylaws and standing rules. Cass will bring photos. We will do a sneak peek for 2024 programs and check in with members on what they would like to see. Janet will pick up the electrical cords and mats from the storage unit.
 - October will be with Patty doing machine applique class in the day and 2 members doing lecture in the evening. Will do 5x7 exchange.
 - November charity workshop and lecture in the evening by a local artist.
 - December will be the holiday party.
- **2nd Vice President/Program:** Laura Kohl
 - First six months of programs are mapped out. Will ask members if they have a preference for the March program.

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- **Recording Secretary:** Cheryl Dennis
 - Nothing to report.
- **Corresponding Secretary:** Juliet Leonard (not present)
 - Nothing to report.
- **Nominating Committee:** Joan Lasota (not present)
 - Nothing to report.
- **4H Fair Committee:** Barbara Fusco (not present)
 - Nothing to report.
- **Charity & Outreach:** Barbara Slaton
 - Nothing to report.
- **Boutique:** Janet Bergman
 - Janet will be gone at the end of October until April. Gina sees emails for donation so she can ensure items get put into the storage unit.
 - Will ask members if they have space to take some items from storage unit
- **Circulation:** Lauren Lupica
 - Nothing to report.
- **Bylaws:** Patty Gertz and Cass Garner (Cass presented)
 - Send a reminder tomorrow to members about voting at the August meeting.
- **Historian:** Cass Garner and Patty Gertz (Cass presented)
 - Will offer members copies of the old newsletters, if no one takes them, they will be shredded.
- **Hospitality:** Donna Slovak
 - Nothing to report.
- **Library:** Marianne Hampton (not present)
 - Nothing to report
- **Licensing:** Dyan Rosario (not present) Kerry presented
 - The license was sent but didn't have a suite number in the address so it got lost. Needed to pay an additional fee to get a duplicate.

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- Try to get tickets in time for the Lambertville house tour on 22OCT2023 from 11 AM to 5 PM.
- **Membership:** Cathie Giambalvo
 - Will confirm membership number before the August meeting so we know how many members needed to pass the bylaws vote.
- **Newsletter & Photographer:** Al Accettola
 - Provide information for the newsletter to Al.
- **Publicity:** Dyan Rosario (not present)
 - Nothing to report.
- **Raffle Quilt Construction 2024:** Anne Oswald
 - Look for Raffle Quilt chair in October
- **Raffle Ticket Distribution and Sales Chair:** Penny Armagost
 - Nothing to report
- **Quilt Show Chair:** Lysa Martinelli (not present)
 - Nothing to report.
- **Web Presence:** Lauren Pine
 - GoDaddy subscription due for renewal in November.

New Business

- Nothing to report

Gina Krejsa moved to Adjourn the Meeting at 8:10 Cass Garner seconded, meeting adjourned.

Board Meeting Minutes October 2023

CHQ Board Meeting Minutes October 13, 2023

Friday, October 13 · 7:05 – 7:40 PM ZOOM

In Attendance: Gina Krejsa, Kerry Cogen, Donna Slovak, Anne Oswald, Juliet Leonard, Patty Gertz, Laura Kohl, Penny Armagost, Al Accettola and Cass Garner (Non-voting).

Gina Krejsa called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

September Board Minutes: Kerry Cogen made a motion to approve the September minutes Al Accettola seconded the motion. Approved unanimously, eight (8) board members were present at time of approval vote.

Old Business:

- Nothing to report.

Board/Committee Status:

- **President:** Gina Krejsa
 - Confirmed everyone saw the current calendar and no changes are required.
- **Treasurer:** Kerry Cogan - Treasurer Report
 - The treasurer's report was sent out and the committees need to start looking at next year's budget.
 - Since the boutique is a separate entity their budget may change significantly.
 - We did not need to spend all of the budget for rent this year so we need to consider if we want to keep a reserve in case we need to pay rent next year.
 - We had to spend \$50 in October for the duplicate raffle license which has also not been delivered. Dyan called and escalated and they agreed to send another one to Dyan's address with no charge. The third one has still not arrived.
- **1st Vice President/Program:** Anne Oswald - Program/Workshop Calendar
 - October will be with Patty doing machine applique class during the day. In the evening we will be voting on the bylaws. Additionally, two members will be doing a lecture in the evening. We will do a 5x7 exchange followed by silent action and show and tell.
 - November charity workshop placemat and lecture in the evening by a local artist. Also Election for second Vice President.
 - December will be the Christmas party.
- **2nd Vice President/Program:** Laura Kohl

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- Will announce the challenge and the first couple of months of programs for 2024.

- **Recording Secretary:** Cheryl Dennis (not present)
 - Nothing to report.
- **Corresponding Secretary:** Juliet Leonard
 - Nothing to report.
- **Nominating Committee:** Joan Lasota (not present)
 - Nothing to report.
- **4H Fair Committee:** Barbara Fusco (not present)
 - Should have a budget for dry cleaning of the sheets.
- **Charity & Outreach:** Barbara Slaton (not present)
 - Nothing to report.
- **Boutique:** Janet Bergman (not present)
 - Will have a silent auction of donation of African Fabrics in the September meeting.

Patty Gertz made a motion to increase the boutique budget by \$50.00 so the guild can reimburse Gina for expenses incurred for the 4H fair. Al Accettola seconded the motion. Approved unanimously.
- **Circulation:** Lauren Lupica (not present)
 - Nothing to report.
- **Bylaws:** Patty Gertz and Cass Garner (Patty presented)
 - Nothing to report.
- **Historian:** Cass Garner and Patty Gertz (Cass presented)
 - Still sorting out material.
- **Hospitality:** Donna Slovak (not present)
 - Have volunteers for snacks through the end of year. Will be making up the sign up genius for the potluck Christmas dinner.
- **Library:** Marianne Hampton (not present)
 - Nothing to report
- **Licensing:** Dyan Rosario (not present)
 - Covered by Kerry under Treasurer Report

CHQ Board Meeting Minutes October 13, 2023

- **Membership:** Cathie Giambalvo (not present)
 - This month starts the membership renewal kick-off.
- **Newsletter & Photographer:** Al Accettola
 - Provide information to Gina
- **Publicity:** Dyan Rosario (not present)
 - Sent an email blast to the other guild with the updated email address.
- **Raffle Quilt Construction 2024:** Anne Oswald
 - Nothing to report
- **Raffle Ticket Distribution and Sales Chair:** Penny Armagost
 - Nothing to report
- **Quilt Show Chair:** Lysa Martinelli (not present)
 - Nothing to report.
- **Web Presence:** Lauren Pine (not present)
 - Nothing to report.

New Business

- Nothing to report

Al Accettola moved to Adjourn the Meeting at 7:40 Penny Armagost seconded, meeting adjourned.

Classified

Hello!

I wanted to let you know that our Fantastic Fibers call is live. I've attached the link down below, along with the info page on our website. Please feel free to share as you see fit and let me know if you have any questions! We're so thrilled to have Sandro Tiberi of Fabriano, Italy, serving as juror this year.

Sandro is an expert in hand paper making, and teacher of paper technology at the Academy of Fine Arts in Rome. He wrote the books, "Meeting With Paper" and "I Tiberi." His artwork has been featured in Italian and international newspapers and international television specials. Tiberi has taught in workshops at the Academies of Fine Arts: Venice, Bologna, Rome, Perugia, Macerata, in secondary and primary schools, and in cultural associations. He is a member of the Pia University of Paper Makers and an honorary member of the Fedrigoni Fabriano Foundation.

FANTASTIC FIBERS is an international juried exhibition that seeks to showcase a wide range of outstanding works related to the fiber medium.

One of Yeiser Art Center's most engaging and innovative international exhibits, Fantastic Fibers is an inspirational must-see for fine artists, quilters and textile art enthusiasts across the globe.

Contemporary and innovative works created with fiber as the primary medium or concept are welcome. This exhibition is open to all artists 18 years and over working in the field of fiber art.

The show began in 1987 as a wearable art show but has evolved over the years to include a compelling mix of traditional and non-traditional works created from natural or synthetic fibers, and work that addresses the subject or medium of fiber.

https://artist.callforentry.org/festivals_unique_info.php?ID=12522
<https://theyeiser.org/fantastic-fibers-call/>

Please email your questions to office@theyeiser.org

Sincerely,

Lexie Millikan
Executive Director

Fantastic Fibers Exhibition





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 Gina.

Courthouse Quilters Guild Board

President - Regina Krejsa

First Vice President – Anne Oswald

Second Vice President— Laura Kohl
& Programs

Secretary - Cheryl Dennis

Treasurer - Kerry Cogan

Charity and Outreach- Barbara Slaton

Circulation - Lauren Lupica

Archivist - Patty Gertz & Cass Garner

Hospitality - Donna Slovak

Licensing - Dyan Rosario

Membership - Cathie Giambalvo

Newsletter –Al Accettola

Photographer - Al Accettola

Publicity - Dyan Rosario

Quilt Show – Lysa Martinelli

Raffle Quilt Design and Creation Anne Oswald &
Jill Ferrari

Raffle Quilt Sales 2024 - Penny Armagost

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