

Courthouse Quilters President's Bulletin

September 2025

And just like that, summer is over! It is time to switch from shorts and bathing suits to sweaters. This is my favorite time of the year and "sweater weather" is my favorite season or as Betty and Jodi from Bronx Beat would say "Sweatah Weathah".

The **4-H Quilt Show and Boutique** was held on August 20 - 24 with CHQ coordinating the quilt show at the fair. This year we also had the opportunity to have a small Boutique as well as sell Caring Hearts Quilts. It was a lot of work and the support of the members that volunteered made the event a success.

The feedback on the quilt show was overwhelmingly positive. Our members took home 11 of the 18 ribbons awarded with Kerry Cogen receiving the Viewers Choice for her wall hanging "Dream Big Feathers".

- Traditional - Cass Garner "Playtime" (2nd place)
- Modern - Penny Armagost "Rainbow Swirl" (Honorable Mention)
- Wall Hanging - Donna Slovak "Jeff" (1st place), Kerry Cogen "Message to Michael" (2nd place), and Carol Lankfer "Patridge Family" (3rd place)
- Art - Deb Brockway "Enjoying Spring Ephemerals" (1st place), Gina Krejsa "Geese!" (2nd place), Patty Gertz "Mambo Minnie" (Honorable Mention), Dyan Rosario "A Stroll in the Park" (Honorable Mention), and Gina Krejsa "Vitality" (Honorable Mention)

Quilt Show and Boutique by the numbers:

- Quilt Show - 19 volunteers / 13.5 hours / 56.5 total people hours (acquisitions, judging, hanging, and show take down)
- Boutique - 33 volunteers / 52.5 hours / 86.5 total people hours (set-up and sales)
- Sales - \$2,083 (Boutique - \$1,143 and Caring Hearts Quilts - \$940 for 12 quilts sold)

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Upcoming Meetings

Board Meeting - ZOOM (all members welcome)

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

Guild Workshop and Meeting

Date/Time: Sunday, September 21, 2025

- Open Sew-in (free) 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Business Meeting / Show & Tell: 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

The remaining 2025 meeting dates are: October 26 (4th Sunday), November 16, and December 21.



This year's challenge **"Can You Dig It?"** will be on display at the Pennsylvania National Quilt Extravaganza September 11 – 14, 2025. The show times are: Thursday, September 11 through Saturday, September 13 - 10:00 am to 5:00 pm and Sunday, September 14 - 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Admission tickets are \$18.

The Pennsylvania National Quilt Extravaganza's Merchants Mall has machines, fabric, thread, textiles, quilting supplies, books, sewing-related craft items, kits, and clothing. The quilt show features all the national competition entries as well as other special exhibitions.

September 21, 2025

****Workshop****

Open Sew-in with guild members

Location: Rt 12 County Complex

Time: 1:00 - 5:00

FREE

****Evening Program****

Meg Cox Lecture

Location: Rt 12 County Complex

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Courthouse Quilters Guild Program

Workshop

This is a great time to catch up on your projects or get that holiday project started. Sign up here: [CHQ September Open Sew](#)



Evening Program

Meg Cox lecture - "Talking to History: Help Your Quilts Tell Their Stories". Whether it's your grandkids or a museum curator, one day there will be people begging to know more about your quilts when you aren't around to answer questions. This lecture and trunk show will fill you with fresh ideas about how to both label and archive your quilts.



October 26, 2025

****Workshop****

Designing Quilt Blocks for Foundation Paper Piecing with Al Accettola

Location: Rt 12 County Complex

Time: 1:00 - 5:00

Cost: \$14 - no kit fee

****Evening Program****

Deb Brockway Trunk Show

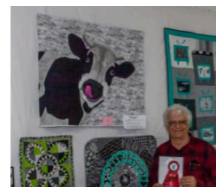
Location: Rt 12 County Complex

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Courthouse Quilters Guild Program

Workshop

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](#)



Evening Program

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.





The next Global Quilt Connection All-Star Sampler Platter will be held on **Saturday, September 27 and Sunday, September 28 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.

Saturday

Annie Smith - The KEY to Choosing Fabric for Your Quilts
Brenda Gael Smith - Dots and Dashes: Linear Explorations
Roxane Lessa - Just Peachy Textile Painting Class
Becky Campbell - English Paper Piecing Made Easy
Corey Pearson - Revolutionize Quilt-As-You-Go with the QISS System
Patricia Harrison - Circle those Scraps! Machine Piecing into Circles
Julia McLeod - 3D EPP!
Katie Lewis - Satin Stitch Magic: A Clean Finish for Raw Edges
Carol Wilhoit - Quilting with Color

Sunday

Bea Byrne - English Paper Piecing with Curves
Diana Karna - Pinwheel Pockets for a Quilted Coat
Jenny Kae Parks - The Art of Palette Applique
Robin Koehler - Fabric Collaborations: Unleash your stash!
Kristin Echols - Intro to Seminole Patchwork 10 Designs with 2 Strips of Fabric
Tina Curran - Digitally Print the Fabrics You Want - Economically
Lynn Christiansen - Souvenir Stitching: Design a Quilt From Your Adventures
Emma Jane Powell - Finish What You Start! Managing Unfinished Quilts
Nanette Zeller - Hang it like Art! Simple Ways to Hang Your Quilts Like a Pro!

Ideas and Planning Sessions:

The work of the fundraising committee brought to light that the guild does activities that may no longer be ones that members are interested in doing or that there are reasons that prevent them from participating. It might be a good time to take a look at our activities so we can better plan for activities that better match the interests of our current members. I would like to hold an informal session with members that are interested in discussing ideas to help develop a plan that matches the interests and desired level of participation. Are you interested in getting together? Please email me if you are interested in meeting and I will contact those interested about a meeting date.

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.

Brownstone Quilters Guild - October 17th Workshop Seats Open:

Workshop with Susan Deshensky - "Compass Rose": Add a touch of elegance to any dining table or sideboard, with our newly reimagined Compass Rose Table Runner pattern! Measuring at 22" x 69", this table runner is sure to impress with its use of fabrics from assorted Hoffman Batiks collections. It's a great introductory pattern featuring a stunning mariner's compass block, and is perfect for both beginner and experienced quilters. With its basic foundation paper piecing techniques and traditional assembly, this pattern will guide you through creating a beautiful table runner.

Contact Mary Ritchey (ritchey788@aol.com) for information. The workshop will be held at: Old Paramus Reformed Church, 660 E. Glen Avenue, Ridgewood, NJ 07450.

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/>

Executive Board, Committee Chairs, Special Committees

Executive Board:

President: Lysa Martinelli
1st Vice President: Barbara Fusco
2nd Vice President: Kerry Cogan
Treasurer: Patty Gertz
Secretary: Donna Slovak

Standing Committee Chairs:

Archivist: Regina Krejsa
Boutique: **Open**
Charity & Outreach: Cheryl Dennis
Circulation: Jan Hunold
Hospitality: Greta Casella & Margaretanne
Reina
Membership: Sara Mlynarchek
Newsletter/Photography: Al Accettola
Publicity: Dyan Rosario
Quilt Show: **Open**
Web Presence: Cathie Giambalvo

Ad-Hoc Committee Chairs:

4H Fair: Barbara Fusco & Lysa Martinelli
Raffle Quilt Sales 2026: Gina Krejsa & **TBD**
Raffle Quilt Construction 2026: **TBD**
Nominating: Joan Lasota, Cass Garner, Kathy
Stewart

Courthouse Quilters Guild: Our Mission

The purpose of our Guild is to:

- preserve and promote the tradition and history of quilting.
- to foster fellowship among interested persons in all aspects of quilting.
- to sponsor and support educational quilting activities.
- to encourage quilt making and collecting.
- to promote the appreciation of quilting throughout the community.
- and to support charitable activities.

Website: Visit the Courthouse Quilters website (www.courthousequilters.org) for information on meetings, presentations, workshops, and general information about the guild.

Facebook: Become Facebook "friends" with Courthouse Quilters. Search for "Courthouse Quilters" and "like" us. See what guild members are posting related to quilting, sewing, art, and other interesting things.

Newsletter: The deadline for the newsletter is the Sunday following a meeting. For the even numbered months newsletter send all of your articles, news, photos and other newsworthy items to Al and for the odd numbered months send your information to Lysa.