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December 2015 | Newsletter |

## Meetings

The Guild meets the third Tuesday of each month (Sept to June) at 7pm at Kennedy Catholic 54 NY-138, Somers, NY 10589.

## Upcoming

December	
Wed 2	Comfort Quilts
Sat 5	Landscape SIG; Long Arm SIG
Tue 8	Board Meeting
Tue 15	Guild Meeting: Meg Cox
Wed 16	Comfort Quilts Holiday Party
Fri 18	Newsletter Submissions due
January	
Sat 9	Long Arm SIG
Wed 6	Comfort Quilts
Tue 12	Board Meeting
Fri 15	<b>Quilt Registration Opens</b>
Tue 19	<b>Guild Meeting: Education</b>
Wed 20	Comfort Quilts
Fri 22	Newsletter Submissions due

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As everyone around me seems to say, "I can't believe it is almost December." Summer seemed to last a long time, then Fall was over in a few days. I hope you will all enjoy a bountiful Thanksgiving with family and friends. The Guild outdid itself last month with the food donations that will provided a Happy Thanksgiving for many who otherwise might not have one. It is a wonderful start to the "giving season".

Thanks to the Boutique organizers and vendors for the work that must go into all the lovely items that show up for us to purchase. I hope that "giving season" feeling continued as many members and guests began holiday shopping. A special thank you to Carol and Karen for service above and beyond their Comfort Quilt duties as they made money at their booth to help support the Guild. Your efforts are appreciated by all members. Thanks also for the money you raised at the October quilt raffle. Great leaders!

Those of us who attended the "Stuff" workshop with Valarie Poitier were not disappointed and came away filled with ideas and methods for doing exciting things with fabric in the weeks ahead. It was primarily a day of playing and experimenting with unfamiliar products while enjoying the friendship and laughter of fellow members. A great day! I heard many comments that Valarie was one of the most inspiring and enthusiastic speakers we have had in a long time. How lucky we are that she could come a year ahead of schedule to help us out!

Now comes the time of year when we all go on "overload" with the chores and social events of the holiday season. Be sure to save time for yourself to do things that help you de-stress. Things like working on your cow challenge or your show quilt and going to Guild meetings. I have read a lot of Meg Cox's book, *The Quilters' Catalog*, and look forward to hearing her at our December meeting. The book is packed full of interesting information about quilts and important people in the quilt world. Her lecture will surely be full of these stories. Another draw for the December meeting is the refreshment table full of everyone's special holiday treats. I am a cookie lover and know I will eat way more than my share. So, see you at the refreshment table in December.

*Joyce Sullivan, President*  
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## Education

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### December

Sat 6	<p><b>Landscape SIG</b> will meet at 1pm at the Astoria Bank in Somers. Anyone that wants a little extra beginner training can come at 12:30.</p> <p><b>Long Arm SIG</b> will meet at Helen Nash May's house.</p>
Tue 15	<p><b>Art Quilters SIG</b> will meet in the Library at 5:45pm before the Guild meeting. Bring your completed questionnaire as well as Show &amp; Tell and any challenges that have been completed.</p> <p><b>Domestic Machine SIG</b> will meet at 5:45pm in the Faculty Room. Consider bringing any tips, ideas, frustrations or examples of free motioning quilting as well as any recent work or work you need help on designing.</p>

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## Hospitality

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For December, we are asking all our members to bring in their favorite goodies which could include homemade baked items, fruit, cheese and crackers, nuts or chips and dip. We will also be raffling two gift baskets. The raffles are \$1.00 each.

Thanks to all our members who have been so generous with our food drive donations during our November meeting. Kathy Keane was so kind to bring our donations to St John's Food Pantry.

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## Special Events

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The **2016 Super Saturday** class listing has been posted on the NSQG website. Go to [northernstarquilters.com/super-saturday-2016](http://northernstarquilters.com/super-saturday-2016) for more details.

How exciting ... over 14 **Incredible Cow Quilts** are being created!! It's not too late to start one, when the word play idea pops into your head! Check out the website <http://www.northernstarquilters.com/guild-challenge> and join in the fun!!

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## Membership

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We enjoyed a large meeting which included 4 guests and 3 new members. Please help me give a warm welcome to **Brenda Harris, Debbie Tompkins, and Michela Gilarde-Green**. Attendance at the meeting was a whopping 141 members; making it the highest attended meeting in a year. Thank you to those members who picked up their new 2015-2016 membership booklet. Membership booklets are available at the monthly meetings, one per member.

I am also looking for members who are interested in holding a One Woman Show. This is a wonderful opportunity to showcase your talents at an upcoming meeting and provides a visual feast to your fellow Guild members. Please email me if you or someone you know may be interested.

*Christine Wilhelm, VP Membership*  
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## Programs

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### December - Meg Cox Lecture: December 15 - "Quilt Historian"

Meg's two specialties are family traditions and quilting. She has been a passionate quilter for 25 years. Her books and lectures are jam-packed with practical information and inspiration. Her book, *The Quilter's Catalog*, is a must have for all of us.

Our next workshop will be in March. Plan ahead. The sign up tables remain open at all meetings. You can also contact me if you want to sign up.

If any members have suggestions for choice of speakers, areas of interest, please let me know.

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## Communications

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### Area Shows & Events

**“Quilting: Fiber Art Fun”** - January 28-30, 2016 - North Country Studio Workshops will offer a 5-day workshop with Carol Ann Waugh. The workshop will be held on the campus at Bennington College. For more details on location, cost and registration procedures, please visit North Country’s web site, [www.ncsw.org](http://www.ncsw.org).”

**“Kongo: Power and Majesty”** - now through January 1, 2016, The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York City; <http://www.metmuseum.org>.

**“Jacqueline de Ribes: The Art of Style”** - November 19, 2015-February 21, 2016, The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York City, <http://www.metmuseum.org>.

**“Chinese Textiles: Ten Centuries of Masterpieces from the Met Collection”** - through June 19, 2016, The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York City; <http://www.metmuseum.org>.

**“American Quilts and Folk Art”** - through August 7, 2016, The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York City; <http://www.metmuseum.org>.

**“New Discoveries: Early Liturgical Textiles from Egypt, 200-400”** - The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York City; <http://www.metmuseum.org>

**Please let us know if you have been (or will be) featured in a show, publication, mentioned in an article, etc. Please send a photo (if available) and any pertinent details to [News@Northernstarquilters.com](mailto:News@Northernstarquilters.com).**

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## Quilt Show

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It’s a little over a month away until registration opens on January 15. Information on registration rules and instructions, as well as quilt categories will be available on the website. I hope you will have some extra time over the holidays to work on your quilts. If you have any questions, please contact me.

New this year are door prizes. As a way to help build excitement and promote the show, all show attendees will have a chance to win one of many door prizes. I am busy collecting items that can be used for the prizes, but I would like some more. If you have a new or gently used quilting notion, specialty tool, pattern book, charm pack, jelly roll, fat quarter, or other item related to quilting, please consider donating it. Bring it to any of the Guild meetings over the next few months and I will add it to my collection.

### Silent Auction

We hope you’ve been thinking about donating a quilted wall-hanging for the Silent Auction. The number of participants and the variety of quilts are what makes the Silent Auction so exciting.

We’d like the quilts by the April Guild meeting, but will be happy to take them sooner. Please contact Carolyn Langevin or Kay Marcarello, if you need more information.

**Reminders:** The Quilt show Committee will meet in the Kennedy Catholic Faculty Lounge at 4:30 on Tuesday, February 9. As we quickly approach the end of the year, it is important that the leader of each SIG or any other group interested in mounting an Exhibit at the Show send a written request for space to Patti Calautti, Quilt Hanging Chair. The deadline is January 1, 2016.

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## Special Events

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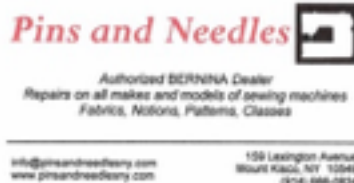
Thanks to all for another wonderful Boutique!! Special thanks to Stephanie Santangelo and her crew for a job well done. Now on to the Quilt Show Boutique!!

Don’t forget to sign up for the trip to Lancaster in March!! The cost is \$170 per person. Itineraries with more details will be available at the December meeting.

Super Saturday - Sign ups for Super Saturday have begun. Spaces in the classes are filling up quickly so reserve your spot now to get in on the fun. Sign up will continue at the December Guild meeting. For details on the class descriptions please visit the website.

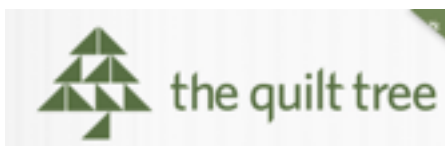
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## Charitable Activities

### Raffle Prize



Win this Bernina 350 Patchwork Edition Sewing Machine donated by Pins and Needles in Mt. Kisco by picking up your raffle tickets at the Membership table. The Bernina 350PE puts creativity at your fingertips. It offers maximum precision with proven Swiss quality. And just for quilters...this model comes with an extension table, freehand sewing system, patchwork foot and walking foot.

### Comfort Quilts

Thanks to all who supported the guild by shopping at the Comfort Quilt table during the boutique.

### Ronald McDonald House

Three quilts delivered to the Ronald McDonald House were received with great gratitude. Thank you to all who made blocks. Also special thanks to members who gave extra time to sew blocks together, quilt a quilt, hand sew a binding or donate a batting. Other quilts are currently being assembled or quilted.



Quilts at the end of the bed to brighten the rooms



Christine O'Reilly & Barbara Tatera

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