

On Point!

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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

October	
Sat 3	Landscape SIG; Long Arm SIG
Wed 7	Comfort Quilts
Tue 13	Board Meeting
Tue 20	Guild Meeting: Jackie Kunkel
Wed 21	Comfort Quilts
Wed 21	Workshop: "Hip to be Square"
Fri 23	Newsletter Submissions due
November	
Wed 4	Comfort Quilts
Sat 7	Landscape SIG; Long Arm SIG
Tue 10	Board Meeting; Quilt Show Meeting
Tue 17	Guild Meeting: Rose Hughes
Wed 18	Workshop: "Fast Piece Applique"
Wed 18	Comfort Quilts
Fri 20	Newsletter Submissions due

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As I expected, it was a really good feeling in September to greet so many friends that I hadn't seen in many weeks. Equally exciting was the number of new people who have decided to join our Guild. Some immediately stepped up to help - Susan Rose at the library table, or to participate in a workshop - Barbara Monaghan. What great ways to fit right in and become a part of the Guild. We welcome all of you! Let us know how we can help you.

Show and Tell was an inspiration that I miss over the summer. Thank you, ladies, for sharing your achievements with us. We all need that inspiration so keep bringing your quilts in.

Susan Cleveland, was a dynamic, friendly, talented speaker who offered a million tips on how to improve our quilting skills while she shared her fantastic quilts with us. The Wednesday workshop was equally informative in many quilt making basics as well as the specifics of using Piping Hot Curves to spice up our quilts. She is one of the most "prepared" teachers I have seen in a long time, and full of fun.

Judy Gignesi has averted a crisis in the Programs department. The day before our September meeting the October speaker canceled because of serious family illness. Judy was able to get Jackie Kunkel to fill in for lecture and workshop. Full details under Programs.

The Guild container behind the Kennedy gym will have a new home at WestConn by the time you read this. Susan Fasnacht organized a hard working crew to clean it out while her handy-dandy husband, Larry, built partitions and secured it for moving. As we hauled all those heavy wooden frames out and back in for the last time I had mixed emotions. Wonderful that we never have to do that again, and thank you Bill Thorn for building them for us oh so many years ago. They have served us well! Kay Thorn was a founding member of NSQG, Bill is her husband. Do you know that we were one of the first Guilds to have frames? A lot of Guilds drove trucks here to rent our frames for their shows. Bill gave them directions on assembling the frames and helped load the trucks.

October is the time for my annual Hilton Head visit. Caryl Castellion has graciously agreed to step back into her Presidential shoes and lead both the Board meeting and general meeting in my absence. Thank you so much, Caryl. I know I leave things in good hands.

Joyce Sullivan, President
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Education

October

Sat 3	Landscape SIG will meet at 1pm at the Astoria Bank in Somers; Long Arm SIG will meet at Diane Linker's house.
Tue 20	Art Quilters SIG will meet at 5:45pm in the Teacher's Lounge; Domestic Machine SIG will meet at 5:45pm in the back of the Cafeteria. Carol Burton will lead the discussion focusing on stippling.

Hospitality

For October, we are asking that members whose last names begin with M, N, or O, will please bring a snack to share. Finger foods to consider, cheese and crackers, trail mix, veggie platter & dip, fresh fruit cut into bite size pieces, and of course, anything baked.

Don't forget to pick up a free raffle ticket when you bring a snack.

Special Events

Super Saturday

Last call for volunteers to teach on Super Saturday, Feb. 27th, 2016!

Several members have volunteered and the class subjects will be presented in November. Any other members interested in teaching a class must have their requests to Jean Degl or Chris Roche no later than the October meeting.

Membership

It was very nice to see everyone and welcome 120 members and 3 guests to the September meeting. We currently have 167 members registered of which 15 are new members. We celebrated those members who renewed their membership prior to the September meeting by awarding four \$25.00 gift certificates. The winners were Pooa Bloomberg, Patti Calautti, Kelly Lockwood, and Noreen Lippolis. The certificates were purchased by the Guild at Pins and Needles in Mount Kisco, Christie's Quilting Boutique in Norwalk, Quilt Basket in Pawling, and City Quilter in NYC.

Help me welcome our new members: Hedy B., Arlene C., Elizabeth C., Elaine C., Chris F., Veronica G., Beth L., Anne Poux M., Barbara M., Mindy N., Gloria R., Juliet R., Susan R., Harriette S., Carla W.

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Programs

GOOD NEWS! Jackie Kunkel of Canton Village Quilt Works was available to join us for our October programs. Jackie is highly recommended by a number of Guild members and we are lucky to get her at the last minute.

If you signed up last Spring for the now canceled workshop, you may transfer the payment to Jackie's workshop or have your check returned to you. Call Judy or contact her at programs@northernstarquilters.com.

Lecture: October 20 - Trunk Show and a preview of her new book, "A SPLASH OF COLOR"

Jackie will discuss the design process behind the quilts and take you on a wonderful journey. Book signing following the lecture.

Workshop: October 21 - "Hip to be Square"



This is a design and color workshop from her new book. Jackie will show us how she works, combining black and whites with splashes of color to create beautiful, dramatic quilts. Her book will be available for purchase at the lecture, on her website, or at Amazon. Please join us and take part in a creative and fun day.

Communications

Members on Display

Congratulations to six of our very talented members, *Renee H Fleuranges-Valdes, Judy Gignesi, Carole Hoffman, Nancy Mirman, Claire Oehler and Barbara Sferra*, who have had their quilts accepted into the Quilts Unlimited Show. This is the second year that the show is juried for both selection and awards. All have more than one quilt accepted (Renee and Claire three; Judy, Carole, Nancy and Barbara have two!!).

Thirteen other talented members exhibited their work at the *"Flights & Fantasies"* New England Air Museum Quilt Show in September.

Details on the Shows are below under [Area Shows & Events](#).

Area Shows & Events

"Stars Galore" - 34th Annual Quilt Show of the Coheco Quilters Guild - October 17-18, 2015 10am-4pm; Rochester Community Center, 150 Wakefield St., Rochester, NH; \$7.00 daily admission. For information contact quiltshow@cohecoquilters.com

"Quilts Unlimited" - October 11-November 15 2015; View Arts Center, 3273 State Route 28, Old Forge, NY;

"Quilts=Art=Quilts" - October 31, 2015 - January 3, 2016; Schweinfurth Art Center, 205 Genesee St, Auburn, NY; Exhibit Preview and Awards Reception - Friday, October 30th 2015, 5-8pm; www.QAQentry.org

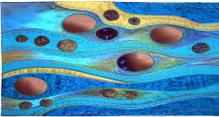
"Quilting: Fiber Art Fun" - January 28-30, 2016 - North Country Studio Workshops will offer a 5-day workshop with Carol Ann Waugh. The workshop will be held on the campus at Bennington College. For more details on location, cost

November - Rose Hughes

Lecture: November 17 - "All Things Stitched"

Rose shares her passion of quilting methods to create works of art. Her lectures and workshops are designed to help quilters and non-quilters find innovative ways to express themselves.

Workshop: November 18 - "Fast Piece Applique"



Fast, furious and fantastic! In just a day you'll learn the secret of using machine piecing and applique in combination to simplify complicated curves and circles, to get perfect results.

Judy Gignesi, VP Programs
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Quilt Show

I am pleased to announce that our keynote speaker for the Quilt Show will be Linda M. Poole from Milford, PA. Linda is a national and international quilt instructor, lecturer, and fabric designer. She is the author of *"Turkish Delights to Applique"*, *"Bended Bias Applique"*, *"Quilted Fairie Tales"* and *"Painted Applique; a new approach"*. Visit her website at www.lindampoole.com to see her work.



Registration

I hope everyone has been busy over the summer working on their quilts to enter in the Show. Before you know it, registration will be open, so keep on quilting. Once again, registration will begin on January 15 and run until March 31, 2016. We are also working on the on-line registration form, to make the process a little easier. Remember the quilts we display are the heart and soul of our Show. We need our members, to contribute quilts to the Show to make it the best it can be. The creativity, workmanship and diversity of quilt styles in the NSQG Shows are truly amazing.

Silent Auction

We are also looking for contributions to the Silent Auction. It has become a key feature at the Show, looked forward to by many of our visitors. We have successfully raised money for the Guild through your quilted donations. Please consider making a small quilt (average size of 25"x25") to be sold at next year's Silent Auction.

As our planning moves along, I will provide you with more details on the Show. If you would like to be involved in the planning, please contact me.

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Winner's Choice Raffle

At our October meeting, please support the Guild by taking a chance on the **Winner's Choice Raffle**. You may be one of the lucky members who gets to select from the many **"It's a Boy"** quilts that will be available. These "Guy" friendly quilts, a result of Comfort Quilts Summer Project, are made a little bigger than usual with fabric appropriate for boys. They will be displayed on the wall in the cafeteria.



Comfort Quilts

If you can not attend the Comfort Quilts meeting, but would like to make a quilt, Nancy Langehennig will be distributing pre-cut Comfort Quilt Kits at the Comfort Quilt table. You can work on the quilt at your own leisure and return the completed quilt to Comfort Quilt for distribution to a worthy cause.

Donations of large pieces of batting and cotton fabric are always appreciated to continue the work of Comfort Quilts. Donations can be brought to a Guild meeting or given to Carol Auer or Karen Carlson.

Ronald McDonald Block of the Month

For instructions on making the October block, click on the link, <http://www.northernstarquilters.com/charitable-activities/charitable-Ronald> to go to the NSQG website. Barbara Tatera will be collecting the blocks at the October Guild meeting.

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