

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

January	
Wed 6	Comfort Quilts
Sat 9	Landscape SIG will meet at 1pm at the Astoria Bank in Somers. Anyone that wants a little extra beginner training can come at 12:30. Long Arm SIG will meet at Angie and Lorenzo Contadino's house.
Tue 12	Board Meeting
Fri 15	Quilt Registration Opens
Tue 19	Guild Meeting: Education
Tue 19	Art Quilters SIG will meet at 5:45 in the Teacher's Lounge. We are continuing with our technique demos. Bring Show and Tell and any completed Art Challenges. Domestic Machine SIG will meet at 5:45pm in the back of the cafeteria. Susan DiFabio and Josephine Cristallo will be the facilitators for this meeting. Please bring any machine quilting that you would like to share with the group.
Wed 20	Comfort Quilts

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

HAPPY NEW YEAR! The hub-bub of the holidays is behind us and a brand new year is ahead just waiting for us to plan meaningful adventures and do good things. A clean slate, so to speak. At the suggestion of my BFF it has been our practice each January 1st to make a list of Quilting Goals we hope to accomplish in the coming year. There are things we **MUST** do, things we should do and things we would like to do. A third BFF is part of this endeavor and we exchange our lists. Mine hangs on a small bulletin board in my sewing area. As we complete items we check them off and notify our buddies. At year's end we exchange a complete check list and add the things we have done that weren't on the list. Impressive! I save my lists. It is a great record of what I have done, and not done, over the years. I can't take credit for this excellent idea but I can pass it on to you with the suggestion that it really does spur you on to get busy when a lull sets in. It is sometimes surprising to see what you accomplished through the year, and over several years. On the other hand, there are items that never get off the list and some are marked "tossed" instead of checked. Think about doing something like this with a friend or two to keep yourselves focused for the year.

Last year my goals suffered some because I "had other fish to fry." It was a busy year for the Guild with a lot of unexpected problem solving involved. I thank my Board for stepping up to the plate each time and coming up with a solution, and to the people who filled in when needed. This Guild is the BEST! Our December meeting was one of those unexpected problems occurring at the last minute. "Can't use the cafeteria space." However, everyone worked together and it was a great meeting. Maybe it is good for us to shake things up a bit. Meg Cox had so much interesting information in her lecture. There is some follow up material that Meg left for us. Judy will work with Maria to get it to you through the website. And what a fantastic new website it is! Maria, the hard work is well worth it! We appreciate every effort. Members, take time to explore it and get used to going there for up to date NSQG information.

The special raffle baskets were a beautiful surprise. Thank you Hospitality committee! The holiday refreshment tables were overflowing with delicious goodies. Thank you everyone!

Joyce Sullivan, President
president@Northernstarquilters.com

Hospitality

For January, we are asking members with the last name beginning with J K L to bring in a snack for our refreshment table.

Communications

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.”

“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.

Membership

There were 85 members who attended the December meeting. Membership booklets will continue to be available at the monthly meetings, one per member.

Are you interested in holding a One Woman Show? This is a wonderful opportunity to show case your talents at an upcoming meeting and provides a visual feast to your fellow guild members. Please email me if you are or you know someone who is interested in holding a One Woman Show.

Christine Wilhelm, VP Membership
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Education

Our special January program will be *Quilter’s Meet and Greet!*

Please bring a picture or sample of your work. You could make a list of things you would like to share about yourself for example:

What type of quilting do you like to do?
How long have you been quilting?
How did you learn to quilt?
What new techniques are you learning?

Jennifer Kramer, VP Education
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Quilt Show

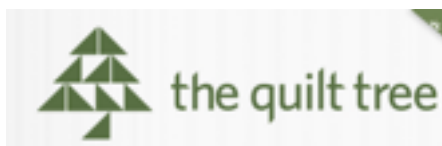
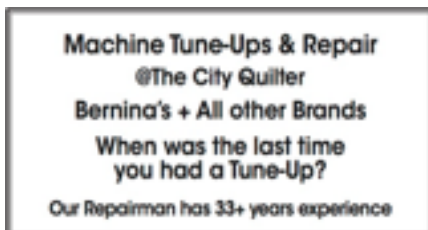
I hope you have been busy quilting over the holiday season - Quilt Registration starts on January 15th! We will be using a new on-line registration form this year – it should make registration even easier. Directions on where to find the form and any special instructions will be emailed to you before the 15th. If you want to get an early start on reviewing the quilt requirements and our Categories, that information is available now on the NSQG website. Go to the “Show Your Quilt” section under the Quilt Show tab on our website.

Please register you quilts early and we strongly encourage you to register your quilts online. We are expecting a “full house” of quilts this year and want to have a spectacular display for our inaugural year at West Conn.

It is not too early to hand in your small quilts for the Silent Auction. Carolyn Langevin or Kay Marcarello will be on hand to collect them at the January meeting.

Susan Fasnacht, VP Quilt Show
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Our Advertisers



Special Events

Challenge

Calling all Incredible Cows to the January Guild meeting! Please come well covered to protect your secret identity. Caryl Castellion will provide shelter for you until the February round-up when votes will be taken. See you soon.

Caryl Castellion, Challenge Coordinator

Super Saturday

It's NOT too late to sign up for one of the Super Saturday classes. To register, email specialevents@northernstarquilters.com. You can either mail your payment of \$25 to NSQG or bring it to the January meeting.

The class descriptions are on the NSQG website. For those members who have signed up for classes, please note that Mary Cannizzaro will bring supply lists and pattern (fee required) for her class to the January meeting, and Susan Deshensky will bring the Judy Neimeyer Compass pattern (fee required). All other teachers have been given their sign-up lists and will be contacting their students directly with additional info.

The classes that do not have sufficient students at this time are "3 Square Bag" and "Artistic Name Tag". Members who have signed up for these classes will have the option to attend another class or receive a refund unless additional members sign up.

Anyone with dietary considerations for Super Saturday lunch, please contact Jean Degl no later than the January meeting so that individual concerns can be passed on to the Hospitality chair when they order the food for the day.

Jean Degl, Super Saturday Coordinator

Lancaster Trip

This year's trip is taking place March 18-19, 2016. We'll work our way to Lancaster, PA on Friday, shopping at some of the best fabric stores the area has to offer. After dinner and a good night's sleep at the Fairfield Inn, we will spend Saturday at the quilt show before returning home in the late afternoon.

The cost of the trip is \$170, which includes transportation, dinner on Friday, lodging Friday night, breakfast Saturday, and a ticket to the show. Bring your checkbook to the next meeting to secure your seat on the bus! Itineraries will be available at the meeting, or email specialevents@northernstarquilters.com to request one now.

Jen Cannizzaro, Lancaster Trip Coordinator

Chris Roche, VP Special Events
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Other Info

A New Look at Longarm Quilting - a free class on Craftsy. Click [here](#) for more details.

For english paper piecing fans, Katja Marek is leading a quilt-along for a new project called *Blocks on the Go, For Quilts on the Grow*. For more details click [here](#).

Another english paper piecing quilt-along led by Liza Lucy and Kim McLean. This will work like a quilt-of-the-month project. You can find all the details [here](#).

Mark Lipinski - Can you help him? Mark had a set back from his 2013 kidney transplant and was recently in the hospital for 66 days. Meg Cox has started a public fund to help Mark with his medical bills. Click [here](#) to go to the funding raise site if you would like to contribute.

Charitable Activities

2017 Raffle Quilt Charity

Every year the Guild supports a nonprofit charity organization to partner with the guild and be the recipient of our Raffle Quilt fundraiser. If you have a favorite charity that you would like to nominate, the nomination form and the guidelines can be found on the web site under Charitable Activities. Contact Althea Nolan if you have any questions.

Comfort Quilts

Quilts made by Comfort Quilters and given to NICU at Maria Ferrari Hospital at Westchester Medical this Christmas season. All Guild members are welcomed to join Comfort Quilts. Details can be found on our web site under Charitable Activities.



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