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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

February

Wed 3	Comfort Quilts
Sat 6	Landscape SIG will meet at 1pm at the Astoria Bank in Somers. Long Arm SIG will meet at Chris Roches' house.
Tue 9	Board Meeting; Quilt Show Meeting
Tue 16	Guild Meeting: Education
Tue 16	Art Quilters SIG will meet at 5:45 in the Teacher's Lounge. Domestic Machine SIG will meet at 5:45pm in the back of the cafeteria.
Wed 17	Comfort Quilts

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Warm greetings to all now that cold weather has finally hit. The extended period of warm weather made me forget to put in a reminder of weather related cancelation of guild meetings. Good thing there was no problem for the January meeting.

Watch TV or listen to local radio stations. If schools in Somers are closed for the day of a guild meeting, it automatically cancels the evening meeting for us. If Somers schools or Kennedy Catholic announces during the day that afternoon or evening classes or meetings are canceled, again, automatic cancelation for us. In the event that the weather breakdown comes late in the day check the website before venturing out in questionable weather. We will also send out an e-mail blast. Most importantly, do what seems best for YOU. Weather is different for different areas and we don't want anyone to drive in unsafe conditions even though we may be able to hold a meeting in Somers. As a last resort you can always call a Board member if you are in question.

The Board has approved the selection of a nominating Committee for the 2016/2017 Guild year. Barbara Sferra will chair the Committee. Other members are Jennifer Kramer, Karen Carlson and Noreen Lippolis along with the President, Joyce Sullivan. If you would like to work with the Board please contact any Committee member. We will match a job with your special abilities.

As Maria was setting up our new website we became aware of the fact that NSQG has a Facebook page. Some of you have been on it, most are not aware of it. She has updated the page with our new logo and put in some suggestions and restrictions on its use. We invite all members to join our Facebook page by clicking on the Facebook button in the upper right corner on the home page of our website. Susan will use it to advertise the Show. It might be a good place for members to do the same with their friends.

I am sorry more of you weren't present for the Meet and Greet program in January. It really is so nice to get to know both old and new members a little better. I learned many interesting things about backgrounds and the quilting preferences of people I thought I knew. Thanks to those who did participate. It was fun.

The National Quilt Museum sent out another reminder for quilts for their fund raising campaign, "Quilts for Quilting." I urge you to look around your house for an extra piece you have made that really does not have a permanent place to live, any size. Go to their website, quiltmuseum.org then click on Quilts for Quilting Campaign and send them your quilt. It is a tax deductible donation.

Nothing better than winter weather to stay indoors and quilt.....keep going on that Show entry. Time is running out.

Joyce Sullivan, President
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Communications

Area Shows & Events

The Quilt & Sewing Fest of New Jersey - March 3rd - March 6th, Somerset, NJ. Admission is \$10. For more info, please click [here](#) to go to their website.

And Still We Rise: Race, Culture, and Visual Conversations - Now through April 24th, 2016, Bruce Museum, Greenwich, CT - Four centuries of African American history in quilts. Our November speaker, Valarie Poiter is featured. For more info please visit the Bruce Museum website https://brucemuseum.org/site/exhibitions_detail/and-still-we-rise-race-culture-and-visual-conversations

National Quilting Day - March 29th, 2016 - Plan a quilting day celebration. For ideas please visit the Quilt Alliance website <http://www.allianceforamericanquilts.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.

Education

The February program features demos by a selection of our talented members

Judy Mayer - *Preparing Shapes for English Paper Piecing*
Denise Isherwood - *Prepared-Edge Applique*
Luann Bruce - *EQ7 Highlight Tour*
Susan Deshensky - *Prep & Tools for a Judy Niemeyer quilt*
Linda Long - *Freemotion Raw Edge Thread- Sketching & Embroidery*
Don Gough - *Working with Fusibles and Freezer Paper*
Martha Buhl - *Shiva Paintsticks*

As a reminder, there is no Show and Tell this month.

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Quilt Show

Quilt registration is open! We are off to a good start and I hope this trend continues. Congratulations to Susan Deshensky, who was the first person to register her quilt. Susan will receive a free show pin for this feat. A second pin will be given to the person who registers the 100th quilt – maybe it will happen in February! Go to [Quilt Registration](#) under the [Show Your Quilt](#) menu on our website to start your registration. Make sure you read the information on the page before you begin to assist you with making your entries.

Do you need help registering your quilt? Yvonne Clayton, Quilt Registrar, will be available during lunch hour on Super Saturday. Please contact her at Registrar@NorthernStarQuilters.com if you encounter a registration problem that you are unable to resolve or have questions about the registration process.

Volunteer Sign-Up

Carolynn Young will be at a table with her volunteer sign-up sheets. Each year the Volunteer Coordinator spends untold hours trying to fill all the volunteer slots. Please help out by signing-up without being asked. Members are asked to volunteer a minimum of two hours. People find that when they increase their involvement in the Show, they gain more than they give - working with friends, old and new, and feeling more a part of things during the Show and throughout the year. If you'd like to have fun, feel more connected to the Guild, and experience a greater degree of satisfaction, we encourage you to take a job that requires more than two hours.

Silent Auction

Carolyn Langevin and Kay Marcarello, Silent Auction Chairs, will be at February's meeting to collect quilts for the Silent Auction. Their aim is to have at least 60 quilts to auction, 30 or so for each day. Last year the Silent Auction raised over \$2,100. You can help make this year's auction a success too by donating a small quilt. Guidelines for the quilts can be found on our website. We will also starting posting photos of the quilts already submitted.

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Special Events

Challenge

There's been a lot of mooving going on around here! The sixteen Incredible Cows are adjusting well and chatting over the giggles they heard while they were being created. They are looking forward to the NSQG Meeting on Tuesday, February 16th where voting will be held selecting the choices for first, second, and third place ribbons. As each quilt is viewed and you are deciding which will receive your votes, look for the Most Original (funniest), and the one with the Best Color usage, and the one whose Embellishments you find the most eye-catching.



NSQG 2016 Challenge Quilt Rules for Voting

Each member is invited to vote for one quilt in each category using the number assigned to each quilt, while not voting for the same quilt twice. Each category must have a different quilt number identified on their ballot.

Once a First Place prize has been awarded, that quilt maker is no longer eligible in another category.

However, there will be a Best of NSQG 2016 Challenge awarded for the highest number of votes received in all categories by a single quilt maker.

Caryl Castellion, Challenge Coordinator

Programs

We are pleased to announce that Mickey Lawler will be joining us as a second speaker at The World of Quilts XXXVII. Mickey and her SKYDYES have become synonymous with the finest hand painted sky, water, and landscape fabrics available to quilt makers and other fiber artists since 1984. Mickey paints each piece of fabric individually to suggest textures and moods with subtle and rich color nuances.

Mickey's initial book, SKYDYES™ teaches you to create gorgeous textures and effects that reflect the look of land, sea, and sky. She shows a variety of techniques for painting and stenciling on fabric, explains how paints and dyes respond to different types of fabric, and how to interpret the beauty of nature with color and texture. Her second book, SKYQUILTS, is filled with new painting techniques and full-size patterns for 3 landscape quilt projects.

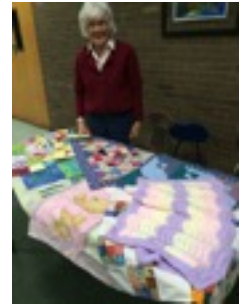
Click [here](#) to go to Mickey's website. The scheduling of Mickey's lectures, as well as those of Linda Poole will be available in a few weeks.

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Charitable Activities

Doll Quilts

Maggie Kolvenbach is collecting doll quilts for the dementia patients at Somers Manor Nursing Home. These patients are given dolls as part of their treatment. If you would like to make a doll quilt, you can bring it to Maggie at the Guild meeting. A suggested size is approximately 20 by 24 inches. It is important that it not be so big that the quilt gets caught in the wheels of the wheelchairs. Your pattern can be simple and the piece should remain pliable so quilting should not be dense. It is acceptable to use flannel for backing and not use batting. Maggie says to have fun with it and not to worry if your corners aren't perfect. She thanks you for helping her to make this project a reality.



Comfort Quilts

On December 24th the Westchester Medical Center interviewed Barbara Powers, Comfort Quilt Coordinator, for an article they wanted to post on their Website and Facebook thanking the Guild for 18 years of donations of over 800 quilts for their children and adolescent patients.



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