

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,

Upcoming

March	
Wed 2	Comfort Quilts
Sat 5	Landscape SIG will meet at 1pm at the Astoria Bank in Somers. Long Arm SIG will meet at Kelly Lockwood's home.
Tue 8	Board Meeting; Quilt Show Meeting
Tue 15	Guild Meeting: Deborah Tirico
Tue 15	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 16	" Strawberries " workshop with Deborah Tirico
Wed 16	Comfort Quilts
Fri 18	Lancaster Quilt Show Trip

Hospitality

Members with their last name beginning with S, please bring in refreshments.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

March.....that sounds like Spring to me. Let's hope the weatherman agrees and gives us lots of warm days. Spring brings many outdoor chores so make sure you get your show quilts ready during the last cold days of March. Then register them to be sure we don't reach our quota before yours gets in. It does not have to be absolutely finished before registering and taking photos. This show is going to be so great in the new location!

If you are curious about the O'Neill Center and want a sneak preview before our quilt show I suggest you attend the Western New England Home Show being held there the weekend of March 5th and 6th. Most local newspapers have a free admission coupon. I might add that sometimes parking for this huge event is in a lower lot with jitney buses running to the entrance. This is not going to be the situation for our show. Students are in session now so take up much of the available parking. School is out when our show takes place so all the closest lots are available. If your husband attends with you maybe you will end up with a new hot tub or hardwood floors or a new kitchen.....you never know.

Thanks to Caryl Castellion for gathering so many cows for her Udderly Mooving Challenge! It was so much fun to do and more fun to see what others did. Caryl went all out with her costume of plaid shirt, straw hat and cowbell. She also went beyond the call of duty by creating drapes for hanging when the guild drapes were missing. They are still missing....anybody hiding them by mistake?

The Guild members who gave the demonstrations also deserve our thanks for the informative, varied, interesting program they provided. As does Jennifer Kramer for pulling it all together. We appreciate your time and effort.

I have one more thank you to hand out I have noticed a more "volunteer oriented" Guild lately and that is so welcome! The nominating committee has had excellent volunteers come forward, the program last month was volunteer effort, and I have had every recent

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>

Sharing the Quilts XXXIII - April 2nd - 8am to 4:30pm, Scotch Plains, NJ. Admission is \$7. For more info, go to Harvest Quilters website by clicking [here](#).

"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.

request for a job to be handled taken on by a volunteer. This team effort is what makes NSQG great and it is what makes those volunteers feel a real connection to the Guild. I applaud you all!

p.s. At the last minute before publishing I want to say that we had a most fun and successful Super-Saturday. Photos and coverage of the event will appear later in the month. Thanks to all who lead classes, organized everything and provided a great lunch.

Joyce Sullivan, President
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Education

Thank you Judy Mayer, Denise Isherwood, Luann Bruce, Susan Deshensky, Linda Long, Don Gough and Martha Buhl for the wonderful demos at the February Education program.

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Quilt Show

Call for Quilts

Don't forget the person who registers the 100th quilt will receive a free quilt show pin. We are getting close, so don't wait until the last few days to enter your quilt. Registration ends March 31 or once we reach 200 quilts.

Volunteer Sign-Up

A key element to the success of our show is the volunteers. The help provided by our member is what makes it all run smoothly. Please be sure to sign up to volunteer for at least two hours with one or more aspects of the show. If you haven't had a chance to sign up in person, contact volunteer Chair, Carolyn Young to let her know when you can help.

Silent Auction

Thank you to those who have generously donated quilts for the Silent Auction. We are hoping for about 30 quilts for each day of the Show and are only about halfway there. Please consider helping us reach our goal. Deliver your finished quilt to Carolyn Langevin or Kay Marcarello as soon as it is ready.

Show Pins

2016 quilt show pins will be on sale at the March and April guild meetings. Pins cost \$5 each. Please bring exact change.

*Some of the Cow Challenge
Winners*



To see all the wonderful quilts, go to the slideshow on our website's homepage.

the Incredible Cow Challenge" was adapted to a smaller version of the cow block found in "Out of the Box with Easy Blocks" by Mary Lou Weidman and Melanie Bautista McFarland published by That Patchwork Place, an imprint of Martingale & Company.

Publicity

The best source of publicity for our show is you, a NSQG member. There are a few ways you can help. We will have posters and postcards at the next guild meeting. If you can, take some posters to place around your town (library, supermarket, post office, etc.), it will help get the word out. The poster showcases our beautiful raffle quilt so it's sure to attract attention wherever it's displayed. You can also print the poster from the NSQG website. Just click on "Quilt Show" and then "Display Our Show Poster" at the top of the page.

Another way will be to forward the show invitation e-mail we will send to members early next month to your family and friends. Or if you prefer, you can also send personalized quilt show invitations to your friends. Download the free app called "Postagram" to your iPhone or Android phone. With this app, you'll be able to turn a photo of one of your quilts into a real snail-mail postcard with postage already included. Just take the picture with your phone, enter a message that includes the show information, select the recipient(s) and you're done.

If you are on Facebook, follow us and share our Quilt posts.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/NorthernStarQuiltersGuild/>

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Special Events

Super Saturday

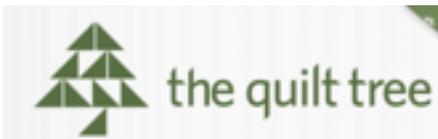
Super Saturday was a super success with 78 members in attendance. The day was filled with fun, food, and lots of creativity. Thank you to all of our instructors who gave so generously of their time and talent: Carolyn Salon, Patricia Loquet, Diane Linker, Mary Cannizzaro, Tamar Drucker, and Susan Deshensky. A special thank you to Jean Degl for all her hard work in coordinating this event. Job well done!

Incredible Cow Challenge

Congratulations to the Incredible Cow creators for such a wonderful display of humor and talent! So many people said it was HARD to choose the bests as they were all so creative! For a full list of winners please go to the home page on our website.

Also, view a slide show of all the wonderful quilts on the Home page!!

Our Advertisers



Spring Boutique

It's time to start thinking about our Spring Boutique which will take place at the Quilt Show. This year we have a wonderful new venue with a great space for the Boutique. If you have handmade articles that you would like to sell you can rent a table for \$25. You can share a table with someone and split the cost. If you would like to sign up for the Boutique or have any questions, please email Special Events.

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Programs

We still have room in the workshops for Deborah Tirico in March and Karen Combs in April. Please find us at the Signup Table and join us for a fun day with great teachers.

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Library

The Library has a couple of new books, *Modern Rainbow by Rebecca Bryan* and *In Full Bloom by Sue Spargo*. Thank you to all who donated their "gently" used books and magazines, however, we are no longer accepting donations as our "warehouse" is at capacity.

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