

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

June	
Sat 4	Landscape SIG will meet at 1pm at the Astoria Bank in Somers. Long Arm SIG will meet at Barb Tatera's home.
Tue 14	Board Meeting
Wed 15	Comfort Quilts
Tue 21	Guild Meeting: Salad Supper
Tue 21	Art Quilters SIG will not meet this month. Domestic Machine SIG will not meet this month.
Wed 22	Comfort Quilts
Wed 29	Comfort Quilts

Special Notice

Tuesday, June 21, 2016

A vote on amending the Bylaws will be taken by paper ballot at the June meeting following the salad supper.

Donations for Sr. Barbara Memorial will be collected until June 10th. Write check to Mustard Seed Migrant Ministries and mail to President, NSQG - P.O.Box 232 - Somers, NY 10589.

Communications

"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.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

My last message to the Guild as President.....hard to believe a year has gone by. It has been a busy one with many changes, and we aren't through yet. Bylaws amendments are still to be voted on at the June meeting. My Board members have been wonderful to work with and each has handled their responsibilities with energy, consideration, responsibility and a willingness to do more than their share. I am grateful to them for being part of all we have accomplished this year.

Early in the year we switched accountants to one who specializes in tax-exempt organizations. It was evident that our financial Bylaws needed amending to conform to current accounting practices. Next we began to take ownership of our website from the previous webmaster. By November Maria launched our new website utilizing the fresh new Northern Star logo designed for the occasion by a committee of Board members. Shortly after this, FaceBook was reinstated for the Guild to use.

During the summer meetings with WestConn began the process of "putting on a Show" in their facility. Excitement began to grow. Susan did a magnificent job of organizing this move and her Committee performed equally well, as did the Guild volunteers when it came time for their service. We received constant help from the management which made us feel they were happy to have our business. When "A World of Quilts" opened its doors it was a beautiful scene! Gorgeous quilts and special exhibits, happy vendors and lots of excited guests. A huge transition well done!!!

In September we had not one speaker, but two, cancel their Fall engagements because of family emergencies. Judy handled the crisis beautifully and filled both gaps with great substitutes. In the Fall our storage container was successfully moved from behind Kennedy to a spot on WestConn grounds. It is now owned by WestConn (in exchange for moving it) but they are sharing it with us, for free.

A search for better accommodations for Super-Saturday ended with an agreement from First Presbyterian Church of Yorktown to use their facility beginning in February 2017. It is easy access, ground level, spacious well lit classrooms, with a large communal area for lunch. Perfect! Look forward to no steps and comfortable chairs next year thanks to Chris Roche and Jean Degl. Lauren said she thinks the same deli will repeat the excellent lunches she found for us. This year has also seen two successful Boutiques and Library sales and a very imaginative Cow Challenge. Many enjoyed the annual trip to Lancaster. We had a gorgeous raffle quilt completed, and a number of Ronald McDonald bed quilts made as well as more than 250 Comfort Quilts given away.

The many changes this year required us to update most of NSQG Policies. This was done by the Board's willingness to spend extra hours after Board meetings. By the same token, many Board positions required changes to the Procedures and Job Descriptions that go into the Guild manuals which serve as our guide in the operation of the Guild.

We are still working on a reliable replacement contact at KC to fill the void left by the tragic death of Sr. Barbara in March. The committee to Review the Bylaws and the Nominating Committee have worked hard to keep things up to date and to give you a fine Board of Directors for next year.

This review of the year should afford the members a glimpse of some behind the scenes things, as well as the usual, that are accomplished by your Board for the benefit of the Guild. Give them a thank you when you see them and know that it takes many hands to keep things running smoothly. We can use YOUR hands any time you can offer to assist. It has been a privilege to be your President again and I feel secure that I leave you in very good hands next year. See you at the Salad Supper, and then have a pieceful summer.

Joyce Sullivan, President
[*president@Northernstarquilters.com*](mailto:president@Northernstarquilters.com)

Membership

The 2016-17 Membership Form is available on our website under Membership Info. Simply print and complete the form (including areas in which you'd like to volunteer) and bring it (and your \$45 check) to June's Salad Supper. (We'll also have forms at the Membership Table.)

In the event you cannot attend June's meeting, please send your registration to the following address:

Northern Star Quilters' Guild
PO Box 232
Somers, NY 10589-0232
Attn: VP Membership

As in past years, if your paid membership is received prior to September's meeting date, you will be entered into a raffle. We'll have five \$25 gift certificates to local quilt shops, so renew your registration now to ensure you're eligible!

Hope to see you all at the Membership Table when we meet for our Salad Supper.

Christine Wilhelm, VP Membership
membership@Northernstarquilters.com

Programs

Our line up for our Fall programs are as follows:

September 20, 2016 Pat Harrison will be doing her lecture QUILT AS DESIRED.
September 21, 2016 EASY PEASY CIRCLES, as was shown at the last meeting.
Don't forget to bring in your featherweights for her husband to work on.

October 18, 2016, Michele Kincaid will be lecturing on METAMORPHOSIS, her
October 19, 2016 workshop will be EXTREME TEXTURE.

November 15, 2016 Mickey Lawler will lecture on CREATING YOUR OWN FABRIC.
November 16, 2016, her workshop will be PLAYING WITH PAINTS.

All workshops are at Vista Firehouse. The hours are from 9am to 4pm. While the workshops have been low in attendance, the comments from participants have been very enthusiastic. Check your calendars and plan on joining the fun.

Judy Gignesi, VP Programs
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Special Events

Quilts Inspired By Books

This year's Guild Challenge is about using books for inspiration. Read a book on your list or be inspired by one of your favorites. You can use the general story line, specific setting or scene in the book, a character of the book, the ending or an object that symbolizes the book. Your quilt can also include your impression of the book rather than tell the actual story.

Guidelines:

1. This project is a quilt and therefore should consist of 3 layers, back, top and batting, with stitching to hold the layers together.
2. Use any fabric, thread, embellishments you need to complete your project.
3. Please do not copy an existing cover design.
4. The quilt size should be 18 x 20" and be in a vertical format.
5. Attach a 2" sleeve to the back for hanging.
6. Label the back with your name and email address or phone number and the name of the quilt.
7. Pin an index card to the back of the quilt with the book and author that was your inspiration.

Deadline:

The quilts will be collected at the DECEMBER meeting.

Voting:

Voting will take place at the January meeting. Each member will cast one vote for his/her favorite quilt in each category – Best Interpretation, Best Use of Color, and Best Embellishments. First, Second, and Third place ribbons will be awarded in each category.

All quilts will be held for the NSQG World of Quilts XXXVIII and returned to the maker at the May Guild meeting. The Northern Star Quilters' Guild has an abundance of creativity! Put that creativity to work by making a quilt for the 2017 Guild Challenge.

Any questions, please email Linda Stern or Carol Weber at specialevents@northernstarquilters.com

Chris Roche, VP Special Events
specialevents@Northernstarquilters.com

Charitable Activities

Comfort Quilts

In search of a Summer project! A Comfort Quilt Kit may be your answer. Nancy Langehennig will have kits at the Salad Supper.

Raffle Quilt 2017

You won't want to miss the unveiling of the absolutely fantastic quilt 'Blooming Star,' our 2017 raffle quilt. Angie Vertucci, the Raffle Coordinator, will be on hand to answer any questions.

2016 Raffle Prizes

Barbara Welden, a former NSQG member, was excited to win the raffle quilt. Laura Patterson was thrilled with the Bernini Sewing machine donated by Pins and Needles. Laura has been coming to our show for years, and loved the new venue.

Althea Nolan, VP Charitable Activities
charitable@Northernstarquilters.com

Education

New to Landscape Quilting? Don Gough is offering beginner's classes!

The first beginners meeting for landscape quilts was held on Saturday, May 28th at the Astoria Bank in Somers. The meeting schedule for beginners is: May 28th, June 18th, July 23rd and August 20th.

Jennifer Kramer, VP Education
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