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## President's Message

### It's Spring!

Spring is my favorite time of year. It gives me so much to look forward to. For me, it's finally warm enough to do some city walking. I had a wonderful time going to NYC to see the exhibit of "Impressionism, Fashion and Modernity" at the Metropolitan Museum. What really moved me was the realization of my mother's and aunts' generous gift in teaching me to sew, knit, crochet, tat, and embroider.

The Met's exhibit features the chance of a lifetime to see original Impressionist paintings alongside some of the garments worn by the models depicted. Garments made from silk, velvet, cotton piqué, and cotton gauze. Men's suits made with great care from the finest fabrics – topped with millinery works of art to complete the ensemble. Tiffany fans, opera glasses to beautiful hand-made shoes. All of these pieces combine to create a beautifully documented statement. The show is on view through May 27, 2013.

So I leave you to return to put your final touches on your own Quilt Show masterpiece(s). Please share your enthusiasm for our show and invite your friends and family to come and marvel at our exhibit and shop with our many vendors.

**Patti Calautti, President**

President@Northernstarquilters.com

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## Board Nominees

The Nominees for the 2013 - 2014 Board are:

President	Caryl Castellion
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Vice President, Education	Jean Degl
Vice Presidents, Quilt Show	Diane Linker and Jane Eyes

Respectfully Submitted by the 2013 Nominating Committee:

**Patti Calautti, Caryl Castellion, Melanie Darensod, and Peggy Morgan**

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## Notice of Annual Meeting

### Official Notice of the NSQG Annual Meeting:

The NSQG General Meeting will be held May 21, 2013 at 7 pm  
JFK High School Cafeteria. Route 138, Somers, NY 10589

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## Programs

### Register Now for Spring Workshops!

Sign-ups for Spring Workshops will continue through April. Spaces are going fast, however - so be sure to register soon!

#### March: Karen Eckmeier

In March the Guild enjoyed a great lecture by Karen, who entertained us with

her upbeat and informative talk. She presented appliqué in so many ways!  
And to see her beautiful quilts up-close and personal was a real treat! The workshop was a fun day in which many beautiful landscapes were created -- some almost completed! Please bring your gorgeous pieces for April's Show and Tell!



**"Accidental Landscapes" Participants:**

**Standing:** Pat Baker, Jackie Fowler, Kelly Lockwood, Maria Catalano, Peggy Smith, Cheryl Kosarek, Donna Favreau, Donna Brunell, Kim Hyde, Carol Williams

**Seated:** Peggy Morgan, Nancy Cianflone, Kathleen Mooney, Pat Rosa, Helen Boland, Barbara Jay

**Reclining:** Karen Eckmeier

*We are most grateful to Karen for visiting and teaching us at no charge!*

*She's a former member and wanted to "give back" to the Guild.*

*Thank you!*



**April: Maxine Rosenthal**

**Lecture: Tue, Apr 16**

Trunk Show of Maxine Rosenthal's many One-Block Wonder quilts  
Be amazed by the many beautiful designs and variations one block can produce! Maxine is bringing her quilts to share with us. The real quilts seen in this trunk show are always more beautiful in person!

**Workshop: Wed, Apr 17**

"One-Block Wonders: Hexagons"

Take five yards of one special fabric, layer, cut and stitch triangles into a hexagon block. This one block, when joined with other hexagons, creates a stunning quilt or wall hanging. Maxine Rosenthal will show you how just one fabric becomes a quilt that looks complicated, but isn't. Easy steps will take you to your own One Block Wonder. This workshop is suitable for confident beginners and beyond! The class is full, but sign up for the waiting list -- you never know! *(Lake Lincoln Dale Clubhouse)*

**May Quilt Show: Joe Cunningham****Quilt Show Lectures: May 4 and 5**

Joe Cunningham is our main speaker for the Quilt Show. On Saturday he will give his musical presentation, "Joe, the Quilter," a true story about a real person -- Joe Hedley (1750-1830), who lived in England. Joe's story inspired Joe Cunningham to become a quilter! On Sunday, Joe will show and tell how and why he has made some of his new, original quilts. Come and be inspired by this internationally known quilter and speaker. [www.joethequilter.com](http://www.joethequilter.com)

**Workshop: Monday, May 6**

"Rock the Block: Album Style"

How can a quilt that looks so complex be so simple? You will learn to design and construct your own block(s) and create an original quilt with them! Joe's easy and unique block construction method, a simple process that leads to unavoidable originality, will have you creating a beautiful quilt. Fun, easy, satisfying and eye-opening, this class will have you inventing your own ways to make block quilts all your own. This class is suitable for all levels.

Mark your calendars now and sign up for one (or all!) of these inspiring workshops.

Please note that supply lists and directions to the workshop space will be available about a month before the workshop. Or you can go to the quilter's website and look at the supply list there. Please contact Barbara Sferra with questions and to sign up for a workshop.

**Barbara Sferra, VP Programs**

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## Membership

### Calling all Members!

If you renewed your membership (or joined the Guild) in December or January, you may not have received your newsletter. I was out of commission and unable to update our mailing list. I apologize for the delay and now have made the necessary updates. In the event you didn't receive our March newsletter, please let me know – there may be a problem between your email address and our system.

I'd like to thank the Guild members who stepped in and managed the Membership Table in my absence – especially **Janet Beaird** and **Pat Julian** who both did an outstanding job. I'd also like to thank **Carolyn Langevin** who handled January's Member Showcase featuring the wonderful work of **Sandra Parrott**..

Our March meeting was attended by 113 members, in addition to two guests and a new member. We now have 240 members, which is just wonderful.

We do have orders in for parts for our badge maker, which hopefully will be up and running soon. In the meantime, however, several of you have badges that are ready for pick-up. Please stop by the Membership Table to claim yours!

Mary Jane Bahret	Kathleen Gray
Donna Chambers	Pura Melendez
Ellen de Jong	Patricia Reddy
Kathy DeMaio	June Sahn
Tricia Dineen	Beth Sovern
Diane Durr	Nancy Wilt
Lisa Finney	Penny Yellen

[Christine Ruggieri](#), VP Membership

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## 2014 Guild Challenge

I hope you were inspired by this year's challenge to keep the momentum of the Guild Challenge flowing! If so, please consider submitting an idea for the 2014 Challenge. Any guild member can submit a proposal, which should include

- Your idea
- Challenge name
- Challenge rules
- Categories for which ribbons will be awarded

Please submit your proposal to **Kelly Lockwood** - either electronically or on paper – before April 30.

### Next Steps:

1. Kelly presents all Challenge proposals (anonymously) to the Board for a vote
2. The author of the winning idea becomes the 2014 Challenge Coordinator
3. The Coordinator gathers a committee to collect the challenge entries, display the quilts at the February 2014 meeting, count ballots, award ribbons, and hang the quilts Friday evening before the NSQG show in May 2014

Please contact me if you have any questions. Proposals will be presented at the May NSQG Board Meeting, so submit your idea (or ideas) before April 30!

The Challenge will be announced no later than the June meeting so that quilters can begin their designing and stitching over our summer break.

[Kelly Lockwood](#), Special Events

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## Hospitality

Thank you to all of our **P**, **Q** and **R** members – the snacks last month were delicious! Everyone raved about the apple cinnamon cake.

Members with last names beginning with **S and T** are kindly asked to bring snacks for our April meeting. Don't forget – you get a raffle ticket when you bring a snack. Please be sure to bring finger-type foods and cut up any cakes beforehand. If you bring your snack in a dish that you want returned, please put your name on the bottom.

Here's this month's report from **Kendell Storm**, who purchased the items for April's raffle:

I went shopping in New Hampshire! This month's raffle includes a wonderful selection of fabrics AND notions from One StitchTwo Stitch at 81 Main Street in Littleton, New Hampshire. This is a great quilt shop that offers retreats, workshops, and always has a boatload of "sale" fabrics (literally, a small boat in the store filled with bolts of fabrics!) Visit their website and friend them on Facebook; they have a ton of information to share.

[www.onestitchtwostitch.com](http://www.onestitchtwostitch.com).

[Helen Boland](#), Hospitality

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## Library

It was good to see so many of you at the Library table at our March Guild meeting. I hope you're enjoying our new selection of books! As always, please let me know if there's a book, magazine or DVD you would like to have available in the Library.

We will have more new books at April's meeting and I am still interested in hearing your thoughts -- especially your recommendations -- about any of the books you borrow.

During our April and May meetings, we will collect any books and magazines you'd like to donate for our Quilt Show Sale and June Salad Supper Sale. In addition to raising money for our Guild, this gives you the opportunity to sort through your own collection of books and magazines, keeping those that have a pattern or two of interest (but perhaps you forgot you had!) and donate the rest. And perhaps you will find a treasure or two to purchase and take home.

See you in April!

**Jackie Fowler**, Library Chair

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## Education

Let's take a moment to appreciate the work of our Special Interest Group leaders. These facilitators organize topics for discussion, arrange exhibits for the quilt show, and find meeting places for their group. (They also contribute monthly updates for this newsletter!) More than half of our membership is enrolled in at least one of these groups, making them an important part of NSQG membership. Check the Education section of the NSQG website for further information. Each of these groups boasts an open-door policy. Please feel free to contact the SIG leader if you have questions about his/her group.

I'd like to begin by honoring the outgoing leaders of the Hand Appliqué SIG, **Denise Isherwood** and **Kathy Kaplan**. For the past few years Denise and Kathy have shared their techniques and skills with the group and provided a welcoming atmosphere for members. Thank you for your many contributions!

**Linda Ostrander** graciously offered to kick start our brand new SIG, "Anything Goes." Still in its infancy, members are encouraged to share a wide range of sewing interests. Check below to see what has been planned for the remainder of this year's meetings.

**Don Gough** facilitates the popular Landscape Group. The members share tools and techniques for creating picture quilts. Look for to their exhibit of Travel Poster Quilts at our Quilt Show.

**Diane Linker** facilitates the Long Arm Group, which meets monthly in its members' homes. Each month, members demonstrate long arm techniques and make suggestions for finishing tops.

The Sticklers is a support group for those intrepid folks working toward completion of the "Dear Jane" Civil War quilt made by Jane A. Stickle. **Carolyn Finn** facilitates the group, which meets monthly at the Apple Bank in Thornwood. Watch for their exhibit, "Sticklers' Showcase," at the Quilt Show.

Our largest group is the Art Quilters led by **Christine Wilhelm**. They meet in the JFK Library before monthly guild meetings and usually feature a demo as well as Show and Tell. Members will display their "Deck of Cards" quilts at the quilt show.

Here's a word from our SIG leaders:



### **News from our Special Interest Groups (SIGs)**

#### **"Anything Goes" - Linda Ostrander**

Although attendance has been light, I know you will all want to come to the April meeting where **Debbie Bein** will demonstrate "Working with Selvedges" at 6:30. We've all admired Debbie's stunning tote bag. She has graciously offered to share her tips for turning our own collection of selvedges into great projects.

Also you'll want to sign up for **Cheryl Kosarek's** beading class in May. Cheryl will teach "Caging a Cabochon with Beads." Pre-registration is necessary as

space is limited. Cheryl will assemble kits with all the materials for \$3 each (payable to Cheryl in May).

Remember, anything goes at this SIG – show-and-tell, discussion, ideas, and even stitching. If you have a topic you want to know more about, let me know and I will gather info. We meet at 5:45 in the back of the cafeteria.

### **Landscape** – Don Gough

The Landscape group met on April 6 at the Astoria Bank in Somers.

### **Longarm** – Diane Linker

The Long Arm quilters met at **Peggy Morgan's** home on April 6. The May meeting will be held at **Diane Linker's** home on May 11.

### **Hand Appliqué** – Denise Isherwood and Kathy Kaplan

In April, we will review the differences between the saw tooth border and the dogtooth border. There will be a demo of how to appliqué a decorative flower and make a colonial knot. Please bring your Show and Tell to share with the group. We meet at 5:45 in the Faculty Lounge.

### **Art Quilters** – Christine Wilhelm

Last month **Deirdre Abbots** displayed the “Deck of Cards” quilts she has gathered from the members. What an awesome collection. I can't wait to see them displayed at the Quilt Show. The April meeting will feature fabric postcards. Please bring cards you've made or received to share with the others.

### **The Sticklers** – Carolyn Finn

In March we helped **Nancy Picco** identify the blocks in her gorgeous quilt. I think we all were inspired by the impact of Nancy's pre-assembled work-in-progress. At our next meeting (April 20) we'll view the blocks **Ellen Belson** has completed to date and make suggestions regarding layout options and a potential shift in color direction. (One of the best parts about a sampler quilt is that nothing's set in stone until the last sashing is sewn!) We'll also collect your completed quilts for the Sticklers' Showcase.

## Quilt Show

By the time you receive this newsletter, **A World of Quilts XXXIV** will be only a few weeks away. The groundwork has been laid and the Quilt Show Committee is making final preparations. Our show promises to offer inspiration to quilters with a wide variety of interests!

In addition to the registered quilts in the gymnasium, other special displays will be on view throughout the building: the 2013 NSQG Challenge, Silent Auction, Comfort quilts, FANE (FiberArts NorthEast) Challenge, and quilts from the Landscape, Sticklers, and Art Quilt Special Interest Groups.

### **Thank You!**

We would like to extend a huge thank you to **Mary Cannizzaro** and her crew. See the special article featuring this project in the newsletter.

### **Volunteers**

If you have not yet volunteered for a job at the quilt show, it's not too late to sign up! A minimum of two volunteer hours is required in order to obtain one day of free admission. Any additional volunteer hours that you might be able to contribute would be greatly appreciated. Contact [Patricia Loquet](#) to sign up.

### **Spread the Word!**

There are several ways you can help advertise our show:

1. 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 (hopefully one that you've registered for the show!) into a real snail-mail postcard with postage already included. (The first five are free!) Just take the picture with your phone, enter a message that includes the show information, select the recipient(s) and you're done. It's a personal way to invite friends and family to come to our show, and who doesn't

love getting mail?

2. Pick up a printed postcard at the April meeting and send it to a friend the old-fashioned way!
3. Within a few days, you'll receive an email about the quilt show. This will provide all of the pertinent information as well as a link to our website. When you receive this message, please forward it to your friends, family, and colleagues.
4. Print a copy of our beautiful show poster, which you can easily do from the NSQG [website](#) or from the "Register your Quilts" email you received on March 25. Display the poster in your car window or around your neighborhood (shopping center, library, post office).

### **Quilt Appraisals**

It's not too late to sign up to have your quilt appraised during the show. See **Fern Nadel** at the April meeting to schedule an appointment.

### **Show Pins**

Show pins will be on sale at the April meeting. Only 200 pins were ordered this year -- get yours before they're sold out! In addition to this year's pins, vintage pins will be available for purchase at the show.

### **Quilt Drop-Off**

Quilt drop off day is Saturday, April 27 from 12 noon until 4 pm at the JFK High School Cafeteria.

All quilts must have:

1. A sewn on sleeve for hanging
2. A covering over your name (on the back of the quilt)
3. Registration ID number in the lower right corner of the quilt back
4. No pet hairs or strong odors



**Carol Sterk and Diane Linker, VPs Quilt Show**

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## Muslins! – A Photo Essay



475 yards of 108" muslin – weighing in at 675 pounds -- arrive at Mary Cannizzaro's house



Two people folded the fabric – too long to get both in the picture!



Mary's husband, Joe, built a stand that would allow the bolts to roll while being cut.



The Dining Room became a cutting station



After cutting 475 yards, this was the only scrap!



The pile of cut pieces starts to grow...waiting for the next step



Mary Cannizzaro ripping the sides...



Had to rip it down to 100" and here is the beginning of the pile of scrap



Helen Boland, one of the team, sewing the sides and hems. The project required 3,829 yards (or 2.75 miles) of thread...



Susan Fasnacht (left) and Carolyn Langevin refold the drapes after sewing is complete



Moved the furniture back in the Living Room and set up two folding tables and an ironing surface of homosote covered with a striped fabric to iron the hem and sides



*Inside our Storage Shed:*

This is the stand that Kay Marcarello's husband, Jim, built for the muslins. They hang perfectly! There are twelve rods with six drapes on each one. The muslins are protected and stored safely until show time.

Many, many thanks to the following NSQG Members who accomplished this important project:

**Susie Andersen  
Helen Boland  
Maria Catalano  
Mary Cannizzaro  
Susan Fasnacht  
Noreen Graham  
Carolyn Langevin  
Diane Linker**

**Fern Nadel  
Janice Nastasi  
Margaret Phillips  
April Russell  
Carol Sterk  
Mayann Weinberg  
Andrea Winter**

*Photos and info courtesy Mary Cannizzaro*

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## Charitable Activities

A special "thank you" to Maria Tamaoka of Pinwheels, who permitted us to sell NSQG raffle tickets at her wonderful First Annual Shop Hop, "Pinwheels and Friends" on March 22 and 23 at the Holiday Inn in Mount Kisco. I met many wonderful people and hopefully we'll have several new members join our Guild.

A special thank you also to all Guild members who have completed and returned blocks for our 2014 Raffle Quilt. Your help is truly appreciated! Several blocks remain outstanding. If yours are among them, please return them at April's Guild meeting – even if they're not completed.

We have 68 members who have not yet picked up their Raffle tickets for our 2013 quilt. I have emailed all of you asking if you would like to have your Raffle tickets



mailed to you. If you haven't yet responded, please do so today. Thank you!

**Maureen Schulman**, Charitable Activities

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## Sunshine

Since Goodwill is part of our fellowship,  
Let's make sure we share it amongst ourselves.  
Please let me know when a Guild Member  
is in need of a little Sunshine!



Whether it is an illness, condolence, marriage,  
baby or just a little pick-me-up for TLC,  
make sure to let me know. Thank you, April

**April Russell**, Secretary

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## Communications

Many thanks to **Helen Boland**, nominee for next year's VP, Communications, for her help with recent communications efforts!

In order to practice working with the technology behind our newsletter and email communications, Helen has created and sent our Guild's "Meeting Reminders" over the past few months. Thank you!

**Carolyn Finn**, VP Communications

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## Members' Marketplace

## HandiQuilter HQ16 for Sale - \$5,500

HandiQuilter's HQ16 for sale. Lots of extras: stitch regulator, studio frame, micro handles, extra leaders, external bobbin winder, ruler base and ruler for machine. Only 3.5 years old. Please call or email [Diane Durr](mailto:Diane.Durr).

## SAQA Exhibit in Danbury - Opens May 4

Several NSQG Members also belong to the CT chapter of SAQA (Studio Art Quilt Associates). An important juried exhibition is about to launch and has its opening reception on the Saturday afternoon of our quilt show. The Show Committee and SAQA are collaborating to cross-publicize both events. It's our hope that visitors to one of our venues will take a short hop on I-84 to see the other. Both promise to be a real treat!



Studio Art Quilt Associates

**LOCAL COLOR: A traveling exhibition of fiber art celebrating the beauty and diversity of Connecticut.**

**Premieres May 4 – June 13, 2013 at the Ruth Haas Library**  
Western CT State University Campus  
181 White Street, Danbury CT 06810

**Opening Reception Saturday May 4, 2013, 3:30 – 5:30 pm**

**Local Color's next stops include:**

- Legislative Building in Hartford CT, Summer 2013
- Slater Memorial Museum in Norwich CT, Fall 2013
- Guilford Art Center in Guilford CT, Spring 2013

*For more information about exhibition locations, dates and related events, go to: [www.saqact.blogspot.com](http://www.saqact.blogspot.com).*

Exhibition catalog is available for purchase at [www.saga.com](http://www.saga.com).

NSQG Contacts: **Margaret Phillips and Barbara Jay**

## A Quilter's Legacy

An upcoming exhibition and sale, "Stitching a Heritage and Legacy of Quilts," features quilts begun by the late Nancy Murphy. Ossining, NY: Mariandale Retreat Center. June 8-15.

Opening reception:	June 8	3 – 5 pm
Show exhibition and sale:	June 8	1 – 5 pm
	June 9	1 – 5 pm
	June 12	7 – 9 pm

NSQG Contacts: **Donna Brunell** and **Carole Burton**

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## Area Shows and Events

"Masters 2: SAQA Art Quilts." Exhibition curated by Martha Sielman. Lowell, MA: New England Quilt Museum. Through April 15, 2013.

"Beyond the Bed: The American Quilt Evolution." (includes sale of works by NSQG Members). Katonah, NY: Katonah Museum of Art. Through June 16. [NSQG]

Quilt Celebration XII. Exhibition of the Village Squares. Scarsdale, NY: JCC of Mid-Westchester. April 6-7. [NSQG]

"A Sense of Scale." Cincinnati, OH: Duke Energy Convention Center. April 11-13.

Kim Diehl visits the First Dutchess Quilters April 17-18. Lecture: April 17 at 7 pm at the Hellenic Center, Poughkeepsie. Two workshops at the Farm and Home Center, Millbrook: April 17 and April 18, from 9-3 pm.

"Silk! Luxurious Antique & Contemporary Quilts." Exhibition curated by Pam Weeks. Lowell, MA: New England Quilt Museum. April 18 - July 7, 2013.

Silk: Fabric, Fashion, and Quilts." One-day symposium. Lowell, MA: New England Quilt Museum. April 27.

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"Great American Quilts 1987 - 2004." Material Girls Quilt Guild. Leominster, MA: St. Leo's School Auditorium. June 28 - 29.

A Slice of Cheddar: A Selection of Antique Pennsylvania Quilts. Lowell, MA: New England Quilt Museum. July 11 – October 6, 2013.

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*Many Thanks to **Nancy Hantman** for Researching and Compiling this List!*

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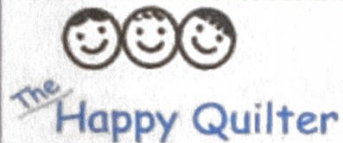
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