

## NSQG Newsletter - April 2015

April 2015		May 2015	
Wed 1	Comfort Quilts	Sat 2 – Sun 3	Quilt Show "A World of Quilts XXXVI"
Sat 4	Landscape SIG	Mon 4	Workshop: "Tile Tango"
Sat 11	Long Arm SIG	Wed 6	Comfort Quilts
Tue 14	Board Meeting; Quilt Show Meeting	Sat 9	Landscape SIG
Wed 15	Comfort Quilts	Tue 12	Board Meeting
Tue 21	Guild Meeting: Norah McMeeking	Tue 19	Guild Meeting: Mary Cannizzaro
Wed 22	Workshop: "Oslo Star"	Wed 20	Comfort Quilts
Fri 24	Newsletter submissions due	Fri 22	Newsletter submissions due
Sat 25	Quilt Drop Off for Show		

## President's Message

Less than one month to go to the World of Quilts XXXVI at Kennedy Catholic! With all of our registered quilts, coupled with ten of Paula Nadelstern's Invitational Quilts, the NSQG Challenge, quilts by Comfort Quilts, quilts representing three of the Special Interest Groups, and the FANE exhibit, this is going to be a beautiful Show! Lectures by Becky Goldsmith of Piece o' Cake Designs and Paula Nadelstern will bring their many years of experience and success to us. The Silent Auction, the Boutique, Demonstrations and 33 Vendors will round out the pleasure brought to the public by NSQG!

All of our volunteers will make this the best show ever, bringing our Show Time at Kennedy Catholic to a beautiful end with our grateful thanks to the High School! Our business meetings will continue to be held at Kennedy Catholic, our home base.

The Nominating Committee has completed its search for a slate of candidates for election to the Board of Directors. Their announcement follows below; the candidates will be introduced at the April Guild Meeting. Nominations from the floor will be received at this meeting, provided those being nominated from the floor have agreed to serve on the Board. The bios of the candidates will be in the May OnPoint! The election will take place during the NSQG Annual Meeting on May 19<sup>th</sup>. Great thanks to those who said, "Yes"! Thanks also to the Nominating Committee for their dedication in finding these excellent candidates.

Happy last stitching your entry quilt(s). Quilt drop-off day is Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Caryl Castellion, President**

# Notice of Annual Meeting

## Official Notice of the NSQG Annual Meeting

The NSQG General Meeting will be held:  
May 19, 2015 at 7pm in the Kennedy Catholic HS cafeteria,  
Route 138, Somers, NY 10589.

The Election of the NSQG Officers for the year 2015-2016 will be held during the Annual Meeting.

### NSQG 2015-16 Ballot

President – Joyce Sullivan  
Secretary – Rosemary DePaola  
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VP Membership – Christine Wilhelm  
VP Communications – Maria Catalano  
VP Programs – Judy Gignesi  
VP Quilt Show – Susan Fasnacht  
VP Education – Jennifer Kramer

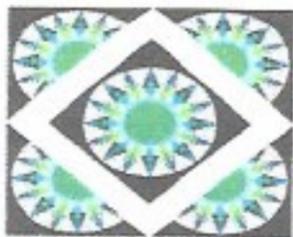
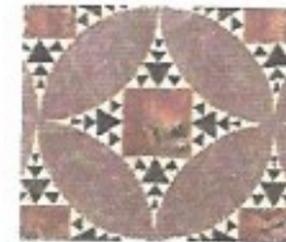
## Programs

### APRIL:

Lecture: April 21 - Norah McMeeking

"Bella Bella Patchwork"

Norah is the author of "Bella Bella Quilts" and "More Bella Bella Quilts". She will walk us through her process in recreating the fabulous marble floors of Italy.



Workshop: April 22 Oslo Star

Originally we were scheduled to have Norah teach Cosmati Rings, however, this has been discontinued so her workshop will instead be Oslo Star.

**May 4<sup>th</sup> Workshop:**  
**Becky Goldsmith**



**Tile Tango - This is from Becky's newest book "The Quilter's Practical Guide to Color" available Spring 2015**

Needleturn hand applique is both fun and relaxing once you know to do it! You will learn how to sew an invisible stitch in this class for all skill levels. Other skill-building techniques include curves, outer points, and much more.

**Lecture: May 19 – Mary Cannizzaro**

*"I'm not Competitive, I just sew **really** fast!"*

Our own Mary Cannizzaro will provide us with a look at her process and how she creates her prize winning quilts! This promises to be a real treat! In addition to her power point presentation, Mary will treat us to a trunk show featuring many of her quilts.

**JoAnne Finnigan, VP Programs**  
[Programs@Northernstarquilters.com](mailto:Programs@Northernstarquilters.com)

## Quilt Show

**Quilt Show Update**

It's only a few weeks until, A World of Quilts XXXVI. The Quilt Show Committee has been making final preparations for our last show at Kennedy Catholic High School. Our show offers an opportunity for quilters and non-quilters to see the variety of ways fabric can be put together to create a work of art. In addition to the registered quilts in the gymnasium, other special displays will be on view throughout the building. We have a wonderful invitational exhibit of quilts this year by Paula Nadelstern, plus other quilt displays that include the 2015 NSQG Challenge, "Simply Solid!", the Silent Auction, Comfort Quilts, the FANE (Fiber Arts NorthEast) Challenge, and quilts from the Art Quilt, Landscape and Long Arm Special Interest Groups.

**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 three volunteer hours is required in order to obtain one day of free admission. Any additional hours that you might be able to contribute would be greatly appreciated. ContactCarolynn Young to sign up.

**Spread the Word**

There are several ways you can help advertise our show:

There will be show postcards available at the admissions table at the April guild meeting. Also, you should have received a show invitation email that you can forward to your family and friends. And don't forget to print the show poster and display it wherever you can. The show is right around the corner!

**Show Pins**

Show pins will be on sale at the April meeting. Be sure to get yours early. In each of the last two years, the pins sold out completely.

**Quilt Drop Off**

Quilt Drop Off day is Saturday, April 25 from 12 noon until 4 pm at the Kennedy Catholic High School Cafeteria. All quilts must have:

1. A sewn on sleeve for hanging – **do not** use material such as Steam-A-Seam to attach the sleeve. If your quilt is wider than 80" or longer than 94", please read the Registration Rules and Instructions ( 21, 22, and 23) on how to place your sleeve.
2. A covering over your name on the back or front of your quilt.
3. A Registration ID Number sewn to the lower right (as you look at the back) corner of the quilt back.
4. No loose threads, pet hairs or strong odors.

#### 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.

#### Guidelines:

25" x 25" maximum

Please include a label and a sleeve.

Deliver your finished quilt Carolyn Langevin or Kay Marcarello as soon as it is ready.

Photos have been taken and posted on the web – [see what's been submitted so far](#).

I'll see everyone May 2 and 3 – enjoy the show!

Susan Fasnacht, VP Quilt Show  
[QuiltShow@Northernstarquilters.com](mailto:QuiltShow@Northernstarquilters.com)

## Education

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

The meeting dates are provided below, as well as on the "Special Interest Group" page on our website.

#### Art Quilters – Christine Wilhelm

Bring your entry for the Art SIG challenge "Under the Microscope;" this is the last call for entries. The group meets at 5:45 p.m. before the Guild meetings in the Library. New Members always welcome.

#### Landscape Quilters – Don Gough

The Landscape SIG meetings for the next 5 months are: Saturdays April 4<sup>th</sup>, May 9<sup>th</sup>, June 6<sup>th</sup>, July 11<sup>th</sup>, and August 1<sup>st</sup>. All meetings are from 1pm to 3pm at the Astoria bank in Somers on the Second floor.

#### Long Arm Group – Diane Linker

The meeting on April 11th will be at Angie Contadino's home. There is no meeting in May because we will all be at the quilt show.

#### Domestic Machine Quilting – Helen Boland

The Domestic Machine Quilting SIG will meet at 5:45 in the back of the cafeteria before the April Guild meeting. We start the meeting with a brief sharing of "What to Quilt" and then start the program on making quilting designs on "paper" quilts that have been printed. We will work in pairs to do this. Any questions, email Helen. [news@northernstarquilters.com](mailto:news@northernstarquilters.com)

#### New SIG Ideas for 2015/2016

Please contact Jennifer Kramer [education@northernstarquilters.com](mailto:education@northernstarquilters.com) if you would like to start a new SIG or revive an old one. There will be a sign-up list at the April meeting.

Jennifer Kramer, VP Education  
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# Library

Spring is in the air-finally! Time to clean out our Sewing Studios of all our gently used books and magazines. Bring your donations, patterns, too, to the Library table for our Quilt Show book sale in May.

## Book Reviews

- "Quilting by Improvisation" by Vikki Pignatelli. Great book! It took me on an adventure of discovery into the world of unbelievable thread painting / embroidery. The close up photos and the explanations brought it all to life. It was an exciting experience.
- "Surface Design Essentials" by Jane Davila. Explores a variety of techniques and mediums for printing on fabric. Includes projects and lots of photos.
- "Adventures in Design" by Joen Wolfrom. A presentation of nature's design basics to help you build a design foundation from which you can develop your personal style.

## New Books

- "Sew Modern Baby" by Angela Yosten
- "Listen to Your Quilt" by Barbra Persing
- "In Love with Squares and Rectangles" by Janine Burke

## New Magazines

- Machine Quilting Unlimited March/April 2015
- American Quilter March 2015

Please remember to return the books you borrowed.

Dee Plouffé, Library Chair  
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# Sunshine

## Gifts for Our President

As we approach a NSQG President's final term of office, it is traditional for the Guild Membership to contribute towards a gift in thanksgiving for service. Caryl Castellion's favorite color scheme is Autumn( in batik fabrics): olive greens, rusty browns, dusty yellows and all tones of peach. Members are asked to bring fat quarter batik fabrics to the March-May meetings ; a labeled gift basket will be available at the Membership table for your convenience. Thank you for celebrating the gift of Caryl's dedication to our Guild!

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, Melanie

Melanie Darensod, Secretary  
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## Hospitality

Thank you to all the P, Q, & R's for providing snacks in March.

Members with last names beginning with S, are encouraged to bring snacks to our next meeting. We will have hot water for tea, so bring your travel cup for a refill. Also, remember to pick up a free raffle ticket when you drop off your snack.

Nancy Cianflone, Hospitality  
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## Charitable Activities

### Comfort Quilts

Be sure to stop by the Comfort Quilt display at our Quilt Show to enjoy examples of the colorful designs and exquisite quilting done by many Guild members on the Comfort Quilts which are distributed to those in need. Thanks to all who made quilts or donated fabric to make these outstanding quilts. Please keep those donations of fabrics coming to Karen Carlson and Carol Auer.

During the winter season, [Comfort Quilts meets on the first and third](#) Wednesday of the month from 9:30 am to 3:30 pm. Meetings are held at the North Salem Volunteer Ambulance Corp at 14 Daniel Road, North Salem. Come and join the fun but always **verify the date with Carol Auer or Karen Carlson because dates are subject to change.**



### Community Cares

Many thanks for your support of **Community Cares**, our 2015 charity. The funds raised by your purchase of raffle tickets will be used to offer families with cancer and other major illnesses in Northern Westchester and Putnam Counties some peace of mind and some real grass-roots help with free household cleaning services, laundry wash-and-fold services, child care and family meals donated by local restaurants. Extra tickets are still available and can be picked up from Althea Nolan.

Althea Nolan, Charitable Activities  
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## Membership

The weather was kind to us once again and 111 members were present at the guild meeting. We hosted 3 guests and welcome Anita W. as a new member.

Thank you to Pat Julian, Nina Primer, Christine Langan and Christine Wolle for their help throughout the evening at the membership table.

Patti Calautti, VP Membership  
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# Special Activities

## Boutique

The annual quilt show boutique is scheduled for May 2 and May 3 at Kennedy Catholic during show hours. The Boutique provides opportunity to sell some of your unique handmade items to our membership and all our quilt show guests.

Would you like to participate by selling some of your handmade items? If you are a NSQG member and have made all the items you plan to sell, we welcome your participation. There is a \$25 dollar fee per table for vendors. You can share or have your own table. For more information and to sign-up please contact Stephanie Santangelo.

## 2015 Challenge

Thank you again to all the "Simply Solids" NSQG 2015 challenge participants. We would like to honor all participants and provide the opportunity for the guild membership to get to know who made each quilt entry.

All of the challenge quilts will be hung at our annual quilt show May 2 and May 3 at Kennedy Catholic. After the show, Barb Tatera will hold all the quilts and they will be distributed to their makers at the May NSQG monthly meeting. The quilter will then have the opportunity to "Show and Tell" their quilt/s and provide any information that they would like to share in their inspiration.

If any challenge quilt maker requires the return of their quilt/s prior to the May meeting, please contact Barb who will coordinate your quilt return.

## 2016 Challenge

We hope you have been inspired to keep the momentum of the NSQG challenge going. If so, please consider submitting an idea for the 2016 challenge. Any guild member can submit a proposal, which should include: Idea, Challenge Name, Challenge rules, Categories for which ribbons will be awarded.

**Please submit your written or electronic proposal to Kelly Lockwood by April 30, 2015.**

### Next Steps:

- Kelly will anonymously submit all challenge proposals to the board at the May Board meeting for vote.
- The author of the winning vote becomes the 2016 challenge coordinator.
- The coordinator gathers a committee to collect the challenge entries, display the quilts at the February guild meeting, count ballots, award ribbons, and hang the quilts the Friday night before the 2016 quilt show.
- Please contact Kelly if you have any questions. Proposals will be presented at the May board meeting, so please submit your idea (or ideas) prior to April 30.
- The challenge will be presented to the membership no later than the June meeting so that quilters can begin designing and stitching over our summer break.

## Trips

A huge "Thank You!!" to Jennifer and Mary Cannizzaro for coordinating another organized, enjoyable, and exciting trip to the Lancaster AQS show.

NSQG bus trippers continued their tradition of supporting the local quilt shop economy and being inspired by the beautiful show quilts.

**Kelly Lockwood, Special Activities Coordinator**  
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# Communications

Teresa Barkley, who spoke at our Quilt Show a few years ago, along with 11 other quilters, is part of an exhibit of Contemporary Quilts sponsored by the Manhattan Quilters' Guild. The exhibit is being held from March 21<sup>st</sup> to April 18, 2015 at the **Blue Door Gallery**, 13 Riverdale Avenue, Yonkers, NY 10701, 914-375-5100. Open Thurs, Fri and Sat 12 – 5pm. [Please click here for more information.](#)

The **Wilton Historical Society** is honored to be showing the work of critically acclaimed quilt designer **Denyse Schmidt**. Her creations are modern interpretations of classic quilt designs – contemporary, functional textile art with deep historic roots. The exhibition of nearly a dozen quilts opens with a reception on Thursday, March 19 from 5-7. The show will run through Saturday, October 3. Open Tues – Sat 10-4.

Also showing, **June Myles' Hooked Art**. These are not your granny's hooked rugs! Opening on Thursday, March 19, and running through October 3 at the Wilton Historical Society, the exhibition *One Loop at a Time: June Myles' Hooked Art* displays works of art "painted in wool" as the artist says. The pieces on display – rugs, wall hangings, and pillows– are alive with color, texture and movement. The works show off June Myles' sophisticated use of color, her love of language and her virtuoso needle skills. Open Tues-Sat 10-4. For more information on either program [click here](#).

**April 18-19** Calling all quilters - come to the Hudson Valley next month to see some very special quilts! **Sheep-to-Shawl**

**Special Exhibit with Workshops: *The Art of the Reproduction-Recreating Period Textiles***

**Philipsburg Manor**, 381 North Broadway (Route 9), Sleepy Hollow, N.Y. April 18-19, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

From fiber to fashion, this classic spring festival celebrates all things woolly sheep! New this year a special exhibit, *The Art of the Reproduction: Recreating Period Textiles* uses pieces from the Historic Hudson Valley collection to shine a spotlight on this fun, yet often overlooked, area of historic study. Along with the exhibit, there will be a series of talks and hands-on workshops. HHV's expert staff member and noted historic quilter and knitter, Cat Hannan will be using an amazing display of her own reproduction quilts, and period knitting, as she shares information on creating period quilted or knitted pieces. For the full workshop and talk schedule, please visit <https://www.hudsonvalley.org/community/blogs/fine-art-reproducing-period-textiles> Online admission: \$14; \$12 for seniors; \$8 for children 3-17. Free for members and children under 3. Onsite prices are \$2 more per ticket. Buy tickets online at [www.hudsonvalley.org](http://www.hudsonvalley.org). 914-366-6900.



**Margaret Phillips and Mayann Weinberg** have been juried into the 98<sup>th</sup> Annual Juried Show at the Greenwich Art Society. The show is juried by Margaret Ewing, MOMA, NYC and will run from March 27<sup>th</sup> through April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2015 at the Bendheim Gallery, 299 Greenwich Avenue, Greenwich, CT. The hours are Mon - Fri 10am to 5pm Sat & Sun Noon to 4pm. Pictured on the right is Margaret Phillips "Study in Yellow" and Mayann Weinberg's acrylic painting "Dodge It" is pictured on the left.



Donna Chambers, who was featured in our members showcase in January, debuts in "Images in Fabric" which opens in April at [Etui Fiber Arts](#). A special toast to the artist is planned for April 11<sup>th</sup>. Etui is located at 2106 Boston Post Road, Larchmont, NY 10538. 914-341-1426

We would love to feature your current work on exhibit at a gallery or show or your latest accomplishment. Our newsletter is a great way to share your accomplishments. Please send any photos and information to [news@northernstarquilters.com](mailto:news@northernstarquilters.com).

Helen Boland, VP Communications  
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## Area Shows & Events

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

"The Gees Bend Tradition", Lehman College Art Gallery; through April 24, 2015 (closed April 3, 4, 11); 250 Bedford Park Boulevard West, Bronx, NY 10468-1589; Tel: 718-960-8731  
<http://www.lehman.edu/vpadvance/artgallery/gallery/>

"A Garden of Quilts", Smithtown Quilters; April 11- 12, 2015, Dawnwood Middle School, Centereach, NY  
<http://www.northernstarquilters.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/12/poster.pdf>

"Country Quilter Spring Getaway"; Interlocken Inn, Lakeville, CT; April 17-19, 2015; Call Nancy Mirman for information.

"Fibrations!," now through Spring 2015, The Great Hall, Springfield, VT; 802-885-3061;  
<https://www.facebook.com/GreatHallSpringfield?filter=1>.

"Genesee Valley Quilt Fest", June 5 – 7, 2015; Gordon Field House, Rochester Institute of Technology, Rochester, NY. Over 600 quilts on display. <http://www.geneseevalleyquiltfest.com/>

"Super Quilt Seminar" featuring Ricky Tims and Alex Anderson; Newark, DE; April 16-18, 2015;  
<http://thequiltshow.com/daily-blog/101-ricky/23209-super-seminar-newark-delaware>

"Piecemakers of Cairo Quilt Show", sponsored by the Piecemakers Guild; Cairo Public Library, 15 Railroad Ave., Cairo, NY 12413; Saturday, August 8, 2015; 10 am to 4 pm. For more information call Debra at 518-622-2270.

"Silver City Quilt Show", September 19 & 20, 2015 10am – 4pm; Silver City Quilt Guild; September 19 & 20, 2015 10am – 4pm; Friedman Middle School, 500 Norton Ave, Taunton, MA 02780;  
[http://www.silvercityquiltguild.org/quilt\\_show](http://www.silvercityquiltguild.org/quilt_show)

"22nd Annual Bennington Quiltfest"; September 19 - 20, 2015 Sat:9-5, Sun:9-4; Mount Anthony Union Middle School; 747 East Road, Bennington, Vermont; <http://www.benningtonquiltfest.com/>

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