



## NSQG Newsletter – December 2012



### December

- Sat 1 Longarm SIG
- Wed 5 Comfort Quilts
- Sat 8 Landscape SIG
- Tue 11 Board Meeting
- Sat 15 The Sticklers SIG
- Tue 18 Guild Meeting
- Wed 19 Comfort Quilts
- Fri 21 Newsletter submissions due

### Looking Ahead - January

- Tue 1 Quilt Show Registration opens!
- Wed 2 Comfort Quilts
- Sat 5 Longarm SIG
- Sat 5 Landscape SIG
- Tue 8 Quilt Show Committee
- Tue 8 Board Meeting
- Sat 12 The Sticklers SIG
- Tue 15 Quilt Show Committee (snow date)

- Tue 15 Guild Meeting: Education Program
- Wed 16 Comfort Quilts
- Fri 18 Newsletter submissions due

## President's Message

### Happy Holidays!

Just a quick note this month because I am sure you are all busy preparing for the upcoming holidays.

Thank you to all who came to November's boutique and meeting. Attendance was wonderful and your generosity at the boutique was stellar.

I had a very peaceful day of quilting with Merry May, which was wonderful after the weather excitement of the past several weeks. I hope to have my "mystery quilt" complete to bring to December's Show and Tell. If others have theirs done, please bring them as well.

Remember that all of the 6x6 Small Works canvases are due December 18.

**Melanie Hulse** will collect them at our meeting. If you need to make other arrangements, please email Melanie or myself. It will be very exciting to see our works displayed when the show opens in February. I am sure we will do NSQG proud!



Caroline Higgins, *Shalom for Poppy*



Patti Calautti, *Merry Christmas Log Cabin*

We are creeping up on that time of year when we once again make our New Year's resolutions. Make sure two of them are to sign up for guild activities and to work on a quilt for our show. It's only 5 months away!

All the best to you during this holiday season,

**Patti Calautti**, President  
President@Northernstarquilters.com

# Programs

## Red and Green Quilts A Classic Antique Quilt Motif!

Join us in December for a special lecture about Red and Green quilts.

Quilt maker and lecturer Sue Reich will be our guest speaker. An expert on antique quilts and an AQS appraiser, Sue comes to us from Washington Depot, Connecticut.

Sue's interest in quilt history dates to her work with the Connecticut Quilt Search Project in 1991. Having made quilts herself since childhood, Sue also has written several books on quilts, including crazy quilts, quilts of the World War II Era, and quilts from Connecticut.

Sue's presentation, "A Gathering of Red and Green," will include Sue's personal collection of more than 30 nineteenth-century Red and Green quilts as well as several quilts she has made herself.



## Sign-ups Begin for Spring Workshops!

Sign-ups for spring workshops also take place this month:

Wed, Mar 20

**Karen Eckmeier, "Let's Make Waves!"**

Wed, Apr 17

**Maxine Rosenthal, "One Block Wonders"**

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

Finally, did you take a class this fall? Please bring your project to share with everyone at December's Show and Tell!

**Barbara Sferra, VP Programs**  
Programs@Northernstarquilters.com

# Super Saturday 2013

## Sign-ups now Taking Place!

This year, Super Saturday will be February 23 at JFK High School from 9:30 – 4 pm. Doors will open at 9 am so we'll be ready to begin promptly at 9:30. The price remains \$20, including lunch and snacks. (Is ours a great guild or what?) Some classes may charge a small materials fee. You'll be able to see samples of each project/technique at the next few meetings.

## Super Saturday, *Continued*

Our amazing line-up of teachers and classes includes:

Margaret Phillips

### **Machine Appliqué without Fusing or Adhesives**

Learn an easy technique to machine appliqué without using fusibles or adhesives. Appliqués will be softer and more dimensional. Sewing machine required.

Tamar Drucker

### **Traditional Hand Appliqué and Reverse Hand Appliqué**

A great portable project for the quilter on the go. Learn to hand appliqué around curvy shapes, points, reverse appliqué and other tricks. Check our website for the supply list.

Carolyn Salon

### **Snap Bags**

Create these attractive and practical bags for makeup, quilting projects or purses. This is a perfect way to use up "orphan" quilt blocks. Bags may be solid or see-thru. Sewing machine required. There is a \$3 fee for metal closures and clear plastic for "window" snap bags. Check our website for the supply list.

Maria Weinstein

### **"Wax Paper is not just for Sandwiches Anymore"**

A surface art extravaganza. Make your own unique art quilt using acrylic paints, fusing, stamping, stenciling, waxed and others kinds of paper, collage ephemera and fabric. There is a \$15 materials fee for this course. Note: Sewing machine not required! Check our website for the supply list.

Patricia Loquet

### **"Dogwood Stars"**

A traditional scrap quilt using lots of 2.5" pieces or strips. Jelly rolls would be terrific too. Sewing machine required.

*Note: This class is full, but we are taking names for the wait list.*

Mayann Weinberg

### **"All Dolled Up" (Free-form Felted Wool Dolls)**

Create a whimsical doll from felted wool and embellishments. Learn how to embellish-sculpt a face, add hair and adorn your doll with a variety of fibers and beads. This technique can be applied to any stitched project to make it your own. Check our website for the supply list.

Debbie Bein

### **"Come Play in my Sandbox"**

Improvisational Piecing + Intuitive Quilting + Paint = Mixed Media Art. Explore the principles of design and pick up Debbie's "intuitive quilting" tips as you complete a work of art to adorn your door, table or narrow wall in your home. Free-motion quilting experience is recommended, but straight-stitch quilting can be used as well. While there is a lot of preparation before coming to this course, the result will be so worth it! Sewing machine with zig-zag capability and \$10 materials fee required. Check our website for a detailed course description, supply list, and pre-work instructions. *Note: This class is full, but we are taking names for the wait list.*

### **Sit and Sew**

For anyone who would like to work on his/her own project while enjoying the camaraderie of others doing the same.



Debbie Bein, *Bubbles*

**Super Saturday, Continued**

Sign up at December's meeting to reserve your seat! Please contact Carol Mayefsky with any questions.

**Carol Mayefsky**, Super Saturday Coordinator  
**Kelly Lockwood**, Special Events

## Katonah Museum of Art

### 2013 Katonah Museum Small Works Due at December's Meeting

All Guild members in good standing are invited to create small quilts in connection with an upcoming exhibition at the Katonah Museum of Art.

Completed works are due at the Guild's meeting on Dec 18.

Entries must comply with a specific set of guidelines. Check the website for the complete and official instructions, as well as the registration form approved by the Katonah Museum of Art and the NSQG.

**Melanie Hulse**, Museum Liaison  
**Patti Calautti**, President



Cathie Billings, *Homestead Star*

## Membership

One hundred and fifty members, including two new members, attended November's meeting. We also welcomed nine guests. This was an excellent meeting for guests as we don't charge guests on the evening with the Boutique. And those guests had a wonderful Boutique to enjoy, as well as our speaker.

The Membership Directory is getting ready for printing and we hope to have copies available for our membership as soon as possible.

I'd like to mention that we'll be having a one-woman show in January, featuring the work of one of our new members. I think everyone will be most interested in viewing her works.

Meanwhile, we'd love to have some more of our talented members volunteer to display their works at one of our meetings. Please contact me if you would be willing to do a one- or two-person show, or even a group display. I know all of our members love seeing the work that fellow quilters have created.

**Chris Ruggieri**, VP Membership  
Membership@Northernstarquilters.com

## Hospitality

A big "thank-you" to members with last names beginning with **G, H and I** for the many choices of snacks in November.

For December, if you can, please bring a favorite holiday snack. We will continue with the letter designations again in January.

Please remember to bring a donation of non-perishable food for our Holiday Food Drive. This year, our donations will benefit The Food Bank of Lower Fairfield County and St. John's Food Pantry in Mahopac, New York. Check the online edition of our newsletter for a link to a list of our most-needed items.

If you choose to make a cash donation, please be sure to write your check directly either to the Food Bank of Lower Fairfield County or the St. John's Food Pantry (and not to the NSQG!).

We will have cars parked outside and you can drop off your donations. Please let me know if you would like to help with the collection effort.

In December, the raffle will showcase some really great items from Quilters Corner in Ithaca, New York. Cyndi, the shop owner, donated several fun patterns to go along with the great fat quarter packs and other notions **Kendell Storm** purchased for this month's raffle. Raffle tickets are three for a dollar.

Thank you!

**Helen Boland**, Hospitality  
Hospitality@Northernstarquilters.com



Arlene Clanny, *And a Partridge*

## Trips



Rona Spar, *My Bird of Paradise*

### Come One, Come All!

The Lancaster Quilt Show will be here before you know it!

Our trip to the AQS Lancaster Quilt show will take place from March 15-16, 2013. This trip never disappoints, so bring your checkbook to the guild meeting to secure your spot on the bus.

Please contact me with any questions -- I look forward to seeing you there!

**Jen Cannizzaro**, Trips Coordinator  
**Kelly Lockwood**, Special Events

# Education

Thank you to **Janice Nastasi** for running Show and Tell at November's meeting. And let's include a special thanks to all who brought in their projects from the Bonnie Hunter and Pat Pauly workshops. Our members and guests certainly were treated to a wonderful display of work inspired by NSQG's guest lecturers and teachers!

Don't forget to bring your notebooks to both the January and February meetings. You are sure to pick up some new tricks of the trade at the Surface Design demo in January and the "Got Scraps?" Round Robin in February.

And now a note from our SIG leaders:

## **The Sticklers** – Carolyn Finn

Our next meeting is Sat, Dec 15. Please bring your "Sticklers' Showcase" quilt – even if it's still a jumble of fabric scraps. Also, **Diane Linker** will demonstrate the "English Paper Piecing" technique. All are welcome! Please contact Carolyn for more information.

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

At the October meeting, we presented the first half of "Weaving an Appliqué Basket." In December, **Denise Isherwood** will demonstrate how all the pieces come together to form the finished basket. If you want to try your hand at basket weaving, bring supplies to the meeting. Please contact Denise for a list.

## **Landscape Quilts** - Don Gough

The Landscape SIG will continue to meet in the Cafeteria before each month's general Guild meeting. In addition, Don has made arrangements to meet at the Astoria Bank in Somers on the following Saturdays: Dec 8, Jan 5, and Feb 9. Please contact Don if you wish to be added to the mailing list.

## **Art Quilts** - Christine Wilhelm

In November we had a lot of fun learning how to reclaim and incorporate a soda can into an art quilt...who knew it could be done? For our December meeting bring your work in progress or your newest finished piece to share. Also, pick your card for this year's art quilt "Deck of Cards" challenge; there are lots of great numbers and suits left. See you there!

## **Longarm** - Diane Linker

The December meeting was hosted by **Barb Tatera** and, at the meeting, **Peggy Morgan** showed how to use an innovative brand of stencils and demonstrated some holiday designs. Our next meeting will be Sat, Jan 5 at the home of **Angela Vertucci**.



Eunice Gough, *'Tis the Season*

**Meg Moorar**, VP Education

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# Quilt Show

Behind the scenes, the Quilt Show Committee has been hard at work preparing for A World of Quilts XXXIV. **Andrea Winter** and her team have been busy creating a postcard and poster design. Heartfelt thanks to **Diana Sharkey** for sharing with us her skill behind the camera lens. Diana's photograph beautifully captures the essence of the 2013 Raffle Quilt.

We also would like to express our deepest gratitude to **Caryl Castellion's** son, Peter Riordan, who formatted the poster and postcard. By the time you receive this newsletter, the poster will be up on NSQG's website and available for download. Please help us advertise our guild's show by emailing a poster or sending a postcard to your friends.

## Quilt Show, Continued

**Mary Cannizzaro** has been busy working on plans for our invitational exhibit. The awe-inspiring quilts of Teresa Barkley will form the core of the invitational show this year.

Question: What could make the experience of viewing amazing quilts even more interesting?

Answer: Having the opportunity to find an answer to the question, "How did she do that?"

This year, that's just what you'll be able to do! We are delighted to announce that you will be able to meet the artist as Teresa takes the stage as our second speaker on Saturday. Following the lecture, Teresa will conduct a "walk-through" of her quilts on display.

Do you have a quilt that you would like to have appraised? Eugenia Barnes, AQS certified appraiser, will be on hand this year to appraise all types of quilts from antiques to art pieces. The cost of the appraisal is \$35, which includes a written report for your files. **Fern Nadel** is in charge of scheduling appointments and will be ready with a sign-up sheet at the January 2013 meeting.

As we approach the season of giving, please consider donating fabric and batting to the Build-a-Block project. **Joanne Finnigan**, **Cathy Hopkins**, and **Mary O'Mara** will be on hand at each of the meetings prior to the show with their donation box. Here are the details:

### **Fabric**

- Squares: 9.5 inches square
- Strips: Between 3 and 5.5 inches x 9.5 inches

### **Batting**

- Squares: 9.5 inches square

Finally, there are many ways in which you can contribute to the success of our show long before May rolls around:

1. Finish those UFOs!
2. Register at least one or two quilts for World of Quilts XXXIV
3. Participate in one of the SIG invitational exhibits
4. Make a quilt for the Guild Challenge
5. Submit one or more small quilts for the Silent Auction

In the meantime, we wish you Happy Chanukah, Merry Christmas and all the best for the New Year!

## Silent Auction

Hope you've been thinking about a wall-hanging quilt for the 2013 Quilt Show's Silent Auction. We've had a wonderful showing in the past and hope you'll participate again (or for the first time) this year. The number of participants and the variety of quilts are what make the Silent Auction so fun and exciting!

As a rule, we recommend a 100-inch perimeter or less, with a sleeve and label. But these are only suggestions; we are quite flexible. We'd like the quilts by the April guild meeting – but of course, sooner is even better!

Please contact us if you would like more information. We'll check back with you again in the New Year, but please let us know in the meantime if you already plan to contribute a piece.

**Carol Auer and Carolyn Langevin**  
Silent Auction Co-chairs



Judy Mayer, Jennifer

## Notes and Reminders

The Quilt Show Committee will meet in the JFK Faculty Lounge at 4:30 pm on Tue, Jan 8. In the event of a weather cancellation, the meeting will be held just prior to January's Guild meeting on Tue, Jan 15.

As we quickly approach year-end, it is important that the leader of each Special Interest Group interested in mounting an exhibit at the show send a written request for space to **Tamar Drucker** or **Maria Catalano**, the quilt hanging chairs for 2013. The deadline is December 31, 2012.

**Carol Sterk** and **Diane Linker**, VPs Quilt Show  
QuiltShowChairs@Northernstarquilters.com

# 2013 Guild Challenge

## Challenge Highlights

### Theme

Submit your entry in the category of your choice: Traditional or Contemporary

Only one quilt per member may be submitted

### Colors

Solid black, solid white, black-and-white prints PLUS one color of your choice

The color can be a solid or print but may not have other colors within the prints

Multiple fabrics in your chosen color may be used

Embellishment and thread work are acceptable but only in black, white or the one other color of the quilt

### Size and Finishing Details

Minimum circumference is 48"

Maximum circumference is 80"

Any shape is acceptable (within size requirement)

Attach a sleeve at the top of the back, at least 4" wide

Label on back must include name of quilt, name of maker, and either phone number or e-mail address

Quilts must be 3 layers and quilted by the maker by hand or machine

### Deadline

Quilts will be collected at the January 2013 meeting

**Nancy Mirman** and **Joyce Sullivan**, Challenge Coordinators  
**Kelly Lockwood**, Special Events



*Examples of fabrics that may and may not be used in the 2013 Challenge quilts. In this illustration, purple was selected as the "additional" color – but the choice is yours.*

*"Yes" fabrics include solid black and white, black-and-white prints, and an array of purples (both solids and prints).*

*"No" fabrics include black-and-white prints with grey, blue, and other colors (that include grey), and prints with other colors in addition to purple.*



# Library

It certainly has been a season of unexpected challenges in addition to holiday preparations and celebrations. Relaxing with a quilt-related book or magazine may be a welcome change after all this, so please stop by the Library and check out our selection.

Our newest books include

- I Can't Believe It's Not Piecing by Ann Seely & Joyce Stewart
- Create Your Own Free Form Quilts by Rayna Gillman
- Bright & Bold Cozy Modern Quilts by Kim Schaefer
- Purses, Bags & Totes (with CD) by Maya's Workshop
- Quilt Batik! by Cheryl Brown
- A Batch of Quilt Soup by Barbara J. Jones
- We Love Color – Create with Kona Solids (compiled by) Susan Woods
- Accidental Landscapes by Karen Eckmeier
- Layered Waves – A Fresh New Way to Quilt by Karen Eckmeier
- Panel Quilts – We Did the Math by Lacey J. Hill & Lorraine Freed

If you need help locating a book, please ask at the Library Table or send me an email.

Apropos of that, we recently had a request from a quilter in New Mexico for an article that appeared in *Australian Patchwork and Quilting*, Volume 13, No. 7. Unfortunately, that was one of the many issues we had just sold at our Quilt Show book sale. So, if perchance you purchased that issue or if you have any suggestions about where to locate one, I would greatly appreciate your help.

And lastly, if you have any suggestions about a book or DVD that you would like to see in the Library, please let me know.

**Jackie Fowler**, Library Chair



Diana Sharkey, *Five Rings*

# Communications

## Have you Completed an NSQG Class or Workshop Project?

If so, please send a photo of your work to [News@Northernstarquilters.com](mailto:News@Northernstarquilters.com). (Please be sure to indicate the class and when it was offered.) We'll use these photos to "illustrate" future editions of our monthly newsletter.

This request was inspired by November's fabulous display of quilts from our recent classes with Bonnie Hunter and Pat Pauly. Just one more incentive to tackle some of those pesky UFOs!



As always, please send us news (and photos) about any recent or upcoming shows, awards, or publications for the "Find us Here" section of our newsletter.

**Carolyn Finn**, VP Communications  
[News@Northernstarquilters.com](mailto:News@Northernstarquilters.com) (news items and photos)

# Members' Marketplace

## Request to Borrow a Floor-Based Quilt Frame

**Pooa Bloomberg** is preparing to quilt a fragile quilt that cannot be stretched and re-stretched on a small fame. If anyone has a large, floor-based frame (that can handle a 50 x 60" inch quilt) that you'd be willing to lend for a few months, Pooa would be very appreciative. Please contact Pooa Bloomberg.

## Sewing Machine Needed to Replace Sandy Loss

**Joan Citron** seeks a basic sewing machine for her niece, a resident of Long Beach, Long Island, whose house was flooded during Sandy. The family lost both cars, all of their appliances, and all furniture on the first floor. Joan's niece used her machine for general crafting and repairs. Please contact Joan Citron if you have a machine you'd like to donate.

## Village Squares' Show Rescheduled

The Village Squares' show, postponed due to the aftermath of Sandy, has been rescheduled to April 6-7, 2013. Contact: Pat Julian.

## Judi Blaydon Workshop and Lecture

**Nancy Hantman** reports that Judi Blaydon will be conducting a workshop at the City Quilter on Fri, Dec 14. In addition, Judi will give a gallery talk at 6 pm on Thu, Dec 13. Click here for details. Judi's show at the ArtQuilt Gallery (City Quilter) runs through Dec 15.

## Singer Featherweight Sewing Machine, 1951

Includes carrying case and box of feet and attachments. Purchased from and serviced by a local Singer dealer in 2010. Hardly used since then. Model number EG 711434. \$300. If you are interested, please contact Rona Spar.

**Carolyn Finn**, VP Communications  
[News@Northernstarquilters.com](mailto:News@Northernstarquilters.com) (news items and photos)

# Area Shows

"Judi Blaydon/Variations: Pieced Quilts and Fabric Altars." New York: ArtQuilt Gallery. Through December 15. Gallery talk at 6 pm on Dec 13.

"Great Quilts, Great Stories: Treasures from the Permanent Collection." Lowell, MA: New England Quilt Museum. Through December 29.

"Art=Quilts=Art." Auburn, NY: Schweinfurth Memorial Art Center. Through January 6, 2013. [NSQG]

"Masters II: SAQA Art Quilts Curated by Martha Sielman." Lowell, MA: New England Quilt Museum. January 17 - April 13, 2013.

"Quilt Celebration VII." Show of the Village Squares Quilters. Scarsdale, NY: JCC of Mid-Westchester. April 6-7, 2013. [NSQG]

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*Many Thanks to Nancy Hantman for researching and compiling this list!*

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