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President's Message

The cold weather is here again that sends us indoors to spend some time creating beautiful entries for the NSQG World of Quilts XXXV Show and to share in the SIGs and Sew & Tell! Deb Karasik's lecture showed us how a naïve beginner grew to great heights, much to her surprise and delight. Whose history is being built right now in NSQG? Come hear Mary Cannizzaro's story and view her quilts on December 17th.

The NSQG participating members are to be congratulated on another successful Boutique all a buzz with shopping. Thank you!

We will end the year by recognizing the great need for sustenance that can be alleviated a bit by our bringing non-perishable foods for the pantries of NY and Fairfield County CT to our next guild meeting. If you hear of groups needing the warm comfort of quilts, please notify Comfort Quilts to have them added to the list for distribution.

Here's to family and friends as we close the year 2013! Thanks to their support we may dream big colorful dreams in the freedom to express ourselves that comes through their love.

Caryl Castellion, President
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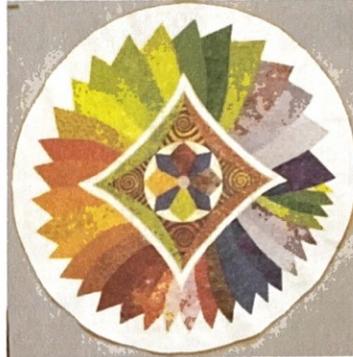
Programs

December: **Mary Cannizzaro**

Lecture: **Tuesday, December 17**

*"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.



March: **Natalya Aikens**

Lecture: **Tuesday, March 19**

"From Russia With Love"

Natalya's artistic journey stretches from St. Petersburg, Russia to the melting pot of America. *Architecturally inspired, delicately stitched:* that is the motto for her art. In her talk, Natalya will show and discuss how she uses free hand machine embroidery and intensive hand stitching, while she incorporates vintage textiles and recyclables in her unique art.

Workshop: **Wednesday, March 20**

\$50.

Do you love photography? Do you wish you could meld your favorite photographs and your love of art quilting and mixed media? In this workshop, Natalya shows you how to go from a snapshot to a finished art quilt or mixed media piece. She will take you through the steps, giving you options for creating your own art quilt. Suitable for all levels.
www.artbynatalya.com



**** Help wanted!** If you have the time to help as a monitor for a workshop, quilt holder at meetings, or sitting at the Workshop Sign up table, please email me at Programs@Northernstarquilters.com . This is a great way to meet other guild members and a fun way to give back to the guild!

JoAnne Finnigan, VP Programs
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Education

January's Guild Meeting Program....."Meet and Greet via Speed Dating"

Speed dating can be defined as an activity that involves people, a timed encounter, and a willingness to meet new people, or learn more about people we may have met, but do not really know. A good sense of adventure and humor are nice additives.

At the Guild Meeting in January, Mayann Weinberg will host a Speed Dating session for Northern Star Quilters in the Cafeteria. New members as well as returning members are encouraged to learn more about some members they do not know. Click [here](#) for complete details and information.

February Education Meeting

The following demonstrations will take place in the cafeteria after the business meeting and presentation of the awards for the Challenge Quilts. Each demo will take between 10 and 15 minutes, so everyone should be able to see several of them.

Susan Fasnacht – **Half-Square Triangles**

Do you need to make multiple half-square triangles and are looking for ways to make it easier? Susan will demonstrate a couple of techniques for creating from 2 to 16 or more half-square triangles from layered rectangles of material. Simply sew one continuous seam, cut and trim, and you will have all your squares done.

Pat Baker – **How to use your tools correctly**

Pat will demonstrate rotary cutting without risking carpal tunnel damage (as taught years ago by Nancy Johnson-Srebo), cutting with minimum effort and maximum effect. Plus, a few assorted tips, as many as 15 minutes will allow!

Carrie Vollrath - **10-Minute Table Runner**

The 10-Minute Tablerunner can be made so quickly and easily!
Perfect gift to give to friends and family...or even make a few for yourself!
With no batting or quilting needed, this table runner will come together in no time at all!
Requires 1/2 yard and 1/3 yard of fabric and perhaps a decorative stitch on your sewing machine.

Susie Andersen - **Sorting Scraps for Improvisational quilts**

Susie will show us her method of sorting scraps collected from her many sources, into cohesive, interesting and wonderful collections for her quilts.
Susie has honed her method over years of teaching, collecting and designing. She will be bringing examples of her finished projects as well as scraps to demonstrate her method.

Linda Ostrander - **Green Paper Piecing**

Does your quilt design have multiple units of the same design to paper piece? With green paper piecing, I can show you how to reduce the number of patterns you will need. This technique is useful when, for example, you need 16 units of the pattern; I will show you how to use only one pattern to make all 16 units.

Peggy Morgan – **Sewing Machine Apron Pattern**

At home, or at a class it is nice to have the tools you need right at your fingertips. Peggy will share with us her own pattern for a take along "apron" for your sewing machine.

Kim Hyde – **Thread Painting**

With her domestic sewing machine Kim will demonstrate how she uses thread painting to enhance her designs.

Peggy Kerr-Meyering – **Scrappy 4-Patch squares**

These squares are put together with a tube method, and they are a great way to quickly generate lots of 4 patches.

THERE IS STILL TIME IF ANY OTHER MEMBERS WANT TO CONTRIBUTE THEIR SKILLS TO SPREAD THE THRILL OF A NEW METHOD OR TOOL! If you can add to the program, please e-mail Education@northernstarquilters.com.

Some Updates for Special Interest Groups:

The Sticklers:

The Stickers will meet on Saturday, December 14. We'll discuss some of the ways in which we ensure that our appliqué pieces are placed accurately -- so bring your tools, tips, and tricks! We'll also do show-and-tell and plan our next blocks. Our first two 2014 meetings will be on January 11 and February 8. Please contact Carolyn Finn if you'd like to join our email list. As always, all are welcome!

Art Quilt SIG:

The topic and demo for December's meeting will be Surface Design with Paint – feel free to bring examples of projects you've made or painting materials you love. We meet at 5:45 p.m. in the Library. Don't forget to bring your Sew and Tell and new members are always welcome!

Landscape SIG:

At the last meeting, Don Gough gave a demo of how a sewing machine needle works. He used props to show how the needle works. Chris Novell happened to have her iPad available and snapped the picture at the right.

The next regular meeting for the Landscape SIG is Saturday, December 7th from 10am to noon. The 3rd beginners meeting will be Saturday December 14th from 10am to noon. All meetings at the Astoria bank in Somers on the second floor.

The theme for the Landscape SIG's show panels for next spring's Quilt Show will be "Hudson River Valley, Then and Now".



Longarm SIG:

The January meeting is on the 4th, and Feb. meeting is the 1st. Please contact Diane Linker if you have any questions.

NEW SIGs??????

Several suggestions for new SIGs were given on the 2013/14 membership forms. They are:

- Domestic machine quilting
- Blogging and Pinterest
- Quilters and Technology (maybe it could combine the one above)
- Modern Quilts
- Laundry Basket Quilts
- Block of the Month
- Embroidery, screen or block Printing

Please, if you are interested in any of these potential groups, e-mail Education@northernstarquilters.com. There are some places available at Kennedy Catholic (aka JFK) high school before the start of our monthly meetings, so all we need is a group of quilters with like interests, and someone willing to coordinate their activities.

Jean Degl, VP Education
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Quilt Show

Behind the scenes, the Quilt Show Committee has been hard at work to get ready for World of Quilts XXXV. Andrea Winter and her team have been busy creating a postcard and poster design. Many thanks to Diana Sharkey for a photograph that truly captures the beauty of the 2014 Raffle Quilt.

We would also like to thank Peter Riordan, Caryl Castellion's son, for formatting the poster and postcard. The poster is up on the NSQG website and available for download [here](#). Please help us advertise our show by emailing a poster or sending a postcard to your friends.

Carol Sterk has been busy working on plans for the invitational exhibit. Cherri House, author of *City Quilts*, has agreed to send a number of her modern quilts to be hung as the invitational exhibit.

Build a Block

As we approach the season of giving, please consider donating fabric and batting to the Build a Block project. Cathy Hopkins and Mary O'Mara will be on hand at each monthly guild meeting to receive your donations.

Items Needed:

- Fabric Squares 9.5 inch
- Fabric Strips between 3 and 5.5 inches x 9.5 inches
- Batting Squares: 9.5 inches

Silent Auction

We hope you've been thinking about donating a quilted wall-hanging for the 2014 Quilt Show's Silent Auction. The number of participants and the variety of quilts are what makes the Silent Auction so exciting.

As a rule, we recommend a quilt with 100 inch perimeter or less, with a sleeve and label. We'd like the quilts by the April guild meeting, but will be happy to take them sooner.

Please contact us if you would like more information and to let us know if you are planning to contribute a piece.

Carol Auer and Carolyn Langevin, Silent Auction Co-Chairs

Notes and Reminders:

The Quilt show Committee will meet in The Kennedy High School Faculty Lounge at 4:30 on Tuesday, February 11. In the event of a weather cancellation, the meeting will be held just prior to February's Guild meeting on Tuesday, February 18.

As we quickly approach the end of the year, it is important that the leader of each SIG or any other group interested in mounting an exhibit at the show send a written request for space to **Maria Catalano or Patti Calutti**, the quilt hanging chairs for 2014. The deadline is **January 1, 2014**.

Diane Linker and Jane Eyes, VPs Quilt Show
QuiltShowChairs@Northernstarquilters.com

Hospitality

Thank you to all the **G, H,** and **I's** for providing snacks for Novembers' meeting.

Everyone is invited to bring their favorite holiday treat in December.

We will continue our annual "Holiday Food Drive" this December. Please remember to bring **NON-perishable** food items to the meeting. Supermarket gift cards are also greatly appreciated.

We will have cars parked outside the school to collect your donations. Please be as generous as possible during these hard economic times.

Nancy Cianflone, Hospitality
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Charitable Activities

2014 Raffle Quilt

Raffle tickets will be available for you to pick up at the December meeting. Stop by the table, pick up your tickets and give your support to "Ability Beyond Disability," the recipients of this year's raffle.

Our Raffle Quilt, "A Tisket, a Tasket", featuring flowers, baskets and flying geese was designed by Judy Mayer, quilted by Mary Waterman and assembled by Regina Benvie. The quilt will be the Grand Prize in the 2014 raffle.

We thank **Happy Quilter** who donated "Ripples and Reflections" as our First Prize. This kit worth \$225.95 includes the pattern and a beautiful collection of batiks to make a 90 X 100 quilt.

We also thank **Quilt Basket** for their donation of a basket of sewing notions for the Second Prize in the 2014 raffle. The basket will be chock full of the latest and greatest tools to help you create a unique and beautiful quilt.



2015 Raffle Quilt

Thanks to all the members who brought back their blocks for the Japanese-Jigsaw Puzzle Quilt. Carolyn Salon can now start the process of assembling the quilt in a timely fashion.

It is also not too early to start thinking about the charity who will receive the proceeds from this quilt. The [2015 nomination guidelines and time schedule](#) are located on the web site under Charitable Activities. Click on the link above to access the information.

Comfort Quilts

Comfort Quilts is accepting donations of large pieces of cotton fabric to make lap quilts. You may bring them to a meeting or contact Carol Auer or Karen Carlson.

Thanks to all who bought a kit at the Boutique and gave support to Comfort Quilts.

Althea Nolan, 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, Melanie

Melanie Darensod, Secretary
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Library

The Library has an extra-long list of overdue books for November. We are all very busy, this Holiday Season, but please try to remember to return your books at the December meeting. I will be e-mailing you a week before the meeting with the name of your overdue book. If you are unable to attend, please have a friend return it for you. Thanks again for returning the Book Review Cards—your input is appreciated by all.

A heartfelt thank you to Deb Karasik for donating a copy of her book "*Quilts with Attitude*".

Book Reviews:

Scraps and Shirrtails, by Bonnie K. Hunter

For someone with a "use-it-up" attitude, this is a perfect resource. Patterns, ideas and clear instructions for using up scraps, or re-using shirts in your quilts.

One Block Wonders, by Maxine Rosenthal

Good to refresh my memory/review my notes from the class taken in April 2013.

Curiosities & Mischief, by Nancy Halvorsen

There are some very cute patterns, but very few. I did get some ideas for the future, specially the variable size borders on basic square in a square block, which gives the block a modern look. Thanks "Library" for having this available. This book was requested by a member.

If you have any ideas for new books to add to our library, please let us know.

New Books

- Colorific by Pam Geocke Dinnorf
- Modern Neutral by Amy Ellis

New DVD

- Dyeing to Stitch: A Comprehensive Guide to Creating Colorful Fabric by Candy Glendening

New Magazines

- Modern Quilts/Unlimited Fall 2013
- Machine Quilting/ Unlimited Nov/Dec 2013

Remember - why buy when you can borrow from NSQG--See you at the meeting.

Dee Plouffé, Library Chair
Library@Northernstarquilters.com

Membership

Thank you to everyone who took the time to check their contact information for the Membership Directory. We are working on getting the Directories printed and will have them available soon.

The Guild has 255 members registered for the 2013/14 year. Of those members, 35 are new to the Guild and five are returning after taking a year or two off. At the November meeting, we had over 150 attendees, including four guests.

I am scheduling Membership Showcases for the months of March, April, and May. If you are interested in doing a one- or two-person show to display your work, please let me know. This is a great way to show your creativity and talent to Guild members.

Susan Fasnacht, VP Membership
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Super Saturday

Super Saturday 2014 Update

Thank you all for your amazing enthusiasm and support at the October meeting. Sign-ups are moving along at an extremely brisk pace. If you could not attend the October meeting, please feel free to e-mail Carol Mayefsky to reserve a place. We will start waiting lists as the classes fill up. The \$20 fee, which is non-refundable, includes lunch and snacks in addition to the class. If a class has a materials fee, that fee is payable to the teacher the day of the class itself.

Super Saturday will take place this coming **February 22, 2014** at JFK High School in Somers from 9:30 AM-3:30PM. Doors will open at 9AM so we can be ready to begin promptly at 9:30. Tea and fresh brewed coffee will be available for free. Posters will direct you to the appropriate classroom. We will break for lunch at 12:30 and resume classes around 1PM. At 3:30, we will gather up all our belongings for a Show and Tell in the Cafeteria.

Please click on the links below to see supply lists and more detailed descriptions of the classes:

- [Margaret Phillips](#) will be teaching machine applique without using fusible.
- [Patricia Loquet](#) will be offering a traditional quilt. Supply list and instructions will be available at the meetings.
- [Ann-Louise Lyman](#) will be offering fabric dyeing and painting on silk scarves.

- [Tamar Drucker](#) will be doing fabric collage with an emphasis on landscapes.
- [Mary Cannizzaro](#) will be offering a mini bargello quilt in two sizes.
- [Debbie Bein](#) will lead a modern quilt workshop with no sewing machine required.
- **Sit 'n' Sew** will be available for catching up on your own quilting in the company of friends.

Samples or photos of the projects will be available at each of our meetings through February. We look forward to seeing you all at Super Saturday!

Carol Mayefsky, Super Saturday Coordinator

Communications

Many thanks to those who sent news and pictures about their quilt related accomplishments. Please send any pictures or information about upcoming shows or events that you are featured in to News@Northernstarquilters.com

Do you have a website or a blog that you would like to share with the Guild? We have a page on the website for this purpose! It is listed under the heading "More!!" as "Member Links and Websites". Please email me at News@Northernstarquilters.com if you would like to be listed.

Congratulations to **Cheryl Kosarek** whose quilt "The Jewel of New York" received an honorable mention designation and will hang in the Grand Central Terminal Annex with the 11 other top quilts from March 15 - July 6, 2014.

Margaret Phillips is featured in the Solo Exhibition at Google Headquarters in Mountain View, California from October 2013 thru January 2014
Her exhibit includes eight pieces and a quilted banner.



Barbara McKie has partially curated a dual Fiber Arts Exhibit which is open from November 22 to January 14 at the Slater Museum at the Norwich Free Academy in Norwich, CT. There will be an opening reception on December 8, 2013 from 2-4 pm.

Barbara has works in each of the exhibitions. "Local Color" is a juried, traveling exhibition of fiber art created by members of Studio Art Quilt Associates (SAQA) in the Connecticut Region, celebrating the beauty and diversity of Connecticut.

Visit us on the web at www.slatermuseum.org Fiber Revolution's "Diversity" is a collaboration of professional textile artists, also members of SAQA, whose goal is to increase visibility of their art while promoting fiber art as an exciting medium.

Museum Hours:

Tues. - Fri. 9 am - 4 pm; Sat. and Sun. 1 pm - 4 pm



Challenge Opportunity: NASA Astronaut Karen Nyberg Invites Quilters to Contribute a Star Block
International Space Station Expedition 37 Flight Engineer Karen Nyberg of NASA, a lifelong lover of sewing, is inviting fellow crafters to join her in stitching together a global community space quilt.

The deadline for submitting a block for the quilt is Aug. 1, 2014. For more information about where to send your block, visit: <http://www.quilts.com>
Nyberg and The International Quilt Festival will collaborate on having the squares stitched together for display at the 40th annual International Quilt Festival in 2014 in Houston and at other public displays.

For more about the 39th annual International Quilt Festival, visit: <http://www.quilts.com>

Helen Boland, VP Communications
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2014 Guild Challenge

Critter: Pests or Pet?

Jane and I are working on our entries for the 2014 challenge and looking forward to see what this creative guild comes up with.

All challenge entries are due by the January meeting, but if you have finished your challenge early, feel free to bring it to the December meeting.

The challenge guidelines are printed on the guild website under Special Events.

Any questions? Ask the committee....

Meg Mooar and Jane Eyes, Challenge Coordinators

Special Activities

Trips

Let's Hit the Road! The Lancaster Quilt show will be here before you know it!

Our trip to the AQS Lancaster Quilt show will take place from March 14-15, 2014. We leave early Friday morning from 3 convenient locations, spend the day shopping at our favorite local Lancaster, PA quilt

shops, have our dinner at Miller's Smorgasbord and then spend the night at the Fairfield Inn. After breakfast at the hotel the next morning, we spend the day at the quilt show and then find our seats on the bus for the ride home.

Sign-ups have begun, so bring your checkbook to the December guild meeting to secure your spot on the bus. The cost will remain \$160. Please contact Jennifer Cannizzaro with any questions.

Looking forward to seeing you there!

Kelly Lockwood, Special Events
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Area Shows & Events

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

[NSQG] = NSQG Member(s) represented

- *"alt_quilts: Sabrina Gschwandtner, Luke Haynes, Stephen Sollins," October 1, 2013 January 5, 2014, American Folk Art Museum, New York City; <http://www.folkartmuseum.org>.
- *"Material Witness", Manhattan Quilters' Guild at the Bronxville Library, November 15 – December 31, 2013, 201 Pondfield Road, Bronxville New York 914-337-0332, <https://www.artswestchester.org/things-to-do/event/manhattan-quilters-guild-opening-reception/>
- *"Interwoven Globe: The Worldwide Textile Trade, 1500-1800," now through January 5, 2014, The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York City; 212-535-7710; <http://www.metmuseum.org>.
- *"Wet and Wild: Contemporary Art Quilts from the Collection of John M. Walsh III, now through December 8, 2013, Morris Museum, Morristown, NJ; 973-971-3700; <http://www.morrismuseum.org>.
- *"Interwoven Globe: The Worldwide Textile Trade, 1500-1800," now through January 5, 2014, The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York City; 212-535-7710; <http://www.metmuseum.org>.
- *Quilts=Art=Quilts, October 26, 2013-January 5, 2014, Schweinfurth Art Center, Auburn, NY; 315-255-1533; <http://www.schweinfurthartcenter.org>.
- *"An 'Industrial Museum': John Forbes Watson's Indian Textile Collection," now through January 20, 2014, Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York City; <http://www.metmuseum.org>.
- *Suzanne Clawson Solo Exhibition, December 7, 2013-January 12, 2014, Delaplaine Visual Arts Education Center, Frederick, MD; 301-698-0656; <http://www.delaplaine.org>.
- *Cross Pollination, now through January 15, 2014, New York Institute of Technology, New York City; 212-261-1562; http://www.njit.edu/gallery_61.
- *"A Love Affair with Quilts," now through January 19, 2014, Visions Art Museum, San Diego, CA; 619-546-4872; <http://www.visionsartmuseum.org>.
- *30 Quilts for 30 Years, December 6, 2013-March 11, 2014, National Quilt Museum, Paducah, KY; 270-442-8856; <http://www.quiltmuseum.org>.
- *"And Still We Rise," now through March 2014, National Underground Railroad Freedom Center, Cincinnati, OH; 513-333-7500; <http://freedomcenter.org>.

Some other items of interest:

*Nine-Patch Pizzazz Keepsake Challenge, deadline March 17, 2014, <http://www.keepsakequilting.com>.

*Asiatica trunk show, now through November 23, 2013, Hotel Lombardy, New York City;
asiatica@asiaticakc.com.

* Artist Stephen Sollins will analyze aspects of communication embedded in the patterns and choices seen in quilts, and share methods of abstraction in his own work, on Thursday, December 12, at 6 p.m., American Folk Art Museum, New York City; <http://www.folkartmuseum.org>.

*"Tilt-A-World," now through January 26, 2014, Peninsula Museum of Art, Burlingame, CA; 650-692-2101;
<http://www.peninsulamuseum.org>.

*Hudson River Valley Fiber Arts offers many classes in quilting and art quilting, [click here](#) for more information.

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