

NSQG Newsletter – December 2014

December 2014		January 2015	
Wed 3	Comfort Quilts	Sat 3	Long Arm SIG; Landscape SIG
Sat 6	Long Arm SIG	Wed 7	Comfort Quilts
Tue 9	Board Meeting	Tue 13	Board Meeting
Sat 13	Landscape SIG	Thu 15	Quilt Registration Begins
Tue 16	<i>Guild Meeting: Tamar Drucker</i>	Sat 17	Sticklers SIG
Wed 17	Comfort Quilts	Tue 20	<i>Guild Meeting: Education Program</i>
Fri 20	Newsletter submissions due	Wed 21	Comfort Quilts
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President's Message

NSQG's Boutique last month opened the holiday season beautifully. Thanks to all who contributed to this popular annual event of member-made gifts and purchases to fill our stashes.

The membership reception of the business meeting update on Quilt Show 2016 venues under consideration was very positive. We appreciate all who thanked us for this report and look forward to your continued support as we work to find the perfect solution.

Lyric Kinard's lecture on the ABCs of quilt design was fun and informative. This month we will hear from our own Tamar Drucker whose quilts have won many prizes over the years. Tamar is also scheduled to be a Super-Saturday class leader in February.

Our fingers are crossed as we move into the territory of being at the mercy of Mother Nature. Always take caution when you are concerned about the weather, and check our website or call a board member to make sure we plan to meet or not, as necessary.

Caryl Castellion, President
President@Northernstarquilters.com

Programs

Thank you to all who participated in our fall workshops! We had a wonderful response to the talented teachers and we were provided with a varied array of techniques to explore.

Our December lecture will feature our own **Tamar Drucker** who will provide us with an insight into her wonderful quilts.

The winter months will feature our Education Guild Programs and then we will return again in March with Michelle Scott, April with Nora McMeeking and May with Mary Cannizzaro.

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Education

January Program: Getting to Know You and Member Showcase

Member Showcase

In January, we will feature prize-winning Art Quilter, **Donna Chambers**.

Getting to Know You

This is a chance to get to know other members of the guild.....think of it as speed dating to find new quilting friends!

You may bring business or post cards with your information & or pictures of your work to share with you new friends at each table. (Vistaprint.com is a great source)

Make a list of things you would like to share about yourself such as:

- What type of quilting do you like to do?
- Do you create any other type of art?
- Where do you create?
- Do you quilt with others or alone?
- How long have you been quilting?
- How did you discover you liked quilting?
- What do you like to do when you are not quilting?
- Do you have any other hobbies or jobs?
- Where do you live or work?

February Program: Learn Something New

Guild members will explain new techniques learned in the last year, hopefully something for everyone's interests.

The following members have volunteered to do a demo:

- Don Gough – ScanNcut Machine
- Carolyn Salon – Magic Square
- Patricia Loquet – Hemming Napkins
- Mary Waterman – Freeform Feathers with no Marking
- Donna Chambers – Texturing Technique with Texture Matic
- Rosemary DePaola – Juice Pack Pouch Bags
- Linda Long – Thread Painting

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

We will hold a "Stuff Swap!" Freshen your stash by bringing in any creative items you are no longer using and swap them for new stuff that inspires you to create. The group meets at 5:45 p.m. before the Guild meetings in the Library. New Members always welcome.

Landscape Quilters – Don Gough

The next Landscape SIG Meeting is December 13th from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM. All meetings are at the Astoria Savings Bank in Somers on the second floor.

Longarm Group – Diane Linker

The next meeting of the Long Arm SIG will be on Jan 3rd at Karen Carlson's house.

The Sticklers - Carolyn Finn

The next meeting is for January 17, and after that, March 21, and May 16.

Hopefully the every-other-month format will give us a chance to catch up and reach our shorter-term goals.

Domestic Machine Quilting

Our December meeting will take place before the Guild Meeting at 5:45 in the Faculty Room. Please consider bringing a piece that you have finished and would like to discuss various options for quilting. Obviously, we will not get to discuss everyone's quilt, but it would be great to have a few pieces to generate ideas. Please email Helen if you are bringing a piece of work to discuss.

If anyone has a topic they would like to present to the group for discussion in future months, please contact Helen Boland at news@northernstarquilters.com.

Modern Quilters

Please contact Kim Hyde for information.

Jennifer Kramer, VP Education
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Quilt Show

Quilt Show preparation is well underway for the World of Quilts XXXVI. Registration will open on January 15, 2015 and run until March 31. Information on registration rules and instructions, as well as quilt categories, is available on the website. Please be aware of the rules regarding the hanging of large quilts (wider than 80" and/or longer than 94"). If you have any questions, you can contact Susan Fasnacht.

The poster has been designed and is up on the NSQG website and [available for download here](#). Many thanks to Diana Sharkey for her great photography that truly captures the beauty of the 2015 Raffle Quilt. We would also like to thank Peter Riordan, Caryl Castellion's son, for formatting the poster and postcard. Please help us advertise our show by emailing a poster or sending a postcard to your friends.

Thanks to the diligent effort of Carol Sterk, the invitational exhibit will feature the works of Paula Nadelstern. Paula will also be our second lecturer on Saturday. She will complement the presentation by our main lecturer, Becky Goldsmith of Piece O' Cake Designs (www.pieceocake.com).

Silent Auction

We hope you've been thinking about donating a quilted wall-hanging for the 2015 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. Check out the photos of some of this year's submissions on the NSQG website.

Carolyn Langevin and Kay Marcarello, Silent Auction Co-Chairs

Notes and Reminders:

The Quilt show Committee will meet in The Kennedy Catholic High School faculty lounge at 4:30 on Tuesday, February 10. In the event of a weather cancellation, the meeting will be held just prior to February's Guild meeting on Tuesday, February 17.

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 Patti Calautti, the quilt hanging chairs for 2015. The deadline is January 1, 2015.

Susan Fasnacht, VP Quilt Show
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Membership

The Northern Star Quilters' Guild met on November 18 and we had 134 members present with 7 guests and 2 new members joining. Please welcome Daisy D. and Tanja I.

Thank you to those members who picked up their new 2014/15 membership booklet. Membership booklets are available at the monthly meetings, one per member.

I am looking for someone to show case their talents at the February meeting. Please email me if you are interested or know of someone. Donna Chambers will be treating us to her talents at the January meeting. A full bio will be printed in the January newsletter.

A special thank you to Chris Roche, Nina Primer and Carol Mickel for their wonderful help as membership greeters.

Happy Holidays,

Patti Calautti, VP Membership
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Hospitality

Thank you to everyone who donated to our holiday food drive. It was a great success.

Thank you to all the G, H, & I's who brought in snacks, they were wonderful.

In December, we ask everyone to bring in their favorite holiday goodies.

Nancy Cianflone, Hospitality
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Library

Please remember that donations of books, magazines and patterns are always welcome. Drop them off at the Library table at the December meeting.

Book reviews

"APP is for Applique" by Dianne Hire

A good book to learn about design and styles of applique'. You'll be tempted to make some of the designs just to learn the various applique' techniques. And I am pleased that Dianne asked two of my quilter friends to contribute this book.

"The Ancient Art of Applique '-Patterns from the Tentmakers of Cairo"

If you enjoyed seeing the Tentmakers in person, last year in Lancaster, you'll enjoy this book. Good pictures and patterns.

New Books

"The Quilters Color Club" by Christine E. Barnes

Thanks to Christine for donating her book. Everyone enjoyed her workshop in October.

"Turkish Delights to Applique" by Linda M. Poole

"U is for Unicorn " Medieval designs for Applique.

Many thanks to Janette Loughlin for donating both books from her personal library.

New Magazines

Machine Quilting Unlimited, Nov. / Dec 2014

Modern Quilts, Fall 2014

Where Women Create, Nov/Dec/ Jan 2015

Please remember to return your borrowed books. See you at the meeting

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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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Charitable Activities

Raffle Tickets



Pick up your raffle tickets at the Membership table and give yourself a chance to win this **Apple iPad Mini**. This WI-Fi 16GB Silver comes with a LED-backlit Multi-touch Display, 5MP Sight Camera, and a HD Video Recording.

The proceeds from the raffle go to **Community Cares**. Amy Sayegh started this volunteer grass roots operation to help families struggling with cancer and other major illnesses in Northern Westchester and Putnam Counties. Their main goal is to support families, specifically families with school-aged children, to manage normal daily routines while they are working on getting healthy again. They offer free household cleaning services, laundry wash-and-fold services, and family meals donated by local restaurants. Community Cares determine the needs of the family and reassess as their needs change. They have assisted families where the primary wage earner was so sick they needed to quit their jobs, and single moms who had to undergo chemo treatments. They have even obtained some pre-school scholarships to help with child care. They offer families peace of mind and some real grass-roots help.

Amy and Kathleen Keane are quite excited that a quilt is the grand prize. "Auctioning off a beautiful quilt, made with loving hands for the benefit of others, is such a powerful gesture and meaningful to me and those we serve. Community Cares is like a warm quilt wrapped around you just knowing others care and are there to help in your darkest hour."



Comfort Quilts

Meeting dates in 2015 for Comfort Quilts at the North Salem Ambulance Corps located at 14 Daniel Road, North Salem are:

Jan 7, 21

Feb 4, 18

Mar 4, 18

Apr 1, 15

May 6, 20

Please verify with Carol Auer or Karen Carlson since changes or cancellations are sometimes necessary.

Althea Nolan, Charitable Activities
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Special Activities

Lancaster Trip – Hold the Date

March 13-14, 2015

We are mixing it up again this year! After speaking with a group of our Lancaster trip veterans and visiting Lancaster to scout out the shops back in October, we have decided to change our Friday shopping itinerary.

This year, our first stop will be Burkholder's Fabrics. Burkholder's is a favorite for most of the ladies from past trips. Our next stop will be Weaver's Dry Goods. The Lancaster trip may have included Weaver's in the past - the store has been renovated and now includes a bargain basement with good quality fabrics ranging from \$1.99 - \$3.99 a yard.

The town of Intercourse will be our third stop on Friday. We plan to arrive in Intercourse around 4 PM to give everyone the opportunity to visit some of the shops that close at 5 PM. The Country Store has reopened under new management and looks better than ever! For those missing Sauders, Zooks Dry Goods is their sister store located across the street from the Country Store and carries almost all of the same fabrics as Sauders.

This year, the trip will be March 13-14. Sign-ups continue at the December meeting. A check for \$160 will reserve your place. We hope you will join us!

Jen Cannizzaro, Trips Coordinator

Super Saturday

February 28, 2015

Mark your calendars for our annual Super Saturday event. This year's event will be February 28, 2015 from 9:30am-4pm.

Samples and Sign-ups will be available again at our December Guild Meeting. Register for a class for just \$25.00.

Enjoy a day of learning new ideas, techniques, and approaches from fellow guild members while having a day filled with fun and laughter. Lunch will be provided.

If you prefer, bring an existing project with you or volunteer to help with a guild project while you socialize. Whatever you choose, it will be a fun day to share.

Some of the available classes for this year include:

- "Stuck Day"- Nancy Mirman. Bring any project you are struggling with and receive expert guidance and encouragement to help you finish.
- "English Paper Piecing"- Diane Linker. Learn the latest hand work trend.
- "Crazy Scrapping"- Susie Anderson. (Class also known as "Organized Fabric Hoarding".)
- "Trendsetter Bag"- Peggy Morgan. Pattern purchase required
- "Scrappy Quilt"- Patricia Loquet.
- "Ties or Silks in Quilts"- Mary Cannizzaro. Learn the preparation needed and a simple design and possibilities for a more complex design.
- "Machine Applique without Fusible"- Margaret Phillips
- "Double Diamond Ruler"- Carolyn Salon.
- "Landscape Fabric Collage"- Tamar Drucker

If you are interested in helping to coordinate this event, please contact Kelly.

Kelly Lockwood, Special Activities Coordinator
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Members' Marketplace

My daughter, Jen and I have started a new business. We are quilting and teaching in her new studio outside Boston. No, I'm not moving, just commuting every other week for a few days.

Please visit our website, www.CanQuilt.com. Hope we can quilt a quilt for you.

Mary Cannizzaro



Communications

Has your work been accepted for display at a gallery or a show? Have you been featured in an exhibit or publication? Our newsletter is a great way to share your accomplishments. Please send any photos and information to news@northernstarquilters.com.

Helen Boland, VP Communications
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Guild Challenge

NSQG Challenge 2015: Simply Solids!

Theme:

The Northern Star Quilters' Guild has an abundance of creativity! Put that creativity to work by making a quilt for the 2015 guild challenge. The challenge comes in the limited materials you can use—only solid fabrics and solid threads.

Guidelines:

1. Quilts must be made using only solid fabrics and solid thread. You may use as many or as few colors as you like and any fiber content, for example cottons, silks and polyesters are acceptable as long as they are solid in color. No tone on tone, marbles, batiks or fabrics that "read as a solid".
2. Keeping in line with the "Simply" idea, any beads, paint or other embellishments are not acceptable but if you want to fashion a 3D embellishment from solid fabrics, go for it.
3. The minimum perimeter is 48" and the maximum is 72".
4. You can choose to enter your quilt in one of two categories: **Traditional**—including traditionally pieced or appliquéd quilts. **Contemporary**—including improvisational piecing, Art or Landscape quilts and modern quilts.
5. Attach a 2" sleeve to the back for hanging.
6. Label the back with your name and email address or phone number and the **category** in which you are entering the quilt.
7. You may make one quilt for each category for a total of two quilts.

Deadline:

The quilts will be collected at the January meeting and displayed for voting at the February meeting.

Voting:

Voting will take place at the February 2015 meeting. Each member will cast one vote for his/her favorite quilt in each category. First, Second, Third and Honorable Mention ribbons will be awarded in each category.

Barb Tatera, Challenge Coordinator

Area Shows & Events

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

"Let Me Quilt One More Day," October 4, 2014 – January 4, 2015; New Britain Museum of American Art, 56 Lexington St., New Britain, CT; <http://www.nbmaa.org/> **[NSQG]**

"Keeping Us in Stitches" and "World War I Quilts", now through December 27, 2014, New England Quilt Museum, Lowell, MA; 978-452-4207; <http://www.nequiltmuseum.org>.

"Kimono: A Modern History," now through January 24, 2015, The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York City; City, <http://www.metmuseum.org>.

"Masterpieces and Curiosities: A Russian-American Quilt," now through February 1, 2015; The Jewish Museum, New York City; <http://thejewishmuseum.org>.

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