

NSQG Newsletter - February 2014

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March 2014

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President's Message

Some things come in threes according to long held myths ... so we're safe now. We had to cancel a Board of Directors meeting and two Guild meetings ... the rest is smooth sailing - right?

NSQG doesn't mind disruptions; we just pack more into the next meeting. With the sensitive guidance of our VP-Education Jean Degl working with Mayann Weinberg, the "Meet and Greet" will happen at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, February 18th. We thank the Art SIG for not minding this snatch of their time together. Our very inspiring members will exhibit their demos at the usual program time, interspersed with your judging of the Guild Challenge quilts and the announcement of the winners. The Challenge Coordinators have announced drop-off sites for participants to deliver their entries prior to the February guild meeting (See the Challenge 2014 section in this newsletter) . You can't miss this Guild meeting!! What fun!

Again, remember to wear your name tags, bring supporting documents for your moment in the "Meet and Greet" (personal card, quilt, whatever you can squeeze into your one minute), and PLEASE look for a new face and introduce yourself to someone new to you at every meeting. We want our newest members to feel comfortable and welcome at our meetings. So let's open our "circles" and invite them in. Here's to fun and new faces!

Caryl Castellion, President
President@Northernstarquilters.com

Programs



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



April: Kathy Dunigan

Lecture: Tuesday, April 22
"Bloom Where You Are Planted"

Kathy (an Elly Sienkiewicz Academy instructor) explores her love of appliqué, especially Baltimore Album quilts, and the ever-changing journey of her years of quilting. The interactive and playful chat is punctuated by door prizes and freebies and lots of goodies to drool over.

Workshop: Wednesday, April 23

We are in for a treat with Baltimore Applique Artist Kathy Dunigan. Kathy has taught at Elly Sienkiewicz's Applique Academy. Please sign up for her Workshop Baltimore Basket which will take place on Wednesday April 22 at the Lake Lincolndale Club House.

Thank you to Joyce Sullivan and Maggie Kolvenbach who have volunteered to monitor the March and April programs!



JoAnne Finnigan, VP Programs
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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.

Don Gough – **Scan and Cut**

On a recent trip to Florida Don bought a "Scan n Cut" machine made by Brother Company. This machine is super great. It can cut fabric to any shape that you can draw or copy up to 12" x 24". It can resize up or down, make single or multiple copies and best of all No Computer Needed. It would be great for art quilters, landscape quilters and applique quilters. Traditional and modern quilters could use it because it can make accurate star points and traditional rectangles, squares etc. with or without seam allowance. I thought it would be good to demo it at the February meeting.

Jean Degl – **Tube Quilting**

Several methods of creating tubes that cut apart into complete quilt blocks will be demonstrated. These methods use pre-cuts or traditional yardage, sewn together into tubes, then cut on a 45 degree (or squares) which, when opened up, create a partial or completed quilt square.

Some Updates for Special Interest Groups:

The Sticklers:

The next meeting will take place on Saturday, February 8th. Please contact Carolyn Finn for more information or to be included on the e-mail list for future Sticklers meetings.

Art Quilt SIG:

The Art Quilt Group will not meet in given the January meeting cancellation and the packed schedule for the February meeting. Thank you to Christine Wilhelm who graciously agreed to postpone her meeting until March.

Landscape SIG:

The next regular meeting for the Landscape SIG is Saturday, February 8th from 10 am to Noon. The next Beginners meeting will be Saturday, February 22th. Both meetings will be 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 February meeting is on the 1st, and March meeting is the 1st. Please contact Diane Linker if you have any questions.

Jean Degl, VP Education
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Send Quilt Show Invitations to your Friends!

Breaking news! Andrea Winter, quilt show publicity chair, has discovered an app that offers a fabulous, inexpensive and easy way to send personalized quilt show invitations to your friends. Here is her message and directions:

Want to try something fun and different and help us advertise the Show? 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 you've registered for the show) into a real snail-mail postcard with postage already included. Just take the picture with your phone, enter a message that includes the show information,

Education

February Education Meeting

We're nick-naming our February NSQG Meeting to "FAT Tuesday", because we are going to "do it all"! That's right, we are combining both January and February Programs into one fun-filled "orgy" of quilting things to do.

First, BEGINNING AT 6 pm, (NOTE THE EARLY START) we'll have our Speed Dating meeting of new friends and reconnecting with others. Please come prepared with your smiles, business cards, sample of your art, and join in the fun as Mayann Weinberg leads us through this experience.

After our regular business meeting there will be demonstrations (see list below) from some skilled guild members on both new and old techniques they use to make their quilts.

There will also be a table for new SIG sign-ups and some secret goodies. Although we will **not** be having a formal "Show and Tell" session, you could take your latest creation to show off at the Speed Dating session instead.

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!

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.

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?

Finish and Register your Quilts!

With the beginning of the new year, I hope your thoughts are turning to finishing those UFO's for our show! In order to make this year's show another event to remember, WE NEED YOU to register your quilts. The deadline for quilt registration is March 31, but you can save your Quilt Show Registrar and Co-chairs some sleepless nights by not waiting until the last minute. The quilts shared at Show and Tell this year have been gorgeous, and we hope you will include your quilts in the show before giving them away!

Would you like to learn how to register your quilt online? Help will be available during lunch hour on Super Saturday to show you how to do it. Please contact Carolyn Finn, Quilt Registrar, if you encounter a registration problem that you are unable to resolve or have questions about the registration process.

Volunteer Sign-Up

Carolynn Young will be at a table at our February meeting with her volunteer sign-up sheets. Each year the Volunteer Coordinator spends untold hours trying to fill all the volunteer slots. Please help out by signing-up without being asked. This year, every member is being asked to volunteer a minimum of three hours. Members find that when they increase their involvement in the show, they gain more than they give - working with friends, old and new, and feeling more a part of things during the show and throughout the year. If you'd like to have fun, feel more connected to the guild, and experience a greater degree of satisfaction, we encourage you to take a job that requires more than three hours. Quilt frame set up and quilt hanging on Friday night and take down on Sunday are great ways to accomplish these goals.

Silent Auction

Carolyn Langevin, Silent Auction Chair, will be at February's meeting to collect quilts for the Silent Auction. Last year, more than 60 lovely quilts were auctioned, and we're hoping for equal that number this year. Please see our website for more details.

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

Hospitality

Members with last names beginning with **M, N and O**, will be providing the snacks for February's meeting.

NOTE: The **food drive** will be held this month. 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



Please pick up your Tickets for the Guild's 2014 Raffle Quilt at February's meeting. If you would like some extra tickets, they too will be available at the membership table.

You can also return your ticket stubs and money to Althea Nolan at our Guild meetings or mail them to the Guild address. Thank you for your support of "Ability Beyond Disability"

Comfort Quilts

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

Comfort Quilts meets at North Salem Volunteer Ambulance Corps at 14 Daniel Road in North Salem on the first and third Wednesday of the month through the month of May. Please verify the date with Carol Auer or Karen Carlson since dates are subject to change.

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

Donations for Library Sale

Please donate your gently used books and magazines for the book sale at our quilt show in May. You can drop them off at the library table at the guild meeting.

Book Reviews

"We Love Color-16 Iconic Designs Created with Kona Solids" by Susanne Woods

This is an exciting and colorful book of quilts with detailed patterns. The colors and layout of the book make you want to explore the pages and make all the quilts!

"Bead Creative Art Quilts" by Nancy Eha

I thought this book had lots of different bead techniques that I was not familiar with (me= new quilter). The step by step instructions and photos were clear and easy to understand.

Please remember to write a short review on the card provided in the book you borrow. Our members appreciate your input.

New Books

The Invitational Display of quilts at our Quilt Show this year is by the quilter, Cherri House. Her books "City Quilts" and "Urban Quilts" are now available to borrow.

"Viva Venezia!" by Christine Porter. Many thanks to JoAnne Finnigan who donated this beautiful book.

"Making Quilts" by Kathy Doughty of Material Obsession

"Sunday Morning Quilts" by Amanda Jean Nyberg and Cheryl Arkinson

New Magazines

- "American Quilter" Jan. 2014
- "Machine Quilter Unlimited" Jan/Feb 2014
- "Quilting Arts" Dec 2103/ Jan 2014

Please remember to return your overdue books.

Dee Plouffé, Library Chair
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Membership

Membership Directories will be available in February. Make sure you pick one up when you sign in for the meeting.

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. There are only two spots left in Margaret's class, Machine Applique without Fusible and only three spots left in Mary's Bargello Mini class. All other classes have filled up! We still have room in Sit 'n' Sew with a lively bunch of characters. If you have not yet paid, please make sure to see me at the February meeting. If the February meeting should have to be cancelled (Heaven forbid!) or if you cannot attend, please send your \$20 check payable to NSQG to Carol Mayefsky. Be sure to write your teacher's name in the memo section of the check for bookkeeping purposes.

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 **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:

IMPORTANT NOTE: Students in Ann-Louise's Scarf Painting Class: Please take note of this most recent update. I believe I accidentally sent some of you a second revision instead of this most recent one! [Click here for the correct version.](#)

- [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.
- **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

Congratulations to **Don Gough** whose quilt "Rural Road" was accepted for the Lancaster Quilt Show. It will be special to see a fellow member represented at the show.

Norma Schlager's quilt, "Brown Planet" is featured on the Quilt Show website. You will find it in this slideshow http://www.thequiltshow.com/os/blog.php/blog_id/6250. Congratulations, Norma!

The Long Island Quilters' Society plans a quilt show entitled "LIQS Around the World" which will take place at the Garden City Field House on Saturday, March 22, 2014 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Sunday March 23, 2014 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. More information can be found at: http://www.liqs.org/quilt_shows.htm or emailing Info@LIQS.org.

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
News@Northernstarquilters.com

2014 Guild Challenge

Critter: Pests or Pet?

Please bring your challenge quilt to the February meeting as early as possible. We hope to get the quilts organized and hung before the general meeting so that the members have an opportunity to view and vote.

Or, if possible, mail your quilt to one of us or bring it to the show meeting at JFK on Feb. 11 or to Comfort Quilts Feb. 5. You can download the [registration form](#) from the Guild's website.

We plan to keep the quilts to exhibit at the Quilt Show. Let us know if this poses a problem.

Meg Moorar 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 February guild meeting to secure your spot on the bus. The cost will remain \$160. Please contact Jennifer Cannizzaro or Kelly Lockwood 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

*"An American Style: Global Sources for New York Textile and Fashion Design, 1915-1928," now through February 2, 2014, Bard Graduate Center, New York City; 212-501-3023; <http://www.bgc.bard.edu/gallery>.

*"Nature in Textiles," by Elsbeth Nusser-Lampe now through February 22, 2014, ArtQuilt Gallery, New York City; 212-807-9451; <http://www.artquiltgallerynyc.com>.

*30 Quilts for 30 Years, now through March 11, 2014, National Quilt Museum, Paducah, KY; 270-442-8856; <http://www.quiltmuseum.org>.

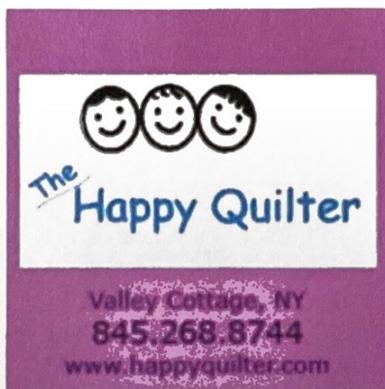
*"LIQS Around the World" Quilt Show, Long Island Quilters' Society, March 22, 2014 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and March 23, 2014 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Garden City Field House, 295 Stewart Ave, Garden City, NY. www.liqs.org/quilt_shows.htm or email info@LIQS.org

*"And Still We Rise," now through March 2014, National Underground Railroad Freedom Center, Cincinnati, OH; 513-333-7500; <http://freedomcenter.org>.

*"Folk Couture: Fashion and Folk Art," now through April 23, 2014, American Folk Art Museum, New York City; <http://www.folkartmuseum.org>.

*Quilts of Southwest Virginia, now through April 26, 2014, Virginia Quilt Museum; 540-433-3818; <http://www.vaquiltmuseum.org>.

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