

NSQG Newsletter – February 2015

February 2015		March 2015	
Wed 4	Comfort Quilts	Wed 4	Comfort Quilts
Sat 7	Long Arm SIG; Landscape SIG	Sat 7	Long Arm SIG; Landscape SIG
Tue 10	Board Meeting; Quilt Show Meeting	Tue 10	Board Meeting; Quilt Show Meeting
Tue 17	Guild Meeting: Education Program	Fri-Sat 13-14	Lancaster Trip
Wed 18	Comfort Quilts	Tue 17	Guild Meeting: Michelle Scott
Fri 20	Newsletter submissions due	Wed 18	Workshop: "Usin' Fusin"
Sat 28	Super Saturday	Wed 18	Comfort Quilts
		Fri 20	Newsletter submissions due

President's Message

What a wonderful evening we had on January 20th! Many thanks go to Mayann Weinberg and her assistant, Margaret Phillips, in leading us in a Meet and Greet Program. We had so much fun I am sure we will ask Mayann for a repeat performance (maybe next year?). We came away with many more names united with their faces. What a great way to get to know one another in our quilting world!

Donna Chambers exhibited many of her beautiful quilts in the Member Showcase. Each quilt had so much detail one was tempted to stand a while before each creation to learn more. Thank you, Donna, for providing such a generous exhibit.

Next we move on to our Member Demos in February. Read more about this in the Education section provided by Jennifer Kramer. Jennifer is rising to the occasion in grand style and we thank her for her many efforts in putting together the January and February programs.

Kelly Lockwood would be happy to talk with you about Super Saturday and/or the Lancaster Quilt Show bus trip. Give her a shout out if you find you can make either.

Have fun filling snowy days with quilt therapy ... we have an exciting Quilt Show coming up. Please look at the registration form on line as you decide which one(s) to exhibit this year. It's going to be a very special show!

Caryl Castellion, President
President@Northernstarquilters.com

Programs

MARCH:

Lecture: March 17 - Michelle Scott

"Every Quilt Tells a Story"

With her trademark humor, high energy and "done is better than perfect" attitude, Michelle takes you on a journey through her 20 years of quilting. From her very first project to the latest award winning and book quilts, she shares the hilarious mishaps and missteps that shaped her into the quilt professional she is now. This lecture is a crowd pleaser for all, as a multitude of topics is covered while she passes around (yes, you can touch them!) over 70 quilts. From machine and bobbin quilting to designing for magazines to getting your work published, this lecture is the ultimate compilation of her three lectures.



Workshop: March 18

Usin' Fusin' (and other cool stuff) to Express Yourself! \$50

Based on the AQS book by Michele Scott

Level: Beginner through Advanced! (6 hour class)

Using fusing, seamless piecing and decorator threads and yarns, you will create a small art quilt designed by you. Raw edge applique with fusible web, machine quilting and embellishment will express something important to you: a feeling, a person, a garden, the beach. The doors of creativity will open in this fast and fun class as we investigate free form cutting to build collage-type artworks that

express YOU! Additional focus will be placed on color and line that can translate your feeling.

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.

JoAnne Finnigan, VP Programs
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Education

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 – Tea Bag Purse
- Mary Waterman – Freeform Feathers with no Marking
- Donna Chambers – Texturing Technique with Texture Matic
- Rosemary DePaola – Juice Pack Pouch Bags
- Linda Long – Thread Painting Leaves

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

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 meeting days are Saturday, February 7th and Saturday, March 7th. All meetings are from 1pm to 3pm at the Astoria Bank in Somers on the second floor.

Long Arm Group – Diane Linker

The February meeting will take place on February 7th at Diane Linker's house. The March 7th meeting will take place at Angie Vertucci's house. If you have questions, please email Diane Linker.

Domestic Machine Quilting

Thank you to Mary Cannizzaro who introduced us to the art of Zentangles. It could get addicting! Here is a link to some more Zentangles if you are interested. [Click here.](#)

Also, thank you so much for bringing in quilts to share. Hopefully the group was able to give you some good ideas to get you started on the quilting.

Our next meeting will be on February 17th at 5:45 before the Guild meeting. Please contact Helen Boland news@northernstarquilters.com if you have any questions.

Jennifer Kramer, VP Education
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Quilt Show

Register your Quilts!

Registration opened mid-January and the quilts are trickling in. I hope you are working on finishing your quilts for our show! Remember they don't have to be 100% complete to be registered, only when it is time to drop them off on April 25th do they need to be finished. This is our last show at Kennedy Catholic, let's make it an event to remember, register your quilts. The deadline for quilt registration is March 31, but don't wait until the last minute. [Online registration form.](#)

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 Annette Nash-Govan, Quilt Registrar, if you encounter a registration problem that you are unable to resolve or have questions about the registration process.

Send Quilt Show Invitations to your Friends!

Last year we told you about an app that offers a fabulous, inexpensive and easy way to send personalized quilt show invitations to your friends. Here are directions: 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, 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?

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. Members are asked to volunteer a minimum of three hours. People 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 and Kay Marcarello, Silent Auction Chairs, will be at February's meeting to collect quilts for the Silent Auction. Their aim is to have at least 60 quilts to auction, 30 or so for each day. Last year the silent auction raised over \$2,200, you can help make this year's auction a success too by donating a small quilt. Guidelines for the quilts and photos of some of [this year's submissions](#) can be found on our website.

Susan Fasnacht, VP Quilt Show
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Hospitality

Thank you to all the J, K, & L's for providing snacks in January.

Members with last names beginning with M, N, & O, are encouraged to bring snacks to our next meeting. We will have hot water for tea during the winter months so bring your travel cup for a refill.

Nancy Cianflone, Hospitality
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Membership

The January guild meeting was attended by 82 people and 2 members renewed their membership.

Thank you to Christine Langan for her help at the Membership table.

Many thanks to Donna Chambers who shared her beautiful crafted quilts with the Guild at our last meeting. It was truly a delight to see all the details and expert craftsmanship on her quilts.



Patti Calautti, VP Membership
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Library

Thanks to all who donated their books, magazines, and patterns for the Book Sale at our Quilt Show in May. All donations are welcome at the library table.

Book Reviews

- "Create Your Own Hand-Printed Cloth" by Rayna Gillman. Very informative, well written, easy to understand the techniques, a wealth of information.
- "Fabric Embellishing, the Basics and Beyond" by Chandler Kettle and Thomas Vleek. Useful list of different techniques and not always inspiring illustrations.
- "Beading Artistry for Quilts" by Thom Atkins. Excellent and inspiring! A winner!

New Books

- "Fast Fat Quarter Baby Quilts" by M' Liss Rae Hawley
- "Adventures in Design" by Joen Wolfrom

New Magazines

- Machine Quilting Unlimited Jan/ Feb 2015
- Quilting Arts Feb/ Mar 2015

Please remember to return your overdue books at the February meeting—see you then.

Dee Plouffé, Library Chair
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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

2016 Raffle Quilt Charity

It is time to nominate your favorite charity to partner with the guild and be the recipient of our 2016 Raffle Quilt fundraiser. Guidelines and forms to register your nomination are just a link away [Registration forms](#). Last date for entering a nomination is March 17, 2015.

2015 Raffle Quilt

Support our 2015 charity Community Cares by stopping by the membership table, picking up your raffle tickets or returning your raffle ticket stubs and money. Additional raffle tickets will be available. Raffle ticket stubs and money can also be mailed to the guild at Northern Star Quilters Guild, PO Box 232, Somers, NY10589.

Comfort Quilts

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.**



ConKerr Cancer

The Westchester County Chapter of ConKerr asks for your support making pillowcases for pediatric oncology patients at the Maria Fareri Children's hospital. Directions for making these pillowcases can be found on: <http://www.conkerrcancer.org/volunteer/sew-pillowcases> and you can bring your pillowcases to any guild meeting to be collected by Althea Nolan. Besides using fabric suitable for infants up to teens, you can use seasonal and holiday motifs, e.g., Valentine. Pillowcases made with flannel materials are also acceptable.

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. There are still a few seats left so don't forget to sign up at the February 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 the February Guild Meeting. Register for a class for just \$25.00. 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.

The available classes for this year include:

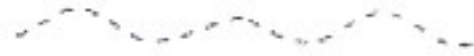
- "Crazy Scrapping"- Susie Anderson. (Class also known as "Organized Fabric Hoarding".)
- "Trendsetter Bag"- Peggy Morgan. Pattern purchase required
- "Scrappy Quilt"- Patricia Loquet.
- "Ties or Silks in Quilts"- Mary Cannizzaro. Learn the preparation needed and a simple design and possibilities for a more complex design.
- "Machine Applique without Fusible"- Margaret Phillips
- "Landscape Fabric Collage"- Tamar Drucker
- "Sit and Sew" – space to work on a project of your own in the company of fellow guild members doing the same.

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

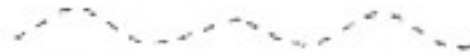
Kelly Lockwood, Special Activities Coordinator
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Communications

The [Pound Ridge Historical Society](#) is hosting a quilt exhibit and sale of **five quilters from NSQG** – Judy Gignesi, Barbara Glab, Nancy Mirman, Sonhild Rodney and Judy Simek. The exhibit will be open from 1 to 3 on Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays from February 7 to February 28. Contemporary quilts as well as traditional quilts will be featured.



The gallery at the Mahopac Library will be the site of an exhibit and sale by Mirman and Mirman – Nancy Mirman's art quilts and Ken Mirman's photographs. There will be an opening reception on March 1 from 2 to 4, and the works will be on display for the month of March.



NEW QUILT SHOPS

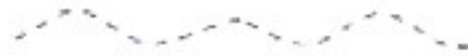
A **new quilt/sewing shop** will be opening in early 2015 in Monroe, CT by Jane Helfgott, a lifelong sewist/quilter. Along with gorgeous, premium quality fabrics, JUKI sewing machines, maintenance/repair services, she will have an in-house library, sitting area, and more.

I'm looking to open a couple of days prior to Sat. Jan. 24, which is Local Quilt Shop Day.

Jane Helfgott, The BOLT Quilt Shop, 150 Main Street, Monroe, CT 06468; 203.400.9058

[Click here for a link to the Facebook page.](#)

Another quilt shop that is opening in the future is **The Quilt Shop by Lois** in Newtown, CT. Lois has worked for years with Ginny Murphy of The Quilt Shop in Danbury and is being mentored by Ginny in opening her own quilt shop now. Check out www.thequiltshopbylois.com to see Retreats being offered and sign up to receive emails.



Invitation to Empire Quilters 2015 Show in Manhattan, March with a discount for those purchasing 5 or more tickets

Empire Quilters is holding its 2015 Urban Inspirations Quilt Show - **Under a New Star** - the weekend of March 28/ 29, Saturday and Sunday , at the Fashion Institute of Technology (F.I.T.), located at 28th Street and Seventh Avenue. In addition to over 200 quilts made by members, both professionals and hobbyists, we will have many vendors of fabric, notions and crafts.

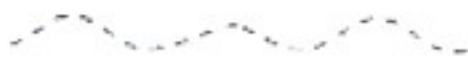
There will be two programs on each day. Details can be found at

<http://www.empirequilters.net/shows.php?ID=67>

There will also be a Member's Boutique where visitors can acquire wonderful gifts and personal treasures. Doors open at 10 AM to 6 PM on Saturday and 10 AM to 4 PM on Sunday. Entry is \$10 per day or \$18 for two days. A discount of 10% is available for groups of 5 or more. Contact EQgroupsales@gmail.com no later than March 18 to arrange group entry to the show.

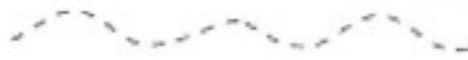
You can find us on Facebook at

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Empire-Quilters-2015-Show/1531937607073846>



Country Quilter Spring Getaway!

The Spring CQ Getaway will be held April 17-19 at the Interlocken Inn in Lakeville, CT. The weekend starts at 4:30 on Friday and continues until 4 pm on Sunday. Staff from the former Country Quilter will be on hand to help with any quilting questions. Please contact Nancy Mirman for details.



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.

Helen Boland, VP Communications
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NSQG Guild Challenge

NSQG Challenge 2015: Simply Solids!

Thank you to all of the guild members that participated in the "Simply Solids" 2015 Challenge. We have many lovely quilts! Please make sure to arrive at the meeting with enough time to view the quilts and cast your vote for your favorite in each category.

Voting will close at the beginning of the business meeting and ribbons will be awarded later in the evening. All quilts will be held so that they can be displayed at the quilt show in May. The quilts are really creative so you are in for a treat at the February meeting!

Barb Tatera, Challenge Coordinator

Area Shows & Events

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

"Under A New Star," March 28, 2015 (10-5); March 29, 2015 (10-4); Empire Quilters' Guild; Fashion Institute of Technology, 7th Ave and 28th Street, New York, NY. <http://www.empirequilters.net/shows.php?ID=67>
Discount tickets for groups of 5 or more! Contact EQgroupsales@gmail.com no later than March 18 to arrange group entry to the show.

"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>

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